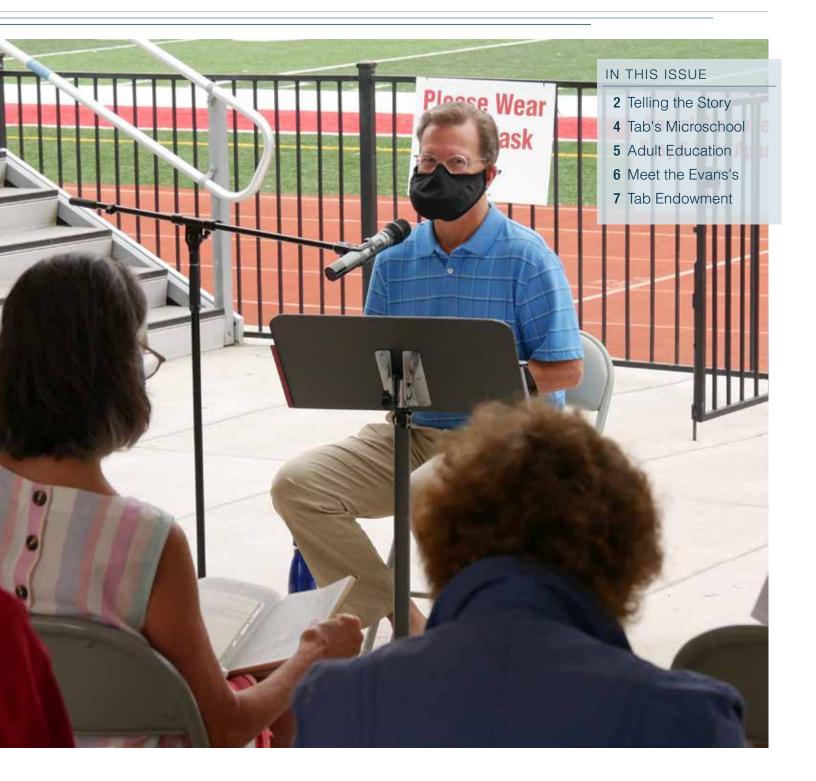
#### TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# TOWERCHIMES







#### **OUR MISSION**

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is called by God, led by faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the Kingdom of God through worship, discipleship and outreach. Honoring our heritage at 34th and Central, we will faithfully serve our community, city and world in the present and prepare expectantly for the future.

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00a

a Services will be streamed online as well as inperson in the Sanctuary.

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#### TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions should be emailed to Kristine Seals at frontdesk@tabpres.org. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.

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## **Pastoral Reflection**

## We Are Telling the Story

Dear Friends,

Several years ago I read a newspaper article about a tornado that hit a small town. The caption under the headline read, "Tornado that destroyed the Presbyterian Church did no damage to the city."

I know the headline was intended to be heard as good news for the city, but it raised questions for me as to the impact and influence that church had on the community. I began to wonder, "If Tab were hit by a tornado would the city around us be damaged, affected, suffer some loss? I believe it would. One of the ways a church, or any organization, can measure its impact and influence is by asking "How would the community around it be changed if it were not there?" I believe, and I pray continually, that we are living into our God-given calling by "being a light for Christ" and making a difference for Christ in the Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood and throughout the metropolitan area.

In the coming weeks, we will begin hearing about the stewardship opportunities that are ours in 2021. Our theme this year is "**Gratitude for Giving.**" Both gratitude to God for His faithful provision and to the Tab family and friends for your generous support of our mission and ministry.

As we talk about stewardship and opportunities for the support, we are talking far more about faith-sharing than we are fund-raising. Through our giving, we become participants in sharing the Gospel message near and far.

Some of you will remember the name Charles Kuralt, a CBS Evening News contributor, who did an *On The Road* story about a man named John Fling. John Fling lived in Columbia, South Carolina, and wherever he went he wore a cap that read, "I love to tell the story." What made his a good "human interest story" is that John didn't ever really tell the story. He was too busy living the story.

