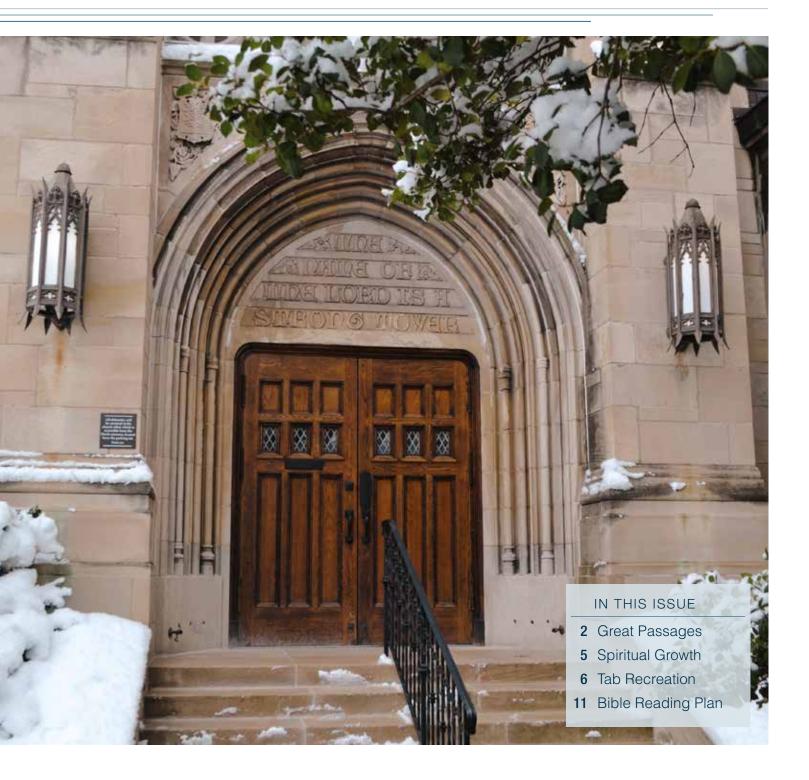
TOWERCHIMES







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

Services will only be streamed online through January 31. We will continue to monitor the affects of the pandemic and keep you informed of any changes.

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TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

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Pastoral Reflection

Explore Great Passages in 2021

Dear Friends,

I have sat through more than my fair share of Presbytery meetings over the course of my ministry. Some are actually quite interesting and engaging; others, not so much.

However, during one "not so much" meeting held at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Canton, Ohio, in the very first years of my ministry, I started rummaging through the materials provided in the pew racks, finding the visitor registration pad, prayer request cards, offering envelopes, the usual. But then I came across an insert in the back of the pew Bible titled "50 Great Passages from the Bible," and in my boredom, as the meeting dragged on, I wrote them all down and stuck that list, now rather worn and starting to yellow, in my "In The Works" file where I stick ideas and starters for future sermon planning, and there it has sat for over 30 years.

In the ensuing years I have found other similar lists of "50 Passages from the Bible" produced by other pastors and churches, and last year during our "Read Through the Bible" at Tab I started to make my own list, in which I actually highlighted 164 passages.

What is my point in telling you all this? I have merged those various lists looking for passages held in common agreement and laid them out as the passages we will focus on in our preaching series and worship services in 2021.

Some, I am sure, you will agree should be on the "greatest hits" list, and others, perhaps not, but Oscar and I are looking forward to exploring these great passages with you this year.

There is great hope, and still a good measure of anxiety, as we enter into the New Year, but of this we can be certain:

"The grass withers and the flower fades; But the Word of our God will stand forever."

God is faithful still.

He hasn't stopped loving us yet and never will.

As always, I look forward to being with you in worship (in-person or virtually) and in study in the year ahead as we explore together these great passages of Scripture.

God's continued blessings,

Rev. L. John Gable

PS. If you haven't participated in our Read Through the Bible plan before, this would be a great year to do so. Every month we publish the daily readings and by the end of the year, you will have read the entire Bible! Then you can make up your own list of the "50 Greatest Passages."

