TOWERCHIMES





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

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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,

With football season now upon us I was reminded of this story which I found fascinating.

While the US version of the game was invented in 1869, and the first intercollegiate game was played between Princeton and Rutgers that November, the forward pass was not introduced until 1906. The concept of throwing the ball rather than running it was slow to "catch on." Most teams learned some basic passing plays in case they had to use them at the end of a game in a desperate situation, but St. Louis University adopted it immediately, and they did so quite successfully. In the 1906 season they outscored their opponents 402 to 11.

What did St. Louis University do that other college teams did not? Bucking the tradition of the way the game had always been played, they saw the future and embraced it

We at Tab, and I believe the Church in general, are standing on the brink of a new day. Coming off of the pandemic I am not convinced that the past is a good indicator of the future, so I believe we will continue to have to explore new ways of doing what we have always done to live and serve as God's people.

As Tab celebrates our 100th year at the corner of 34th and Central, and our 171st in the city, we will need to continually explore new ways to carry out our ministries and reach out to our neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ.

Our stewardship program for 2023 is appropriately themed "Preparing Expectantly." This phrase is lifted from our Tab Mission statement which reminds us to "celebrate our past...live faithfully in the present... and prepare expectantly for the future." In the coming weeks you will be receiving information about the 2023 stewardship program and our plans for the coming year. I hope you will carefully read and faithfully pray about the ways you will support Tab in the coming year with your prayers, your involvement and the pledging of your financial support.

Times of change can often cause concern and anxiety, but that is not necessary for us at Tab. We are a faithful congregation and we serve a faithful God. As we "prepare expectantly for the future" we can see this season of change in the way the game is played as one of great opportunity!

I am so grateful to be on the Tab Team with all of you.

See you in worship this Sunday.

Rev. L. John Gable

October 2022

Preaching Schedule

- World Communion Sunday Matthew 6:25–34 "Worry"Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 9 Matthew 7:1–12"Don't & Do"Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 16 Matthew 7:13–23"Wide & Narrow Gate"Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 23 Matthew 7:24–29
 "Hearing & Doing"
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 30 All Saints Sunday
 Matthew 5–7
 "The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached:
 The Sermon on the Mount"
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

TAB STEWARDSHIP 2023

The stewardship theme this year is "Preparing Expectantly for the Future." This phrase taken from our Tab mission statement is very appropriate as we celebrate our Centennial year at the corner of 34th and Central and look "expectantly" toward the next 100 years.

All of the renovation to the building which the Session and Endowment Fund have undertaken this year are being done with an "expectant" eye toward the future.

In the same way, our faithful stewardship is an investment in the future. We dare to "prepare expectantly for the future" because we can look back to see how God has provided faithfully in the past and present. Our faithfulness is in response to God's faithfulness.

Soon you will be receiving stewardship information for 2023 in the mail. Please prayerfully consider the ways God has blessed you in the past and present and how you can "prepare expectantly" for all He is yet to do in the future.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Event Schedule

SPECIA	L			
2	9:00a	Blood Drive		
		Home Communion		
8	7:00a	Deacons' Golf Outing		
	9:00a	Fresh Stop Produce		
	10:00a	Purls of Wisdom		
11	7:00p	Worship Meeting		
15	7:30a	Habitat Build		
	8:30a	Inquirers' Class		
16	9:00a	Special Session Meeting		
22	8:00a	SERTOMA Recycle Event		
	9:00a	Fresh Stop Produce		
	10:00a	Purls of Wisdom		
30	9:00a	Congregational Meeting		
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12:00p Trunk or Treat

MWF	11:00a	Tab's Open Door
TUE	9:30a	Women Alive
	6:30p	Prayer Group
	6:30p	Connection Codes
WED	9:30a	Pastors' Bible Study
THU	3:45p	Tab Tutoring
	6:00p	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsa
FRI	7:00p	Circle of Hope
SAT	8:00a	Men's Bible Study
SUN	8:00a	Communion Service
	9:00a	Education Hour
	10:00a	Worship Service

11:00a Youth IMPACT

WEEKLY

MONTHLY				
7:00p	Spiritual Growth & Dev.			
5:30p	Missions Comm.			
5:30p	HR Committee Meeting Facilities Comm. Diversity & Justice Team			
	Budget & Finance Comm. Children's Ministries Comm.			
7:00p	Session Mtg.			
5:30p	Media Committee Congregational Life Mtg. Deacons' Meeting			
	7:00p 5:30p 12:00p 5:30p 6:00p 7:00p 7:00p 5:00p 5:00p 5:00p 5:00p			

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

Missions in the Neighborhood

Open Door

by Rev. Terri Thorr



Just over four months ago, the Open Door feeding ministry was re-launched with a new name, the Open Door Ministry Café, and a new vision: Feeding bodies and souls by providing a safe place with good food and even better conversation for the sake authentic relationship building that fosters Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships and Stronger Communities.