John was an auto parts delivery man who also delivered groceries to the blind, medicine to the homebound, money to the needy and food to the hungry. He didn't discriminate. He gave to anybody in need. He gave his money, and he even gave his socks. For forty years John was a one-man social service agency.

Kuralt was so intrigued by this fellow that he asked him, "Why do you do it?"

John replied, "Why? I do it because...," then he paused, searching for an answer, "I don't know why. I just...I guess it's just the responsibility maybe a fellow feels that he has of...Christ says pick up your cross and follow Me. He didn't say how far it was expected to be carried. He didn't say how heavy it was. He didn't even say what description it would come in. He just said, 'Pick it up and follow Me.'"

However you choose to "pick up the cross and follow," by your words and your actions, by your giving and your living, may it be for you, not a burden, but a privilege. In so many ways, you, and we together, are "telling the story" and making a difference for Jesus Christ in this community and around the globe.

It is a joy to share this ministry with you,

Rev. L. John Gable

## October 2020

### Preaching Schedule

- World Communion Sunday
  "Comm-Unity"
  John 17
  John Gable, preaching
- 11 "One Another: Meet Together" Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Hebrews 10:19-25 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 18 "One Another: Accept One Another" Romans 14:1-4 Romans 15:1-7 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 25 Reformation Sunday
  "One Another: Teach and Speak Truthfully to One Another"
   Zechariah 8:16
   Colossians 3:12-17
   Ephesians 4:25
   Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

### Weekly Bible Readings

- 4 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19 Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
- 11 Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
- 18 Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99 Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
- 25 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

### Event Schedule

#### WEEKLY

SUN 10:00a Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service, Sanctuary M-F 8:15a Microschool Program, LLA, LLB 11:00a Tab's Open Door, Parking Lot Portico **MWF** 6:00p Women's Bible Study, Online MON 6:30p Prayer Ministry, McKee Chapel TUE 10:00a Women Alive, Online 10:00a Mornings at Tab Bible Study, Recreation Field THU 5:30p Music Ministry Rehearsal, Sanctuary SAT 8:00a Men's Bible Study, Parlor

#### SPECIAL

SUN5:00pOutdoor Worship Service, October 11, Tab Park5:00pOutdoor Worship Service, October 25, Tab ParkFRI6:30pDrive-Thru Trunk or Treat, October 30,<br/>Parking LotSAT9:00aFresh Stop Produce, October 10, Parking Lot<br/>9:00a9:00aFresh Stop Produce, October 24, Parking Lot

