

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](http://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](http://www.tabpres.org)

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



# Pastoral Reflection

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## Summer Fun

Dear Friends,

Sometimes I think August should feel like the “lazy, hazy days of summer,” but not so at Tab this August. There are several special events I would like you to be aware of and participate in.

On Sunday, August 7, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of a Tab Youth Caravan that was life-changing for many who participated in it. Out of that experience several became ordained Presbyterian ministers and many others faithful followers of Jesus. During worship, we will remember and celebrate the 50th anniversary of that Caravan and Rev. Glenn McDonald, one of the “caravaners,” will be our guest preacher.

On Sunday, August 14, we are calling a congregational meeting at 9:00a in McKee Chapel to elect a Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. This is a necessary next step for us as we fill the Associate Pastor office vacated by Rev. Oscar Clavel and currently being filled, on a contract basis, by Rev. Terri Thorn. We would like to formalize that position.

Also on Sunday, August 14, at 11:00a those who recently traveled to the Holy Land will share pictures and tell stories about their experience, and that evening at 6:00p will be the summer’s final TabJams in Tab Park. Staci McCrackin, Stephanie Allen-Stevenson and Alaina Renae will be our guest performers and it promises to be another great concert. Last month we estimate there were 400—500 people in Tab Park for Tab-Jams...mostly our neighbors.

On Sunday, August 21, the children of Tab will present their musical following worship. The musical, directed by Jennifer Wirt, our Director of Children’s Ministries, is always a special treat as we celebrate the youngest members of the Tab Church family.

Sunday, August 28, will be another special day at Tab because we will be presenting Bibles during worship to our young people entering the 3rd and 7th grades. We will also be hosting a “Brownie Event” in celebration of the new brownie production machine we purchased recently for our partners in ministry in Colombia, the Christian Union Sports Club. Come and enjoy a brownie treat and hear about that wonderful ministry led by Mark Wittig.

All of that is coming up in August...and those are just the activities being planned for the Sundays!

I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Rev. L. John Gable



# August 2022

## Preaching Schedule

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| <p><b>7</b> 50th Anniversary of Caravan<br/>Matthew 5:13–16<br/>“Exactly What the World Needs”<br/>Rev. Glenn McDonald, preaching</p> <p><b>14</b> Matthew 5:17–20<br/>“Setting the Bar”<br/>Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> | <p><b>21</b> Matthew 5:21–32<br/>“You Have Heard It Said, Part 1”<br/>Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching</p> <p><b>28</b> Matthew 5:33–48<br/>“You Have Heard It Said, Part 2”<br/>Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> |
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## Event Schedule

### SPECIAL

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| <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>28</b></p> | <p>6:00p</p> <p>6:00p</p> <p>9:00a</p> <p>11:00a</p> <p>6:00p</p> <p>11:00a</p> <p>9:00a</p> <p>11:00a</p> | <p>Children’s Musical Rehearsal</p> <p>Children’s Musical Rehearsal</p> <p>Fresh Stop Produce<br/>Purls of Wisdom</p> <p>Congregational Meeting<br/>Israel Presentation<br/>TabJams</p> <p>Children’s Musical Rehearsal</p> <p>Children’s Musical<br/>Children’s Ministries<br/>Soda Social</p> <p>Fresh Stop Produce<br/>Purls of Wisdom</p> <p>Colombia Brownie<br/>Celebration</p> |
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### WEEKLY

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| <p><b>MWF</b></p> <p><b>TUE</b></p> <p><b>WED</b></p> <p><b>SAT</b></p> <p><b>SUN</b></p> | <p>11:00a</p> <p>9:00a</p> <p>9:30a</p> <p>8:00a</p> <p>8:00a</p> | <p>Tab’s Open Door</p> <p>Construction Meeting<br/>Prayer Group</p> <p>Pastors’ Bible Study</p> <p>Men’s Bible Study</p> <p>Worship<br/>Worship</p> |
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### MONTHLY

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| <p><b>1st TUE</b></p> <p><b>1st WED</b></p> <p><b>1st MON</b></p> <p><b>2nd MON</b></p> <p><b>2nd TUE</b></p> <p><b>3rd TUE</b></p> <p><b>4th TUE</b></p> | <p>7:00p</p> <p>5:30p</p> <p>12:00p</p> <p>5:30p</p> <p>5:00p</p> <p>7:00p</p> <p>5:00p</p> | <p>Spiritual Growth &amp; Dev.</p> <p>Missions Comm.</p> <p>HR Comm.</p> <p>Facilities Comm.<br/>Black History Article Team</p> <p>Budget &amp; Finance Comm.<br/>Children’s Ministries Comm.<br/>Worship, Music, Arts Comm.</p> <p>Session Mtg.</p> <p>Media Committee<br/>Congregational Life Mtg.<br/>Deacons’ Meeting</p> |
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Please visit [tabpres.org](http://tabpres.org) for a complete calendar of events.