The planning team envisioned a community knitted of staff, volunteers and neighbors, long-timers and new-comers, sharing in hope, creating connection and experiencing belonging. This new model meant changes to nearly every aspect of the existing ministry—from the type of food served, to the way neighbors are greeted and served, to the role of the volunteers moving forward.

Needless to say, the start-up of the new model was not without its share of kinks and questions: How would the neighbors respond to the radical changes? How could such a small volunteer crew make this big dream work? There were also new food-safety and serving processes to learn, as well as tough decisions about ministry priorities to discern.

Still, despite the unknowns, the willingness of the volunteers to be vulnerable and to trust that the guiding vision for the Café was right, achievable and consistent with God's mission, has carried the ministry to a new level of blessing, impact, and success.

Some aspects of success are easily quantified—number of people served, number of volunteers, or gallons of mashed potatoes and pans of fried chicken! It is a bit more chal-

lenging, however, to measure progress toward the relationship-building goal. Rather than gathering facts and figures, the evidence of successful relational ministry is found in the stories of emerging trust, connection and relationships being formed at the Café. Stories of:

- "Regulars" who meet at the same table every day to connect and who notice when someone is missing.
- Group home residents who get a "restaurant" experience in a safe, welcoming place where they are greeted by name.
- Volunteers from Tab, the neighborhood and community partners who are becoming friends, checking on and praying for each other regularly, covering shifts as needed
- Generous anonymous donations in the Café's freewill offering box. We have received over \$878 since opening in May—mostly in loose change and dollar bills.
- Trust exhibited by neighbors who have submitted more than 40 unique prayer requests, and the faithfulness of the Tab folks who have lifted up them to God.
- Joyful banter and caring conversations shared among neighbors and volunteers who know each other by name!

Undoubtedly, the relationships are real and the stories are plentiful. Watch for more Open Door Ministry Café stories in future issues of Chimes and reach out to Pastor Terri Thorn if you would like to learn more about creating one of your own.

A Look Back

"A Period of Renewal — 1970s and 1980s"

by Bruce McDonald

The courageous decision to remain at 34th and Central was now a part of Tab's identity and fabric, but it didn't mean that Tab was well-equipped for the new challenges that lay ahead. A healthy chunk of the congregation opted for a new church home, mostly on the rapidly expanding northside. Dr. James Payson Martin worked diligently to help develop new community ministries. He worked with the pastors of Our Redeemer Lutheran and North United Methodist, Tab's neighboring churches, to form the Tri-Church Council—later the Mid-North Church Council—in an effort to work together in our "new" mission field. But Tab still struggled to find its footing.

Then in 1971, under Dr. Martin's leadership, the high school youth group experienced its spiritual revival, affecting the entire congregation—including Dr. Martin—in a powerful way, and Tab took on a more evangelical nature. "Doc" Martin left in 1974, one week after hiring Bob Hunter as a new assistant pastor.

Dr. Byron Crozier, coming from a successful pastorate in Indiana, Pennsylvania, succeeded Dr. Martin the following year. One of nine children—five of whom went into full-time ministry—Byron earned two Purple Hearts in WWII and was rescued by a PT skipper named John F. Kennedy when Byron's ship floundered after hitting a coral reef. He met and married Beth Watson while at Wheaton College, where they befriended another couple, Jim and Elisabeth Elliott. A fine athlete, Byron was invited to the US Olympic Trials in the high hurdles in 1948, and his brother married the sister of a man named Fred Rogers (yes, that Mr. Rogers).

Quiet and conservative—he and Beth always insisted on voting, if only to cancel each other's vote—Byron quickly established a bent towards ministry and action, both local and international. With his associates, Bob Hunter and John Person, who served together from 1978 to 1989, Byron ushered in an era of stability and growth. Among the many ministries and programs that began during this period were the following: Lay parish visitors, covenant groups, the soup kitchen, the food pantry, tutoring programs, Stephen Ministry, Seder Supper, Thanksgiving Day dinners, Kerygma, Right Friends, Christmas Poinsettias and Easter Lilies, and annual recognition of 50-year members. Forward-looking tech-savvy members began the fledgling media ministry in the late 70s and the daily radio program, Good News from Tab, began in 1981. Tab worked closely with the Billy Graham Crusade and Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship. A close relationship and occasional pulpit exchange developed with African Enterprise and Bishop Festo Kivengere, as well as the Rev.





