

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

8:00 AM | COMMUNION SERVICE
McKee Chapel

10:00 AM | WORSHIP SERVICE*
Sanctuary

** This service is 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

This monthly newsletter is also available for viewing on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions for the monthly newsletter should be emailed to frontdesk@tabpres.org no later than the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.



The Interim Transition Team is rejoicing that Session unanimously approved and the Committee on Ministry of Whitewater Valley Presbytery resoundingly endorsed the

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

as Tab's Interim Senior Pastor.

Dr. Smutz received his Master's in Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and his Doctorate in Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary, and was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) in 1987. Originally from St. Louis, he has vast experience as a Pastor, Head of Staff, and Synod Representative in the Midwest, including Wabash Valley Presbytery here in Indiana, and is trained in Interim and Transitional Ministry. Dr. Smutz is married to Gina, and has three sons and six grandchildren. We anticipate his arrival the week of January 15 —more information will follow about this transition after the holidays.

The Team is grateful for the prayerful support and interest in this process, and asks for your continued prayers as we welcome Dr. Smutz.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session, at bscpmarsh@yahoo.com or 317-331-8148.



Tab Financial Report

NOV 2023	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 1,999,242	\$ 2,002,684	\$ (3,442)
YTD Expense	\$ 2,273,030	\$ 2,249,715	\$ 23,315
Difference	\$ (273,788)	\$ (247,031)	\$ 26,757

Questions? Contact Kristine at ext. 111 / kristine.green@tabpres.org.

January 2024

Preaching Schedule

- 7** Baptism of the Lord
100th Anniversary Kickoff for Tab Recreation
 Mitch Daniels, Jr., Guest Speaker
- 14** 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 21** 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
 The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching
- 28** 4th Sunday after Epiphany
 The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching



- To **JUDY FRAPS** and family on the passing of her brother, **JOHN CANADA**, on **SAT, NOV 11**.
- To **CAROLYN DODD**, and the family and friends of **WAYNE WEBER** who passed away **SUN, NOV 26**.
- The family and friends of **SHARON NELSON**, the mother of our former custodian, the late **JEFF ELLIS**, and sister to long-time Tab employee, **PATTI PATE**. She passed on **TUE, NOV 28**.

Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

January EVENTS

- 1** ALL DAY **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
 New Year's Day Observance
- 7** 9a **MISSIONS' UNIT**
 10a **Tab Recreation 100th Anniversary Kickoff Sunday**
- 14** 9a **MISSIONS' UNIT**
- 15** ALL DAY **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
 Martin Luther King Observance
 11a **MLK CELEBRATION at Phillips Temple**
 11:30a **PRE-TEEN LUNCH and a MOVIE**
- 19** 6p **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**
- 21** 9a **MISSIONS' UNIT**
- 28** 9a **MISSIONS' UNIT**

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**
 6p **HANDBELL CHOIR**
 7p **SANCTUARY CHOIR**
- FRI** 7p **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**
- 2nd **MON** 5:30p **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**
- 2nd **TUE** 8a **RECREATION COMMITTEE**
 5p **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**
 7p **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**
 7:15p **WORSHIP, MUSIC, & ARTS**
- 2nd **WED** 5:30p **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**
- 3rd **TUE** 10a **TAB REC 100th COMMITTEE**
 7p **SESSION/DEACONS' MEETING**
- 3rd **WED** 6:30p **MOMS OF Tab**
- 2nd & 4TH **SAT** 10a **PURLS OF WISDOM**

Are you looking for the January Birthday and Anniversary list?

Please check the bulletin board located in McKee Hallway, email frontdesk@tabpres.org or call the church office to have one mailed to you.