#### MONTHLY

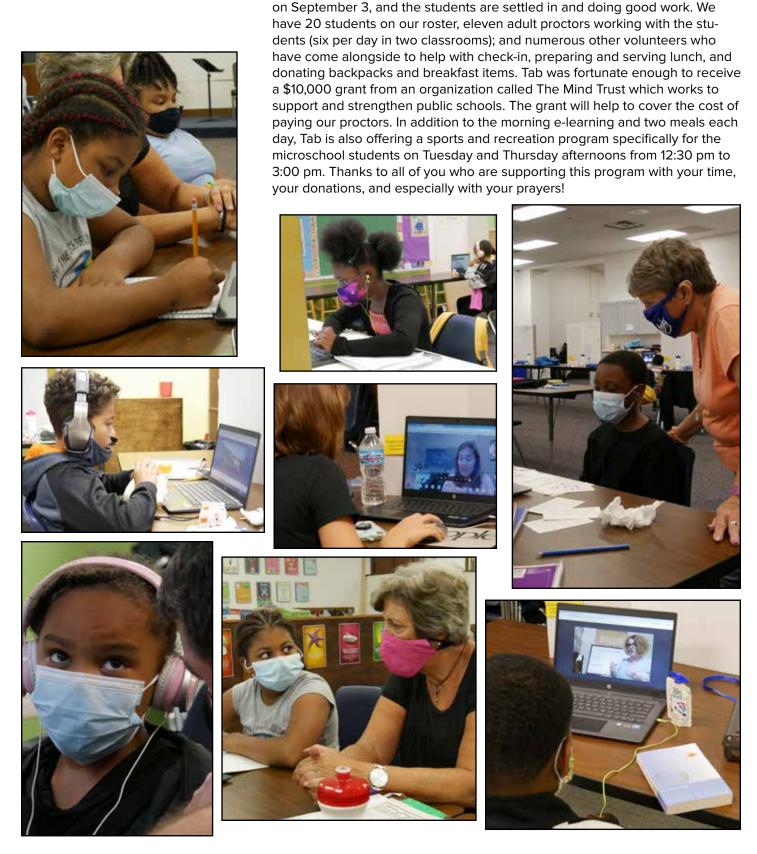
1st MON	5:00p	HR Committee, Online
2nd MON	5:30p	Facilities Committee, Dining Room
<sup>1st</sup> TUE	5:30p 6:00p	Missions Committee, <i>Online</i> Adult Education Meeting, <i>Online</i>
<sup>2nd</sup> TUE	5:00p 7:00p 7:15p	Budget & Finance, <i>Online</i> Children's Ministries Committee, <i>Online</i> Worship, Music & Arts Committee, <i>Parlor</i>
<sup>2nd</sup> THU	5:00p	Open Door Sub-Committee Meeting, Online
<sup>3rd</sup> TUE	7:00p 7:15p	Session Meeting, <i>Dining Room</i> Prayer Team Meeting, <i>Resource Center</i>
4th TUE	5:30p 7:00p	Congregational Life, <i>Resource Center</i> Deacons' Meeting, <i>Online</i>
2nd SAT	10:00a	Purls of Wisdom, Session Room
4th SAT	10:00a	Purls of Wisdom, Session Room

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events.

Students Are Learning Online at Tab

Tab's microschool project has gotten off to a good start! We began classes

Story by Jennifer Wirt, Director of Children's Ministries



## Spotlight

## Adult Education Fall Classes

Our Adult Education Fall classes will be virtual for the remainder of 2020 as we adapt to these unique times. The following options are short series that run four to six weeks, each providing you a way to plug in and grow together. To participate in these classes, you will need a RightNow Media account which is provided to you for FREE, courtesy of Tab. If you have not registered for an account, please contact Rev. Oscar Clavel (oscar.clavel@tabpres.org) for assistance. Please contact the individual facilitators for virtual log-in information.

#### In the Meantime - Virtual; Sundays, September 27-November 1; 11:00 am

#### Facilitators: Jeff Crane, Jeff Poole (jpoolemail@gmail.com)

We are living through uncertain times where we have problems without solutions . . . questions without answers. During times like these, it is tempting to give in to anger and fear. It feels like God is absent, apathetic or angry. But what if He is not? If you are wondering what to do in the meantime join our Fall Sunday School Class because our trails can be redeemed and worked to heal us and to comfort the suffering.

## The Art of Neighboring - Virtual; Sundays Coming in October

Once upon a time, people knew their neighbors. They talked to them, had cook-outs with them, and went to church with them. In our time of unprecedented immobility and increasing isolationism, it is hard to make lasting connections with those who live outside our front door, much less know the full name of the person who lives next door.

This inspiring class asks the question: What if Jesus meant that we should love our actual neighbors on my street or in my apartment building? Be on the look-out for this exciting class to debut in the late Fall.

#### The Book of Jonah - Virtual; Wednesdays, November 4-December 9; 6:30 pm

#### Facilitator: Oscar Clavel (oscar.clavel@tabpres.org)

The story of Jonah gives us a picture of a man on the run. Instead of showing mercy, he determined to keep God's grace to himself rather than sharing it with those he considered undeserving. This course offers a glimpse into the conflict that occurs when God calls us to His mission, but we are resistant or unsure of the next steps. If God could transform the heart of Jonah, I am sure God could change ours to see the underserving as vessels of God's love.

