# 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,

This past week two different friends said to me, "That's something we should do in the summer...Oh wait, it is the summer...and now it's almost over!" It has gone too quickly, so let me update you on a couple of the things that have been keeping us busy.

Associate Pastor process: With Oscar's accepting a new call in Longwood, Florida (wasn't that a great send-off we gave him?) the Session has begun having conversations as to our next steps. We have met with Alan Thames, the Presbytery Executive, and he is willing to walk with us through this process. Arrangements have already been put in place for temporary supply pastors who are willing and able to preach on a given Sunday when I am unavailable. The next step for us will be to identify a pastor who will join us for a designated period of time (often called a contract or covenant pastor). That person will serve in the capacity of an associate pastor while the Session explores and determines the best staffing model for us in the future. Please pray for all those involved in this process.

Facility improvements: As I've mentioned before, the summer has been filled with numerous improvements to the building. The most significant now are the installation of a new HVAC system in the children's ministry areas downstairs and the new lighting replacement in the Sanctuary. Imagine this: each of the chandeliers in the sanctuary draws approximately 1250 kilowatts an hour! All of the lighting in the Sanctuary is now being retrofitted with LED bulbs. This is good stewardship, both now and for the future. Pending projects are a redesign of the Front Office area, a new bathroom suite at the end of the Parlor Hallway, and renovation of Lower Level A after the water line break several months ago.

Periodically I am asked, "Why are we doing all these capital improvement projects now?" The answer is simple: "Because we can and because we must." As we enter in to our centennial year at 34th and Central we are making concerted efforts to maintain and enhance our building for our next century of ministry here. This building is our greatest asset for ministry. Fortunately, we are in such good shape financially that we are able to do these very extensive and expensive improvements using existing funds without having to have a capital campaign. Thanks to all who have so faithfully and generously supported our mission and ministry through the years.

**Covid precautions:** Since March of 2020 we have tried to faithfully follow the guidance of the CDC and local health officials with regards to our Covid precautions and protocols. Regrettably, the recent outbreak of the Delta variance necessitates those bodies to recommend that we wear masks and practice good social distancing when gathering. We are implementing and encouraging these same guidelines when we gather for worship and activities at Tab. Our Covid protocols are listed on the front page of our website tabpres.org.

Each of us needs to make our own decisions as to when we feel comfortable returning to in-person worship both out of concern for our own well-being and that of those who are worshiping with us. We trust your good judgment on that, but I also want to encourage you to return to in-person worship as soon as you feel comfortable doing so.

Let us know if there is anything we can do for you. I look forward to being with you in worship.

God's blessings,

Rev. L. John Gable

## September 2021

### Preaching Schedule

- 5 "The Architecture of Worship" Psalm 122 & I Corinthians 3:10–15 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 12 "Christ is Our Advocate" Hebrews 4:14–5:10 & I John 2:1–17 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 19 "Of Service to God"

  Mark 10:25–35 & Hebrews 13:1–6

  Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 26 170th Anniversary Sunday/50-Year Members "God Is Light" Jeremiah 8:18–22 & I John 1 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching Special Events

## 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					
6		Church Offices Closed Nancy's Ride			
11	9:00a	Pre-Teen Breakfast Fresh Stop Produce Pick-Up			
15	6:30p	Moms of Tab			
17	6:30p	Parents' Night Out			
25	9:00a	Fresh Stop Produce Pick-Up			
26	9:00a	Anniversary Sunday			

#### **WEEKLY**

MWF

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WIOI4	0.00р	Women's bible Study
TUE	6:30p	Prayer Group
WED	9:30a	Pastors' Bible Study
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

11:00a Tab's Open Door

6:00p Women's Bible Study

#### **MONTHLY**

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

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

## Missions Update

## Back-to-School Giveaway

by Terri Thorn

On Sunday, August 1st, children, youth, and families of our neighborhood gathered in Tab Park for a Community Back-to-School Celebration presented by folks from more than 20 local entities—churches, businesses, programs and agencies. It was a beautiful day meteorologically, but even more so communally. The collaboration of diverse leaders from all around the Mapleton Fall Creek area was inspirational and the results incredible. As one participant put it, "At one point, I stood in the middle of the park and looked around at who all was there—the kids, the families, the community partners—there was so much joy. It felt so light after such a heavy year...and fun. Everyone was having fun."

