

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.

# July 2024

## Event Schedule

### SPECIAL

- 4** ALL DAY TAB OFFICES CLOSED
- 11** ALL DAY PreTeen Summer Trip
- 13** 10:00a Fresh Stop Produce
- 14** 6:00p TabJams
- 16** 6:30p Just for Mom's Craft Night
- 20** 9:00a Music & Arts Camp
- 21** 12:00p Back to School Giveaway
- 27** 9:00a Children's Musical Long Rehearsal

### WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door
- TUE** 6:30p Prayer Service
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study  
6:30p Children's Musical Rehearsal
- FRI** 3:30p 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

### MONTHLY

- 1st **MON** 5:00p HR Committee Meeting
- 1st **TUE** 7:00p Spiritual Growth & Dev.
- 2nd **MON** 5:30p Facilities Comm.
- 2nd **TUE** 8:00a Recreation Comm.  
5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.  
7:00p Children's Ministries Comm.  
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts Committee
- 2nd **WED** 5:30p Missions Comm.
- 2 & 4 **SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 3rd **TUE** 7:00p Session Mtg
- 4th **TUE** 5:30p Congregational Life Comm.  
7:00p Deacons' Meeting
- 4th **SUN** 11:00a Parishioners Without Partners Women's Group

Please visit [tabpres.org](http://tabpres.org) for a complete calendar of events.

**TAB JAMS**

2024 FREE CONCERT SERIES

**34TH & CENTRAL, TAB PARK**  
IN CASE OF RAIN, CONCERT MOVES INSIDE TAB

SUNDAYS 6-8 PM  
JUNE 9, JULY 14, AUGUST 11  
BRING A LAWN CHAIR!

STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC!

6/9 FRANK BRADFORD

6/9 HURRICANE & THE GANG

7/14 SARAH SCHARBROUGH MCLAUGHLIN

8/11 STACI MCCRACKIN

6/9 ALLISON VICTORIA

7/14 JEFFERY THOMAS II



# A Spiritual Snack

## Are Spiritual Snacks Really A Thing?!

from Interim Pastor Bill Smutz

We all have questions! Questions that continually rumble around in our minds and in our hearts. Questions that invite us to ponder important, weighty topics of meaning and purpose, of life and death, of values and priorities—especially for we who consider ourselves to be children of God and disciples of Jesus.

If you have a moment and would like to tackle some of these questions through the lens of a Psalm, here is a spiritual psalm snack that may be a useful resource.

### Snack Enhancing Ideas

- Find a comfortable place that offers quiet for reflection
- Light a candle if desired
- Read the psalm. An NRSVUE translation is provided. Additional translations/paraphrases may enhance your experience
- Note on a piece of paper, words, ideas, feelings, and images that rise up or stand out
- Read the brief reflection provided, set it alongside your observations, and consider how the Holy Spirit may be speaking to you in the present through this psalm
- Spend a few moments thinking about individuals and situations for which you feel led to pray
- Close with your own prayer or the one provided
- DON'T FORGET TO BLOW OUT THE CANDLE!

### Psalm 121 (NRSVUE)

#### *A Song of Ascents*

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

### Reflection

Notice first that Psalm 121 is described as a song of ascents; a song that the faithful would sing when they traveled to and from the Temple in Jerusalem to attend a great festival. The reminder of the Lord's constant presence surely provided great comfort to pilgrims who rarely traveled more than a few miles from where they were born and lived. Note second the second line of verse 6—'nor the moon by night.' This is most likely the origin of the word "moonstruck." In parts of the ancient world it was believed that moonlight was responsible for physical and mental maladies, and so should be avoided.

We present day pilgrims are probably most familiar with this psalm from a funeral. At a time of great loss and sorrow, when we struggle to form our thoughts, Psalm 121 speaks for us the meaningful words we want to say in such an important moment.

I take great comfort in the unmovable presence of God proclaimed in Psalm 121. We can be lost physically or emotionally or both. We can try to run away from our poor choices and bad behaviors. We can attempt to get away from the bad stuff of life by hiding under the covers with the pillow over our head. Yet, no matter where we go, God is present, God is with us, God does not and will never abandon us. When we are feeling uncertain about all manner of things, our good and amazing and hope-filled news is that God is right alongside us! Never a bad thing to know!

