

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES

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TAB

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.

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

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

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



Pastoral Reflection

God's Light...

Dear Friends,

During the Advent and Christmas season we were reminded by our readings in John's Gospel "that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it." This is the promise and hope we find in the coming of Jesus...God's light in to our darkened world.

There are two different ways we can consider this darkness vs light scenario today.

We can say either "Look what the world is coming to" OR "Look what is coming to the world!" As followers of Jesus we can boldly claim the latter. Just as He is the Light of the World, so we are bearers of His light in the darkness! In ways large and small, noticed and unnoticed, we reflect His light and the darkness is still being cast out.

As we turn the pages of the new year we enter into our centennial year at the corner of 34th and Central, our centennial year of "being a light for Christ in this metropolitan area" (Metropolitan Mission Statement, 1966). There are many activities and programs and opportunities being planned which span the next 18 months since our "new" church wasn't dedicated until early 1923 and each of them celebrate our past and prepare us for the future. We will keep you informed of all of these as the year unfolds.

For now, let this be our prayer:

Gracious God,
May it never be said of me (us)...that having come to an open door, I closed it;
that having come to a lighted candle, I quenched it;
that having heard the pitiful one of earth begging for food, I made denial.
Rather, may I (we) become, for Jesus' sake, God's faithful servant,
carrying a light to guide other travelers in the dark night.
May I (we) as a recipient of Christ's life, allow it to live through me...
making me a nourisher of life and a channel of abundant life, now and always.
Amen.

I look forward with you to all that lies ahead in this new year because I put my trust and hope in the One Who has brought light in to our darkened world.

If you have not begun doing so already, I encourage you to return to in-person worship when you are ready and able. I look forward to being with you again.

God's blessings,

Rev. L. John Gable

January 2022

Preaching Schedule

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| <p>2 “The Ministry of John the Baptist”
Isaiah 1:6–9 & 19–24
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching</p> <p>9 Ordination & Installation of Officers
“Call of the Disciples”
John 1:35–51
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>16 “Wedding feast at Cana/Cleansing of the Temple”
John 2:1–24
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> | <p>23 “Nicodemus and the Woman at the Wall”
John 3 & John 4
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>30 “Healing on the Sabbath”
John 5:1–18
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> |
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Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 1 & 3** CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
- 9** 8:00a Officer Ordination
& 10:00a & Installation
- 17** CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
11:00a Pre-Teen Lunch & Movie
- 29** 5:30p Family Fun Night

WEEKLY

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| MWF | 11:00a Tab's Open Door |
| TUE | 9:30a Women Alive |
| WED | 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study |
| THU | 3:45p Tab Tutoring (<i>begins 1/20</i>)
6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| FRI | 7:00p Circle of Hope |
| SAT | 8:00a Men's Bible Study |
| SUN | 8:00a Communion Service
9:00a Education Hour
Children's Missions Unit
10:00a Worship
4:30p IMPACT Youth Group |

MONTHLY

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| 1st WED | 5:30p Mission Committee |
| 2nd MON | 5:00p Facilities Committee |
| 2nd TUE | 5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.
7:15p Worship, Music, Arts Comm. |
| 3rd TUE | 7:00p Session Mtg. |
| 3rd WED | 6:30p Moms of Tab |
| 4th TUE | 5:30p Congregational Life Comm.
7:00p Deacons' Meeting
Media Committee |
| 2nd & 4th SAT | 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
Knitting Group |

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

A Very Special Occasion

The Women's Tea

by Jeanne Morton

The Women's Ministry High Tea on December 4, was a beautiful way to celebrate the Christmas season! The church was festively decorated and 25 tables were beautifully adorned by table elves. Men of Tab served the tea and treats, and wonderful fellowship was enjoyed. The best treat at the end of the afternoon was to hear an inspiring and personal message from our own Kristin Gable. In the difficult times we've had recently through the pandemic, we clearly know how much we all need fellowship and opportunities to gather safely.

The Women of Tab Ministry seeks to offer opportunities for women to live into the mission of the church by offering Bible studies to help women grow in their faith (Greater Faith), fellowship opportunities (Deeper Relationships) and service opportunities (Stronger Community).

For more information contact womenoftab@tabpres.org.



Member Spotlight

Meet the Moceks

by Paula Daum



They are particularly appreciative of John Gable's teaching and especially grateful for Children's Ministries' programming in which Avery loves participating!

Every year, we welcome new members to the Tab family. We have been blessed to welcome members from a wide range of ages, including many young families. The Moceks are just one of those families, as they joined Tab in 2019.