I could not agree more! Being part of the planning team for this event was truly one of the greatest blessings, yet, of 2021. In just six weeks, a conversation about kids returning to in-person school morphed into a neighborhood party that included bike safety lessons with free helmets, a giveaway of backpacks and school supplies, snacks, music, games, prizes, lots of interaction with public safety and a Kona Ice truck. (I mean, is it really a party without Kona Ice?)

More importantly, all of the planners left the busy day renewed, energized, and excited for the next thing we will do together. We have become partner-friends who are committed to ministering to the youth and families in our community through our different areas of work and influence.

There are too many "God was here" stories to share and more helpers to thank than we can list; still here are a few "wins" to celebrate:

 One of the most heartwarming measures of success for this event was the diversity of volunteers who helped ensure that Tab was an amazing event host. In addition to Tab staff and church family, we had neighbors from Phillips Temple, Constitution Gardens and Open Door helping as well. The Tab youth group and Tab Rec folks were invaluable help!







- We provided 260 cups of Kona ice, 170 backpacks, 112 custom-fitted bike helmets and thousands of school supplies, provided by the congregations of Tab and Phillips Temple, as well as employees from Bradley Company and EmployIndy.
- Leftover school supplies were distributed among three schools—Phalen Leadership Academy (48), The Oaks Academy, and the new Christian school, Harriet Tubman School of Excellence.
- Tab Missions Committee and Bradley Company provided back-to-school haircuts for a raffle. Amazingly, everyone who entered received a voucher for a haircut provided by our neighbor, Pierre's Barber Shop or a stylist at Virtuous Styles Salon.
- God's abundance was on full display...and the sense of community in all our diversity was, in my assessment, a glimpse of God's "kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." It was a day of utter joy!

## Tab Member Spotlight

### Meet Jacob & Kristine Crouch

by Paula Daum



Researching ancestry is a popular pastime for so many people. It's exciting to see where our ancestors lived and note the many countries we are connected to throughout the generations of our families. For Kristine Crouch, it's a fairly unique history. She is 100% Dutch!

Kris grew up as a "farm kid" in DeMotte, Indiana. The town is known for the Dutch heritage of its residents that is so deep they celebrate the Touch of Dutch festival in August each year. The youngest of 5 children, Kris grew up helping on the farm, including the popular task of detasseling corn.

Jacob was born and raised in Dunkirk, Indiana, the middle of three brothers.

After high school, Kris and Jacob began their college education the same year at Ball State University. They met in the student lounge of Kris's dormitory and quickly became good friends. Kris continued her education at Ball State to complete both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in molecular genetics.

After his freshman year, Jacob spent some time as, in his words, a "nomad." After some travel, including some time in Bloomington, Jacob returned to the Jay County area and

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went to work. Upon his return, he and Kris began dating and were married in 2000.

After completing her education, Kris took a job working for the Indiana State Police Crime Lab and moved to Indianapolis in 2002. She continues to work for the State Police and loves her work with DNA, which involves working with multiple police organizations, including the FBI, in utilizing DNA as evidence in criminal cases.

Jacob worked for many years in the hospitality industry for TownePark valet service. His work involved a variety of long work hours for countless events in downtown Indianapolis, so Jacob made a career change. In 2015, he also took a job with the Indiana State Police Lab. His roles include tracking and securing criminal evidence.

Jacob and Kristine spend a significant amount of time with their large families, and they have many nieces and nephews to spoil. Kris's family has a lake house on Winona Lake, and they both enjoy water sports. They also enjoy taking day trips on their Indian motorcycle and spending time with the Circle City chapter of the Indian Motorcycle Riders Group. In addition, they love seeing live theater and attending concerts. Through the years they both have been involved in theater, in high school and community theater productions.

