# 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.

#### IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 am Communion Service McKee Chapel

10 am Worship Service

Sanctuary

Service is also live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50am. You can find a link at tabpres.org

Join us as we worship together!



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#### **TAB'S TOWER CHIMES**

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### Pastoral Reflection

### As We Continue Forward...

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful celebration we had on the weekend of July 17–18 as we gave thanks for Oscar's ministry with us and commended him to be pastor of Wekiva Presbyterian Church in Longwood, Florida. The pig roast was exactly what Oscar asked for and it was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. We enjoyed good food and fellowship and it was a good reminder of how important it is for us to be back together again as a church family. We will plan other similar events in the near future...without announcing any staff changes!

As I reminded you in worship on Sunday morning, please continue to keep Oscar in your prayers as he begins his new ministry in Florida, as I know he will us.

While many of you have asked me questions about Oscar, even more of you have asked questions about who, how and when we are going to get a new associate pastor? I have appreciated your inquiries because I can tell that they have been given out of genuine concern for our needs as a church family and for me. Thank you!

There are several ways we will approach seeking a new pastor to support us in our ministry and already the Session and the Human Resources committee have begun having those discussions. The Session has met with Rev. Alan Thames, the Executive Presbyter of the White Water Valley Presbytery, who is a good friend and will be a wonderful resource as we begin to explore our various options moving forward. Some steps we will be able to take in relatively short order, others call for a much longer process. It is all part of being a Presbyterian!

I personally have every confidence in the wisdom and leadership of our Session, the care and compassion of our Deacons, and the commitment and competence of our staff. All to say, while we will miss Oscar, personally and pastorally, our ministry will continue without missing a beat.

During this time of transition I will ask you to keep our officers and staff in your prayers, even offering them words of support, encouragement and thanks as you are able. Please continue to keep us informed of your pastoral needs so that we can continue to provide good pastoral care, and keep looking out for one another. As Martin Luther reminds us, we are called to be "little Christs" in our own care and compassion for one another.

Along the way, we will keep you informed as to our next steps in seeking a new associate pastor.

Each Sunday more and more of you are returning to in person worship and it has been great to be back together again. As you feeling comfortable doing so, we will look forward to seeing you.

God's blessings,

Rev. L. John Gable

# August 2021

### Preaching Schedule

- 1 "Summer in the Psalms: Refuge & Strength" Psalm 46 & Ephesians 6:10–20 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 8 "Summer in the Psalms: Create in Me a Clean Heart" Psalm 51 & I John 1:8–9 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 15 "Summer in the Psalms: Trust in God in Persecution"Psalm 56 & I Thessalonians 5:12-25Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- "Summer in the Psalms: Joyful Noise" Psalm 100 & John 15:1–11 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 29 Youth Sunday
  Dan Rexroth, preaching

### Lacey/Manella Education Scholarship Fund

Two sisters, Ruth Lacey and Peggy Manella, have left a gift to Tab in order to establish a Women's Education Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the fund is to help pay post-secondary educational expenses for female members/participants of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. The Lacey/Manella Women's Scholarship Fund is a \$2000 grant for up to four years for first-time or returning students seeking a post-secondary degree. Interested applicants should contact frontdesk@tabpres.org noting Lacey/Manella Fund in the subject line.

Read Through The Bible printouts can be picked up at the Front Office

#### **Event Schedule**

#### **SPECIAL**

- 1 2:00p Community Back-To-School Celebration
- 22 11:30a Children's Ministries Summer Musical
- 29 10:00a Youth Sunday &
  Bible Presentation Sunday

11:00a Teen Helper Training

#### **WEEKLY**

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MWF	11:00a	Tab's Open Door
MON	6:00p	Women's Bible Study
TUE	6:30p	Prayer Group
WED		Pastors' Bible Study
	6:30p	Children's Musical Rehearsal
FRI	5:00p	Friday Night Lights
SAT	8:00a	Men's Bible Study
SUN	8:00a	Communion Service
	9:00a	Education Hour
	10:00a	Worship
		Junior Church
	4:30p	IMPACT Youth Group