Josh and Missy Mocek are native Hoosiers. The son of Tab member, Donna Garrett, Josh grew up in Indianapolis. He went to North Central High School and then graduated from IUPUI with a degree in history. Josh has spent his career in two areas—education and firefighting. His educational path included working as a kindergarten teacher and a special education assistant in Pike Township Schools. Always an athlete, Josh also spent 15 years coaching wrestling at North Central High School. After working in education for a while, Josh pursued a different path and became a firefighter with the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD). An IFD member for more than 8 years, he is currently at Station #27 on the east side of Indianapolis.

Missy grew up in Carmel and is a graduate of Carmel High School. She, too, is in the education field, and her expertise is in Special Education. Also an athlete, Missy played soccer in college for both Marshall University and then Ball State.

Missy and Josh first met while student teaching at North Central. After completing her teaching degree at Ball State, Missy spent two years working for an International Christian School in Lima, Peru. She speaks glowingly of her experiences in high school in going on mission trips to Nicaragua, so she knew she would enjoy an opportunity to work in either Central or South America.

During Missy's time in Peru, she and Josh remained connected. She returned to Indianapolis and began teaching at North Central. Josh and Missy married in 2015, and they have welcomed two lovely daughters. Avery will be four years old in February. Maya was born on New Year's Eve, and she just turned two.

Despite their very busy schedule with work and family, Josh and Missy both still prioritize time for exercise. Missy plays in an indoor soccer league every week. Josh has "retired" from coaching at this point, so he enjoys regular workouts—especially weightlifting—at the Jewish Community Center. As a family, they love to be outdoors with their two dogs, Bo and Peyton. (Yes, the dog is named after Peyton Manning!) They also enjoy traveling. Missy's siblings all live in other states, so they have had fun experiences in visiting with them. Josh's mom, Donna, lives nearby, so she gets plenty of opportunities to spoil her sweet granddaughters!

Both Josh and Missy grew up attending nondenominational churches, so Tab is their first connection with a Presbyterian church. They are particularly appreciative of John Gable's teaching and especially grateful for Children's Ministries programming in which Avery loves participating!

Centennial Kickoff

Here's What's Up!

by Matt Kauffman

As we look forward to the centennial celebration of Tab's move from 11th and Meridian Streets in 1923, keep your eyes open for some really exciting, special events that are being planned.

Some of these special recognitions of our centennial move include a new pictorial directory, a Centennial Cookbook (which we hope you are sending in your favorite recipes or dropping them off at the Front Office), a walk, run or ride from 11th and Meridian Streets to our present location at 34th and Central, a Centennial Banquet, a specially commissioned anthem for our celebration services, the re-creation of the 1923 Dedication Service and the opening of the Sanctuary Cornerstone.

So keep your eyes and ears open to these celebratory events as we move into the second century of ministry at 34th and Central in the coming year!!!



Read Through the Bible

January

1 Luke 5:27–39	Genesis 1–2	Psalm 1	17 Luke 13:18–35	Genesis 24	Psalm 17
2 Luke 6:1–26	Genesis 3–5	Psalm 2	18 Luke 14:1–24	Genesis 25	Psalm 18
3 Luke 6:27–49	Genesis 6–7	Psalm 3	19 Luke 14:25–35	Genesis 26	Psalm 19
4 Luke 7:1–17	Genesis 8–10	Psalm 4	20 Luke 15	Genesis 27:1–45	Psalm 20
5 Luke 7:18–50	Genesis 11	Psalm 5	21 Luke 16	Genesis 27:46–28:22	Psalm 21
6 Luke 8:1–25	Genesis 12	Psalm 6	22 Luke 17	Genesis 29:1–30	Psalm 22
7 Luke 8:26–56	Genesis 13–14	Psalm 7	23 Luke 18:1–17	Genesis 29:31–30:43	Psalm 23
8 Luke 9:1–27	Genesis 15	Psalm 8	24 Luke 18:18–43	Genesis 31	Psalm 24
9 Luke 9:28–62	Genesis 16	Psalm 9	25 Luke 19:1–27	Genesis 32–33	Psalm 25
10 Luke 10:1–20	Genesis 17	Psalm 10	26 Luke 19:28–48	Genesis 34	Psalm 26
11 Luke 10:21–42	Genesis 18	Psalm 11	27 Luke 20:1–26	Genesis 35–36	Psalm 27
12 Luke 11:1–28	Genesis 19	Psalm 12	28 Luke 20:27–47	Genesis 37	Psalm 28
13 Luke 11:29–54	Genesis 20	Psalm 13	29 Luke 21	Genesis 38	Psalm 29
14 Luke 12:1–31	Genesis 21	Psalm 14	30 Luke 22:1–38	Genesis 39	Psalm 30
15 Luke 12:32–59	Genesis 22	Psalm 15	31 Luke 22:39–71	Genesis 40	Psalm 31
16 Luke 13:1–17	Genesis 23	Psalm 16			