When they first moved to Indianapolis, they lived on the northwest side of town. They later bought a home in the Fountain Square area. This move resulted in a search for a new church home. After visiting Tab, they knew immediately that Tab would be that place. They were particularly "sold" on the history of Tab's support for its community.

Kris has spent many years as a tutor with Tab Tutoring and loves that outreach. She is also in her final year of serving as a Deacon. Jacob is also a Deacon, and he can often be found on Sunday mornings volunteering in the Sound Room downstairs in support of Tab's online streaming of worship.

## A Look Back

## Tab's Ground Breaking

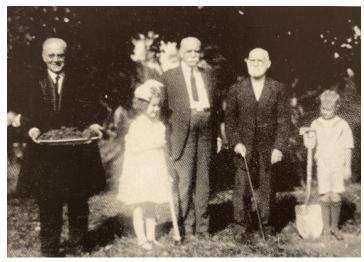
by Ruth McDonald

One hundred years ago this month, the ground-breaking ceremony was held to begin the building of the Sanctuary unit of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. The words of Edgar H. Evans on September 13, 1921 still apply today.

"The story of the past has been presented to us. It is a glorious past full of honor, an achievement, woven thru and thru with sacrifice and consecration. We have honored and will further honor in the program of today those who have spent their years in the service of the past.

But we shall also honor those who in years represent the future. The young of today represent the life of the morrow and if that morrow is to be glorious it must hold in mind not only the recollections of the past but an outlook of the future. If I were to take a theme I might look in the 28th chapter book of Proverbs, we read, "Where there is no vision the people perish." But I would rather take the more positive statement of Joel as he states, "I shall pour out my spirit and your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions." The achievements of the past were due to a vision that those devoted men and women then caught, that led them to establish the Third (old) Church, that again led them to move way out to 11th Street now that has led us to move to this land of wonderful promise. The visions in the past led to great achievement but a full vision of the future now has a promise beyond what we have to hope.

We have a wonderful opportunity here. The need of a devout religious feeling in the lives of men was never more needed than today. Sobriety and nobility of thought, high ideals of our duty to God and men are greatly needed today. 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,



First shovelful of dirt is taken out for the new church building. Those taking part were the two oldest elders, Mr. John Scott (joined in 1867) Mr. Lew Nicoli (date unknown), along with Marian Jeanette Converse and Eugene Hanika, the two youngest members of the church.

reverential in impression, useful in many ways. Here will be given great messages, addresses to the saving of men, the upbuilding of life and characters. The vigor and vitality and the eloquence of the preacher together in a common cause of worship and service.

We shall teach the boys and girls, men and women, in a great Sunday school the gospel of life, a school whose numbers shall go beyond our fondest anticipations and whose influence on the lives of thousands and thousands of people shall make the name of the Tabernacle Bible School forever blessed. We shall have departments for the young and the old, those in between with activities of a varied nature.

We shall have a Community house which will be a busy center of spiritual, social, and intellectual activity. Our boys and girls will have a gymnasium to build up their bodies and to furnish recreation and enjoyment of the highest order. And thus, we shall discharge our obligations and avail ourselves of an opportunity developing men and women well rounded in spirit, mind and body.

The vision of the future, what will give it the greatest responsibilities, what will enlarge the scope of its influence? The same spirit of consecration and devotion, the same high purpose in service, the same great ambition for the Kingdom of our Lord that has been found in the past."

## Tab News

### Announcements & Events

#### **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

A very sweet congratulations to Henry John Malito on his recent baptism, Sunday, August 1. Henry is the son of Tony & Sarah Mailto and grandson of Steve & Jennifer Weyreter.

#### **OPEN DOOR NEEDS TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS**

Open Door is requesting donations of new or gently used towels and washcloths to be shared with our neighbors on September 15. Please deliver donations to the front desk.

#### **ALL-CHURCH READ SUGGESTIONS**

We are looking for a good book for an all-church read. Have you read anything recently that helped you grow in your faith, that you think we all should read together? Let us know. Send your book suggestion to frontdesk@tabpres.org, memo line: Book idea.

