

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES

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Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

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 February 28. 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

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.



Pastoral Reflection

A Lament Is Simply a Cry

Dear Friends,

Yesterday (January 19) I watched as now President Biden and Vice-President Harris led the nation in a service of remembrance honoring the 400,000 plus Americans who have lost their lives to the Covid -19 virus. It was a simple, solemn, very meaningful ceremony bathed in the light of lanterns lining the Reflection Pool in our nation's capitol. As one spoke, we are joined together in our loss and sorrow, as a nation, as a community, as families and as a church family.

Reflecting on that beautiful service I am reminded of Psalm 13, a Psalm of Lament, as are over 1/3 of the 150 Psalms. A lament is simply a cry, a cry for help, a cry for healing, a cry to God, spoken by an individual or on behalf of a nation. The laments recorded for us in Scripture can help us find words to pray when words fail us as we cry to God on behalf of another, our nation, ourselves.

Read again Psalm 13 and insert your own cries using the words of the Psalmist:

*1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will You hide Your face from me?
2 How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
4 and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed,"
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken,
5 But I trusted in Your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.
6 I will sing to the LORD,
because He has dealt bountifully with me.*

What I so appreciate about the laments is their honesty. The Psalmist is brutally honest in his cries to God, as can we be. As a parent listens to the broken-hearted cries of their children, so God listens to our cries because we are His children.

But then look again at how the Psalm ends (verse 6). After cries of "How long?" and "Why aren't You answering?" (words we have perhaps spoken to God as well), the Psalmist sings, "BUT I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me."

The lament ends on a note of hope and faith in the steadfast love of God. Even in the darkness, the light of hope shines; not wishful thinking, but hope grounded in the faithfulness and love of God.

In a very few weeks, on February 17, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent. In that service, symbolized by ashes placed on our foreheads, we hear the chilling refrain, "from dust you have come unto dust you shall return." That is the honest cry of lament.

But Ash Wednesday is not the end of the story just as "How long?" or "Why have you forgotten me?" is not the end of the lament. The service of ashes, the cry of lament, points us toward the celebration of the Easter Day, the day of God's raising Jesus from the dead, the day which reminds us, more than any other, of God's faithfulness and love.

We are going through a difficult time still, but this is not the end of the story. As we share our suffering, so we also share our hope.

Know that you are loved,

Rev. L. John Gable

February 2021

Preaching Schedule

- 7** "Potter and the Clay"
Jeremiah 18
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 14** "A Glimpse Into Future Glory"
Romans 8:18-30
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 17** *Ash Wednesday*
"Old Body/New Body"
2 Corinthians 4-5
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 21** First Sunday in Lent
"Light to the Nations"
Isaiah 42
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 28** Second Sunday in Lent
"Born From Above"
John 3
Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

- 7** Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39
- 14** 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9
- 21** Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15
- 28** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

February Event Schedule

WEEKLY

- SUN** 10:00a Live Stream Worship, *Online*
11:00a Exploring Lent, *February 21 & February 28, Online*
- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door, *Parking Lot*
- MON** 6:00p Women's Bible Study, *Online*
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive, *Online*
- THU** 5:30p Ensemble Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- SAT** 8:00a Men's Bible Study, *Parlor*

SPECIAL

- SUN** 11:00a Congregational Meeting, *February 7, Online*
- WED** 12:00p Imposition of Ashes Drive-Thru, *February 17, Parking Lot*
5:00 Imposition of Ashes Drive-Thru, *February 17, Parking Lot*

MONTHLY

- 1st **WED** 5:30p Missions Committee, *Online*
- 2nd **TUE** 5:30p Facilities Committee Meeting, *Online*
5:00p Budget & Finance Committee, *Online*
Children's Ministries Meeting, *LLB North*
- 3rd **TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting, *Online*
- 4th **TUE** 7:00p Deacons' Meeting, *Online*

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

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.**

Rooted in Grace 2021 Discipleship Opportunities:

All-Church Read - 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 alternate in offering 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 meeting time and day to discipleship@tabpres.org and (2) secure a copy of the book (paperback, e-book, audiobook).

Women's Bible Study - We have begun a new study on the topic of Forgiveness. Join us on Mondays at 6:00 pm - we will meet via Zoom. These studies are an encouraging start to the week and a great way to connect, pray, learn and meet new friends 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 - **Men's Bible Study will resume on February 6.** Coordinator: Doug Conrads (dlconrads@yahoo.com).