Tab News

Announcements & Events

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

All worshipers, vaccinated and un-vaccinated alike, are encouraged to wear masks while in the building. Those experiencing any symptoms of illness are strongly encouraged to stay home and worship with us remotely at youtube.com/tab-indy. We desire your health and protection and that of those worshiping near you.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

January 1 & 3 – Church Offices Closed

January 17 – Offices closed for MLK Jr. Day

ORDINATION AND DEDICATION OF NEW OFFICERS

We will ordain and install new elders and deacons during our services of worship on Sunday, January 9. Please hold our church officers in your prayers as they prayerfully seek God's guidance and discernment to lead us.

PRETEEN LUNCH AND A MOVIE:

All Tab students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to join us for our annual "Lunch and a Movie" outing from about 11:15 until 3 p.m. on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 17). We'll meet at Tab and take the Tab van to go out for lunch and then see a movie in a theater in the Castleton area. Please RSVP to Mrs. Wirt by January 10 if you'd like to join the group.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

On January 29 beginning at 5:30, Children's Ministries will host a Family Fun Night for the entire Tab family. We'll have a pitch-in dinner, followed by board games, Euchre, and a family-friendly film on the Gallery "big screen". Children's Ministries will provide the main dish and beverages, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. No reservations are needed, and child care will be available after dinner for children younger than 5.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY PARENTS' CLASS

During Missions Unit, Children's Ministries and Tab Missions will be partnering to offer a class at 9a each Sunday in the Dining Room. This class will run from January 16 through February 27 for parents of elementary students while their children are participating in the Missions Unit. The focus will be on raising "mission-minded" children and will discuss not only international missions, but mission opportunities right here in Indianapolis. The class will be moderated by Tab's Missions Director, Terri Thorn.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS STARTING JAN 9

Start off the New Year with author Tim Keller as we study his book "The Prodigal God" at the 9:00 AM Sunday Adult Education hour beginning January 9, 2022. Over six weekly sessions we will feature video and discussion around the powerful parable of the Prodigal Son focusing on insights uncovered from each of the characters in Jesus' teaching. We meet in the Parlor and look forward to both a deepened understanding of God's love and a time of fellowship.

CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

We'd love to have your favorite cookie or dessert recipe for any season! Please drop your recipes off to the front office or email to jakukolla@icloud.com. Your delicious recipes will be wonderful additions to Tab's Centennial Cookbook.

RAPHAEL HEALTH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Raphael Health Center has an immediate need for volunteers to assist with upcoming flu shot clinics:

Each week in January:

Mondays 9a–11a (COVID Clinic), Tuesdays 9a–12p (Flu Clinic), Wednesdays 9a–11a (Covid Clinic) & 2:30p–4:30pm (Covid peds)

Volunteers will greet the patients, give them the registration form to fill out, and then direct them to the nurse when it is their turn for the flu shot. If available, please email the Vaccine Clinic Coordinator, Karen Agbor at agbor@raphaelhc.org. Make sure to tell her that you are from Tab Church.

A Look Back

The Evans Window

by Ruth McDonald

When the Sanctuary was completed in 1923 it had no stained-glass windows. Within a year the large Chancel window was commissioned and was installed the following year. It was the generous gift of Edgar H. Evans, chair of the building committee, given in memory of his foster mother, Mary Evans. Thus it is known as “The Evans Window.” At the dedication service on December 28, 1924, Edgar Evans said,

“I hope that in the days to come the light that shines through this glass... will bring to the thoughts of men and women the teachings therein portrayed of the Lord and Master whom my mother served and whose she was.”

The window is 18 feet high and 11 feet wide containing 20,000 individual pieces of 13th century style glass set in five narrow windows called “lancets.” Each lancet features 10 medallions from the life of Christ. The central figure is the risen and reigning Christ with His right hand raised in blessing and His left hand holding a book with the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega. At the top of the

center lancet is a throne and shield with the letters ICXCNI-KA which stands for “Jesus Christ conquers all things.” At the apex of the window is the word “Emmanuel” which means “God with us.”

Together, the figure of Christ and the banner above Him form a cross which is the central symbol of Christianity. It is clear from the design of the window that the representation of the risen Christ that it is meant to provide a focus for worship in this beautiful, new Sanctuary.