#### PRETEEN KICKOFF BREAKFAST

All Tab 5th- and 6th-graders are invited to join us for breakfast on Saturday, September 11. We'll meet from 9a–10:15a at the Lincoln Square Pancake House (2330 N Meridian) for a delicious breakfast and a discussion about our Preteen plans for the upcoming school year. No need to bring any money, but please let Mrs. Wirt know whether you'll be joining us so we get a big enough table!

#### **PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

Parents, rejoice! Children's Ministries wants to give you an evening of free time! Our annual Parents Night Out is scheduled for Friday, September 17, from 6–9, and all Tab kids from infants through 6th grade are invited. We'll have games, a craft, make our own snack and watch a recent family-friendly movie with popcorn. There will be a separate childcare room for our younger children. There's no fee, but we won't be serving supper so please feed your children before bringing them to Tab. Questions? Contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Tab will host our next blood drive with Versiti on Sunday, October 3rd. Watch for sign-up information throughout the month of September! For information, contact Paula Daum at paula.daum@tabpres.org or at (317) 923-5458, ext. 104.

#### **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.

#### INDY JAZZ FEST TO HONOR KENNY PHELPS

Each year the Indy Jazz Foundation recognizes local artist and this year Kenny Phelps is a recipient of this honor. Kenny will be featured during the Indy Jazz Fest at the Schrott Center for the Arts on Butler's campus on Friday evening, September 17th, and Pavel, Leah Crane, Steve Dokken and Rob Dixon will be playing together on Sunday, September 19th at Garfield Park. Congratulations, Kenny, for this well-deserved honor and recognition.

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP: COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AND GUIDELINES BEGINNING AUGUST 10, 2021:

- In accordance with the Marion County Health Department recommendation we are encouraging all those attending worship and other activities to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.
- For those who are not fully vaccinated:
- o Masks and social distancing will continue to be required
- Congregational singing will be allowed only while wearing a mask
- Worship seating will be open to 100% capacity

The following protocols will remain in place:

- Nursery care is available for infant through pre-school ages
- Junior Church is available for grade school children
- Youth and adult education classes are available as posted
- Passing of the Peace will continue to be suspended
- Communion will continue being served using disposable elements
- We will not pass communion plates, offering plates, or visitor pads. Offering boxes will be located at the Sanctuary doors
- Coffee Fellowship will continue following each worship service in the Recreation Field entrance, weather permitting

Any questions about this information may be sent to frontdesk@ tabpres.org.

## 50-year Members

### What a Blessing You Are to Tab!

Congratulations to our newest 50-year member Sandra Simpson. Sandra joined Tab September 30, 1971. We will honor her membership on Anniversary Sunday, September 26. Thank you for your continued support of Tab and staying with us for so many years.



## Welcome New Music Intern

## Valentina Huang

Tab's Music Ministry welcomes Valentina Huang as our new music intern. Valentina will begin her studies as a graduate student in organ studies at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music this fall. Believing the magic and the joy that music can bring into peoples' lives, Valentina is an active performer as a pianist and organist. She was recently featured as one of the winners from the 2018 Rome (Georgia) Symphony Young Artist Competition performing Piano Concerto No. 21 by Mozart. She has also won the Georgia Music Teacher's Association Piano Solo and Concerto Competitions in the past as well as being one of the recipients of the Biggs Fellowship in the Historical Organ Society. Even though she is classically trained, she likes jazz music as well. Valentina received her Bachelor of Arts in Music and Economics from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia and her Master of Music in Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy with a Minor in Organ from the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore, Maryland. We are thrilled to have her join the Music Ministry team and look forward to having her be a part of the Tab family! Welcome, Valentina!

If you would like to see more about Valentina, visit her website at https://valentinahuangpianist.weebly.com



#### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

The Tab Church family extends our love and sympathy to Jeff Ellis in the death of his father, Richard Ellis on Saturday, August 14.

To Kathy and Bob Donaldson and their family, in the death of Kathy's mother, Norma Lee Elsey, on July 25th in Lebanon. She was grandmother of Ben (Kelly) and great-grandmother to Weber and Lily. Services were held Wednesday, July 28.