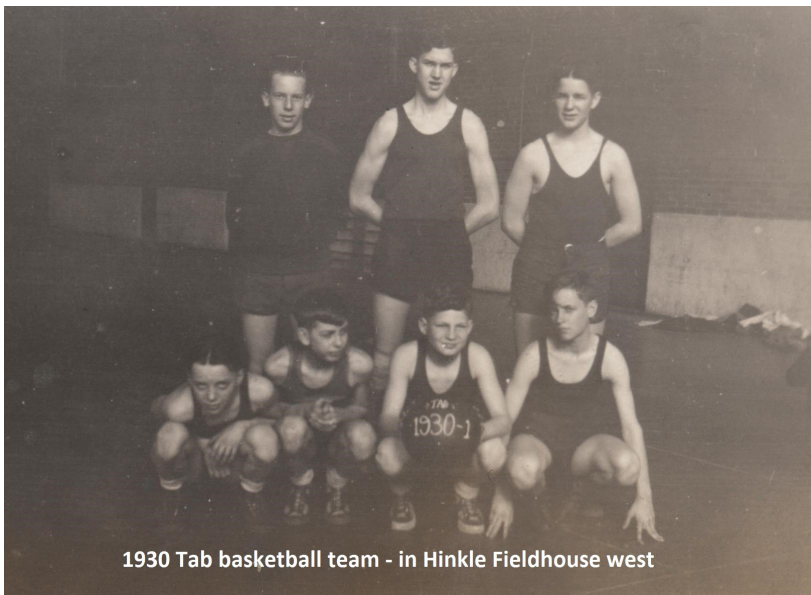
Tab Recreation: 1930s

100 Years of Outstretched Arms Into the Community

by John Byers



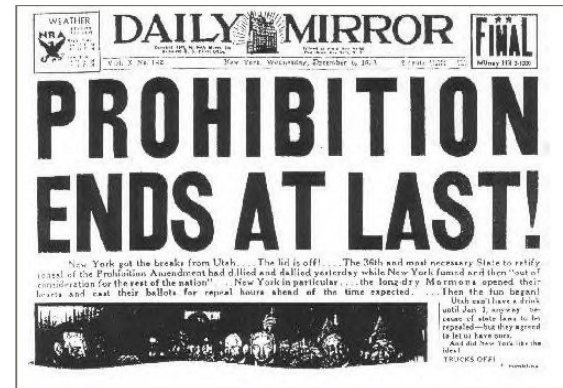
1930 Tab basketball team - in Hinkle Fieldhouse west gym



1930 Tab basketball team - in Hinkle Fieldhouse west



This article, and others to come throughout the year, will take a peek by decades at what was going on in the nation; in entertainment; in the world of sports; and highlights about “Tab’s outstretched arm into the community” as former pastor James Martin was fond of referring to Tab Recreation.



As the decade of the 1930’s began, the nation was plunging into the Great Depression. The stock market had crashed; banks failed; dust bowls plagued the Great Plains and the Midwest; people everywhere were out of work; many were without homes and without food; savings were lost; it was a time of struggle for almost everyone, and it persisted until the end of the decade, when the prospect of a second World War loomed for the United States. With all of that, prohibition ended; and Social Security was enacted.

For entertainment, people went to church socials, school programs, played cards and danced – entertainments they could afford. They listened to radio programs like The Shadow, they followed sports games – especially baseball on radio. War of the Worlds, a radio drama, caused panic