## The following are our ongoing series that you can jump in at any time.

#### Women's Bible Study - Virtual; Mondays; 6:30 pm

Facilitators: Ruth Miller (mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com), Jennifer Hamilton (jenns.hamilton@gmail.com)

This online group is a sociable way to start your week with faithful teaching as you study the Women of the Old Testament, a character portrait of 12 women that have shaped the Bible and ultimately challenge us to live faithfully today.

#### Women Alive - Virtual; Tuesdays; 10:00 am

#### Facilitator: Sally John (sallybjohn@gmail.com)

This group of Tab ladies and friends meets on Tuesday mornings for bible and book studies. It is open to women of all ages. For more information, please contact Sally John.

#### Men's Bible Study - Parlor; Saturdays; 8:00 am

#### Facilitator: Doug Conrads (dlconrads@yahoo.com)

The men's group has restarted and will continue to make its way through the Gospel of John. The group welcomes all levels of Bible knowledge and is conversational in nature as they ask questions and discuss what the text means for them today.

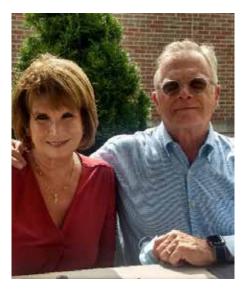
#### Mornings at Tab - Outside in the Stadium Entrance; Thursdays; 10:00 am

This class is a continuation of the Teaching Moment in Acts series hosted by Pastor Oscar. The series will give you insights into the history and people that brought the Gospel to the world.

Our classes have begun, and meet every Thursday from 10:00 am - 11:00 am under the Tab Recreation Stadium Entrance, weather permitting. Please bring your Bible and a water bottle. We will be following all appropriate Covid-19 protocols. Please let us know that you are coming by sending your RSVP to frontdesk@tabpres.org, so we will be able to plan our set-up each week!

## **Meet Carleton and Lisa Evans**

Story by Paula Daum, Coordinator of Lay Ministries



As I sat down to visit with Carl and Lisa Evans recently, it was quickly apparent that family and faith are the central priorities of their lives.

Carl grew up in Lebanon, Indiana, while Lisa was born and raised in Cincinnati. Work brought her to Indianapolis in the early 1980s. After meeting through friends, they were married in 1985. Carl recently retired from Merrill Lynch, where he spent 45 years as a financial advisor. Lisa worked in retail purchasing, including L.S. Ayres. She turned her energies to full-time parenting when their daughters, Lizzie and Shelby, were born. Daughter Lizzie and her husband, Ian Flanagan, are also members of Tab, along with their three-year-old son, Jack, and their infant son Maxwell Shelby, born on September 17. Lisa treasures each Thursday, as she takes care of Jack that day each week.

Faith became the rock that this family leaned on when their daughter Shelby passed away unexpectedly from an undiagnosed heart condition in June of 2009. She was just 21 years old. But Shelby had a strong and devout faith in Christ, and this knowledge remains a source of strength and comfort to her parents, sister, and extended family.

Carl and Lisa are enjoying their leisure time now that Carl has retired. They have a place on Lamb Lake near Trafalgar. Carl enjoys fishing and gardening while Lisa enjoys cooking, reading and taking walks with friends. Carl is also an avid bird hunter; he enjoys the outdoors, especially with a welltrained hunting dog. He hunts duck, pheasant and quail, taking a few trips each year throughout the Midwest and South. Carl and Lisa also enjoy riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle in southern Indiana when at the lake house.