Charles Gordon in Durban, South Africa, which resulted in the young Rod Smith coming to Tab.

The church nurseries were virtually empty when the population of young couples—known as Koinonia Couples—grew from a handful of newlyweds in 1979 to a roster of 60 or more couples by 1990, and with them came children. Lots of children. They populated a highly successful Christian Ed children's program lead by Jeannie Byers, who introduced the Advent Workshop and the popular Travel Units, as well as Vacation Bible School which brought in many kids from the neighborhood. The influx of new members lead to the introduction of the many well-attended TabFest retreats at Clifty Falls State Park.

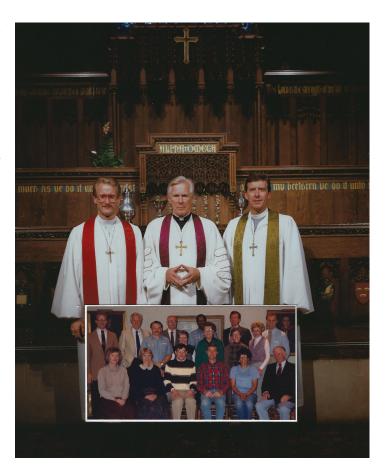
A growing congregation demanded facility improvements, as well. Two capital campaigns, in 1985 and 1990 (known as Our Level Best), resulted in a refurbishment of the lower-level assembly rooms, to be known as Lower Levels A and B,

to facilitate the burgeoning Christian Ed children's programs. The Gallery, with long-needed restrooms followed, with a smoother transition made between the Gallery and the dining room—who remembers that narrow and circuitous path into the dining room past the stairway and through the coat room?

Byron and the session adopted six guiding principles during this time, to inform Tab's mission and focus. These remain as true and meaningful today as they were then:

- · Jesus is Lord
- The Importance of Scripture
- A Rule to Live By
- Involvement with Suffering People
- · A Simple Lifestyle, and
- Celebration Through the Arts

In 25 years, from the mid-60s decision to make a statement and to stay, to the close of the 1980s, Tab had grown in multiple ways and remade itself into a solid evangelical beacon of hope for the neighborhood at hand and for the City of Indianapolis. The next decade would offer more reasons for hope and encouragement, but not without many difficulties and challenges.



Read Through the Bible

October

1	Revelation 1	Nehemiah 1–2	Psalm 96	17	Revelation 17	Isaiah 1–2	Psalm 108
2	Revelation 2	Nehemiah 3	Psalm 97	18	Revelation 18	Isaiah 3–4	Psalm 109:1–19
3	Revelation 3	Nehemiah 4	Psalm 98	19	Revelation 19	Isaiah 5–6	Psalm 109:20-31
4	Revelation 4	Nehemiah 5:1–7:4	Psalm 99	20	Revelation 20	Isaiah 7–8	Psalm 110
5	Revelation 5	Nehemiah 7:5–8:12	Psalm 100	21	Revelation 21–22	Isaiah 9–10	Psalm 111
6	Revelation 6	Nehemiah 8:13–9:37	Psalm 101	22	I Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 11–13	Psalm 112
7	Revelation 7	Nehemiah 9:38–10:39	Psalm 102	23	I Thessalonians 2:1–16	Isaiah 14–16	Psalm 113
8	Revelation 8	Nehemiah 11	Psalm 103	24	I Thessalonians 2:17–3:13	Isaiah 17–19	Psalm 114
9	Revelation 9	Nehemiah 12	Psalm 104:1–23	25	I Thessalonians 4	Isaiah 20–22	Psalm 115
10	Revelation 10	Nehemiah 13	Psalm 104:24–35	26	I Thessalonians 5	Isaiah 23–24	Psalm 116
11	Revelation 11	Esther 1	Psalm 105:1–25	27	II Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 25–26	Psalm 117
12	Revelation 12	Esther 2	Psalm 105:26-45	28	II Thessalonians 2	Isaiah 27–28	Psalm 118
13	Revelation 13	Esther 3–4	Psalm 106:1–23	29	II Thessalonians 3	Isaiah 29–30	Psalm 119:1–32
14	Revelation 14	Esther 5:1–6:13	Psalm 106:24–48	30	I Timothy 1	Isaiah 31–33	Psalm 119:33–64
15	Revelation 15	Esther 6:14–8:17	Psalm 107:1–22	31	I Timothy 2	Isaiah 34–35	Psalm 119:65–96
16	Revelation 16	Esther 9–10	Psalm 107:23–43				

Tab News

Announcements & Events

REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL TAB GOLF CLASSIC

The 2022 Tab Golf Classic is on Saturday, October 8, at Eagle Creek Golf Course and benefits the Deacons Benevolence Fund and Community Ministries. Fees are \$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. Course hole sponsorships are also 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. Register in McKee Hallway through Sunday, October 2. For more information check with the deacons at the registration table or contact Joyce Peipert at joycepeipert@gmail.com or Eric Guion at epguion@gmail.