Women Alive - Tuesdays; 10:00 am; Virtual - Coordinator: Sally John (sallybjohn@gmail.com)

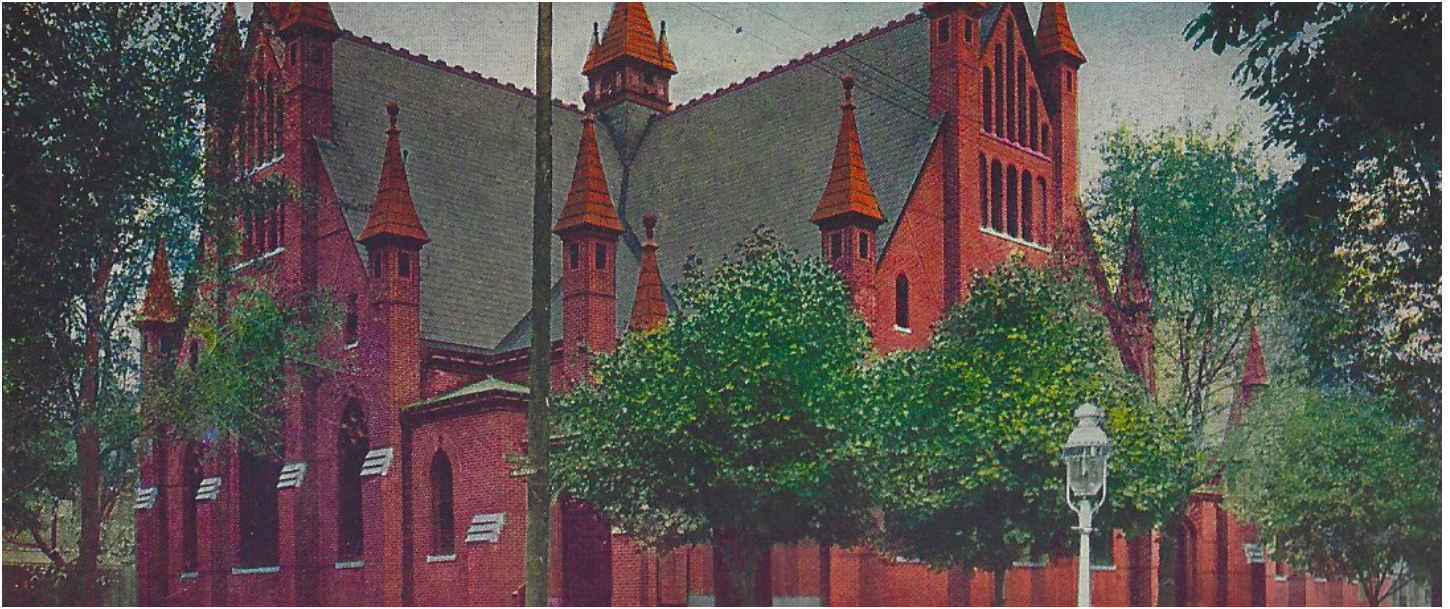
Exploring Lent - February 21 & February 28; Sundays 11:00 am - How will you observe Lent this season? Perhaps you have always thought of it as a season to give up candy, social media, or a vice in your life, so you do not participate because you can't see what is spiritual about that. This season rather than giving up something, let's change our perspective and receive something from God. Lent is a deeply personal journey with God to acknowledge our need for grace and our mortality. As God shapes us during Lent, we discover that some things are given up along the way, but you gain much more in the process. Let's talk about Lent! Facilitators Nancy Schneider, Oscar Clavel (discipleship@tabpres.org)

The New Testament You Never Knew - March 7 - May 2; Sundays 11:00 am - Do you know the real story behind the New Testament? This follow-up to Pastor John's Old Testament survey takes us behind the scenes to discover things you never knew about Jesus' baptism and journey into the wilderness, the meaning behind His parables and miracles, the significance of His death and resurrection, the incredible expansion of the early church into the Greco-Roman world, and how the transforming mission of Jesus can still turn the world upside down today.

Through reading the New Testament we continually discover that God indeed keeps His promises, but those promises don't always look like what people expected, especially when it comes to Jesus. So, come join the journey to understand the New Testament you never knew. Facilitators: Oscar Clavel, Lezlie Laxton (discipleship@tabpres.org)

Then and Now

Story by Ruth McDonald



On September 23, 1851, 22 members of First Presbyterian Church organized at the home of Caleb Scudder, the mayor of Indianapolis, to form Third Presbyterian Church. Services were held in the old school presbytery, College Hall, then in Temperance Hall on West Washington Street between Illinois and Meridian Streets.