While Carl enjoys hunting, Lisa's passion is to travel. They have traveled much of the world together. And includes trips to Africa, Switzerland, Spain, Germany, Italy and Canada, as well as seeing much of the United States. Lisa also enjoys traveling with a good friend. Together, they have visited Thailand, Israel, China and Turkey. Carl and Lisa celebrated their 35th anniversary in September of this year. They had planned a trip to the Galapagos Islands as part of the celebration, but this year's pandemic altered those plans. They still hope to make this trip in the future.

Both Carl and Lisa have served at Tab since they joined the church in 2014. Lisa has been a tutor with Tab Tutoring in the past, and she has also served as a deacon. Carl is an Endowment Fund Trustee, an usher for worship services, and also sits on Tab's Facilities Committee.

> "As I sat down to visit with Carl and Lisa Evans recently, it was quickly apparent that family and faith are the central priorities of their lives."

## Tab News

## Announcements & Events

#### MORE "DOORSTEP DELIVERIES"

Now that our Moses unit is underway, Children's Ministries is getting ready to do another round of "doorstep deliveries" with materials for our next two units, The Ten Commandments and Joshua. Beginning the week of October 5, we will be dropping off supply bags full of books, worksheets, crafts, stickers and other fun stuff at the homes of all of our elementary students. Be on the lookout for your bag, and contact Jennifer Wirt if you have any questions.

#### **OUTDOOR SERVICES**

Mark your calendars now for two special outdoor worship services on October 11 and October 25 at 5:00 pm in Tab Park. Bring your chair or blanket and join us as we celebrate God's love together. We will be following all current gathering, social distancing, masking and worship protocols. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be canceled.

#### TAB ENDOWMENT FUND

2020 is a year like no other that provides unprecedented opportunity to bless others through your charitable giving. There are eternal, personal, and financial rewards to taxwise planned giving. Following are two tips.

 You can direct that your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA be given directly to Tabernacle Presbyterian's Endowment Fund, or to Tab directly. This will save you income taxes since your RMD will NOT be included in your taxable income.  Also, when you consider your estate plan, be sure that your assets have the appropriate beneficiary designation. Naming the appropriate beneficiary for each asset is more important than ever after the passage of the SECURE Act this year. Your heirs are no longer able to stretch out payment of the income tax on your IRA over their lifetimes. Consequently, your heirs will pay more income taxes on your inherited IRA. This can be avoided by proper planning.

More money will pass to your family and greater amounts can be left for God's kingdom work if you name your favorite charities, such as Tab's Endowment, as beneficiary of your IRA and name your family or heirs as beneficiary of your non-IRA savings.

If you would like to chat further about your planned giving, call either of these Endowment Fund Trustees: Cathleen Perry at (317) 255-7631 or Sue Anne Gilroy at (317) 716-5677.

#### **READ THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Members and friends of Tab are reading through the Bible. This beautiful discipline takes only a few minutes a day, so we encourage you to participate, whether this is your first time through or you are a through-the-Bible veteran. You can find the plan at https://tabpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/read-bible-2020.pdf.



### Then and Now

In a few short months, Tabernacle Presbyterian Church will begin celebrating its 100th year anniversary of the official move from Meridian and 11th

Street to 34th and Central. As part of that celebration, Ruth McDonald has begun pouring through some of the old documents and archives from that period. Throughout the next several months we will share some of those tidbits of information that we have run across that we think you might find interesting, humorous, and maybe even insightful! Here are a couple recently found - one published in the Indianapolis Star in 1918 and the second one found in the archives of Tab regarding the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918!

From the October 7, 1918 edition of the Indianapolis Star - "Indianapolis schools, churches, theaters, and moving picture houses were ordered closed and a ban was placed on all public gatherings yesterday by the city health board. The order is effective this morning and will be in effect for an indefinite period." From the Tab archives - "The first World War was still in progress when he (Dr. Dunkel) came. In the early Fall of 1918, an epidemic of Influenza swept over the country. The first Sunday in October everyone was compelled to wear a gause mask at the service. It was certainly a ghostly looking assemblage. The other three Sundays in October the churches were all closed by order of the Board of Health. This was a discouraging time for Dr. Dunkel for he had many plans he wanted to put into effect. However, it gave him an opportunity to get things ready for motion which he had in his mind."