January 2021

Preaching Schedule

3 Deuteronomy 6
"Shema"
Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching

10 Isaiah 6"God Calling"Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

Micah 6Matthew 24"What Does the Lord Require?"Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

24 Psalm 1
Exodus 20
"Law"
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

31 Jeremiah 29-32 "New Covenant" Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

3 Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

10 Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11

17 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

24 Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

31 Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:21-28

January Event Schedule

WEEKLY

SUN

10:00a Live Stream Worship, Online
11:00a Liturgy of the Ordinary, Online

MWF

11:00a Tab's Open Door, Dining Room
8:30a Microschool Program, LLB

MON

6:00p Women's Bible Study, Online

TUE

10:00a Women Alive, Online

MONTHLY

1st MON 12:00p HR Committee, Online

1st WED 5:30p Missions Committee, Online

2nd TUE 5:00p Budget & Finance Committee, Online

2nd THU 5:00p Open Door Sub-Committee, Online

3rd TUE 7:00p Session Meeting, Online

4th TUE 7:00p Deacons' Meeting, Online

SPECIAL

FRI Church Offices Closed, January 1

SAT

9:00a Session Retreat, January 9, Online

9:00a Inquirers' Class, January 23, Online

MON

12:00p Preteen Lunch and a Movie, January 18, LLB

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

Member Profile

Meet Joe & Julie Kukolla

Story by Paula Daum, Coordinator of Lay Ministries

ong-time members of Tab are in no short supply.

Every year, we recognize our 50-year members

during our church anniversary worship service. Joe and Julie Kukolla are well on their way to joining that illustrious group!

Born in Indianapolis, Julie has spent her entire life here, save the years she attended Indiana University. Born in Peoria, Illinois, Joe moved to Indianapolis with his family while in high school. Julie graduated from Lawrence Central, and Joe is a graduate of Arlington High School. Joe was friends in high school with fellow Tab members Dan Hursh and Kevin Ahearn, while Jeanne Morton led Julie to Tab in 1982.

Joe and Julie met through a young singles Bible study. Joe, a former pilot, would often take Julie, Dan Hursh and Jeanne on private flights. Shortly afterward, Joe and Julie began coaching soccer through Tab Recreation. They first attended worship together at Tab in 1983, and in 1984, they became members of Tab and were married here by Rev. Bob Hunter. Over the next few years, they welcomed their children, Joseph and Jane.

After college, Julie taught Journalism and English at Lawrence North High School and advised the school's newspaper for nine years. Julie then took a break to focus on her "best job" as a full-time parent. During that time, she and Joe also worked together in caring for many extended family members at the end of their lives. This included Julie's grandmother who lived with them for seven years. She reflects gratefully on the opportunity that they had to "walk nine people home." Subsequently, Julie returned to work outside the home in a variety of roles including AVID tutor at Lawrence North, business manager at the Major Taylor Velodrome, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor of the City of Lawrence. She is now retired, though she still finds opportunities to serve others.

Joe is also a graduate of Indiana University. He has spent most of his career in computer sales. For the last 21 years, he has worked for Availity, which operates healthcare information networks. Before the pandemic, Joe spent a great deal of time traveling for work to all parts of the United States, but has been working from home since



March of 2020. While he does not miss the travel itself, he misses working face-to-face with people. He looks forward to more coaching and fishing in his retirement years.

Throughout the years, Joe and Julie have served in so many ways at Tab. In addition to coaching Tab soccer, they have both served as elders. Joe has also served as a Deacon and is currently an Endowment Fund Trustee, as well as a member of the Missions committee. He and his daughter Jane have traveled to Colombia for mission trips. Julie has served on several committees, including Children's Ministries, Youth, Hospitality and Media.

Joe and Julie continue to love being a part of the Tab family. Their children are grown now, and they welcomed daughter-in-law, Brooke, to the family this summer. Joe and Julie are grateful to their Tab family for helping them raise and encourage their children.

