

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

Summer Fun

Dear Friends,

During my mandatory week of Covid quarantine we began binge watching a show on the History Channel called “Alone.” I don’t know that I’m necessarily recommending it to you, that will be your call, but it is a reality show in which 10 men and women, trained in survival skills, are individually isolated and deposited in a remote location and challenged to “survive alone” until the last person standing.

The locations in which they are placed are remarkably challenging: the rain forest of Vancouver Island, remote Patagonia, barren regions of Alaska. They take with them minimal supplies and equipment and then are required to live off the land.

The challenges they face are many: lack of food and water, inclement weather, predators, but the one factor that challenges every contestant, even those most skilled in survival techniques, is loneliness, the sense of isolation, being alone. Invariably it is this challenge, more than food, weather or the threat of predators, that causes them to “tap out” and come home.

Again, I’m not necessarily recommending the show, but it raises a myriad of questions for me as to what it means to “survive.”

God has created us to be physical, mental, spiritual and social beings. Isolate, or take any one of those away from us and we suffer and become less than God intended us to be. Contestants on the show suffer incredible stretches of days without adequate food or nutrients; the harshest of weather conditions (endless days of rain or cold); the ever present threat of predators, and they seem to do well. Many speak of the experience as being spiritually enriching, so what it is that eventually defeats them? Isolation. The lack of human contact. Solitary confinement. Being alone.

I apply this to the experience many have had, perhaps are still having, during the enduring days of the pandemic. Early on we all had to navigate the necessity of isolation and social distancing; recall the days when we stopped having “in person” worship and no one could visit in hospitals and nursing homes. Those were the hardest days for me as your pastor.

Now that we have for the most part re-entered into a more regular pattern of social interaction, I still am concerned for those who are suffering the long-term impacts of isolation. God created us to be social beings, so, as I mentioned in one of my 40 Gleanings, “if you are one who is battling loneliness please do everything within your power to reach out, and if you are one who knows someone who is battling loneliness please do everything within your power to reach in.”

There is also a spiritual aspect to isolation. We were not designed or intended to do this life of faith alone, but in community with others. While we are tremendously grateful for the technology of “live streaming” our worship services and classes, something vital is missing when that becomes our only diet. We were made, socially and spiritually, to be in relationship, with God and others. So, if you have not yet returned to in-person worship, or classes or fellowship, and you do not have a good reason for doing so other than you are out of the habit, I encourage you to do a gut check on your own spiritual vitality, get off the spiritual island of isolation and come on back home.

Loneliness and isolation is a terrible disease, for that reason, God has designed us to be together.

I look forward to being in worship with you soon.

Rev. L. John Gable

September 2022

Preaching Schedule

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| <p>4 Matthew 6:1–8
“The Practice of Prayer”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>11 Matthew 6:9–15
“The Perfect Prayer”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> | <p>18 Anniversary Sunday
“Tab Creation Story”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>25 Matthew 6:16–24
“Fasting and Treasures”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> |
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Event Schedule

SPECIAL

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| <p>5</p> <p>10</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>23-25</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> | <p>ALL DAY</p> <p>9:00a</p> <p>9:00a</p> <p>10:00a</p> <p>7:00p</p> <p>9:00a</p> <p></p> <p>6:30p</p> <p>9:00a</p> <p>10:00a</p> | <p>Church Offices Closed</p> <p>Fresh Stop Produce</p> <p>Pre-Teen Breakfast</p> <p>Purls of Wisdom</p> <p>Women’s Ministries Program</p> <p>Anniversary Walk/Run</p> <p>Youth Retreat at Twin Lakes</p> <p>Parent’s Night Out</p> <p>Fresh Stop Produce</p> <p>Purls of Wisdom</p> |
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WEEKLY

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| <p>MWF</p> <p>TUE</p> <p>WED</p> <p>THU</p> <p>FRI</p> <p>SAT</p> <p>SUN</p> | <p>11:00a</p> <p>9:00a</p> <p>9:30a</p> <p>3:45p</p> <p>7:00p</p> <p>8:00a</p> <p>8:00a</p> | <p>Tab’s Open Door</p> <p>Construction Meeting</p> <p>Prayer Group</p> <p>Pastors’ Bible Study</p> <p>Tab Tutoring</p> <p>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsa</p> <p>Circle of Hope</p> <p>Men’s Bible Study</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Worship</p> |
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MONTHLY

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

Missions in the Neighborhood

Back to School Celebration

by Rev. Terri Thorn

On Sunday afternoon, July 24th, Tab hosted our second annual Back-To-School celebration. It was an opportunity to grow our faith through service to others, to deepen relationships, and to come alongside others to help strengthen the Mapleton-Fall Creek community.