# Youth Group Mission

## A Visit to Neighborhood Ministries

After two very long years of missing our friends at Neighborhood Ministries Kids' Club, Tab Youth Group was excited to return to Phoenix this summer! 17 people (including 4 chap-erones) made the trip west to serve and enjoy fellowship, fun and service.

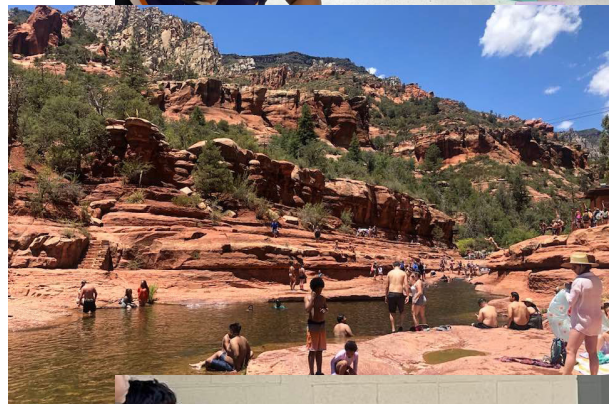
Neighborhood Ministries' mission is "to be the presence of Jesus Christ, sharing his life-transforming hope, love and power among distressed families of urban Phoenix to ignite their passion for God and His Kingdom." It does so by reaching out to the inner city community in numerous ways. It teaches business skills through having a bicycle shop, a t-shirt printing company, and an urban farm that teaches kids business skills while producing produce for the community. Education is also vitally important and tutoring is provided along with an on-site preschool. As kids grow, more opportunities and assistance are provided. There is also a thrift shop, food and clothing bank, parenting classes and a church.

For our fourth trip (should have been 6th but missed the last two years due to covid travel restrictions), we volunteered at Kids Club which is a two week camp for inner city youth aged 5-13. Each morning, we arrived at 8:30a to worship with the leaders for ½ an hour. We then went outside to greet the kids as they arrived before going back inside for a time of worship with the campers. While a plethora of activities are offered, our responsibility was to run an activity for four groups of K-3 kids on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and three hour-long groups of 4-7 graders on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Once again, we made lots of crafts with each group. We connected our crafts to lessons about Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. While there, we also were asked to provide activities during transition times between activities. This included making a 100-square hop-sotch trail, playing soccer in 112 degree heat and generally running around with 350 kids! As is tradition, our last day in Arizona was spent with just our youth group. We ventured to Slide Rock in Sedona where we marveled in the beauty of the red rocks, played in the lake and slid down the ice-cold mountain fed stream.

Our youth expressed numerous times how much this trip meant to them and several expressed interest in returning every year, even when they are in college. They were touched by the relationships they were able to form with the campers in such a short time. Given that this was our fourth trip to Phoenix, the older youth were the leaders and the adults were the support-team. It was an amazing week!

We would like to extend a special thank you to our volun-

teers Jacquie Green and Holly Frasier. As always, we are very thankful to Tab for all of the support provided to its youth as they learn more about what it means to be a Christian and to serve Jesus.





# A Visit to Israel

## Study Trip to the Holy Land

For two weeks in June, 28 of us from Tab had the experience of a life-time touring the Holy Land. The trip was planned and organized by Rev. John Gable and led by Andre Shama, a Palestinian Christian tour guide, who lives in Haifa, Israel. Andre endeared himself to all of us with his knowledge about Scripture, the history and on-going challenges in the relationship between Israel and Palestine, and his personal faith experience.

The study tour began in Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean Sea. We visited the ancient city of Jaffa (Joppa), then visited the ancient ruins of Tel Gezer, dating back to the time of King Solomon and before.

