

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

Can We Talk About It?

Dear Friends,

When we celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 17, are we celebrating the end of the beginning or the beginning of the end?

We typically think of Christmas as being the “beginning” of the Jesus story which naturally would make Easter the “end” of the story, but that it not the case at all. The resurrection is not the end of the story - it is the beginning of a whole new story, or at least chapter 2 of the greatest story ever told.

Consider this. When the Gospel writers set out to tell the story of Jesus they knew how the story ended. They knew about His life and ministry, His death and His resurrection. So, knowing how the story ends, they had to go back and fill in how the story began and then fill in all of the details in between. The Gospels then were written in retrospect, from back to front, from ending to beginning.

While it may be true that we cannot have Easter without Christmas, it is even more true to say that we would never have heard the Christmas story if it were not for the events of Easter Day!

The early church celebrated Easter long before it became popular to celebrate Christmas. Almost immediately the first believers restructured the way they worshiped the One they called the Messiah. While in the Jewish tradition the Sabbath day had always been Saturday, those first century Christians soon changed it to Sunday, in recognition of the Resurrection Day! Every Sunday is a reminder to us still of what God did for Jesus on that first Easter Day!

Perhaps this is why Easter has remained a more “sacred” holiday than Christmas has become. Anyone can find a good reason to celebrate the birth of a child, even a child born long ago in a far-away place. However, only those who have come to believe that Jesus is the Promised Messiah of God would find the real joy and meaning of Easter and the promise of new life it offers to us.

I hope you will join us in worship on Easter Sunday, April 17. Our service times will be 7:30a, 9:00a and 11:00a. The youth will be serving their traditional Easter Continental Breakfast in the Dining Room that morning. They will also be receiving a free will offering to support both their summer mission trip to Phoenix and the Ukrainian relief effort with our mission partners in Romania.

I also hope you will join us during Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, April 10th: 8:00a and 10:00a

Maundy Thursday, April 14th: 7:00p Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Good Friday, April 15th: 7:00p (Service of Tenebrae)

It will be a joy for us to worship together as we celebrate the Good News of our faith...from end to beginning.

Easter Blessings,

Rev. L. John Gable

Preaching Schedule

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| <p>3 Fifth Sunday in Lent
“Jesus the True Vine”
John 15:1–17
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching</p> <p>10 Palm/Passion Sunday
“Entry Into Jerusalem”
John 12:1–19
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>14 Maundy Thursday Service
7p McKee Chapel
“Washes Feet/New Commandment”
John 13:1–35
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching</p> | <p>15 Good Friday Tenebrae Service
7p Sanctuary
“Peter’s Denial”
John 13:36–38 & 18:15–40
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>17 Easter Sunday
John 20:1–10
“Resurrection”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
7:30a Sunrise Service;
9a & 11a Easter Celebration Services</p> <p>24 “Can I Get a Witness?”</p> |
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Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 9** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
3:00p Children’s Ministries
Mystery Outing
- 10** 9:00a Time w/John & Jennifer Keller
- 14** 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service
- 15** 7:00p Good Friday Service
- 16** 10:00a Easter Egg Hunt
- 17** 7:30a Easter Sunrise Service
8:45a Youth Continental Breakfast
Missions Fundraiser
9a & 11a Easter Celebration Services
- 23** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 24** 4:00p Holy Land Organizational Mtg
- 29 & 30** Pictorial Directory Pictures

WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a Tab’s Open Door
- MON** 6:00p Women’s Bible Study
- TUE** 9:00a Construction Meeting
9:30a Women Alive
6:30p Prayer Group
- WED** 9:30a Pastors’ Bible Study
- THU** 3:45p Tab Tutoring
6:00p Handbell Rehearsal
7:00p Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal
- SAT** 8:00a Men’s Bible Study
- SUN** 8:00a Worship
10:00a Worship

MONTHLY

- 1st MON** 12:30p HR Comm.
- 1st TUE** 7:00p Spiritual Growth & Dev.
- 1st WED** 5:30p Missions Comm.
- 2nd MON** 5:30p Facilities Comm.
- 2nd TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.
7:00p Children’s Ministries Comm.
7:15p Worship, Music, Arts Comm.
- 2nd THU** 5:00p Open Door Sub-Committee
- 3rd TUE** 7:00p Session Mtg.
- 3rd WED** 6:30p Moms of Tab
- 4th TUE** 5:00p Media Committee
5:30p Congregational Life Mtg.
7:00p Deacons’ Meeting

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

Ukraine Response

The War & the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis

by Matt Gall

As soon as the war in Ukraine began, Tab's partners in Romania moved into action to help support the needs of refugees coming into Romania.