With the perfect amount of cloud cover to provide shade all day, nearly 40 Tab volunteers (adult, children and youth) and about the same number of community partners offered backpacks, school supplies, snacks, goodies, music and games to approximately 175 students and their families. In addition, we provided backpack and supplies to another 17 student participants in a sports camp at Tab and 14 more through our friends in Circles.

Each student was able to pick their preferred backpack color and choose the specific supplies they needed for the school year. Providing a choice and allowing them to express their own needs and desires is not only respectful to the student, it can be a confidence booster as they start the school year. In total, we distributed 206 Tab-sponsored backpacks and thousands of school supplies, donated by members of Tab and Phillips Temple churches, and employees of Employ-Indy (who held a friendly office competition that resulted in a donation of 800 items).

This event is truly a vision of what a beloved community of compassion, collaboration, welcome and joy looks like. It would not have been possible without the generous hearts and faithful prayers of many folks. With deepest gratitude, we are thankful for the members of Tab who donated supplies, the twenty adults who helped distribute supplies and interact with families, and the Tab youth who helped set up the event, staffed supply tables, played games with students and made sure everyone had plenty of snacks.

We are also appreciative of the community friends and partners whose presence contributed to the success of the event: Freewheeling Bikes, Raphael Health Center, Employ-Indy, Indianapolis Children's Museum, Indianapolis Public Library Info Zone, The Lawnmower Project, Circles Indy, Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association, Bradley and Company, Resources in the Park, KIPP Indy Elementary and Phalen Leadership Academy (#48). Lastly, a huge shout-out to the spirited DJs who, under the leadership of Rick Sayles, donated their time and energy to keep us smiling and dancing all afternoon!

Most importantly, we are grateful for the opportunity to be a light in the community and for the many neighbors who took time on a Sunday afternoon to celebrate with us. We look forward to continuing this tradition in 2023. May God's blessing and protection be on all the students, their families and those charged with educating them this school year.



Member Spotlight

Meet Janie May Parr

by Paula Daum

As we continue planning for the Centennial Celebration of Tab's presence at 34th and Central, we continue to share stories of long-time members of Tab. This month, we'd like you to meet Janie Parr who is a lifetime member of the church.

Janie and her family lived on 34th Street between Washington Boulevard and Pennsylvania Street. She is the daughter of the late Bernie May and Mary Ellen May. Mary Ellen will celebrate her 101st birthday this month! Janie also has two brothers. Bernie Jr. lives in Indianapolis, and her beloved brother, Tom, sadly passed away in 2020.

One of Janie's earliest memories of being at Tab involved just a little mischief. At the age of four, she and a friend walked down to the church from her house, found some crayons on the ground, and subsequently colored on the outside walls of the church! The senior custodian of the church caught them and promptly alerted Janie's parents of the situation. Janie and her friend then scrubbed the walls of the church to undo their mischief!

The family moved to a new home on Michigan Road when Janie was seven, and Mary Ellen remained there until a few years ago. Janie graduated from North Central High School and then enrolled at Ball State University. After two years at BSU, she moved to Colorado where her brother Tom was living. The following years brought marriage, a move to Missouri, a management role in retail, and then the completion of her college degree in counseling psychology from the University of Missouri.

After earning her degree, Janie returned to Indianapolis and subsequently married Steve Parr. They were married in the Tab Sanctuary, became regular attendees, and welcomed two sons, Eric and Nick, who were baptized at Tab. When Nick was 5 months old, the family relocated to Iron Mountain, Michigan, for Steve's job change, which later resulted in a transfer to Appleton, Wisconsin, where they lived for five years.