Who says history doesn't repeat itself? We've been here before!

## New Members Welcome!



#### **KEITH AND STEPHANIE DETRUDE**

Keith and Stephanie have a long connection to Tab, as they both participated in the Recreation program when they were children. In addition, Stephanie's mother and late father, JoAnne and Robert Wade, were members at Tab in the past. Keith and Stephanie are parents to two grown daughters, Danielle and Elise, both of whom live out of state. Keith is a broker with Shepherd Insurance, and Stephanie has been active with Tab Tutoring for many years. They enjoy their free time on the weekends at their place on Heritage Lake.

#### JULIE HOWARD

Julie is a native of Sharonville, Ohio. She is an Athletic Trainer with ATI Physical Therapy. Julie is involved in serving with the Circles group that meets at Tab as a part of the AmeriCorps program. She enjoys traveling, sports, and wellness, as well as indoor gardening.



#### MARK AND CELIA MIDDLETON

After living in New Castle for many years, Mark and Celia relocated recently to Indianapolis. They have two grown sons, Craig and James. Mark is the Instrumental Education Director for the Indiana State School Music Association, and Celia is a Medical Technologist with IU Health Pathology Lab. Mark enjoys reading, golf, puzzles and model building; Celia enjoys handcrafting items through crochet and cross-stitch.



#### **KENNY AND VALERIE PHELPS**

Kenny and Val have been engaged with Tab since 2017 as creators and musicians/performers (in conjunction with Jim Babcock) of the Tab Jams concerts. Kenny and Val work together as the owners of Owl Music Group. In addition, Val is a full-time student at the University of Indianapolis. They have three grown children - Amber, Dorian and Adrian. In their free time, Val enjoys writing and computer graphics, while Kenny enjoys bike riding. Kenny was also a participant in the Tab Recreation program as a child. You can see more information on a profile of Kenny that was published in the June 2018 Chimes newsletter.

## The Good Work of Justice

Story by Terri Thorn, Missions Director

Over the past several weeks, the best office at Tab has become a quiet place for reading and participating in webinars on the subject of racial justice as I lean into my role as part of the Tab Racial Justice Team. The remoteness of the office makes it a safe place to process the feelings and emotions that arise as I learn things that are difficult to hear, yet are so important to facing my own bias, misinformation, and complicity (even if just via silence) in systemic racism. Truth is, pursuing racial justice is not easy work. It is not comfortable work. It is not just about gaining more information. Nor is it a political matter. Racial justice work - becoming anti-racist - is a matter of personal transformation. It is an awakening of the heart to be healed and set free of the sin of racism and the untruths that perpetuate it even today. It is also necessary work in order to fully live the gospel in our own lives, to do the most Christ-honoring ministry possible in this diverse community, to establish the most authentic relationships with our neighbors, and to facilitate the healing of our collective broken spirit. In her book *The Inner Work of Racial Justice: Healing Ourselves and Transforming Our Communities Through Mindfulness*, Rhonda V. Magee offers Seven Foundations of Racial Justice Work that I have found helpful in my own wrestling with systemic racism. In addition, the Tab Racial Justice team believes these capture the spirit with which Tab must approach this powerful, messy, redeeming, conciliatory work of rooting out and dismantling structural racism, and we will do our best to foster them along the way.

- 1. An Openness to Explore Without Judgment (or being as nonjudgmental as possible)
- 2. Loving-kindness toward self and others
- 3. Compassion
- 4. Patience
- 5. A "Don't Know Mind" (willingness to live with inevitable uncertainty)
- 6. Steadfastness the capacity to stay in the struggle, to resist the urge to draw lines or walk away
- 7. Courage to Seek and Act for Justice

For more see, *The Inner Work of Racial Justice: Healing Ourselves and Transforming Our Communities Through Mindfulness,* (Chapter 3) by Rhonda V. McGee. Or better yet, give me a call, and we can explore them together.