#### MONTHLY

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1st MON	12:00p	HR Comm.	
1st TUE	7:00p	Spiritual Growth & Development	
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<sup>2nd</sup> MON	5:30p	Facilities Committee	
2nd TUE	5:00p	Budget & Finance Comm.	
	7:00p	Children's Ministries Comm.	
	7:15p	Worship, Music, Arts Comm.	
3rd TUE	7:00p	Session Mtg.	
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4th TUE	7:00p	Deacons' Meeting	
		Media Committee	
2nd WED	5:30p	Missions Committee	
	10:00a	Purls of Wisdom	
SAT			

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

### Youth on a Mission

### Mission Stay-cation

by Dan Rexroth

The mission trip to Phoenix for Tab Youth was cancelled again this year due to issues surrounding the pandemic. Several of the Phoenix public schools mandated an extended summer school for their students, which resulted in Neighborhood Ministries having to change the dates of Kids Camp (where we have served the more than 500 kids that attend this program). With the COVID guidelines in place in Phoenix, Neighborhood Ministries also reduced the number of students participating from 500 to 150. As much as we prayed, tried to adjust and pivot, worked with Lenny Reel and the amazing staff at Neighborhood Ministries, it was decided that we would once again postpone our trip this year. As heart-breaking as this was for all of us (this was going to be our largest group of travelers yet—20 people traveling), we regrouped, pivoted once again, and planned some exciting opportunities for local mission work.

Welcome to the Tab Youth Group Mission-A-Day 2021 where we focused our efforts on two local ministries: Heart Change Ministries and Outreach Inc.

We spent two days at Heart Change Ministries. Heart Change is difficult to describe because they do so many things. There is a class that meets twice weekly that helps young women explore "God's way versus man's way," "A wise woman builds her house...", and "Visionary mothering." There is also a Mother's University that meets three days a week and teaches Biblical doctrine, parenting skills, health and hygiene, managing finances and Godly relationships. Help is also provided toward literacy, GED preparation, Driver's Education and entrance exams and post-secondary education training. Heart Change has also invested in buying severely dilapidated houses and restoring them for women and their families to rent. Tab youth spent one day working to demolish the inside of one of these homes in preparation for skilled labor to eventually work toward restoring it. Our other day was spent participating in programming with the









women and children that Heart Change ministers to. We participated in worship, provided childcare, helped with crafts, played games and shared a lunch.

Outreach Inc. is a ministry that provides support for homeless teenagers in Marion County. There are an estimated 1,500 homeless youth between the ages of 14 and 24 in Marion County. Outreach's mission is to equip and empower homeless teens and young adults to achieve stability and life transformation. The Tab Youth Group assisted in property projects (picking up trash, cleaning up around the building, landscape work), cooked meals, sorted donated clothing, learned more about the program and how we can support their ministry. We also participated in a simulation where we learned a lot about the challenges faced with being homeless; it was life changing and opened our hearts toward thinking about more things we can do to be helpful.

Our youth worked equally hard at both ministries but many said they especially enjoyed the time spent with the mothers and children. Our eyes were opened both to the depth of needs in our city and to the hand of God reaching out to bring people to Him. A friend recently reached out to us and said that even with all of the calamity that we have seen in the past year, GOD IS ON THE MARCH. It's true...and we were glad to be foot soldiers for a week.

# Tab Member Spotlight

### Meet The Sturgis Family

by Paula Daum



As we approach the 100-year celebration of Tab locating to 34th and Central, we will be sharing more stories of families with long-time connections to Tab. As a happy coincidence, Tab's newest staff member, Jenny Sturgis, is a member of one of those families.

On June 1st of this year, Jenny Crichlow Sturgis joined Tab as our part-time Front Office Coordinator. Jenny represents the 5th generation of the Picken/Clark/Crichlow family of Tab members. In 1906, her great, great grandfather, William Picken, moved to Indianapolis and immediately joined Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. Since then, every generation of members of this family have been at Tab.