Janie and the boys then returned to Indianapolis following the end of this marriage. Her sons also graduated from North Central High School, and Eric obtained his Eagle Scout rank as a part of Tab's Boy Scout troop.

Janie worked briefly in real estate before starting a new career in academic advising at IUPUI. After 19 years with the university, she retired on June 1, 2022 from her final role as the Academic Advisor with the School of Science.



Janie is looking forward to deepening fellowship opportunities within the Tab church family.

Janie loves spending time with her family. Son Nick is the general manager of Tesla in Castleton. He and his wife, Allie, live in Fishers with their young children, Henry, Lucy and Josh. Her son Eric teaches science at Pike High School. In addition, she is blessed to visit regularly with her mother, Mary Ellen, who lives in a nearby assisted living facility.

Janie has a vast number of interests that keep her life busy and engaged. She is an avid reader, hiker and traveler, and has taken classes in interior design, museum studies and history. Fun fact: her family has traced their lineage back to George Washington!

Despite living in different states at times, Janie has remained a lifelong member of Tab. She is currently exploring the idea of establishing a new fellowship group within the church that she plans to call "Parishioners without Partners." Janie is looking forward to deepening fellowship opportunities within the Tab church family.

Register for the Annual Tab Golf Classic

Now is the time to register for the 2022 Tab Golf Classic on Saturday, October 8, at Eagle Creek Golf Course. This is a good day for fellowship, fun and fund raising. This annual event benefits the Deacons Benevolence Fund and Community Ministries.

Fees remain at \$75 per golfer and foursomes can be organized by players, or the Deacons can assist you in joining a foursome. Members, family, friends and guests are welcome and we encourage extended invitations. The fee covers golf carts, complimentary beverage cart on the course and a catered lunch after the play. There will be other games during the gameplay and golfers are encouraged to bring some cash for extra fun.

Everyone at Tab has an opportunity to participate whether they play golf to support the benevolence or support the benevolences financially. Course hole sponsorship is available for individuals, members' businesses or groups from the church. This year a silent auction has been added. Donations both large and small are accepted. They may be tangible items, services, dinners, entertainment events etc.

Registration is on Sundays in the McKee Narthex through Sunday, October 2. For more information check with the deacons at the registration table or contact the Golf Classic chairperson, Joyce Peipert at joyce-peipert@gmail.com and Eric Guion, Deacon Moderator at epguion@gmail.com.



Read Through the Bible

September

1 John 9:1–23	II Chronicles 6	Malachi 2:17–3:18	16 John 18:1–18	II Chronicles 26	Psalm 83
2 John 9:24–41	II Chronicles 7	Malachi 4	17 John 18:19–38	II Chronicles 27–28	Psalm 84
3 John 10:1–21	II Chronicles 8	Psalm 73	18 John 18:38b–19:16	II Chronicles 29	Psalm 85
4 John 10:22–42	II Chronicles 9	Psalm 74	19 John 19:16–42	II Chronicles 30	Psalm 86
5 John 11:1–27	II Chronicles 10–11	Psalm 75	20 John 20:1–18	II Chronicles 31	Psalm 87
6 John 11:28–57	II Chronicles 12–13	Psalm 76	21 John 20:19–31	II Chronicles 32	Psalm 88
7 John 12:1–26	II Chronicles 14–15	Psalm 77	22 John 21	II Chronicles 33	Psalm 89:1–18
8 John 12:27–50	II Chronicles 16–17	Psalm 78:1–20	23 I John 1	II Chronicles 34	Psalm 89:19–37
9 John 13:1–20	II Chronicles 18	Psalm 78:21–37	24 I John 2	II Chronicles 35	Psalm 89:38–52
10 John 13:21–38	II Chronicles 19	Psalm 78:38–55	25 I John 3	II Chronicles 36	Psalm 90
11 John 14:1–14	II Chronicles 20:1–21:1	Psalm 78:56–72	26 I John 4	Ezra 1–2	Psalm 91
12 John 14:15–31	II Chronicles 21:2–22:12	Psalm 79	27 I John 5	Ezra 3–4	Psalm 92
13 John 15:1–16:4a	II Chronicles 23	Psalm 80	28 II John	Ezra 5–6	Psalm 93
14 John 16:4b–33	II Chronicles 24	Psalm 81	29 III John	Ezra 7–8	Psalm 94
15 John 17	II Chronicles 25	Psalm 82	30 Jude	Ezra 9–10	Psalm 95

Tab News

Announcements & Events

OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST 50-YEAR MEMBERS

On Anniversary Sunday, September 18, we will recognize our newest 50 year members. Thank you for your continued support of Tab and for being a part of the Tab family for so many years! Congratulations!