Marshall and Larissa McKenna (Mana Deschisa—aka Open Hand) have been Tab partners in central Romania since Marshall moved there more than 25 years ago. For years, Mana Deschisa has specialized in ministry to women and children so it was equipped to assist the refugees. Marshall and his team immediately drove to the border to lend support and offer housing for those that needed it. They determined that they could house 15–20 people. After only ten days and several trips to the Ukraine border, Mana Deschisa was caring for more than 50 refugees directly, filling their existing spaces and networking with concerned neighbors and town officials to help care for so many more. Additionally, Mana Deschisa is helping coordinate transportation of hundreds more additional refugees, finding safety and housing in neighboring areas, and transporting needed supplies back to the border towns to meet the constant new flow of refugees. Due to this crisis, Mana Deschisa has additional housing and supply costs that may last for many months, construction costs associated with adding to their current capacity, and they are in process of creating a couple of classrooms for the many Ukrainian children now in their care. Tab Session has committed to an initial financial contribution to Mana Deschisa in excess of Tab's normal annual support, with the expectation of more support. If you feel so led to make a personal donation as well, you can give electronically via this web site:

<https://reachtoromania.org/mana-deschisa-open-hand>

Or you can make a check payable to the following address: Reach to Romania, Inc., Mana Deschisa, 8370 Harrison Pkwy, Fishers, IN 46038.



MissionLink International (MLI) has similarly partnered with Tab since the early 90's when Tab first entered relationships with the towns of Alexandria and Zimnicea in south-central Romania. Emil Toader, president of MLI, was at Tab in Oct 2021, and described the church partnering portion of their service across all of Romania, as well as the services they provide to a large number of needs from their main location in Timisoara, Romania. Tab's friends in Alexandria have been named as a distribution Center by the Romanian Baptist Union and are working as a central hub for services. MLI's many partner locations across the country are actively providing housing, food, safety, and schooling for the thousands of refugees across the country. MLI will continue to coordinate and provide financial resources to their many church partnerships as the churches themselves are filling the many needs of this situation. If you would like to contribute directly to MLI's efforts, you can contribute electronically via this site (follow the yellow banner):

<https://missiointernational.org/>,

Or you can mail a check to:

Missio International, P.O. Box 10967, Knoxville, TN 37939.

Thank you for your prayers and support of these ministries, and for the all of those effected by the war in Ukraine.

Tab Tutoring

Creating Bonds!

by Carol Newell

The Tab Tutoring program normally starts in the fall, but this school year due to the pandemic, we started in February. The program will run through May 12th. We started with fifteen students from both the Oaks Academy and Phalen Academy@48 (formerly IPS 48). As we are able to get more tutors to help, we are adding more students, but there are still children on the waiting list!

We are so grateful for our tutors and volunteers who help in many ways, such as Sara Heitman, who not only tutors, but also is in charge of acquiring and getting the snacks ready for the students each week. We have two volunteers who check the students in, Sharon Poole and Nancy Hitchcock. Mike O'Banyel drives our bus to pick up the students at the Oaks Academy, accompanied by tutor Steve Bailey who rides along to supervise. Jeff Poole is our substitute for Steve. Kristin Gable is our substitute when the program leaders, Carolee Berry, Barb Babcock or I, are on our own. This way there are always two adults to oversee the program each week. Kristin also makes sure each child has an age appropriate devotional for the year.

I think the most rewarding aspect of the return of the tutoring program has been seeing the faces of the tutors and students as they come together to share the afternoon. I cannot overstate the significance of the bonds that are being created and the opportunity to serve God through this ministry.

Our current need remains more tutors and substitute tutors, which will allow us to serve more students. As always we ask for your prayers that we are guided by God in our service to Him in this ministry.