We spent two days in the region of the Dead Sea, then traveled north, stopping to visit in Jericho, on our way to the Sea of Galilee where Jesus spent nearly all of His ministry. We saw Capernaum (Jesus' headquarters), Tabgha (the feeding of the 5000), the Mount of the Beatitudes, Bethsaida and Caesarea Philippi (where Peter confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!") We traveled inland to Nazareth and on to Megiddo (the site of many famous battles throughout history).

Our last five days were spent in Jerusalem. We visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (marking the place where Jesus was crucified and buried), Gordon's Tomb (a gravesite similar to the garden where Jesus would have been buried), the Western Wall and the Temple Mount. One day we crossed the boundary wall and visited Bethlehem, where we shared our devotions in a cave in the Shepherd's Field and enjoyed the beauty of the Chapel there. For our last days in Jerusalem, we overlooked the city from atop the Mount of Olives and walked the path of the Via Dolorosa, Jesus' final walk through the city to the cross of Calvary.

It was a remarkable experience for all of us. We have more pictures and stories to share so we hope you will join us on Sunday, August 14, at 11a in the Dining Room.



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# Front Office Administrator!

We are delighted to announce that we have hired a new Front Office Administrator, Ivonne Blanco. Ivonne is moving to Indianapolis from Alexandria, Virginia and is recently married to our contemporary worship musician, Pavel Polanco-Safadit. Ivonne brings a warm and gentle personality and a wealth of experience to our Front Office. Prior to her move she served as the Parish Executive Assistant in a very similar position in a very large Catholic parish in Alexandria. We look forward to welcoming her to Tab.

Welcome, Ivonne!



# Read Through the Bible

## August

1 I Corinthians 16	II Kings 12–13	Micah 3	17 John 3:1–21	I Chronicles 12	Zechariah 2
2 II Corinthians 1:1–2:4	II Kings 14	Micah 4:1–5:1	18 John 3:22–36	I Chronicles 13–14	Zechariah 3
3 II Corinthians 2:5–3:18	II Kings 15–16	Micah 5:2–15	19 John 4:1–26	I Chronicles 15:1–16:6	Zechariah 4
4 II Corinthians 4:1–5:10	II Kings 17	Micah 6	20 John 4:27–42	I Chronicles 16:7–43	Zechariah 5
5 II Corinthians 5:11–6:13	II Kings 18	Micah 7	21 John 4:43–54	I Chronicles 17	Zechariah 6
6 II Corinthians 6:14–7:16	II Kings 19	Nahum 1	22 John 5:1–18	I Chronicles 18–19	Zechariah 7
7 II Corinthians 8	II Kings 20–21	Nahum 2	23 John 5:19–47	I Chronicles 20:1–22:1	Zechariah 8
8 II Corinthians 9	II Kings 22:1–23:35	Nahum 3	24 John 6:1–21	I Chronicles 22:2–23:32	Zechariah 9
9 II Corinthians 10	II Kings 23:36–24:20	Habakkuk 1	25 John 6:22–59	I Chronicles 24	Zechariah 10
10 II Corinthians 11	II Kings 25	Habakkuk 2	26 John 6:60–71	I Chronicles 25–26	Zechariah 11
11 II Corinthians 12	I Chronicles 1–2	Habakkuk 3	27 John 7:1–24	I Chronicles 27–28	Zechariah 12
12 II Corinthians 13	I Chronicles 3–4	Zephaniah 1	28 John 7:25–52	I Chronicles 29	Zechariah 13
13 John 1:1–18	I Chronicles 5–6	Zephaniah 2	29 John 8:1–20	II Chronicles 1:1–2:16	Zechariah 14
14 John 1:19–34	I Chronicles 7–8	Zephaniah 3	30 John 8:21–47	II Chronicles 2:17–5:1	Malachi 1:1–2:9
15 John 1:35–51	I Chronicles 9	Haggai 1–2	31 John 8:48–59	II Chronicles 5:2–14	Malachi 2:10–16
16 John 2	I Chronicles 10–11	Zechariah 1			



# Tab News

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## Announcements & Events

### **BITE-SIZED FAITH**

Women of Tab...Please mark your calendars for a special evening on Friday, September 16th at 7p in the Tab Dining Room. Hear from a panel of our friends about their everyday faith and sample recipes from the Centennial Cookbook that will be unveiled that evening! We look forward to a wonderful time together.