Jeanne Spellman - joined on December 2, 1971

Mary Allen - joined on March 12, 1972

Tom Huston - joined on March 22, 1972

Mary Alice Moon - joined on March 22, 1972

Judy Fraps - joined on March 26, 1972

Dan Schroeder - joined on June 1, 1972

WELCOME LITTLE ONES

The Tab family celebrates with Ryan and Ruth Miller on the birth of their son, Charles Willard Greg "Charlie", who was born on July 15. He is the grandson of Greg and Kathy Miller, and his big brother is Julian. We pray God's blessings on the family.

Congratulations are also extended to Joshua and Heather (Luzader) Gillespie on the birth of their son, Kohen Thomas, on August 11. Kevin and Paula Luzader are the proud grandparents.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they welcome new little ones to their families.

CIRCLE CITY STEEPLES

Tab has been featured in a newly released book, "Circle City Steeples – An Old Churches Indy Project," by Lee Little and Kati Q. Gaschler. A sample copy is available for your perusal at the Information Table in McKee Hallway as well as information on purchasing a copy for yourself. Tab is thrilled to be a part of this project along with other historically significant churches in the Indianapolis area. More information is available at their website: <https://www.katiqphotography.com/CircleCitySteeple/>.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Sanctuary Choir has begun its new season of leading worship in song for the 10a service. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7p until 8:15p in the Parlor. Anyone with a desire to serve in this special group of singers is welcome. No auditions are necessary! Come join us for fun,

fellowship and a little bit of singing! Questions? Please call or email Matt Kauffman at 317-923-5458 or matt.kauffman@tabpres.org.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Rehearsals for the Tabernacle Handbell Choir will begin on Thursday evening, September 8, from 6p until 6:45p in the Sanctuary. We are looking for some new ringers to fill in a few vacancies and would love to have you join us. A basic knowledge of music reading is helpful. Questions? Please call or email Matt Kauffman at 317-923-5458 or matt.kauffman@tabpres.org.

Parents Night Out

Children's Ministries will offer a Parents Night Out on Friday, September 23, from 6p-9p for all parents of Tab's children in 6th grade or younger. We will play games, make a healthy snack, and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!). A separate childcare center room supervised by our regular childcare workers will be available for children ages 4 and younger.

PRETEEN KICKOFF BREAKFAST

On Saturday, September 10, from 9a until about 10:15a, all Tab 5th- and 6th-graders are invited to breakfast at Lincoln Square Pancake House at 2330 N. Meridian St. No money needed, but an RSVP would be appreciated! Please let Jennifer Wirt know you are coming by calling 317-923-5458 or emailing her at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Plan to join our adult education "Sermon on the Mount" study beginning on September 18 at 9a in the Parlor. Sessions will use a Life Guide Study from John Stott (1921-2011), former Rector of All Saints Church of London, who calls this Sermon "counter-culture(al)." Topics will include real estate (rock & sand), lust & marriage, money and anxiety, letting your 'yes' be 'yes' and more. Running parallel to Tab's current sermon series, this 7 week study will provide an opportunity for group discussions and a deeper dive into our Lord's pivotal treatise from the book of Matthew.

100TH ANNIVERSARY WALK/RUN

September 17 – 9a to 12n; Centennial Walk/Run from 11th & Meridian Street location to the "new" location at 34th & Central. Sign up on Sunday mornings in McKee Hallway!