Holy Week

SCHEDULE

Passion/Palm Sunday | April 10
8:00a Communion Service
10:00a Worship Service

Maundy Thursday | April 14
7:00p Communion Service

Good Friday | April 15
7:00p Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday | April 16
10:00a Easter Egg Hunt for the whole family

Easter Sunday | April 17
7:30a Easter Sunrise Service
8:45a–11:00a Youth Easter Breakfast
9:00a Easter Worship Service
11:00a Easter Worship Service

*Join us in-person or streaming at
youtube.com/user/tabindy.*

Read Through the Bible

April

1 Matthew 25:1–30	Numbers 30–31	Job 1	16 Acts 5:17–42	Deuteronomy 25–27	Job 16
2 Matthew 25:31–46	Numbers 32–34	Job 2	17 Acts 6	Deuteronomy 28	Job 17
3 Matthew 26:1–25	Numbers 35–36	Job 3	18 Acts 7:1–22	Deuteronomy 29–30	Job 18
4 Matthew 26:26–46	Deuteronomy 1–2	Job 4	19 Acts 7:23–8:1	Deuteronomy 31–32	Job 19
5 Matthew 26:47–75	Deuteronomy 3–4	Job 5	20 Acts 8:1–25	Deuteronomy 33–34	Job 20
6 Matthew 27:1–31	Deuteronomy 5–6	Job 6	21 Acts 8:26–40	Joshua 1–2	Job 21
7 Matthew 27:32–66	Deuteronomy 7–8	Job 7	22 Acts 9:1–25	Joshua 3:1–5:1	Job 22
8 Matthew 28	Deuteronomy 9–10	Job 8	23 Acts 9:26–43	Joshua 5:2–6:27	Job 23
9 Acts 1	Deuteronomy 11–12	Job 9	24 Acts 10:1–33	Joshua 7–8	Job 24
10 Acts 2:1–13	Deuteronomy 13–14	Job 10	25 Acts 10:34–48	Joshua 9–10	Job 25
11 Acts 2:14–47	Deuteronomy 15–16	Job 11	26 Acts 11:1–18	Joshua 11–12	Job 26
12 Acts 3	Deuteronomy 17–18	Job 12	27 Acts 11:19–30	Joshua 13–14	Job 27
13 Acts 4:1–22	Deuteronomy 19–20	Job 13	28 Acts 12	Joshua 15–17	Job 28
14 Acts 4:23–37	Deuteronomy 21–22	Job 14	29 Acts 13:1–25	Joshua 18–19	Job 29
15 Acts 5:1–16	Deuteronomy 23–24	Job 15	30 Acts 13:26–52	Joshua 20–21	Job 30

Tab News

Announcements & Events

SPECIAL SERVICES

Maundy Thursday: April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter: April 17 at 7:30 a.m. Sunrise,

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Easter Celebration Services

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to help fill our Sanctuary and McKee Chapel with beautiful flowers on Easter in honor or in memory of someone, please return your order form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, April 10. Order forms are available in this Chimes or at the table in McKee Hallway.

YOUTH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Please join your Tab family for an Easter Continental Breakfast on Sunday, April 17, from 8:45a–11:00a, in the Dining Room. Youth Ministries will serve a light breakfast on Easter morning. Your donations to Youth Ministries will help fund their summer mission trip to Neighborhood Ministries in Phoenix, Arizona. The Tab youth are so excited to return to Phoenix this year after two years of missing this opportunity! Reservations are not required. Please come join our fellowship!

2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will take place June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Our theme will be "Wilderness Escape," and we will learn about Moses leading the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt and through the wilderness toward the Promised Land. There is no fee for VBS, but pre-registration is required so that we have plenty of craft, snack and learning materials on hand. This year's VBS is a "marketplace" format, so we'll need MANY adult and teen volunteers to serve as group leaders and marketplace shopkeepers. If you're interested in volunteering or have questions about registration, please contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org

EASTER EGG HUNT

Mark your calendars for this year's Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on Saturday, April 16, from 10-11:30a. We will decorate cookies, play a game or two and do a fun craft at the north end of Tab's parking lot, after which we will hunt for eggs in Tab Park. This event is open to all children age 12 and younger and friends are welcome! There's no fee and no registration is required; just come and have some Easter fun!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome three new members to the Tab family! Ron and Sandy Loper, along with Bernice Corley, were accepted into membership at the March Session meeting. As a reminder, new members have a yellow ribbon on their name tags, so please seek out Ron, Sandy and Bernice on Sunday mornings to welcome them to the Tab church family!