### **SAVE THE DATE! TABFEST IS COMING!**

Planning activities are now taking place for this year's Tabfest! This all-church retreat will be held the weekend of November 11-13 at Turkey Run State Park. We will have a weekend full of activities, including presentations by special guest, Ray Jones. Ray is the Director of Theology, Formation and Evangelism with the PC(USA). More information on the weekend will be available later in September, and registration will take place during the month of October. Questions? Contact Paula Daum at [paula.daum@tabpres.org](mailto:paula.daum@tabpres.org) or at (317) 923-5458, ext. 104.

### **SANCTUARY CHOIR**

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsals for next year beginning Thursday, August 25. No previous experience is necessary, just a love of music and a love of praising God with your talent! Rehearsals begin at 7p and end at 8:30p. Questions? For more information contact Matt Kauffman at x102 or [matt.kauffman@tabpres.org](mailto:matt.kauffman@tabpres.org).

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

Tab's elementary students will be performing our annual Summer Musical, "Storyline," on August 21 about 15 minutes after the conclusion of the 10:00a worship service in the Sanctuary. "Storyline" is a fun and funny show that uses characters from classic children's literature to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit. No reservations are required, there's no fee to attend, and the performance will probably run slightly less than an hour. We will be providing ice cream sodas in the Dining Room afterward for any audience members who would like to stay for some fellowship (and maybe some autographs from the stars of the show!).

### **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 10:00a service on August 28. Parents of students entering 3rd grade or 7th grade will be contacted by Jennifer Wirt to make arrangements for their child's participation.

### **CELEBRATE TAB'S CENTENNIAL!**

Join us on Saturday morning, September 17, for a Run/Walk from our 11th and Meridian location to our "brand new" 34th & Central location as we celebrate Tab's move from the city to the "suburbs!" A participation fee of \$10 each or a family maximum of \$30 will help cover the costs of this event. Families are encouraged to join us for this time of fellowship and fun as we "move" to expand our ministry! Look for more details in the weeks to come!

### **TEEN HELPER TRAINING**

Children's Ministries will again be encouraging all students in grades 6 through 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. in the Preschool class the second Sunday of every month). Being a Teen Helper is not only a wonderful way to serve the Tab family, but it is also a good way to earn service hours for school, Scouts or other organizations. As a bonus, the little kids think you are AMAZING!! We will have Teen Helper training and sign up for rooms and weeks on Sunday, August 28, in Lower Level B immediately after worship, and we will also have refreshments and door prizes. Hope to see Tab's teens there!

### **TAB TUTORING**

We will be starting the 2022-2023 session on Thursday September 8, and will meet every Thursday from 3:45p-5:15p following the public school calendar. Each tutoring session combines a snack, a bible devotion, tutoring on schoolwork and, if time permits, educational games and building strong bonds in a loving faith environment. Last year, which was shortened due to COVID concerns, we served 17 students and continued receiving applications until the end of the year. We are committed to serving as many students as possible, but we need the volunteers to do so. We tutor one on one, so for every volunteer we have means to add another student we can help. We would love for you to consider joining this wonderful and blessed mission. If you have any questions please contact either Carolee Berry (317-989-9064), Barb Babcock (317-730-3898) or Carol Newell (540-597-0794). We are very thankful for our volunteers and the prayers offered up by our congregation and ask that you continue to keep Tab tutoring in your prayers.



# A Look Back

## A Time of Growth

by Bruce McDonald



On June 10, 1956, Wick and Jean McDonald proudly brought their third son—that would be me—forward to be baptized. I was 10-1/2 months old and, remarkably, was one of 17 infants and toddlers presented for baptism that morning, along with current Tab members Mike O'Banyel and Eric King. While that was, by far, the largest baptism class of 1956, it was hardly exceptional, as there were three other Sundays with 10 or 11 kids each, contributing to a total of 67 infant baptisms that year alone. The 1950s was a heady time for Tab, as it was for most mainline denominational churches in the United States. The post-war era was marked by a renewed optimism fueled by an economic boom, not to mention the so-called "baby boom." In the "Eisenhower decade," families were large and they went to church.