A Look Back

“The Decision to Stay”

by Bruce McDonald



After a decade of growth and a time of healthy congregational development, the 1960s loomed as a time of enormous change and disruption for Tab. An Indianapolis Star editorial in 1947 had written positively of the congregations of Meridian Street Methodist and St. Paul's Episcopal leaving their downtown church buildings, and making plans for new locations along Meridian Street, two to three miles north of Tab, stating that “both churches are following their members and population growth.” Notably, Second Presbyterian and First Baptist also left downtown and moved even further north, in 1959 and 1960, respectively. Tab's leadership saw these trends as well, and in October 1957, called out the “necessity for a study and re-evaluation of the entire church program in the light of the changing needs of the church congregation and surrounding community before any new permanent staff appointments are made.” There was much anxiety.

The Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and early 1960s resulted in enormous change in America, which was long overdue. Practices of restricting housing opportunities for minorities began to lift and many Black families began to

move to the near northside of Indianapolis. As mentioned last month, Tab's parking lot was not built until 1954; its need was mitigated by the fact that a large percentage of attendees still walked to church. But then people began to move north. In the era of “white flight” entire blocks would go up for sale in a matter of months. An example of the rapid pace of the change is that my kindergarten class photo at School 66, in 1960, featured all white children; by the time my class graduated in 1969, it consisted of 90% Black students. In 1960, 2% of the residents of the Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhood were Black; by 1983, 87% of the residents were Black. Most of the neighborhoods in Washington and Lawrence Townships were developed in the 1960s, in response to this “white flight” movement.

In the midst of these drastic changes, Tab's leadership was faced with the question of how to respond. In December 1963, Session passed a motion relative to Tab Recreation, “It is moved that this Session declare (Tab Rec) to be a non-segregated program.” While small numbers of Black children had played at Tab in the 1920s and 1930s, sometime afterwards a policy of segregation had taken hold. Despite this bold – for its time – and controversial motion (the vote was 11-8!), my own Tab softball team, in 1964, remained all-white, no doubt the result of a new policy – purportedly to manage the number of participants – which gave priority to Tab families and families already registered in the program, somewhat nullifying the non-segregation policy. Change was difficult and heels dug in.

It wasn't just Tab Rec that was struggling to desegregate. At that same 1963 session meeting, by a vote of 14-7, a motion was passed to open up church membership to “all people, regardless of racial or ethnic origin,” and that the only requirement for membership “shall continue to be confession of Jesus Christ as one's Lord and Savior, and indication of a genuine desire to unite with our fellowship actively, to support its work, witness and worship, and to promote its peace and unity.” Well put, but shocking that it was in dispute.

Ultimately, Tab's new pastor, 38-year-old James Payson Martin, called for the formation of a special task force – the 12-member Metropolitan Community Program Committee – to study the question of whether Tab should leave its 34th and Central campus and move north. Issued in January 1966, its conclusion was clear, that Tab should remain at its current location. Its summary is worth noting. “With full **CONTINUED on back cover**

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Myron McKee who passed away July 22. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 10. Please keep the McKee family in your prayers.

Our sympathy is also extended to Larry Hanlon in the passing of his mother, Ruth Hanlon, on Saturday, July 23, at the age of 101. Her funeral service was held on Monday August 1. Please keep Larry and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Tab Church family expresses our sympathy to Kathy Kern in the death of her mother, Vonda Kern, on July 26th. Her funeral service was held on Monday August 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,363,381
YTD actual income:	\$1,441,132
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$77,751

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,399,274
YTD actual expenses	\$1,363,458
Under budget by:	\$35,815