### Closing Prayer

*Loving God, thank you for never losing track of us; especially in those moments when we try to lose track of you. Keep our coming in...keep our going out...in Jesus, keep our lives—today and tomorrow and forever. Amen!*



# Member Spotlight

## Meet Louise

by Maya Wagle

**John 13:34-35 says, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” That is true of 98 year old Louise Willson. She lives this commandment to the letter.**

Born in Hamilton, Ohio, Louise spent her early years with her three brothers in Ohio, until they moved to Hagerstown, Indiana. Her father was the Superintendent of Schools and her mother, a teacher. Louise was Prom Queen in high school. While a senior in high school, her aunt Margaret and her good friend Aunt Alice (husband-to-be Bill’s aunt) arranged a date for her, with Bill. It was love at first sight. Their first date was a football game and a sock hop, following it.

Graduating from high school in 1944, Bill joined the Merchant Academy and spent time during WWII, transporting food and supplies. The faithful Louise wrote Bill a letter each day when Bill was away. When the war ended, he transferred to Purdue University. Louise enrolled at Indiana University. No one screams



louder than Louise when it comes to IU’s basketball games! In her very first year, the beautiful Louise was voted

“Homecoming Queen.” The couple tied the knot when Louise graduated from IU with a degree in business education in 1948.

After marriage, Louise taught business and English at a school in Battle Ground, close to Purdue. Bill’s graduation from Purdue in 1951 coincided with the birth of their oldest daughter, Nancy. They moved to Richmond where Bill began working with Richmond Fireproof Doors, and where they bought their first home.

They attended Reid Memorial Church in Richmond. Louise kept busy with bridge clubs, in between giving birth to



Debbie in 1954 and Libby in 1959. When the Richmond Gas Company sponsored Louise for the “Mrs. America” competition, she came in second place. The family

spent some time in Toronto when Bill was transferred there. The girls learned to ski, ice skate, and sing “God Save The Queen” while Bill enjoyed ice hockey. Following Toronto, Bill found a job in Indianapolis in 1968. The family attended Northminster Presbyterian church, where Louise taught Sunday School and she and Bill sang in the choir. Both served as Elders, remaining at Northminster for more than 30 years. Both loved travel and entertaining fellow church members and neighbors. All three girls graduated from IU and were married at Northminster.



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After 60 years of marriage, Bill passed away in 2008. Louise, then, joined Tab where she was an usher for many years. She served at Open Door and formed many close friendships which have sustained her through the deep loss of her daughter Debbie in 2018. She attended John Gable’s Wednesday bible studies until she stopped driving at 96.

Louise has felt the Almighty covering her with His shadow through each trial. Like Lazarus, Louise has been at the brink of death and, yet, the Lord brought her back from a ruptured appendix, a broken hip and pneumonia; twice, from hospice care. A beautiful, vivacious and lively lady, she feels her work on earth is not yet done. 1 John is her favorite chapter.

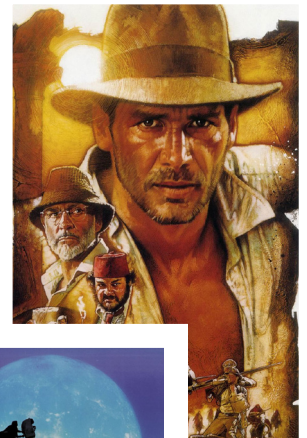
# Tab Recreation

## 1980s Population Growth

by John Byers

This article, and one more to come this 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.

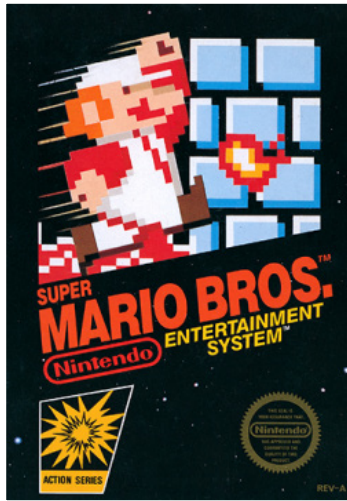
“Baby boomers” of the 1950’s had babies in the 1980’s. Youth sports, along with schools and other organizations faced pressure to find space for the growing population. We experienced Reaganomics, massive increases in military spending, more national debt accumulated in eight years than in all of previous U.S. history, the worst recession since the Great Depression, and a stock market crash. Nonetheless, the economy righted itself. A hardline U.S. approach to Communism everywhere in the world eventually led to the decline of Communism, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the collapse of the Soviet Union.