Spiritual Growth & Development Rooted in Grace 2021

Seeking clarity about our identity and worth as a Child of God is a key component of a church's discipleship program. This is especially true for a congregation that continues to experience trauma associated with a global health pandemic.

As we move into a new calendar year, Tab's Spiritual Growth & Development Team (formerly Adult Ministries) invites you to participate in our first annual spiritual growth campaign: Rooted in Grace. This discipleship program is an easy-access point that will offer intentional classes, workshops, and personal reflection to answer the question: How do I grow in truth regarding my identity and purpose?

Throughout the year we will encourage you to assess this growth in your own life. The Spiritual Growth & Development Team will be offering a three-statement identity card to reflect on the degree to which God's truth is transforming our hearts.

The three statements are: I am known and accepted by God. I am secure in Jesus Christ. I am significant in Jesus Christ.

Be on the lookout in January for your identity card with instructions!

Rooted in Grace 2021 Discipleship Opportunities:

All-Church Read Will Start the Week of January 10 - Liturgy of the Ordinary - Join us as we take an 11-week journey through *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. We will explore the material via Zoom in small groups. Pastors John and Oscar will also offer weekly video messages on YouTube and Facebook that will connect Tab's community with what we are reading. Here's how to participate: (1) please send your name(s) and preference(s) for Zoom meeting time and day to discipleship@tabpres. org and (2) secure a copy of the book in the format (paperback, e-book, audio book) of your choosing prior to January 10.

If you have questions, please send your inquiries to discipleship@tabpres.org.

January 3 and 10 - Introduction to Liturgy of the Ordinary, Sunday 11:00 am - For those who want more information about Liturgy of the Ordinary or need to sign-up for a small group to journey together, we will host two consecutive classes after church on Sundays.

Women's Bible Study - Ladies, we're beginning a new eight-week study on the topic of Forgiveness on January 11. Join us on Mondays at 6:00 pm via Zoom. These studies are an encouraging start to the week and a great way to connect, pray and learn with other women. Contact Ruth Miller (mrs. ruth.h.miller@gmail.com) or Jennifer Hamilton (jenns.hamilton@gmail.com) for a study guide or questions.

Men's Bible Study - Parlor; Saturdays; 8:00 am (postponed until further notice). Coordinator: Doug Conrads (dlconrads@yahoo.com).

Women Alive - January 5 - February 2- Jonah - Virtual - 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's grace is larger than our comfort zone, but we are resistant or unsure of the next steps. If God could transform the heart of Jonah, we are sure God could change ours to see the undeserving as vessels of God's love. Coordinator: Sally John (sallybjohn@gmail.com)

Lenten Devotional: 40 Days of Decrease - February 21 - March 28 - Sunday Evenings 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Great Ends of the Church - March 7 - April 18, Sunday 11:00 am - The Great Ends of the Church are statements crafted in the early 20th century to guide the vision and mission of the Presbyterian Church. But who can recite all six Great Ends? What do these Great Ends look like when lived out? Explore how these principles guide Tab's mission to Greater Faith and ultimately render our hearts closer to God.

2021 TAB RECREATION SCHEDULE

2021 BASKETBALL - EARLY WINTER SEASON (FEE: \$30)

Start Date	January 19, 2021		
End Date	March 13, 2021		
Ages or Grades	3 rd /4 th grades and 5 th /6 th grades		
Practices	Weekdays 5:45-6:45pm or 7-8pm		
Games	Saturdays and Weekdays		
Venue	Shortridge High School and Tab Gym		

2021 SOCCER - SPRING SEASON (FEE: \$35 OR \$45)

Start Date	April 17, 2021	
End Date	June 19, 2021	
Ages or Grades	5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14	
Practices	Weekdays	
Games	Saturdays, Occasional Weekdays	
Venue	Tab Field and O'Bannon Soccer Fields	