MISS A TAB SERMON? WANT TO HEAR ONE AGAIN?

The easiest way to hear, watch or read a past sermon is to visit tabpres.org and tap on the big blue box labeled "Sermons." Choose your sermon and be inspired all over again. If you'd like, subscribe to the Tab Podcast on most podcast apps. In addition, sermons are broadcast locally on WIBC 93.1, Sunday mornings at 6:30a. Spread the Word!

NEED TO CHECK A CALENDAR DATE?

Looking for scheduled events at Tab, or even check to see if a room might be available by logging in to tabpres.org/calendar. The calendar is continuously up-dated to reflect current events in the building. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an event please contact Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org or 317-923-5458 x102

SAVE THE DATES!

We will be hosting photographers for this year's pictorial church directory in April and May. The photography dates are Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, and Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14. We will be signing folks up for these photo sessions on Sunday mornings beginning March 20 in McKee Hallway. All families who sign up for a photography session will get a free 8x 10 photograph. If you have a question or to sign up for a photo session please contact Paula Daum at paula.daum@tabpres.org or at (317) 923-5458 ext. 104.

PURLS OF WISDOM

Purls of Wisdom is an encouraging group that meets for fellowship and to share God's love. We do knitting, crochet and other needle crafts. Anyone is welcome to join us anytime. We continue to meet every second and fourth Saturday mornings from 10:00a -12 noon, at Tab. There are some that cannot attend our meetings. They work on their offerings at home and turn them at the church or directly to one of the Purls. Contact Nancy Koehring at [nlrmk@hotmail.com](mailto:nlrnk@hotmail.com) for more information.

A Look Back

The Heart of the Tab Building is the McKee Chapel

by Bruce McDonald

In 1928, the second phase of construction began, following the completion of the Tab Sanctuary in 1923. Favorable construction bids allowed the combining of the second phase—the iconic Tab tower and the Chapel—and the third phase into one combined project. This decision expedited the construction of the Education wing, which included the Gymnasium, the Ladies' Parlor, and an extensive layout of Sunday School classrooms. Long-time Tab member Myron McKee, Jr.—who remarkably served 29 years as a Tab Endowment trustee, and is the brother of the late Rosalie Lange—said his grandfather, William McKee, in the 1920s, was in the burgeoning automobile insurance business, with his young son Myron Sr., at a time when car ownership and the need for someone to sell the new owners an insurance policy was growing exponentially. A generous joint gift from the two Mr. McKees—father and son—resulted in Tab's decision to express its gratitude by declaring the prominent feature of this building project the McKee Chapel, and it has been so-named ever since.

On Easter Sunday 1948, with an overflowing Sanctuary, a new public-address system was dedicated and used for the first time to carry the service into the Chapel, the Parlor and the Gym. Usually, though, the Chapel was the home of the Tabernacle Chapel Class, which met every Sunday morning under the leadership of Miss Jean Duthie. In addition to her duties as superintendent of the Junior Department, Miss Duthie taught this class for at least 30 years, including one stretch of perfect attendance for 11 years. In 1981, the Chapel underwent a renovation with the addition of a new Rieger tracker organ, installed on a cantilevered platform mounted on the rear wall of the Chapel. A good Tab Trivia question would be "How does one get into the organ loft?" The centerpiece of the renovation, however, was the installation of 16 new stained-glass windows, again stemming from a generous gift from the McKee family—and again it was Myron and Helen McKee, 50-plus years after their original gift. The



windows were designed and installed by the Willet Hauser Architectural Glass company in Philadelphia, the same studio which provided the main sanctuary windows 25 years earlier in the 1950s. Each window is designed with a theme of a unique "I Am" statement from Jesus, such as "I am the Resurrection" and "I am the Bread of Life," and each beautifully tells its own story.

