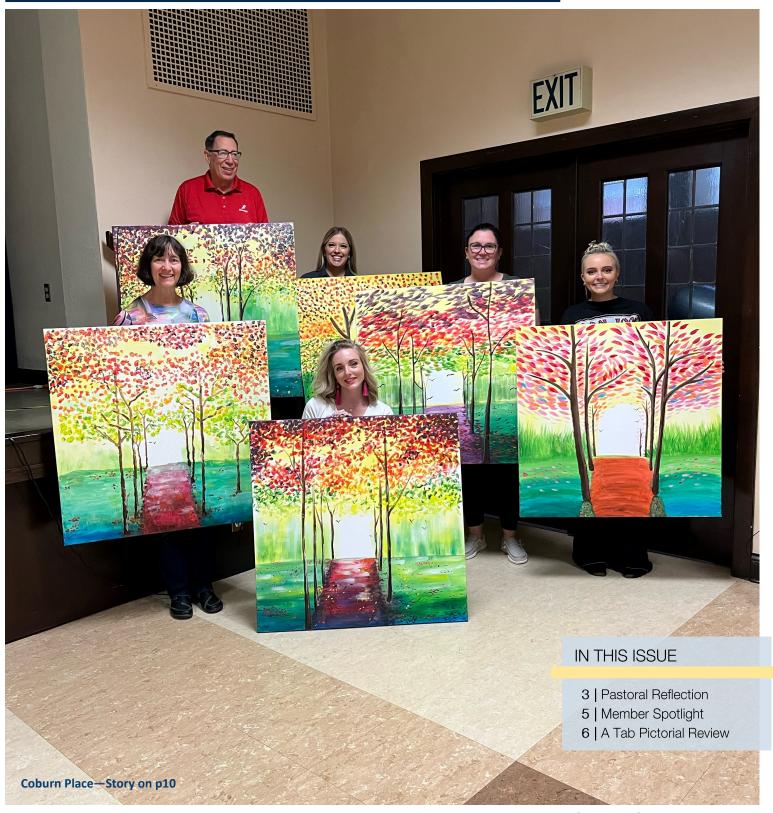
TOWERCHIMES





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

8:00 AM | COMMUNION SERVICE McKee Chapel

10:00 AM | WORSHIP SERVICE* Sanctuary

* This service is also live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50 AM.

You can find a link at tabpres.org.

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Tab's TOWER CHIMES

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n Sunday, September 10, you are invited to come to the Dining Room immediately following worship to enjoy a delicious hotdog lunch. The scouts of Troop 72 and 721 are grilling up hotdogs with all of the fixings.

The Tab Troop was re-chartered 25 years ago and has been led by Scoutmaster **Dan Hursh** and Assistant Scoutmasters, **Chris Fedor**, **Mike O'Banyel** and **Jeff Swiatek**.

Please join the Scouts and others as we thank them for their 25 years of service and meet the group of men and women who will lead the scouts into the next 25 years. $\ \ \ \ \ \$





Tab Financial Report

JULY 2023	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 1,399,171	\$ 1,389,591	\$ (9,580)
YTD Expense	\$ 1,556,407	\$ 1,563,672	\$ (7,265)
Difference	\$ (157,236)	\$ (174,081)	\$ (16,846)

Questions? Contact Kristine at ext. 111 or email her at kristine.green@tabpres.org.

Pastoral Reflection

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

Dear Friends,

As I sat down to write my contribution to the September Chimes, I had to give a double-take look at my calendar. It does not seem possible that we are nearing the end of the summer already, and oh my, what a summer it has been for the Tab family!

I thought it might be fun to use this article to recount all the events and activities that have filled the summer months but decided against it. For one thing, the list would be longer than my allocated space. Not to mention, I would surely forget to include something - particularly since many of the ways we live out our mission of Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, Stronger Community never make the official "calendar."