2021 FLAG FOOTBALL (FEE: \$30)

Start Date	April 17, 2021	
End Date	June 19, 2021	
Ages or Grades	5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12	
Practices	Weekdays, 6-7pm or 7-8pm	
Games	Saturdays, Occasional Weekdays	
Venue	Tab Field	

2021 TACKLE FOOTBALL (FEE: \$50)

Start Date	June 21, 2021	
End Date	October 16, 2021	
Ages or Grades	7-8, 9-10, and 11-12	
Practices	Weekdays	
Games	Saturdays, Occasional Weekdays	
Venue	Tab Field, Central Green, and Tech HS	

2021 CHEERLEADING (FEE: \$40)

Start Date	July 5, 2021	
End Date	October 16, 2021	
Ages or Grades	6-12	
Practices	Weekdays	
Games	Saturdays, Occasional Weekdays	
Venue	Tab Field, Central Green, and Tech HS	

Tab News

Announcements & Events

2021 MISSIONS UNIT

Beginning on January 10, we'll start our distanced Missions Unit. This year, we'll be learning about the culture, geography, language, and Christian missions in Canada, Germany, Guatemala, Ireland, Israel, Kenya and South Korea. The first week will be a video lesson about mission work in general, the missionaries Tab supports, and how we can all support efforts around the world to spread the Gospel. Then on January 17, we'll start the "travel" part of the Missions Unit. We'll resume "doorstep deliveries" with a very full bag with games, crafts, worksheets, and other activities for an at-home Missions Unit (a bag for each of seven countries and a bag with an introductory letter, game pieces, markers, and any other odds and ends that are for more than a single week) the first couple of weeks of January. We'll be sending out a video each week for that week's country, with missionary information, the True/False game and a review of the language activity for that country. Beginning on February 7, we'll also have in-person Missions Unit activities during Junior Church (food center, an active game, True/ False and the table game), masked and socially distanced in LLB for any of you coming to Tab on Sunday mornings. It won't be "business as usual" where the Missions Unit is concerned, but we're going to do our best to make it fun and informative, even from a distance. Please contact Jennifer

Wirt at (317) 805-1288 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org with any questions.

MICROSCHOOL REOPENING

On Monday, January 4, we will be re-opening the Tab Microschool for a second round of distance learning with students from Tab's tutoring program. If you would like to help, we can use donations of breakfast bars, but we would ESPECIALLY appreciate your prayers for the reopening to go smoothly and for all participants to remain safe and COVID-free.

PRETEEN LUNCH AND A MOVIE

All Tab students in grades five and six are invited to join us for "Lunch and a Movie" from noon until 3:00 pm on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 18). We usually go out for lunch and then to see a movie in a theater, but this year we'll watch a recently-released movie here at Tab and will have lunch brought in for us. We will be sure to remain socially distanced and all participants will be wearing masks except while eating. Please RSVP to Mrs. Wirt at (317) 805-1288 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org no later than January 14 so we know how much lunch to order.

OFFICE CLOSINGS

- Offices close at noon on New Year's Eve, December 31
- Offices closed on New Year's Day, January 1

Then and Now



Since we have just concluded our annual Stewardship Campaign, here's how it used to be done!

June 13, 1859: Pew renting for the year to begin in July. Proceeds to be appropriated to the payment of the pastor's salary, then to defray the expenses of the church. Rent for the pews to be paid quarterly in advance

and those who pay their rent are released from the last quarter of their yearly subscription. Where there is more than one applicant for the same pew, it is offered to the highest bidder. June 23, 1864: Pew rental fees increased so that the proceeds shall cover the pastor's salary of \$2000 and incidental expenses. These rates will increase rental income from \$1725 to \$2600.

July 12, 1883: Reorganization and change of name from the "Third Presbyterian Church" to "The Tabernacle Church." The tabernacle movement was a strategy to reach and welcome unchurched people in urban areas through a less formal approach to worship as a means to make church more appealing and by eliminating the pew rental system.