To Jeff and Julie Foster and their family in the death of Jeff's mother, Marilyn, on July 26. Marilyn was grandmother to Timothy, William, Caroline and Amanda (Moudy) and great grandmother to Hazel, Dash, Maeve and Willa.

To Don and Susan White in the death of their nephew, Bill White, on July 27th.

Please keep each of these families in your thoughts & prayers.



#### Income:

YTD budgeted income: \$1,286,284
YTD actual income: \$1,346,519
Actual exceeds budgeted by: \$60,235

#### **Expenses:**

YTD budgeted expenses: \$1,381,854 YTD actual expenses \$1,254,621 Under budget by: \$127,233

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

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Levi & Maxine Watkins 25 years John & Mary Phillips 31 years
- 2 John & Christie Kupke 54 years Mark & Betsy Thompson 15 years Nick & Angeles Hill 20 years
- 3 Bob & Kathy Donaldson 44 years
- 4 Gary & Ruth Anne Wright 39 years
- 7 Fritz & Kathy Blum 36 years Richard & Emily Boits 14 years
- 8 Bill & Sharon Marshall 31 years Marshall & Larisa McKenna 20 years Mike & Diane Tolsma 14 years
- 10 Larry & Sandy Simonel *55 years* Byron & Marsha Robinson *38 years*
- 11 DuWayne & Connie Hintz *52 years*
- 12 Phillip & Mary Luzader 6 years
- 13 Linus & Vicki Rude 18 years Rita & Jim Lingeman 46 years
- 14 Mike & Jill O'Banyel 36 years





#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** (continued)

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 16 Scott & Kathy Waddell 43 years
- 17 Steven & Sheila Grigdesby 38 years
- 18 Jason & Kara DeArman 17 years
- 19 Daniel & Katharyn Williams 29 years
- 20 Marty & Stephanie Harmless 18 years Scott & Emily McClelland 10 years Ian & Lizzie Flanagan 7 years
- 21 Michael & Sandra Neely 42 years
- 25 George & Jean Davis 56 years
- 26 Paul & Valerie Finnell 31 years
- 28 Kevin & Terra Seidel 25 years Carl & Lisa Evans 36 years

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 2 Lee Lange Jenny Byers Caleb Fowles
- 3 Dorothy Benz-Buchanan Mable Chulock Drew Gall
- 4 Annesa Rae Cummins Quinn McFarlen
- 5 Jeanne Rodriguez Drew Childs Paul Woller Doris Shafer Sam Gall
- 6 Matt Sumpter Tyler Hromadka
- 7 Mary Ellen May Eric Lange Mike Stephens Clint Blackburn
- 9 Jen Thomas Sarah Thomas Carson Crane Jonathan Russell
- 10 Oscar Clavel Riley Brannon Holly Hamilton
- 11 Zac Turman
  Lena Stefansson
  Lauren Browning
  Anne King
  Jennifer Keller
- 12 Erica Fledderjohn
  Gary Daymon
  Janet McCaslin
  Cameron West
  Steven Grigdesby
  Dawn Miles
- 13 Lucy Emison
- **15** Melody Hotchkiss
- 16 Kevin O'Banyel

- 16 Andrew N Costlow Hank Teague William Luzader Dan Borns
- 17 Becky Mayo Rachel McClelland Sarah Noel
- 18 Keith Detrude
- 20 Jeannine Stokes Andrew Scales
- 21 Jenny Sturgis Kristin Gable Matt Fraser
- 22 Jeff Swiatek Carson McCaslin Fritz Hohlt Elly Douglass
- 23 Julie Kukolla Kyle Ems Jude Daymon Jacob Boits Lucas Boits Jane Miller
- 24 Mark Lubbers Paul Finnell Annie Costlow Frantz Lynn
- 25 Betty Harmless Mark Hamilton Lizzie Flanagan Kelsey Hobbs
- 26 Pat Riley Eden Parsons
- 27 Christine Fedor
- 28 Gary Miller
- 29 Hannah Howe Avery DeArman Kiley King Stuart Luzader







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### Back-to-School Giveaway Fun!









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