There is, however, one special summer day that remains close to my heart – Sunday, July 30, the celebration of Rev. John Gable's retirement. From the holy moments of the worship service, to the delightful and creative Tabby Awards ceremony, to the heartwarming video created by Timm Gable recapturing his dad (and mom's) ministry journey, to the 450+ reservations for the pig roast picnic - the day was absolutely perfect. I am certain that John and Kris are probably still recalling the many special moments of that day and will carry the encompassing love in their hearts forever.

For me personally, though, the day took on additional significance as it meant that I would soon step into the role of temporary lead pastor and head of staff during the search for an interim pastor who will lead us through the process of calling a new senior pastor. It was a reality I knew was coming, but as with the end of summer, arrived much more quickly than I anticipated. It was a little unnerving to consider that it was suddenly here.

Throughout the worship service and recognition activities of the day, I found myself contemplating the reality of what it would take to complete 41 years of ministry with a legacy like John's. The many expressions of admiration and love were proof that John not only impacted our lives in a meaningful way, but he blessed all of the congregations he served. We were able to send John into his retire-



Rev. Terri's shoes on left; Rev. L. John's on right

ment in such a beautiful way because he had loved us and led us to become a beautiful, albeit imperfect, manifestation of God's vision for the church.

At one point, I remember thinking: "Wow! Those are some really big shoes to fill!" I also recall my heart starting to race with anxiety at that thought I was expected to fill them. That is, until the moment a still voice that is not my own spoke these words to me: "They are big, but they are not your shoes to fill. You have your own shoes. You don't wear John's and he can't wear yours. Just wear your shoes, the ones God has given you. They are all you need."

Friends, this holy reminder, your prayers, and the kind words of encouragement of the last few weeks, have strengthened me for this season more than words can express.

I'm still nervous about the responsibility, but I am not anxious or afraid. I am confident that God is leading all of us, equipping all of us, and empowering all of us to walk together into this time of transition.

I will not always do things the way John did. I will need to ask questions and learn names. I will make mistakes and need your prayers, your forgiveness and God's grace. And yes, I will be walking in my own "shoes" of giftedness, calling, personality and leadership style...not John's. Still, with God's help, we will navigate this transition while walking on the same foundation that John helped lay, with same blessing and charge he gave us: "You are loved. Now go and do something good for the kingdom."

September₂₀₂₃

Preaching Schedule

3 14th Sunday after Pentecost SERMON SERIES: What Next?

Live to Love

Matthew 16:21-28 Romans 12:9-21

Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

10 15th Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES: Radical and Reckless Love

In Reconciliation

Matthew 18:15-20 Romans 13:8-10

Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

17 16th Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES: Radical and Reckless Love

In Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35 Romans 14:1-12

Carter Booker, Guest Speaker

24 17th Sunday after Pentecost/*Anniversary Sunday

SERMON SERIES: Radical and Reckless Love

In Mercy

Matthew 10:1-16 Psalm 145:1-8 Jonah 3:10-4:11

Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

**In celebration and thanks, we will honor Dave & Mary Mills for their 50-year membership at Tab on Sunday, September 24 at the 10a service. They became members on December 28, 1972.



About the cover photo:

8/18/2023, Coburn Place Painting Project w/Dr. Michael Gradeless, wife Kathy and some of the Gradeless Dental Staff. Photo courtesy of Gail Wiener. Story on p10.

Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER EVENTS

3	10a	ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
4	Labor Day	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9	9a 10-11:30a	PRETEEN KICKOFF BREAKFAST FRESH STOP PRODUCE
10	11:45a	HOTDOGS & SCOUTS
14	3:45p	TAB TUTORING BEGINS
23	7a-1p 10-11:30a	NANCY'S RIDE FRESH STOP PRODUCE
26	11a	OPEN DOOR VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON
30	8a	TAB'S GOLF CLASSIC

WEEKLY

MWF	11a	Tab's OPEN DOOR CAFÉ
MON	6:30p	CUB SCOUT PACK 72—DEN MTG
TUE	10a	WOMEN ALIVE
	6:30p	PRAYER GROUP
WED	9:30a	PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY
THU	3:45p	TAB TUTORING
	7p	SANCTUARY CHOIR
FRI	7р	CIRCLE OF HOPE
SAT	8a	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN	8a	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9a	EDUCATION HOUR
	10a	WORSHIP SERVICE
	11a	Youth IMPACT