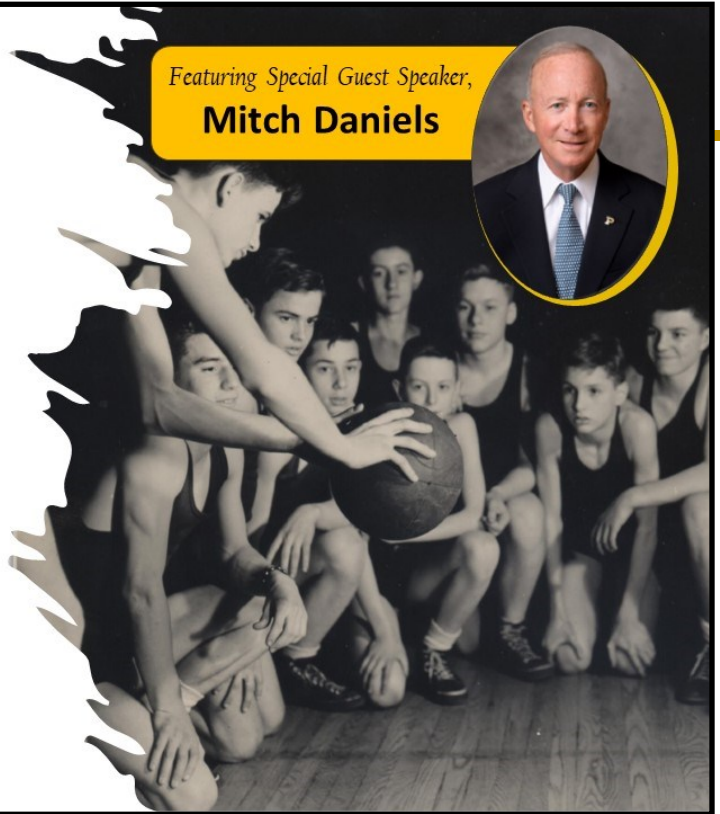


Kick-Off Sunday

JANUARY 7 | 10a

Sanctuary

Featuring Special Guest Speaker,
Mitch Daniels



among listeners who thought it was news an actual alien invasion. The Century of Progress International Exposition, also known as the World's Fair opened in Chicago; and the Wizard of Oz premiered in theaters.

In sports, John Wooden led Purdue University to a national basketball title; the first televised sporting event, a game between Princeton and Columbia was broadcast to the very few who owned television sets; Jesse Owens won 4 gold medals at the Berlin Olympics; and Seabiscuit, an underdog horse, beat War Admiral, the reigning Triple Crown Champion by 4 lengths in the "Race of the Century."

As the 1930's began, Tab's basketball teams were finally able to practice and play games in their newly completed gymnasium. Other newly completed gyms at Shortridge High School and the Butler University fieldhouse also offered places for Tab's teams to play. Soon, this difficult decade would be over, and through it all, Tab Recreation progressed.

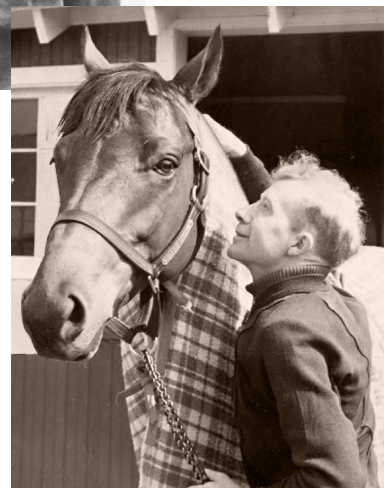
This was the decade of the 1930's in America and at Tab Recreation. ✚



Jesse Owens



The Wizard of Oz



Seabiscuit and rider, Red Pollard

Tab Member Spotlight: Marcia Belt

by Maya Wagle

When you meet Marcia Belt, what strikes you is the beaming smile and twinkly eyes. That emotion is firmly rooted in the belief that God is sovereign and that "He is not finished with me yet." Her faith has stood the test of time through divorce, remarriage, death of a spouse and cancer. And God has brought her through each trial. (*Philippians 3:14*)

Marcia was born in Indianapolis, the middle child between two sisters. The eldest, Barbara, has passed on—but Marcia is still very close to Mary, sixteen months her junior and whom resides in Louisville, KY.

Marcia attended IPS #76 as a first grader, and then her family moved to Washington Township where she graduated at North Central High School. Early on, she fell in love with learning painting, clay and reading and grateful for all of the teachers in her life, graduated with a degree in English from Hanover College. After graduation, she taught 8th grade English at Northview Junior High School.

Marcia's spiritual life followed a similar path. She remembers saying that she loved Jesus at the young age of three. As with most people however, she went through a period of skepticism, doubting her faith while in high school and college. She was married at Tab during her Christmas vacation of her 1964 senior year by Jim Martin, the pastor at that time. With the birth of her three children, she took a sabbatical for the next twenty years to raise them. Tab's nurture, as well as Marcia's guidance, influenced her two boys who are now priests in the Anglican Church. The oldest, in fact, is a Bishop! She is very engaged with all three of her grown children (two boys and a girl) as well as her twelve grandchildren in Indianapolis.