The era of Dr. Vale had produced another growth spurt, with membership peaking at 2,815 in 1953 and average Sunday School attendance of nearly 1,000 adults and children each week. In May 1951, with Dr. Vale's urging, the Tab Endowment Fund was established with a balance of around \$10,000, a humble beginning of an institution that would play a critical role in Tab's future. In September 1951, Tab celebrated its 100th anniversary by dedicating Dunkel Memorial Window,

the massive stained-glass window at the rear of the Sanctuary, and by 1957, the remainder of the stained-glass windows were installed. The 42 Deacons (all men), were required to wear "morning attire:" dark gray coat, matching or 'pearl' gray vest, white shirt, gray tie, striped trousers and black shoes. Property north of the building was purchased, houses razed, and in 1954 a new parking lot—the Fred Millis Parking Court—was built to address the growing number of people who drove, rather than walked, to church.

This was also a time of transition in leadership. Edgar H. Evans, who had served 50 years as an elder, and chaired the building committee for the construction of the current building, died in 1954. Dr. Vale retired in June 1955, replaced by Dr. Orlo Choguill six months later. Paul Matthews, who had

served as organist since 1913, retired in August 1952; the month before, Eugene Bayless was hired as the director of music, a role he would play, intermittently, through the late 1980s. Lenore Brignall was hired as "Dining Room Superintendent" in 1955, a position she would hold for more than 30 years.

Russ Earl was hired out of college in August 1951 to direct the Recreation Program. He grew participation from 400 kids to more than 2,000, with over 300 adult volunteers. Programs for girls were greatly expanded and 96 churches and synagogues were represented. The expanded playing fields could now hold four softball diamonds. Lighting was added, fences built, and scoreboards erected, as well as new concrete bleachers and a permanent refreshment stand. By 1959, Tab Rec was called "America's Largest Individual Church Sponsored Recreation Program," and was featured in an early 1960s edition of *Presbyterian Life*, gaining national acclaim and attention.

The 1950s had been an exciting time of growth and positive change at Tab. A more difficult decade, however, was just ahead.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,246,599
YTD actual income:	\$1,289,269
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$42,670

### Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,197,368
YTD actual expenses	\$1,156,706
Under budget by:	\$40,661

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### AUGUST

- 2 Tom & Becky Lapp 48 years
- 3 Anthony & Sarah Malito 9 years
- 4 Joe & Julie Kukolla 38 years
- 8 Joseph & Brooke Kukolla 2 years
- 10 Pete & Betsy Morse 31 years  
Tyler & Madison Hromadka 9 years
- 12 Mark & Sally John 44 years  
Mark & Jennifer Hamilton 8 years
- 13 Kenny & Val Phelps 28 years
- 14 Dan & Jenny Sturgis 13 years
- 15 Don & Linda Fledderjohn 58 years  
Charles & Carol Hartman-Hankey 2 years
- 16 Matt & Debbie Kauffman 47 years
- 17 John & Judy Fraps 54 years
- 18 John & Marilyn Kendrick 66 years
- 19 John & Debbi Strack 22 years
- 21 Robert & Katie Orr 18 years
- 22 Ron & Jane Harvey 58 years  
Jeff & Joyce Peipert 35 years
- 25 Mike & Janet McCaslin 21 years
- 26 Rob & Susan Springer 41 years  
Rod Lanum & Joan Blades 61 years  
Scott & Jackie Brannon 15 years
- 27 Dan & Brenda Sweeney 39 years  
Gary & Jane Miller 56 years
- 28 Dave & Maryann King 40 years  
Kyle & Annie Costlow 12 years
- 30 Dan & Honi-Jean Schroeder 42 years
- 31 Al & Becky Mayo 26 years  
Justin & Janna Wade 8 years



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### AUGUST

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- 1 John Hulen  
Jacob Russell
  - 2 Maxwell Gall  
Janna Wade  
Angeles Hill
  - 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 Buchanan-  
Schwanke  
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
  - 22 Marcia Belt  
Joshua Brunsting  
Ryan Miller
  - 23 Lynne Neel  
Finn Sears  
Kristin Goss
  - 25 Susan-Amber Springer  
Amos Lange  
Molly Simons
  - 26 Ali Meils
  - 27 Walker West  
Cynthia Blasingham
  - 28 Kathy Waddell
  - 29 Becca Childs
  - 30 Jim Lingeman
  - 31 Maryann King  
Linda K McCabe  
Alice Croner  
Miles Fowles



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