MONTHLY

1st TUE	7p	SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
1st WED	5:30p	MISSIONS' COMMITTEE
2nd MON	•	FACILITIES COMMITTEE DIVERSITY & JUSTICE TEAM
2nd TUE	7p	BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE
2nd WED	5:30p	MISSIONS COMMITTEE
3rd TUE	7p	SESSION MEETING
3rd WED	6:30p	MOMS OF Tab
4th TUE	•	MEDIA COMMITTEE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MEETING DEACONS' MEETING
2nd & 4TH SAT	10A	PURLS OF WISDOM

Member Spotlight

Mary Mills: All Creatures Great and Small!

by Maya Wagle



ary Mills is besotted with many things. At the top of that list is Jesus whom she fell in love with when she attended Tab in her teens and listened to the sermons of Tab's pastor, Dr. James Martin. Other things on that list, include two and four-legged creatures, i.e. little children and horses, respectively.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mary was an only child and moved



to Indianapolis at the age of three. Her family lived at 50th and Winthrop through most of her youth. She attended School 70 at 46th and Central and graduated from Broad Ripple High School. From there, she attended Butler University where she acquired her degree in Elementary Education, and then earned a Master's Degree at Indiana University. Her first jobs were teaching first graders in Pike Township and at Eastbrook Elementary. Taking a break after marriage, she returned to teaching when the family moved to Zionsville. She retired in 2007 after a 35-year career in elementary education.

She and her husband, David, have been members of Tab since 1972, following their Tab wedding. David was a year senior to her at Broad Ripple High School. He caught her eye as a talented jazz trumpet player in school. They have been happily married for 51 years!

The Mills' have three grown children. Chad is an engineer with the Westfield government; Megan is a surgical vet tech and resides in Fairfax, Virginia; and Katherine, who resides in California. Interestingly, Dave and Mary have seven grandchildren—all girls! This has created a lopsided "power structure." Woman power! David and Mary keep very active, attending their volleyball and soccer games.

Both David and Mary have served on the Tab Session off and on for many years. Mary helped with the Infant Nursery for five years and was on Jennifer Wirt's team teaching Sunday School for younger kids.

Mary and David's claim to fame lies in that they introduced Patty Wright, Mary's dear friend through high school and college, to Rick Reel in a very "sly" manner when they had a party at their clubhouse. The rest is history!

Mary is dedicated and passionate about everything she gets involved with: Jesus, the education of little kids, her marriage to David and her passion for dogs and horses. It lines up with what Jesus wants us to do—take little children and helpless animals into our fold. Like our Lord, she loves to fish.

She still rides her draft horse and hopes to get on a horse when she's 80. Her other activities include walking three miles a day with her neighbor and hiking in State and National Parks with her family. She is a member of two book clubs and loves playing bridge with friends like Linda Fledderjohn and Julie Kukolla.

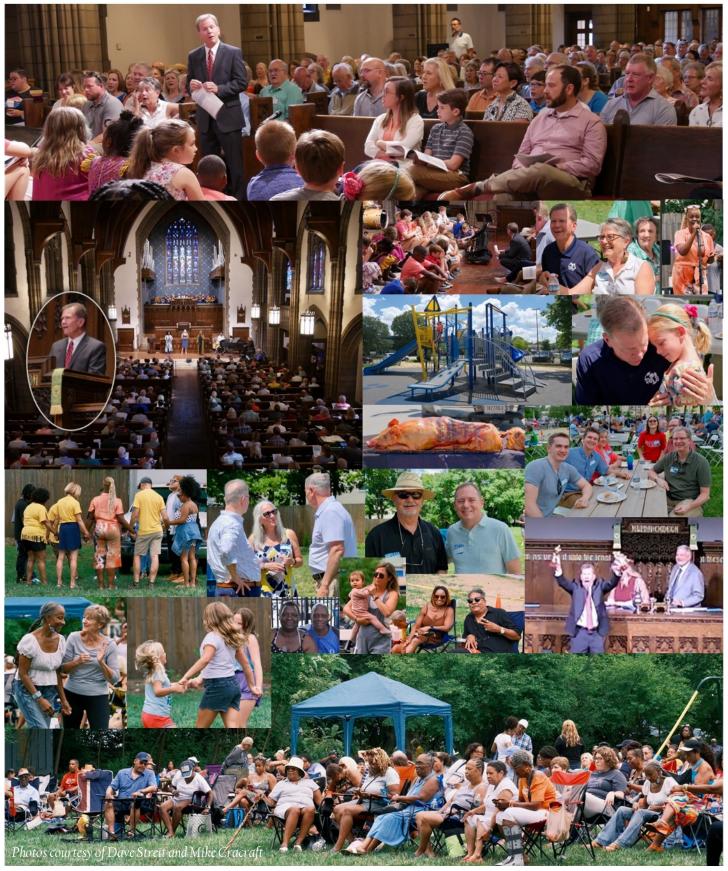
What is amazing is that she has fallen off her horse eleven times and has still managed to get up and stay up. Isn't that what our Lord wants us to do? *Persevere!* †