Though this was an apparent goal with the renaming of "The Third Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis" to "The Tabernacle Church of Indianapolis in 1883," the rental of pews continued.

Missions Report

Watch Night 2020

Story by Terri Thorn, Missions Director

ast December, sitting in the best office in the building, I completed my "2020 Goals" with a great deal of enthusiasm and joy. It was part of an annual review exercise that the staff completes every year. At the time, I felt hopeful about the opportunities that 2020 would bring for Tab Missions and was eager to move toward the items on the list.

Fast forward a year later...today I sit in this beautiful space wondering: Where in the world did I put that list? Can I just copy it and turn it in for 2021? And, how many more days is it until this year is over?

The truth is, not much in 2020 has turned out as we had planned. Now, that's not to say that lots of things didn't get accomplished. Immeasurable good happened through the missions and ministries of Tab. They are, however, not necessarily the things we thought we would do, or the way we had hoped to do them. The same is true in our homes, our professions, our schools and our community.

In all aspects of life, we have been forced to adapt, pivot and shift. We've lost, learned and reinvented - often multiple times a week. It has been a challenge to stay focused and remain hopeful.

As the year comes to an end, I think most of us are ready for it to be over. We are weary. We are grieving. We are finished with our 2020 Catastrophe Bingo cards and are looking forward to ringing in a new year, although celebrations will be stymied by the pandemic this year.

Personally, I have never been one to revel in the New Year's Eve hoopla. The Thorn tradition is that someone wakes mom at 11:59 pm to watch the final countdown of the ball drop in Times Square. I don't expect that to change anytime soon.

This year, however, I have a plan to ritualize the transition from the darkness of this past year to the light of the next with a home version of a Watch Night Service. It won't be the gathering that John Wesley originated in the mid-18th century, although a few elements of his service will be present in mine.

Instead, I hope my service will reflect the "heart" of the celebrations experienced on New Year's Eve in predominately African American Churches. Known also as "Freedom Night," these services are predicated on the Watch Night that took place on December 31, 1861.

On that night, slaves, former slaves and abolitionists waited in anticipation for the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln, to take effect. They gathered in groups to count down the hours until the arrival of freedom.

Today, the celebration of life and the spirit of freedom continues in black churches across the country. One pastor put it this way: "As we say in the black church, it's celebrating surviving dangers seen and unseen. The service is always upbeat, folks rejoice in making it to the end of another year. There's a time of testimony and sharing how we've progressed and been blessed."

This is the Watch Night I want on December 31, 2020! There will be some lament, as this has been a very tough year. Yet, there is much to celebrate. Much thrill of hope. Much rejoicing that, with God's help, we continue to survive dangers seen and unseen. And much trust that many opportunities for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships and Stronger Community await in 2021.

I am happy to share my Watch Night outline with anyone who is interested. Just email me at terri.thorn@tabpres. org.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to Jessica Wentworth in the passing of her mother, Teri Wentworth, on December 6, to Cathleen and David Perry in the passing of Cathleen's mother, Doreen Johnson, on December 14; and to the family of Marilyn Pecsok, who passed away on December 15. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Month of November 2020

YTD Income \$1,921,894 \$1,843,800 \$(78,094) ⊗
YTD Expense 2,134,030 1,889,545 244,485 ⊗
Difference \$ (212,136) \$ (45,745) \$166,391 ⊗

In terms of cash, in 11 months we spent \$45,745 more than received (we expected to spend \$212,136 more than received). By cutting spending we are ahead of the plan by \$166,391.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Due to holding virtual worship services only, new elders and deacons will be ordained and installed virtually during the January 19 Session meeting. Please remember to keep these leaders of our church in your thoughts and prayers.

JANUARY ONLINE INQUIRERS' CLASS

An online Inquirers' Class will be offered on Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Zoom. This class is for anyone interested in knowing more about the mission and ministry of Tab or is considering church membership. The class will be led by John Gable and Oscar Clavel. Those participating in the class will be invited to become members of Tab, but membership is optional. For more information contact Paula Daum at paula.daum@tabpres.org or (317) 923-5458, ext. 104.