Photo credit: Mark John

WELCOME LITTLE ONE

We are delighted to welcome Wesley Thomas Jefferies who was born October 22, 2021, to parents Adam & Grace Jefferies. Wesley is the grandson of Bill & Karen Jefferies. Congratulations and God's blessings to the family.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to Virginia and the family of Scott Browning. Scott died in the early hours of Monday, December 6th. Please keep Virginia, their son and daughter-in-law, Charlton and Michelle, and their grandchildren Taylor (Matt), Lauren and Hunter in your prayers.

In addition, we extend our sympathy to Karen Scamihorn in the passing of her husband, Dennis Scamihorn. Dennis passed away on Saturday, December 11th.

Also, please keep DuWayne and Connie Hintz and family in your prayers in the passing of DuWayne's sister, JoAnn, in North Dakota on Sunday, December 12th.

We continue to extend our sympathy to the family of Helen Englehart who joined the Church Triumphant on Sunday, December 19th. Helen and her husband David, who preceded her in death, joined Tab in 2009. Please keep her children Blair and Sally and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

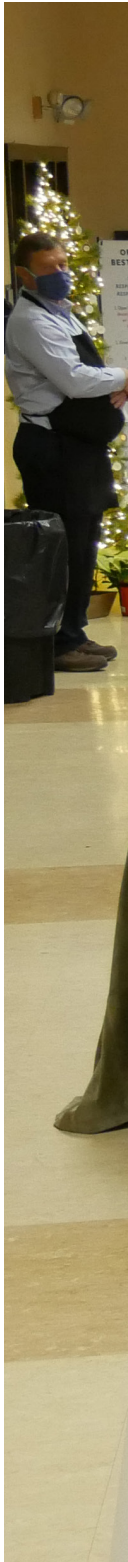
Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,860,250
YTD actual income:	\$1,967,443
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$107,193

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$2,069,563
YTD actual expenses	\$1,865,314
Under budget by:	\$204,249

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





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JANUARY

- 4 Eric & Lucy Kropp 19 years
- 5 Ryan & Sarah Brennan 3 years
- 9 Jonathan & Jennifer Russell 12 years
- 15 John & Jackie Wimsatt 11 years
- 17 Randy & Jacquie Green 19 years
- 19 Jeffrey & Denise Ridenour 31 years
- 28 Eric & Anne Lange 10 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

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| 1 Ruth McDonald | 16 Jasmine Townsend |
| 2 Kathy Brown-Mayes | Fritz Blum |
| Rose Pittman | Weber Morse |
| 3 Rob Springer | 17 Marshall McKenna |
| Jeanne Moosey | Jeanne Spellman |
| Holly Egan | Tate Turman |
| Kerry B. Mitchell | Lilia Smith |
| Bill Daymon | 18 Rod Lanum |
| 4 Brian Russell | Matt Gall |
| 5 Janet Hohlt | Stephanie Detrude |
| 6 Kathy Fowles | 19 Kayleigh Schumm |
| 7 Stella Fowles | Richard Hall |
| Stephanie Verbarg | 20 Michael Jefferies |
| Dennis Johnson | Kathy Williams |
| 8 Annette Ireland | 21 Charles Packer |
| Lainey Meils | Eric Herzog |
| Dave Mills | 22 Carolyn Dodd |
| 10 Barbara Babcock | 23 Julie Hudson |
| Kathy Gunn | Eleanor Luzader |
| Caleb Goss | 24 Ellen Moeller |
| 11 Lucas Meils | 25 Larry Tovsky |
| John Byers | Joshua Kupke |
| Camille Cantwell | Kathy Dickerman |
| 12 Ellie Morse | 26 Craig Costlow |
| Jami Turman | Randy Belden |
| Heather Gillespie | Don Heitman |
| Gina Klopp | 27 Andrew Hamilton |
| 13 Erica Koehring | Sarah Malito |
| 14 Caroline Gilroy | Tom Ahearn |
| Don Douglass | 28 Brenda Huston |
| Bethany Chatelain | 30 Susie Birk |
| 15 Libby Pike | 31 Meg Sterchi |
| John Keller | Kelly Graner |

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A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR COMMUNITY FRIENDS

Recently, our Open Door neighbors received a special blessing from our partner-friends at Shortridge High School. Juniors Abigayle Bonner and Daelyn Wissler organized a goods collection at Shortridge as part of a service project and graduation requirement. According to the two juniors, they wanted to do something that built on the relationship that Shortridge has with Tabernacle and the relationship Tab has with the community. The donated abundance included three tables of items: winter wear, food, and hygiene products. Working with our Associate Pastor, Terri Thorn, these young ladies helped manifest our vision of Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships and Stronger Community and were as much of a blessing to Tab folks as they were to the neighbors.