Within a year, a lot at the northeast corner of Illinois and Ohio Streets was purchased on which to build. The church building project was done in two phases and completed in 1859 and attendance necessitated yet another addition in 1866. The congregation began six Sabbath Schools throughout the city, some of which later became organized churches.

In 1875, Third's membership dropped substantially due to members moving farther away from the church, no longer a reasonable walking distance.

On July 12, 1883, in preparation for the church's seventh pastorate, the name was changed to *The Tabernacle Church*. The pastor candidate who had insisted on the change refused the call but the name stayed and membership grew. A new lot was purchased at the corner of Meridian and 2nd Streets

(now 11th Street), known to be the best residential district of the city, and a temporary chapel constructed. Spending over \$26,000, a brick, 1,000-seat sanctuary was constructed in 1886 with a new chapel and Sunday school rooms added later. By 1894, the nearly 1,000 members of The Tabernacle Church made the church one of Indiana's largest.

The next pastor, Dr. J. Cumming Smith, being concerned that the Bible was not getting its proper emphasis in the day's school curriculum, helped organize Tudor Hall (which became Park Tudor School). This was an elite boarding school for girls through high school.

Dr. Smith served as the dean of the school, along with his church work. The girls attended Sunday worship services at the church. When he died suddenly at the age of 46, the church members paid off Tabernacle's \$19,000 debt as a memorial to Smith's service (there is a large bronze plaque in Dr. Smith's memory at the narthex entrance to our Sanctuary).

In the fall of 1910, the first employee was hired to assist the pastor. Miss Emma Anderson became the Sunday

School Visitor spending afternoons in the homes of church and Sunday school families. It was during this time that church Sunday schools were divided by age. The basement of the church was excavated to facilitate much-needed meeting places. Women's work in the church began with the Tabernacle Auxiliary, first as an Aid Society, while the Men's Club took responsibility for visitation of the congregation.

In 1918 Dr. J. Ambrose Dunkel accepted the call to pastor Tabernacle Church. He was the first to create a church office within the building. Dr. Dunkel considered Sunday school one of the most important parts of church work. While visiting families in the northern part of the city, he realized this area had no Sunday school in the area. Unable to find a building to rent in the vicinity for that purpose, the northwest corner of 34th Street and Central Avenue was purchased for \$24,000 even though other lots were considered.

Stay tuned as we explore the fascinating process of what might have been in next month's article.

Missions Report

Knowing We Are Loved

Story by Terri Thorn, Missions Director

Occasionally while playing the back and forth “I love you” game with my children, I would throw in a challenge question: “Who else loves you?”

With encouragement and probing from me, this question would lead to a litany of names including Daddy, all four grandparents, various aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors, teachers, God and each of the pets.

As the kids got older, I added a different follow-up question: “How do you know I love you?”

Initially their response was the obvious and simple: “Because you tell me.” However, as they grew older, I would push them to think deeper about other things that caused them to feel loved.

Eventually the answers expanded to include obvious gestures of provision: “because you feed me; because you help me with my homework; because you take me to school every day; because you let me eat snacks!” (What a good mom!)

The most profound responses, though, were those that described love as an act of presence and grace: “because you listen to my stories, because you go to my ballgames and cheer for me, because when I break something, you aren’t mean to me.”

This exercise was not devised to stroke our parental ego (although, what parent doesn’t need a little ego boost from their toddler?). Instead, it was meant to ensure that our children learned, as early in life as possible, that they were loved by many people, even on the days when life doesn’t feel loving. It also planted a seed of truth that love is about so much more than the words we say.

Reflecting on this early childhood game, I am curious about how it might inform missions and ministry at Tab. More specifically, how could we help folks to become aware of their Belovedness? How do we ensure our neighbors know that God loves them and so do we? Which actions speak “love” the loudest?

I don’t pretend to have all the answers, but I do believe many are found in those last responses the kids offered. Loving our neighbors, conveying their belovedness (even when the world doesn’t affirm it), happens most profoundly when we are fully present, when we are listening to their

stories, when we offer encouragement, and when we genuinely appreciate what’s important to them even when it is not familiar to us or part of our experience.

Encouraging Tab in this way of loving others, love that is rooted in relationships and respect, is a priority of the Mission Committee this year. As the pandemic eventually wanes, we anticipate our opportunities to practice loving our neighbors in person will increase. In the meantime, there is a way to get started now with our ministry partner, Circles Indy.