Jenny was born in Indianapolis. Baptized as an infant by Byron Crozier, Jenny was confirmed into membership by Rod Smith. A graduate of Broad Ripple High School, she attended college locally and obtained a BFA in Visual Communications and Design from the Herron School of Art. Later, Jenny met Dan Sturgis. Authentic "foodies," Dan and Jenny "fell in love through our mutual love of food" in visiting scores of restaurants in the Indianapolis area. After they

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married, they welcomed their daughter, Lily, in 2009. One of Jenny's favorite Tab memories is of her new family lighting one of the Advent candles during the Christmas Eve service when Lily was just a newborn.

Dan is also an Indianapolis native, though his family lived in Marion, Indiana and Reading, Pennsylvania through his youth. He spent 9 years with the Army National Guard. Serving as a medic, Dan had the opportunity to travel and serve in Korea. At the end of his active duty, he returned to school at Ivy Tech to become a registered nurse. Given his military background, Dan was thrilled to be able to complete his nursing degree and work at the VA hospital in support of veterans.

While Jenny is "new" to our staff, she has worked as Tab's Nursery Coordinator for about 20 years in overseeing our infant nursery with Jennifer Wirt. She has been involved with Tab in a variety of other ways utilizing her background as a graphic designer. She has designed Tab's Stewardship Campaign brochures on several occasions. Tab has also hosted some Sacred Music Symposiums in recent years, and Jenny served as the project coordinator for these events. In addition, she is a current board member for the Mid-North Food Pantry.

Jenny's mother, Susie Crichlow, is also a long-time member of Tab. She is a member of Tab's Handbell Choir. Daughter Lily is very active in Children's Ministries. A sixth grader at Trader's Point Christian Academy, Lily is an annual performer in the Children's Ministries summer musical held each August.

Having been a lifelong member of Tab, Jenny shares that she can't really imagine going to another church. As she has grown throughout her life, her faith has grown in support of the changes that life has brought. One of her greatest sources of comfort has been learning how to lean into God as a wife and a mother.

## A Look Back

### Sanctuary Construction

by Ruth McDonald

In September 1919, Tabernacle formed a Building and Finance Committee for the construction of a permanent church on the lot at 34th & Central. This was to be the first large building north of Fall Creek for the city. Edgar H. Evans served as the Chairman. The committee examined the work of fourteen prominent US architects before deciding upon John William Creswell Corbusier of Cleveland, Ohio and Robert Frost Daggett of Indianapolis.

Former Tab member and architect, Jerry McMahan, researched Tab's construction in the 1990s and wrote the following:

"This brings us to the 1920s in the City of Indianapolis where a large and soon-to-be larger Presbyterian Church known as Tabernacle was being planned. It was no mistake that the Building Committee and congregation would select the Gothic as the mode of their new church home. The early Board minutes reveal that the congregation strove to build a "churchly church." In their eyes, the Gothic was much more spiritual and emotional than the more administratively-oriented Classical forms of Greek, Roman, Byzantine and others.

It was also no mistake or guess work when the people selected Corbusier and Daggett to be the architects on the project. Both were schooled in Paris, Daggett being trained at the world-famous Ecole des Beaux Arts. Furthermore, Corbusier had essentially devoted himself to the design of church structures and had numerous commissions to his credit by 1920.

Corbusier was a Cleveland-based architect who learned his trade in New York and Paris. He was considered an authority on the Gothic and widely respected for his masterful command of tracery (Tracery is the delicate stone carvings that are found in the stained-glass windows of the church).