A Tab Pictorial Review

Gable Retirement Celebration (July 30) and TabJAMS (August 13)



Letters of Thanks

An UMOJA Partnership Update

by Denise Soltis, with a special THANK YOU from Pastor Emeritus, L. John Gable

Dear Tab,

Please accept my profound thanks, the thanks of the Kenyan staff and the thanks of well over 5,000 current students for your support. Your mission support and your A-Maizing Lunch funds help sustain a portion of our programing every year. With your partnership over the last 16 years, Umoja Partnership has grown stronger and more vibrant than ever. I am overwhelmed by this gift that you have given in honor of Pastor John Gable. This gift can help us grow, reaching more children, educating more young people and giving hope to even more families.

When John and Kristin return from their wellearned time off, we will meet together and discuss their wishes, and I will provide the church an update. I know they were interested in sponsoring a school so we may be able to add our 21st school. That school sponsorship includes the school lunch program, uniforms, blankets, solar lights, girls and boys empowerment programs, a home build each year and scholarships for those students as they join high school and college.

With your help, God is lifting up Umoja families. Your support has already fostered transformation in this vulnerable community. I hope that you continue to partner with us for this important work.

Blessings to Tabernacle Church. Your gifts to those less fortunate in Indianapolis and around the world are truly living the word of God, as well as building a stronger community in Indianapolis and Chulaimbo.

Peace,

Denise Soltis, BS Pharm, MSGH Executive Director, Umoja Partnership





Dear Friends,

Words alone cannot express our deep appreciation to you for the wonderful ways you celebrated ministry and retirement. Both Kristin and I have been deeply touched by the worship services, the dedication following, the party in the park



and the many, many expressions of kindness written and spoken. Just as many of you have said you had trouble knowing how to thank us, we are now finding the same difficulty. May "thank you" suffice.

We also want to thank you for honoring our request to honor us through gifts to the Umoja Project. Your response has been gracious and generous beyond our expectations. As of this writing you have contributed \$39,533! Your gifts will be life-changing for hundreds of orphaned and vulnerable children in Western Kenya through the good work of Umoja, providing daily sustenance of maize and beans, school uniforms, sanitary towels and scholarships to secondary school and beyond. When I first visited Kenya in January 2012, the Umoja children were at the very bottom of their classes, now, through this good ministry and our assistance, those same children have risen through the ranks to the top of their classes. That is the difference your gift is making in the lives of those children.

On their behalf and ours, let us say as they would say, **Asante** sana! Thank you!

And God's blessings,

John and Kristin Gable

Other Tab News Announcements & Upcoming Events

Ministries can submit articles for the next monthly edition of the Tower Chimes by the 15th each month to janna.clegg@tabpres.org with CHIMES in the subject line.



NOVEMBER 10-12 **BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK**

Please plan now for your whole family to enjoy a wonderful weekend together with your church family in the ever beautiful Brown County State Park's Abe Martin Lodge.

This will be a full weekend of great fun and fellowship while growing deeper in our faith and in relationship with one another.