Later in life, after divorcing, she took up substitute teaching, signed up for her Master's Degree at Butler University and began tutoring a student in Latin. Like Gideon, she promised God that should he have a job for her, she would definitely take it— and he did! When Park Tudor started a Middle School, she was offered a job teaching 7th and 8th graders in Latin and English. She continued teaching for the next nine years, loving every moment.

A second chance at love loomed on the horizon and after a whirlwind courtship of four years, she married Jim Belt, whose energy and enthusiasm matched hers. They traveled overseas, living in China at two different times, and taught English to Chinese medical students. Jim went to his heavenly home in August of 2016.

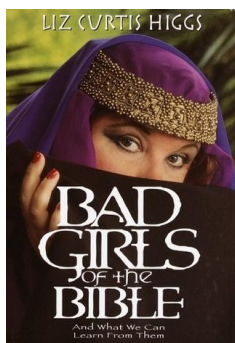
Marcia returned to Tab in 2007. She feels Tab is her spiritual community, family and emotional support. All three children have been baptized at Tab, and in 2017 when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, the Tab family rallied around her in support. She's so thankful for Jane Harvey and her team who provided food and transportation to her during this time. Marcia was placed in a clinical trial for a new drug which has lengthened her remission time.

She has plunged into Tab "life" and attends Bible study, tutoring, and volunteering at various events. She has been a member of the Session and other committees as well.

She is so busy! But she does find time for some favorite hobbies. She is a voracious reader (is involved in two book clubs), yoga, lunch with friends, and traveling! She glorifies God for all he has done for her and her family through every trial. At age 80, she still has plenty of mileage left in her. In horse-racing terms, she is not an "also-ran"... she's still running the race. (*1 Timothy 6:12*) ✝



From top to bottom: Marcia and her sister Mary; Marcia as a young girl and as a debutante; her handsome offspring; and with her late husband, Jim.



Women's Monday Night Bible Study

The Winter/Spring 2024 study will be on the book: **"Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them."** Whether they were "bad to the bone," "bad for a season, but not forever," or only "bad for a moment," these infamous sisters show women how *not* to handle the challenges of life. **Monday nights, 7p-8:30p**, in the Parlor or Online (ZOOM). **January 18-March 25.**

Contact Ruth at mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com for more information!

TabKIDS & Preteen Ministry

Questions?

Contact Jennifer at ext. 140 or email her at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

Tab's PreTeen (5th & 6th Grade)

Lunch & a Movie

MON JAN 15 | 11:30a

RSVP: jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org

PRETEEN LUNCH & A MOVIE

MON, JAN 15, 11:30a. All 5th & 6th graders are invited to the annual MLK Day "Lunch & A Movie" outing. We'll have lunch at Culvers and then see a movie at either the Glendale Landmark theater or AMC Castleton theater.

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP PYOCA!

Registration opens **JAN 17** for summer camps at Pyoca, our Presbytery's camp and conference center. If your child would like to go, Tab's Children's Ministries will pay half of the cost for one week of camp for each "Tab Kid" who registers. Spots in the various camps fill up fast—especially for the elementary programs, so sign up early! For more information and to register, go to pyoca.org/summer_camp/, or contact us with any questions.



FRI, JAN 19 | 6-8:30p

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | FRI, JAN 19, 6-8:30p. All parents of children (infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary-aged students), drop off your kids and have a night out on us! There is no fee and registration is not required, **but please feed your child dinner before you arrive.** Kids will enjoy games, snacks, do a craft, and will watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!). There will be a separate childcare room for children ages four and younger.



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NEW CIRCLE, PHILLIPS TEMPLE, AND TAB INVITE YOU TO...

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR CELEBRATION

JANUARY 15
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

WORSHIP | LUNCH | FELLOWSHIP

Hosted by Phillips Temple | 210 E. 34th St.