Daggett, born in Indianapolis in 1875, attended Shortridge High School, studied at the University of Pennsylvania and the previously mentioned Ecole in Paris. His father was also an architect and was awarded the honor of Fellow in the American Institute of Architects (FAIA). His son, Robert Frost would later become the first Indiana-born FAIA. Daggett's most prominent Indianapolis works are the Indianapolis Athletic Club (1922), the Chamber of Commerce Building (1926), Jordan Hall at Butler University (1927-28), and Third



Church of Christ Scientist (1928-1929), Tab's neighbor at 34th and Washington Blvd, known today as Phillip's Temple Church.

Regardless of their previous or subsequent commissions, the architects of Tab created a masterful and "churchly" home for the congregation. It became and still is a symbol of spiritual life in the neighborhood and city."

The architect's plans provided for the erection of the Church, Chapel, and Sunday School and Community House in three units. The committee's desire was to begin building the Sanctuary immediately after the design was completed. However, with business and industrial conditions unsettled, following World War I, high material costs and the church's unknown financial future, the difficult decision was made that construction would need to wait. *continued on page 8* 

# Tab News

### Announcements & Events

#### **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

A very sweet congratulations to Griffin Wayne Barnett on his recent baptism, Sunday, July 11. Griffin is the youngest son of Kyle & Brittany Barnett, brother to Liam, Morgan and Cara.

#### **BEST WISHES**

The Tab family wishes all the best to Taylor Traut & Cameron Cool who were married on July 24.

#### **CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL**

After skipping the musical last year due to COVID, Children's Ministries is delighted to be back in "show biz" this summer! We'll be performing our annual Summer Musical on August 22 at 11:30 in the Sanctuary where we'll transport you via song and dance to the groovy pop music of the late 60s and early 70s. We hope you can join us for this musical trip back in time! No reservations are required, there's no fee to attend, and the performance will probably run slightly less than an hour. We'll be providing ice cream afterward for any audience members who would like to stay.

#### **DEACONS' GOLF OUTING: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?**

The annual Deacons' Golf Outing is Saturday, August 28, at the Eagle Creek Golf Club. We would love to have you join us as a golfer (individual or team), hole sponsor, lunch or even through the cheering on of your favorite player or team! Contact Eric Guion: epguion@gmail.com or (317) 523-8646.

#### **BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY**

As is Tab's tradition, Children's Ministries will be presenting KidsQuest study Bibles to our students entering 3rd grade, and leather-bound Student Bibles to our students entering 7th grade. The Bible Presentation will take place during the 10:00 service on August 29. Parents of students entering 3rd grade or 7th grade will be contacted by Jennifer Wirt to make arrangements for their child's participation.

#### **TEEN HELPER TRAINING**

After taking a school year off, Children's Ministries will again be encouraging all students in grades 6–12 to participate in our Teen Helper program. Being a Teen Helper involves serving once a month in our Ones/Twos nursery or in the Preschool Class as a classroom assistant in the same nursery or class on the same Sunday each month (i.e. the second Sunday of every month.) Being a Teen Helper is not only a wonderful way to serve the Tab family, but it's also a good way to earn service hours for school, Scouts, or other organizations. And as a bonus, the little kids think you're AMAZING!! We'll have Teen Helper training and sign up for

rooms and weeks on Sunday, August 29, in Lower Level B immediately after worship. We will also have refreshments and door prizes. Hope to see Tab's teens there!

#### **TABFEST**

The results of the TabFest survey indicated a very mixed interest in attendance for an event this fall. As a result, TabFest is being rescheduled for the fall of 2022. Stay tuned for a new date and location for this Tab family event!

#### **ANNUAL TAB TENT SERVICE**

In conversation with our sisters and brothers at Phillips
Temple, who are not yet back to their full in-person worship
schedule, we have agreed to cancel the shared Labor Day
Weekend Worship Service this year with hopes that we will
not have to wait an entire year to worship together again. In
the meantime, plans are being made for an outdoor community service project that will include Phillips Temple, Tab and
Shortridge families. A neighborhood clean-up/prayer walk
with an informal gathering afterwards is being considered.
Keep an eye out for more details in the near future.