In addition to the scheduled sessions and activities, you will also have time to enjoy all of the amenities of the park and sweet little town of Nashville, Indiana.

We encourage you to join us for this inter-generational weekend that will be something you do not want to miss.

REGISTRATION **COMING SOON!**



Thursdays 3:45-5:15p

Tab Tutoring starts their 2023-2024 season on September 7 for volunteers and September 14 with students.

They meet every Thursday from 3:45-5:15p, observing breaks on the school calendar. Each tutoring session combines a snack, a Bible devotion, tutoring on school work and if time permits, educational games. Their aim is to build strong bonds in a loving, faith environment.

Last year, they served 21 students and continued receiving applications until the end of the year. They are committed to serving as many students as possible but need volunteers to do so. Tutoring is one-onone, so for every volunteer, another student can be helped. We would love for you to consider joining this wonderful and blessed mission in this community around 34th & Central.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact either Barb Babcock (317-730-3898) or Carol Newell (540-597-0794). They are very thankful for all of the volunteers, and for the prayers offered up by the congregation—please continue to keep Tab Tutoring in your prayers. ₽





—for students in grades 5 & 6

Saturday, September 9 | 9a

Lincoln Square Pancake House @ 86th/Ditch

All Tab 5th and 6th grade students are invited to our annual kickoff breakfast at the Lincoln Square Pancake House from 9a until about 10:15a to eat delicious pancakes and waffles and talk about plans for Tab's preteens during the upcoming school year.

There is no need to bring money, **but please let Mrs. Wirt know by September 6** if you will be coming so she can get a large enough table.





We are currently in need of a couple more volunteers for our Infant Nursery this fall to assist our main childcare provider, *Jenny Sturgis*.

The time frame is 8:55a—11:15a.

Your main responsibility?
Cuddling Tab's adorable
babies, of course!

Please let Jennifer Wirt or Jenny Sturgis know if you are interested.

Jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org jennycsturgis@gmail.com

It all started with...

...One Person Talking to Another

by Gail Wiener



Dr. Gradeless pictured above with wife, Kathy

ot too long ago, Tab member Amy McLean shared with Gail Wiener (also of Tab) that Coburn Place residents could benefit from large pieces of art in their transitional apartments since the ceilings are so high. Coburn offers compassionate support and safe housing choices for survivors of domestic violence and their children.

Gail sprang into action and found six, oversized canvases. She then learned that the dental office staff of **Dr. Mike Gradeless** in Fishers was looking to do a team-building painting project. Gail asked them if they would be willing to donate the finished canvasses to Coburn Place, and they said yes!

Gail then connected them with artist Taylor Walker to help them do all the paintings in Tab's Dining Room. Soon they will be delivered to Coburn Place!

Gail, Amy, Coburn Place, Dr. Gradeless' staff, Taylor Walker, thank you for following the call to put legs to Tab's vision of Stronger Community!











Gradeless Dental staff members painting their own interpretation of the original example by Taylor Walker.

Photos (including cover) courtesy of Gail Wiener

Tab Family

Anniversaries, Baptisms, Birthdays, and Deaths

BAPTISMS 7.23 | ALLISON ELIZABETH BOITS 7.23 | ANDREW JOSEPH BOITS 8.6 | ELIZABETH ANN MOORMAN

DEATH 8.13 | SIMON TORRES (Father of Angeles/Nick Hill)