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Levi & Linda Watkins 26 years
John & Mary Phillips 32 years
- 2 John & Christie Kupke 55 years
Mark & Betsy Thompson 16 years
Nick & Angeles Hill 21 years
- 3 Bob & Kathy Donaldson 45 years
- 4 Gary & Ruth Anne Wright 40 years
- 7 Fritz & Kathy Blum 37 years
Richard & Emily Boits 15 years
- 8 Bill & Sharon Marshall 32 years
Marshall & Larisa McKenna 21 years
Mike & Diane Tolsma 15 years
- 10 Larry & Sandy Simonel 56 years
Byron & Marsha Robinson 39 years
- 11 DuWayne & Connie Hintz 53 years
- 12 Phillip & Mary Luzader 7 years
- 13 Linus & Vicki Rude 19 years
Jim & Rita Lingeman 47 years
- 14 Mike & Jill O'Banyel 37 years
- 16 Scott & Kathy Waddell 44 years
- 17 Steven & Sheila Grigdesby 39 years
- 18 Jason & Kara DeArman 18 years
Chris & Kit Moorman 1 year
- 19 Dan & Kathy Williams 30 years
- 20 Marty & Stephanie Harmless 19 years
Scott & Emily McClelland 11 years
Ian & Lizzie Flanagan 8 years
- 21 Michael & Sandra Neely 43 years
- 25 George & Jean Davis 57 years
- 26 Paul & Valerie Finnell 32 years
- 28 Kevin & Terra Seidel 26 years
Carl & Lisa Evans 37 years
Mitch & Sandy Roob 37 years





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

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| 2 Lee Lange
Jenny Byers
Caleb Fowles | 17 Becky Mayo
Rachel McClelland
Sarah Noel
Judy Litsey |
| 3 Dorothy Benz-Buchanan
Mable Chulock
Drew Gall | 18 Keith Detrude
Barbara Cain |
| 4 Annesa Rae Cummins
Quinn McFarlen | 20 Jeannine Stokes
Andrew Scales |
| 5 Jeanne Rodriguez
Drew Childs
Paul Woller
Doris Shafer
Sam Gall | 21 Jenny Sturgis
Kristin Gable
Matt Fraser |
| 6 Matt Sumpter
Tyler Hromadka
Leo Moudy | 22 Jeff Swiatek
Carson McCaslin
Fritz Hohlt
Elly Douglass |
| 7 Mary Ellen May
Eric Lange
Mike Stephens
Clint Blackburn | 23 Julie Kukolla
Kyle Ems
Jude Daymon
Jacob Boits
Lucas Boits
Jane Miller |
| 8 Jormo Darku | 24 Mark Lubbers
Paul Finnell
Annie Costlow
Frantz Lynn |
| 9 Jen Thomas
Sarah Thomas
Carson Crane
Jonathan Russell | 25 Betty Harmless
Mark Hamilton
Lizzie Flanagan
Kelsey Hobbs |
| 10 Oscar Clavel
Riley Brannon
Holly Hamilton | 26 Pat Riley
Eden Parsons |
| 11 Zac Turman
Lena Stefansson
Lauren Browning
Anne King
Jennifer Keller | 27 Christine Fedor |
| 12 Erica Fledderjohn
Gary Daymon
Janet McCaslin
Cameron West
Steven Grigdesby
Dawn Miles | 28 Gary Miller |
| 13 Lucy Emison | 29 Hannah Howe
Avery DeArman
Kiley King
Stuart Luzader
Bernice Corley |
| 15 Melody Hotchkiss | |
| 16 Kevin O'Banyel
Andrew N Costlow
Henry Teague
William Luzader
Dan Borns | |

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"The Decision to Stay"

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recognition of the changes of the neighborhood, increasing racial tension and violence, the migration of our members as well as many other churches and businesses to the suburbs, the increase in average age of our members and the decline in the levels of participation, we made the counter-cultural, counter-intuitive decision to stay in order to be a "force for Christ in the heart of the City."

A number of things happened after this. Tab began to brand itself as The Metropolitan Church of Indianapolis, aiming to draw members from not just its own neighborhood, but from all over the city. Dr. Martin called for a \$350,000 capital-funds campaign, with the clever slogan of Turn Tab Around. In 1968, a new glass store-front entrance at what was formerly Tab's back door, at the parking lot, became Tab's new front door, complete with an elevator, a remodeled office block and pastor's office, and air conditioning of the dining room and the sanctuary. It was a strong statement to say "We're investing to stay!" The slogan also hinted at the need for the congregation to embrace its new role as a church in the middle of a chang-



ing neighborhood with many needs - a new mission field for future community ministries. Tab had a new identity, and not everyone agreed with it. Perhaps up to one-third of its active members departed to other churches. And on my Tab softball team, in 1966, I was one of two white players. Tab was turning around and a new chapter had begun.