In February, four men and four women, known as Circle Leaders, will graduate from the “Getting Ahead” class, ready to be matched with an ally or two to form a “circle of support.” The Circles ally embodies love for the Circle Leader by being present as an intentional friend. Allies listen, encourage, offer connections and provide emotional support as the Circle Leader strives to “get ahead in life” and break the bondage of their poverty.

There are several Circle Leaders that are waiting to be matched with allies...waiting to experience the love of a true friend. The commitment is flexible; covid precautions are maintained; and ally training and coaching is provided. For more information about this unique model of ministry, please contact me at terri.thorn@tabpres.org, or Marie Wiese at mwiese@bricksalliance.org.

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Tab News

Announcements & Events

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab family extends our sympathy to Chuck and Emily Wirt Summers and their family in the death of Chuck's brother, Matthew Summers, on December 31; to Jill O'Banyel and her family in the death of her mother, Carole Krider, on December 31; to Barbara Boyd and her family in the death of her son, Theodore Brian Boyd, Sr. on December 23; to James and Kathy Fowles and their family in the death of James' father, Bill, on January 6; to Alice Croner and daughters, Cindy and Kathy, in the passing of husband and father, Fred Croner, on January 12; and to Rich and Christine Scales and their family in the death of Rich's mother, Jean Rankin Scales, on Friday, January 15. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

WELCOME LITTLE ONE

We celebrate the birth of Lily Donaldson, born to Ben and Kelly Donaldson on December 11. She joins big brother Weber. Her grandparents are Bob and Kathy Donaldson and Dan and Brenda Sweeney. Congratulations to the family!

WEDDINGS

January 16 - Frances Steger & Michael Farthing

FINANCIAL REPORT

Month of December 2020

	Plan	Actual	Difference	
YTD Income	\$2,301,480	\$2,290,542	\$(10,938)	☹
YTD Expense	2,301,480	2,150,913	150,567	☺
Difference	\$-	\$139,629	\$139,629	☺

In spite of other significant challenges, 2020 was a year of wonderment for Tab's finances. The actual income was less than 0.5% below the plan while spending was over 6.5% less than expected. Overall, we received nearly \$140,000 more than what we spent. Thank you!

NO "IN PERSON" WORSHIP THROUGH FEBRUARY 28

All "in-person" worship services have been suspended through February 28 due to the concerns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. The 10:00 am 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.

A NIGHT OF HOPE: VALENTINE'S DAY

If your usual Valentine's Day plans have been pre-empted by the pandemic, watch A Night of Hope: Valentine's Day, premiering on YouTube and Facebook on Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 pm. Pavel, Leah, Staci, Val, Kenny, Rob and Steve present songs from Motown, Nat King Cole, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Gloria Estefan and others. Watch the premiere or save and watch it later. Great music presented by great musicians recorded in our beautiful Sanctuary!

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 17 at 7:00p

Virtual only on YouTube
youtube.com/user/tabindy

Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes

In the Tab Parking Lot

Noon to 1:00p & 5:00 to 6:30p

Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

Joel 2:12-13

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church Officers

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
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Presbytery Commissioners: Kaye Diener, Mike O'Banyel,
Jim Pfeiffer; *alt* Bruce McDonald

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

February

- 11 Scott & Brenda Lummis (4 years)
- 13 Michael & Heather Miller (11 years)
- 14 Bob & Suzanne Shaw (50 years)
- 23 Gary & Judy Daymon (47 years)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Billie Porter | 17 Brenda Sweeney |
| Robert Orr | Virginia Browning |
| Soraya Webb | Jean Hansen-Miller |
| 2 Frances Farthing | 18 Jay Steger |
| Charlett Belisle | Larry Hanlon |
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| 5 Brendy Lange | Tim Meils |
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| Dash Moudy | Fred Sullivan |
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| 12 Honi-Jean Schroeder | Piper McFarlen |
| Drew Pike | 28 Glenn Koehring |
| 14 Jennifer Weyreter | 29 Dave King |
| Karis Crane | |
| Anna Schubert | |
| Ryan Moore | |
| Susan White | |
| Mateo Urfalian | |
| 15 Andrew Johnson | |
| 16 Molly Redding | |
| Colin O'Banyel | |
| Deborah Daniels-Mannweiler | |





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POSTMASTER: Send address change to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at the above address.

February 2021 Read Through the Bible

1	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalms 32
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalms 33
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalms 34
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalms 35
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalms 36
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalms 37
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalms 38
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalms 39
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalms 40
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalms 41
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3
14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18