UPCOMING INQUIRERS' CLASS

An Inquirers' Class will be offered on Saturday, October 15, from 9a–11a in the Parlor. This class is for anyone interested in knowing more about the mission and ministry of Tab or is considering church membership. The class will be led by John Gable and those participating in the class will be invited to become members of Tab, but membership is optional. For more information or to register for this class, contact Paula Daum at (317) 923-5458, ext. 104 or paula.daum@tabpres.org.

GREATER INDY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Join us for a great day of making someone's dream come true on Saturday, October 15, 8:15a – 2:30p. We have 12 volunteer spots available for interior painting. All materials & lunch will be provided. This new home is located in the Riverside neighborhood, just minutes from Tab! Registration is quick and easy at http://vhub.at/tabernaclepresbyterian. Following your registration, the exact address and everything you need to know will be noted in your confirmation email. Please contact Mary Dougherty with any questions at 317-696-0385.

REGISTER NOW FOR TABFEST: REVIVE!

Tabfest is returning after a pandemic hiatus! This all-church retreat will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13, 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). His presentation will be on Rest, Renewal and

Revival. Registration is available on Sunday mornings in McKee Hallway. Questions? Contact Paula Daum at paula.daum@tabpres.org or at (317) 923-5458, ext. 104.

TAB'S COMMUNITY CLOSET CONTINUES BLESSING TABLE ON WEDNESDAYS AT OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

Through the generosity of the Tab family, the blessing table continues to assist friends and neighbors of the Open Door Café ministry. Building on the mission statement of Tab, Wednesday gatherings include hygiene items to help fulfill some of the physical needs of our community. At this time, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, lotion, deodorant, laundry pods, and bars of soap are needed for our neighbors. Thank you for dropping your donations by the table in the hallway outside of McKee Chapel marked Open Door.

ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

In accordance with the By-laws, a Meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purposes of reviewing the proposed 2023 Operating Budget, electing church officers, and any other business that may be properly discussed. All members are encouraged to attend.

RECYCLE FORCE EVENT

The Sertoma Club of North Downtown Indianapolis is hosting another RecycleForce of Indianapolis event on Saturday, October 22, from 9a to 2p in the Tab parking lot. All electronics are welcome (tv's, large and small appliances or anything with batteries or a plug). Scrap metal will also be accepted. Donations will assist RecycleForce with jobs and housing for people reentering the workforce. Call Don Heitman (317-253-2925) for further information.

TRUNK OR TREAT

This year's Trunk or Treat will take place in Tab's parking lot from 12p–2p on Sunday, October 30. We will have a food truck, goody bags, a photo booth, a DJ, and of course, lots of cars giving out candy to Tab's children and the children of our neighbors. All are welcome, and there is no cost for this event. We will need MANY volunteers willing to bring their cars and give out candy, as well as members willing to donate candy (individually-wrapped, please). A sign-up sheet is available each Sunday morning in McKee Hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt

Tab Worship Schedule Survey

The Tab Session is discussing our Sunday morning worship schedule and would appreciate your input.

1) Worship attendance: Are you currently worshiping? (mark all that apply)
8:00 am service
10:00 am service
In person
On- line
Not currently worshiping at Tab
2) How satisfied are you with the current worship schedule and style i.e., 8:00 am (communion) and 10:00 am as we are now alternating between a traditional and a non-traditional format?
Like it a lot
lt's OK
Don't like it
No preference
3) Worship music style preference
Chapel communion
Contemporary
Gospel/Jazz
Traditional
No preference
4) If you have a worship music style preference, how important is it to your worship experience?
It is essential to my worship experience
It has an impact on my worship experience
It is simply my preference.
5) Worship schedule
Keep the 8:00 and 10:00 am schedule
Return to the 8:00 am, 9:00 am (non-traditional) and 11:00 am (traditional) format
Other:
6) Additional comments:
(optional)
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Please return by Wednesday, October 5

Name:

Survey Monkey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KTQ6X27 REGISTER NOW FOR TABFEST: REVIVE!

IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY -

The Tab family extends our sympathy to the Cantwell family in the death of Camille's brother, Jerry, after a long illness. Please keep the Cantwell family in your prayers.

Our sympathy is extended to Chris and Christine Fedor and their family in the passing of his mother, Naomi Fedor. Arrangements are pending at this time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Sunday morning, September 18, we celebrated the sacrament of baptism with Stella Rose Fowles, the daughter of James and Kathy Fowles and the sister of brothers, Caleb and Miles. Stella is an 11 year old 6th grader at Edgewood Middle School.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income: \$1,468,673 YTD actual income: \$1,536,808 Actual exceeds budgeted by: \$68,135

Expenses:

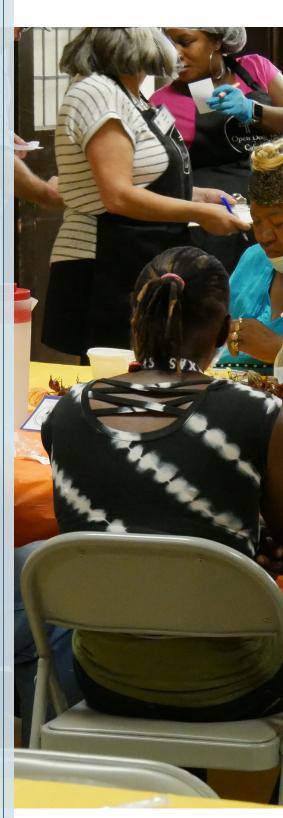
YTD budgeted expenses: \$1,571,727 YTD actual expenses \$1,526,898 Under budget by: \$44,830

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

OCTOBER

- 3 John & Mary Dougherty 46 years Steve & Ann Reynolds 41 years
- 4 Ben & Lisa Hughes 37 years
- 6 Bob & Kathy Brown-Mayes 38 years
- 7 Clyde & Rebecca Townsend 21 years Mark & Teresa Lubbers 44 years Stuart & Katelyn Luzader 5 years
- 8 Dave & Susan Liebel 5 years Patrick & Bethany Chatelain 6 years
- 10 Ben & Kelly Donaldson 7 years
- 11 Chris & Katie Moore 14 years
- 13 Doug & Angela Shaw 3 years
- 15 Jeff & Sally Sumpter 46 years Bill & Martha Sue Batt 56 years Ryan & Ruth Miller 6 years
- 16 Matthew Hawkins & Stephanie Sherrard 12 years
- 18 Diego Urfalian & Heidi Hoopingarner 14 years
- 21 Bill & Helen McGuire 42 years
- 24 Clayton & Katy Cummings 14 years
- 25 Bob & Peg Padgett 36 years
- 27 Dan & Amy Rexroth 21 years Don & Elly Douglass 10 years
- 30 Einar & Lena Stefansson 38 years





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

- 1 Colin McHugh
- 2 Dick Luchtman Christen Prible Paula Daum Angela Shaw
- 3 Morgan Barnett Mark John Lucas Urfalian
- 4 Ben Van Winkle Jeffrey Ridenour Chris Fedor
- 5 Paula Means
- 6 Kate Ase
- 7 Charles Warren Diane Tolsma Kelli Cobb
- 8 Ann Mohr
- 10 Elijah Cummins Lenny Reel Tiago Barbosa
- 11 Anne Demeree Warren Cain
- 12 Tanya Erickson Peyton Hart Peg Strodtbeck
- 13 Greg Miller Carter Booker Sally John Nancy Hesler
- 14 James Fowles Nick Schroeder Bruce McGeath Zeke Borns
- 15 Scarlett Grove
- 16 Adam Packer Marilyn Downey Maeve Moudy Willa Moudy Mitch Roob Mallery Luzader
- 17 Carolee Berry
- 18 Steve Weyreter
- 20 Gilbert Orban Grayson Parsons Ron Loper

- 21 Marion Hoopingarner
- 22 Mary Allen Westley Jefferies
- 23 Holly Gamage Justin Wade
- 25 Liza Howe Virgil Baldwin Sarah Pike Lisa Hughes Stephanie Menzel
- 26 Jonathan Burris
- 27 Al Mayo Janie Parr Kathy Albrektson Colin Brannon
- 28 Tommy Meils
 Ben Donaldson
 Eric Foote
 Eric Guion
 Brook Johnson
- 29 Joel Padgett
- 30 Cathy Schubert
- 31 Ben Hughes



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