#### **BEST WISHES**

September 19, 2020 - Jessica Gann & Stephen Sullivan

September 19, 2020 - Marina Allen & Clint Blackburn

#### WELCOME LITTLE ONE

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Maxwell Shelby Flanagan, born on September 17. He is the son of lan and Lizzie Flanagan and joins big brother Jack. Maxwell is the grandson of Carleton and Lisa Evans. Congratulations to the family!

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Month of Aug	ust 2020
Income:	

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YTD budgeted income:	<b>\$1,426,067</b>	
YTD actual income:	\$ <u>1,392,496</u>	
Income less than budget by:	\$ 33,571	
penses:		
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#### Ex

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$ 1,618,914
YTD actual expenses:	\$ <u>1,448,486</u>
Expenses under budget by:	\$ 170,428

We thank you for your commitment to God's work here at Tab!

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

- Jon & Mary Dougherty (44 years) 3 Steve & Ann Reynolds (39 years)
- 4 Ben & Lisa Hughes (35 years)
- Bob & Kathy Brown-Mayes (36 years) 6
- 7 Clyde & Rebecca Townsend (20 years) Mark & Teresa Lubbers (42 years) Mike & Margie White (59 years) Stuart & Katelyn Luzader (3 years)
- Dave & Susan Liebel (4 years) 8 Patrick & Bethany Chatelain (4 years)
- 10 Ben & Kelly Donaldson (5 years)
- 11 Chris & Katie Moore (12 years)
- Doug & Angela Shaw (1 year) 13
- 15 Jeff & Sally Sumpter (44 years) Bill & Martha Sue Batt (54 years) Ryan & Ruth Miller (4 years)
- 16 Matthew Hawkins & Stephanie Sherrard (10 years)
- Diego Urfalian & Heidi Hoopingarner (12 years) 18
- 21 Bill & Helen McGuire (40 years)
- Clayton & Katy Cummings (12 years) 24
- 25 Bob & Peg Padgett (34 years)
- 27 Daniel & Amy Rexroth (19 years) Don & Elly Douglass (8 years)
- 30 Einar & Lena Stefansson (36 years)





#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Colin McHugh
- 2 Jim Stokes Dick Luchtman Christen Prible Paula Daum Angela Shaw
- 3 Morgan Barnett Mark John Lucas Urfalian
- 4 Ben Van Winkle Jeffrey Ridenour Chris Fedor
- 5 Paula Means Destiny King
- 6 Kate Ase
- 7 Charles Warren Diane Tolsma Kelli Cobb
- 8 Ann Mohr
- 10 Lenny Reel Elijah Cummins
- Anne Reynolds
  Peyton Hart Peg Strodtbeck
- 13 Greg Miller Carter Booker Sally John Nancy Hesler
- 14 Eliot Thomas James Fowles Nick Schroeder Bruce McGeath
- 15 Scarlett Grove
- 16 Marilyn Downey Adam Packer Maeve Moudy Willa Moudy
- 17 Carolee Berry Barbara Deck
- 18 Steve Weyreter
- 20 Gilbert Orban Grayson Parsons
- 21 Marion Hoopingarner
- 22 Mary Allen

- 23 Holly Gamage Justin Wade
- 25 Liza Howe Virgil Baldwin Sarah Pike
- 26 Jonathan Burris
- 27 Al Mayo Janie Parr Kathy Albrektson Colin Brannon
- 28 Thomas Meils Ben Donaldson Eric Foote Elijah Rust Eric Guion Brook Johnson
- 29 Joel Padgett
- 30 Cathy Schubert
- 31 Ben Hughes

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