NO IN PERSON WORSHIP THROUGH JANUARY 31

All in-person worship services have been suspended through January 31 due to the concerns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. The 10:00a service will continue to be offered as always via live streaming on Tab's YouTube channel, tabindy. This "streaming only" option is offered each Sunday morning. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue to practice good health precautions. Also, please continue to pray for those who are infected and all those who are affected, for those who are caring for the infirmed and all those who are making decisions for the common good.





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

January

- 4 Eric & Lucy Kropp (18) years)
- 5 Ryan & Sarah Brennan (2 years)
- 9 Jonathan & Jennifer Russell (11 years)
- 15 John & Jackie Wimsatt (10years)
- 17 Randy & Jacquie Green (18 years)
- 19 Jeffrey & Denise Ridenour (30 years)
- 28 Eric & Anne Lange (9 years)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

- 1 Ruth McDonald
- 2 Kathy Brown-Mayes Rose Pittman Rob Springer
- 3 Jeanne Moosey Holly Cates Kerry Mitchell Bill Daymon
- 4 Brian Russell
- 5 Janet Hohlt
- 6 Kathy Fowles
- 7 Dennis JohnsonStella FowlesStephanie Verbarg
- 8 Annette Ireland Lainey Meils Dave Mills
- 10 Barbara BabcockKathy GunnCaleb Goss
- 11 Lucas Meils
 John Byers
 Camille Cantwell
- 12 Ellie Morse Jami Turman Heather Gillespie Gina Klopp
- 13 Erica Koehring
- 14 Caroline GilroyDon DouglassBethany Chatelain
- 15 John Keller Elizabeth Pike
- 16 Jasmine Townsend Fritz Blum

- Weber Morse
- 17 Marshall McKenna Jeanne Spellman Tate Turman Lilia Smith
- 18 Rod Lanum

 Matt Gall

 Stephanie Detrude
- 19 Richard Hall Kayleigh Schumm
- 20 Kathy Williams
 Michael Jefferies
- 21 Charles Packer Eric Herzog
- 22 Carolyn Dodd
- 23 Julie Hudson Will Hobbs Eleanor Luzader
- 24 Ellen Moeller
- 25 Larry Tovsky Joshua Kupke Kathy Dickerman
- 26 Craig Costlow Randy Belden Don Heitman
- 27 Heather Miller Andrew Hamilton Sarah Malito Tom Ahearn
- 28 Brenda Huston
- 30 Susie Birk
- 31 Meg Sterchi Kelly Graner



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January 2021 Read Through the Bible

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Luke 5:27-39 Luke 6:1-26 Luke 6:27-49 Luke 7:1-17 Luke 7:18-50 Luke 8:1-25 Luke 8:26-56 Luke 9:1-27 Luke 9:28-62 Luke 10:1-20 Luke 11:1-28 Luke 11:2-54	Genesis 1-2 Genesis 3-5 Genesis 6-7 Genesis 8-10 Genesis 11 Genesis 12 Genesis 13-14 Genesis 15 Genesis 16 Genesis 17 Genesis 18 Genesis 19 Genesis 20	Psalm 1 Psalm 2 Psalm 3 Psalm 4 Psalm 5 Psalm 6 Psalm 7 Psalm 8 Psalm 9 Psalm 10 Psalm 11 Psalm 12 Psalm 13
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24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Luke 18.18-43 Luke 19:1-27 Luke 19:28-48 Luke 20:1-26 Luke 20:27-47 Luke 21 Luke 22:1-38 Luke 22:39-71	Genesis 31 Genesis 32-33 Genesis 34 Genesis 35-36 Genesis 37 Genesis 38 Genesis 39 Genesis 40	Psalm 24 Psalm 25 Psalm 26 Psalm 27 Psalm 28 Psalm 29 Psalm 30 Psalm 31