#### FELLOWSHIP DINNERS COMING THIS FALL

Eating, praying and getting to know one another is a great combination! Members of the Spiritual Growth & Development Committee will be in the McKee Chapel hallway after church services in August to give more information and sign-up interested folks for Fellowship Dinners. The plan is for groups of 6–9 people to meet for three pitch-in dinners at homes over a three month time frame and follow a series of three devotionals. This will be such a special way to help create greater faith, deeper relationships and stronger community.

#### **UMOJA PARTNERSHIP SILENT AUCTION**

The Umoja Partnership will hold its Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner and Silent Auction on November 7, 2021. This annual event helps to fund the project's food security program which provides a daily nutritious lunch to 3,900 students in 20 primary schools in rural western Kenya. Many of these children have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS, and many live in child headed households, where a minor child cares for their younger siblings. When these children receive a lunch of maize and beans at school, their attendance and performance improve dramatically. If you are interested in donating an item or service for the silent auction, contact Marsha Robinson: marsha91083@gmail.com, (317) 371-1958; or Kathy Miller: kathymiller1976@yahoo.com, (317) 414-7159.

# Media Ministry

### Thank You!

It is so great to see people returning to Tab! More of our congregation are attending worship in person, in addition to sitting in classes, Bible studies and other functions.

As we travel through, and I hope out of, the COVID Era, I want to say thanks to all of you, our Tab members and friends, not only for your faithfulness to Tab and our collective work here, but also for sticking with us, mostly online, for the past sixteen months. Also, thank you for your encouragement and feedback during this time. Every week, we in Media Ministry receive words of thanks for the live streaming, extra video communications and technical assistance. It truly is affirming of our work, which we are so happy to do.

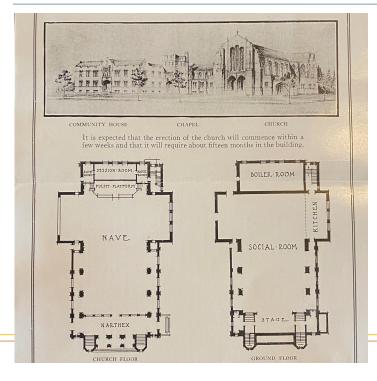
Now is also the time to say thank you to the many Media Ministry volunteers who made it on Sundays, while navigating changing worship schedules and safety protocols. They were—and are—responsible for the streaming, audio and media work, both in the main Sanctuary and in the "basement sanctuary" we call the Media Production Room. They did—and continue to do—a great job.

Here are their names. Be sure to thank them when you see them. Caleb Goss, Amy Borns, Chris Wirt, Sean O'Banyel, Mick Daum, Bob Shaw, Jacob Crouch, Gary Nickel, Trip Newell, Drew Childs, Jeff Crane, Kyle Barnett, Dave Brunsting, Kevin Ahearn and Jeff Foster. Thanks to all of you!

-- Dave Streit, Director of Media Ministries







#### Sanctuary Construction continued

On March 6, 1921, the plans for the estimated \$250,000 Sanctuary structure was unveiled to the congregation and pledges were accepted. The magnificent sum of \$116,000 was pledged from those in attendance in 20 minutes! Another \$96,000 was added after a second solicitation of the church body which followed shortly after.

The Ground-Breaking Ceremony was held on September 13, 1921. "Our vision of the future must begin with and continue in allegiance to our Lord and Master Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of men. With this as our central motive, the possibilities of accomplishment are almost unlimited. A structure is soon to be reared on this site—a building eminently suited to the purpose for which it is built. Beautiful in appearance, reverential in impression, useful in many ways (Edgar H. Evans)." The Sanctuary would require about 15 months to build.

#### **WELCOME LITTLE ONE**

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Harriet Jean Ost born on July 3 in Atlanta, Georgia. Harriet is the daughter of Ben & Julia Ost, and granddaughter of Bart & Ann Ost. Additionally, we welcome Rainey Simone Brown, born on July 13 to Julianne & Christopher Brown. Rainey is the granddaughter of Anne & Jay Steger. Congratulations and God's blessings to these families!

#### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to the family of William "Bill" Beard. Bill passed away on June 22 and had been a member of Tab since 1963.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Charles and Carol (Hartman) Hankey in the death of Charles' mother, Mable Hankey, on June 29th. Please keep Charles and Carol and their family in your prayers.

Sympathies are extended to the Terry family after the recent passing of Mike's mother, Betty Jane Mills of Louisville, Kentucky. Betty passed peacefully at home Thursday, July 8.

Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### Income:

YTD budgeted income: \$1,138,782 YTD actual income: \$1,210,070 Actual exceeds budgeted by: \$71,288

#### Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses: \$1,176,679
YTD actual expenses \$1,050,544
Under budget by: \$126,135

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

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

#### AUGUST

- 2 Tom & Becky Lapp 47 years
- 3 Anthony & Sarah Malito 8 years
- 4 Joe & Julie Kukolla 37 years
- 8 Joseph & Brooke Kukolla 1 year
- 10 Pete & Betsy Morse 30 years
  Tyler & Madison Hromadka 8 years
- **12** Mark & Sally John 43 years Mark & Jennifer Hamilton 7 years
- 13 Kenny & Val Phelps 27 years
- 14 Dan & Jenny Sturgis 12 years
- **15** Don & Linda Fledderjohn *57 years* Charles & Carol Hartman-Hankey *1 year*
- 16 Matt & Debbie Kauffman 46 years
- 17 John & Judy Fraps 53 years
- 18 John & Marilyn Kendrick 65 years
- 19 John & Debbi Strack 21 years
- 21 Robert & Katherine Orr 17 years







#### **AUGUST**

- **22** Ron & Jane Harvey *57 years* Jeff & Joyce Peipert *34 years*
- 25 Mike & Janet McCaslin 20 years
- 26 Rob & Susan Springer 40 years Rod Lanum & Joan Blades 60 years Scott & Jackie Brannon 14 years
- **27** Dan & Brenda Sweeney 38 years Gary & Jane Miller 55 years
- 28 Dave & Maryann King 39 years Kyle & Annie Costlow 11 years
- 30 Dan & Honi-Jean Schroeder 41 years
- **31** Al & Becky Mayo 25 years
  Justin & Georgeanna Wade 7 years

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

#### AUGUST

- 1 John Hulen William Russell
- 2 Maxwell Gall Janna Wade Angeles Hill
- 3 Xan Wilson
- 4 Bill White
- 5 Philo Lange Adam Jefferies
- 6 Jan Fraser Hoagy Elliott Evan Fedor Brenda Lummis Jody Davis
- 7 Erich Krueger Stacey Grove Shidaa Darku
- 8 Grace Rexroth
  Nina Kauffman
  Manny Buchanan
  Beck BuchananSchwanke
  Brian Graner
- 9 Emily Wirt Pam Smith Caroline Hart
- 10 Matt Kauffman Scott Brannon Ellis Cates
- 11 Dave Sterchi Hugo Smith
- 12 Taylor Browning Oakley McFarlen
- 13 Bob Mayes
- 14 Susie Crichlow
- 15 Suzanne Shaw

- 16 Lee Shafer Ezra Grove Jason Simons
- 17 Amy McLean Abraham Kupke Jackie Velasquez
- 18 Wendy Wilkerson Zach Canterbury
- 19 Frank Schubert
- 20 John Thomas Carlos Padgett Barbara Summers
- 21 Kara DeArman Judy Daymon Doug Braly Ryan Brennan
- Marcia BeltJoshua BrunstingRyan Miller
- 23 Lynne Neel Finn Sears Kristin Goss
- 25 Susan Springer Amos Lange Molly Simons
- 26 Ali Meils
- 28 Kathy Waddell
- 29 Mackenzie Scott Becca Childs
- 30 Jim Lingeman
- 31 Maryann King Linda McCabe Alice Croner Miles Fowles





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