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Levi & Linda WATKINS, 27 years James & Mary PHILLIPS, 33 years
- 2 Nick & Angeles HILL, 22 years John & Christie KUPKE, 56 years Mark & Betsy THOMPSON, 17 years
- 3 Bob & Kathy DONALDSON, 46 years
- 4 Gary & Ruth Anne WRIGHT, 41 years
- 6 Robert & Debra BUSH, 37 years
- 7 Fritz & Kathy BLUM, 38 years Richard & Emily BOITS, 16 years
- 8 Bill & Sharon MARSHALL, 33 years Marshall & Larisa McKENNA, 22 years Mike & Diane TOLSMA, 16 years
- **10 Byron & Marsha ROBINSON,** 40 years Larry & Sandy SIMONEL, 57 years
- 11 DuWayne & Connie HINTZ, 54 years
- 12 Phillip & Mary LUZADER, 8 years
- 13 Jim & Rita LINGEMAN, 48 years Linus & Vicki RUDE, 20 years
- 14 Mike & Jill O'BANYEL, 38 years
- **16 Scott & Kathy WADDELL,** 45 years
- 17 Steven & Sheila GRIGDESBY, 40 years
- **18 Jason & Kara DeARMAN,** 19 years Chris & Kit MOORMAN, 2 years
- 19 Dan & Kathy WILLIAMS, 31 years
- 20 Ian & Lizzie FLANAGAN, 9 years Marty & Stephanie HARMLESS, 20 years Scott & Emily McCLELLAND, 12 years
- 21 Michael & Sandra NEELY, 44 years
- 24 George & Jean DAVIS, 58 years
- 26 Paul & Valerie FINNELL, 33 years
- 28 Carl & Lisa EVANS, 38 years Mitch & Sandy ROOB, 38 years

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Jenny BYERS Caleb FOWLES Lee LANGE
- 3 Dorothy Benz-BUCHANAN Mable CHULOCK Drew GALL
- 4 Anessa Rae CUMMINS Quinn McFARLEN
- 5 Drew CHILDS
 Sam GALL
 Jeanne RODRIGUEZ
 Doris SHAFER
 Paul WOLLER
- 6 Tyler HROMADKA Leo MOUDY Matt SUMPTER
- 7 Clint BLACKBURN Eric LANGE Mike STEPHENS
- 8 Jormo DARKU
- 9 Carson CRANE Jonathan RUSSELL Jen THOMAS Sarah THOMAS
- 10 Riley BRANNON
 Oscar CLAVEL
 Holly HAMILTON
- 11 Lauren BROWNING Anne KING Jennifer KELLER Lena STEFANSSON Zac TURMAN
- 12 Gary DAYMON
 Erica FLEDDERJOHN
 Steven GRIGDESBY
 Janet McCASLIN
 Dawn MILES
 Cameron WEST
- 13 Lucy EMISON
- 15 Melody HOTCHKISS
- 16 Dan BORNS
 Andy COSTLOW
 William LUZADER
 Kevin O'BANYEL
 Henry TEAGUE

- 17 Judy LITSEY
 Becky MAYO
 Rachel McCLELLAND
 Sarah NOEL
- 18 Barbara CAIN
 Keith DeTRUDE
- 19 Walter KUKOLLA
- 20 Andrew SCALES
 Jeannine STOKES
- 21 Matt FRASER Kristin GABLE Jenny STURGIS
- 22 Elly DOUGLASS
 Fritz HOHLT
 Carson McCASLIN
 Jeff SWIATEK
- 23 Jacob BOITS
 Lucas BOITS
 Jude DAYMON
 Kyle EMS
 Julie KUKOLLA
 Jane MILLER
- 24 Annie COSTLOW Paul FINNELL Mark LUBBERS Frantz LYNN Kit MOORMAN
- 25 Lizzie FLANAGAN Mark HAMILTON Betty HARMLESS Kelsey HOBBS
- 26 Eden PARSONS Pat RILEY
- 27 Christine FEDOR
- 28 Gary MILLER
- 29 Bernice CORLEY
 Avery DeARMAN
 Hannah HOWE
 Kiley KING
 Stuart LUZADOR



POSTMASTER: Return Service requested.

SAT, September 30, 2023

Benefiting the Deacons' Benevolence Fund

Register now for Tab's Annual

8a Shotgun Start @ Eagle Creek Golf Course

Members and friends are invited to enjoy a Florida scramble-style day of golf with lunch and bidding in a silent auction. Cost of golf and lunch is \$75 per golfer.

of fried chicken, fried biscuits with a Everyone is invited to come enjoy a lunch pple butter and other sides.

rdarku@gmail.com

Contact Robert Dar at 463-224-2966 or

Questions?

in September at the table located Register each Sunday