Upon completion of the McKee Chapel in 1929, weddings in this beautiful space were in high demand as Tab was the only church on the north side of Indianapolis with a chapel. When soldiers and sailors returned from World War II in droves, eager to wed their sweetheart, the Chapel was the most popular venue in town for weddings. In the late 1940s, with as many as three to five wedding services each and every weekend, Dr. Vale made the wise decision to train his young secretary, Margaret Medsker, to become Tab's wedding director, thereby significantly reducing the limited time he had to spend on these special

ceremonies. Margaret—whom we know better as long-time Tab member Margaret Hansen-Kahn, and for many years the only church wedding director in Indianapolis—continued as wedding director until 1987, a string of 40 years helping young couples tie the knot.





WELCOME LITTLE ONE

We are delighted to announce the birth of Alex Bruder on Wednesday, March 2. Alex is the son of Elizabeth and Steven Bruder, brother of Sam and the grandson of Jennifer and Dave Streit. Congratulations!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family expresses our sympathy to the family of Barbara Deck who passed away on Friday, March 4. Barbara was a 71 year member of our church family and was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 2009. Please remember her daughters, Laura, Pam and Nancy and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mike Weaver who passed away on Thursday, March 10. Please keep Bonnie and his children' in your prayers during this difficult time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$555,447
YTD actual income:	\$566,950
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$11,503

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$455,223
YTD actual expenses	\$419,948
Under budget by:	\$35,275

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

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| 1 Thulani Smith
Gwen Chastain | 14 Julianne Brown
Marjorie Hobley |
| 2 Rebecca Townsend
Denise Ridenour
Dan Williams
Val Phelps | 15 David Weyreter
David Moudy
Amanda Foster-Moudy
Chris Moorman |
| 3 Ann Weller
Harrison Chastain
Edison Chastain
Lucy Kropp
Tim Moore | 16 Ellie Krueger
Doressa Kupke |
| 4 John Kendrick
Charlie DeArman
John Fraps | 17 Terry Turman
Eleanor Souers
Henry Malito |
| 5 Audrey McCaslin
Martha Sue Batt
Toni Rohr
Tim Taylor | 18 Richard Gunn |
| 6 Rhonda Osborne
Becky Lapp | 19 Caitlin Teague |
| 7 Sarah Orr
Mitch Daniels
Evan Ojala
Teresa Stephens
Candy Hammond | 20 Gary Nickel
Mary Luzader
Griffin Barnett |
| 8 Ann Ost
Mark Middleton | 21 Janet Burris |
| 9 Ian Thomas
Elsie Cerena | 22 Mick Daum
Cathleen Perry |
| 10 John Kennedy
Claudia Van Winkle | 24 Tom Wirt
Sam Orr
Cullen Hawkins
Mansa Samlafo
Christman Johnson
William Johnson |
| 11 Lezlie Laxton
Don McMurtry | 25 Gavin Sterchi
Claire Turman
Joyce Peipert |
| 12 Kristen Petruniw
Penelope Grove
Sergio Fernandez | 26 George Peyton
Tyler Russell
Carly Hughes |
| 13 Meagan Niese
Phil Teague
Sarah Brennan
Andrew Boits | 27 Debbie Kauffman
Izabelle O'Banyel
Barbara Boyd |
| | 28 Jeff Poole |
| | 29 John Wimsatt |
| | 30 Beth Brunsting
Kim Ledger
Becky Rissen
Cleo Kupke |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Bloor & Molly Redding 66 years |
| 4 John & Jeannie Byers 52 years |
| 10 Tim & Ali Meils 12 years |
| 12 Eric & Anne King 42 years |
| 13 John & Jennifer Keller 37 years
Rich & Gina Klopp 31 years |
| 20 Matt & Christine Gall 26 years |
| 23 David & Camille Cantwell 28 years |
| 24 Chris & Christine Fedor 23 years
Bill & Sondra Heeter 40 years |
| 26 Jason & Molly Simons 8 years |
| 27 Hoagy & Priscilla Elliott 9 years |
| 30 Tyson & Gwen Chastain 11 years |

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

EASTER *Flowers*



Fill our worship spaces with an array of beautiful potted plants and ferns.

The plants may be donated "In honor of" or "In memory of" a special loved one, friend, or ministry and may be taken following the 11:00a service on Easter Sunday morning.

Cost for each plant is \$25

Given by: _____
please print clearly

☐ In Memory of: ☐ In Honor of:

please print clearly

I would like: _____ Potted Flowering Plant
 _____ Potted Fern (only 16 ferns available)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, April 10. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Easter Flowers."