When Americans went to the movies, they saw Ghostbusters, Die-Hard, Beverly Hills Cop, E.T. and Fast Times at Ridgemont High. Action movies included Indiana Jones, Star Wars and Drugstore Cowboy. On television we watched The Jeffersons, The Cosby Show, The Simpsons, Family Ties and Roseanne. Night time soaps included Dallas, Dynasty and Falcon Crest. VCRs permitted us to rent movies to watch at home. And, music videos made stars of Duran Duran, R.E.M., Madonna, Prince and Michael Jackson.

Early computers became available to average individuals in the 80’s. Time magazine’s Man of the Year in 1982 was The Computer. Creation of the internet allowed us to communicate with one another. Microsoft’s Word, word processing system, and the Windows operating system made operating computers easier to learn. Video game systems Atari, Nintendo and Game Boy became popular. Kids and adults alike became enamored with games like Super Mario Bros., and Tetris. Pac Man was an arcade favorite.





In sports, hockey's Wayne Gretzky; boxing's Mike Tyson; soccer's Diego Maradona; and basketball's Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan garnered the headlines. In the 1980 Winter Olympics, the U.S. Hockey Team's 'Miracle on Ice' stunned and thrilled Americans. In the 1986 FIFA World Cup, Maradona's 'Goal of the Century' left an indelible mark on soccer folklore.

At Tab Recreation, the 34-year tenure of Recreation Director Russ Earl came to an end, as Russ accepted the position of Adult Fellowship Director, and John Byers was appointed interim Recreation Director. Softball and basketball programs were at capacity, with both boys' and girls' leagues in each sport. Soccer was a program gaining in popularity nationally, and growing at Tab as well. Football leagues, although not large in teams, took up a lot of field time and space in the fall. With select, tournament teams in women's softball, youth football and youth soccer, Tab's one gym, and one field was stretched beyond capacity. Remote sites in several nearby school gyms allowed basketball to continue growing. A second, late-winter season was added, and basketball grew to 100 teams at its max. St. Richards' School allowed Tab recreation to use its field for spring and fall soccer,



which relieved the conflict with softball and football. Other changes introduced with the change in leadership included:

team practices in all sports starting at 6p or 7p on week-nights, with games scheduled on Saturdays. A team could count on having its practice at the same time and place throughout the season; devotions were prepared and given to coaches, who were expected to share them at the end of each practice; t-shirts were redesigned with new logos; and team photos were prepared with the player's name and team name, and given at no cost to all players at the end of seasons. While trying not to throw anyone off the train, Tab Recreation was attempting to gently move in some new directions. So ended the 1980's.



# Tab News

## Announcements & Events

### ATTENTION GOLFERS

Save the Date for the Tab Golf Classic  
Saturday, October 19, 2024  
Benefitting the Deacons' Benevolence & Community  
Care Funds

### FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Be on the lookout for sign-ups in July for Tab's Fellowship Dinners! The Congregational Life committee will be organizing small groups to meet together three times between August and December, with dates determined by each group. Goal: meeting together and strengthening friendships within Tab! And food, of course!

### "JUST FOR MOMS" CRAFT NIGHT

All Tab ladies are invited to join us for an evening of refreshments and crafts on July 16 from 6:30p to 8:30p in Lower Level B. We will have two or three crafts available, and will also have a pitch-in taco bar and dessert. There is no fee, reservations are not required, and Children's Ministries will provide the dessert; just bring your crafty skills and an item to share for the taco bar. Questions? Contact Jennifer Wirt at [Jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:Jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org)

### THANK YOU TO OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS

Tab Children's Ministries is so grateful to the volunteers who helped to make this year's KidsGames VBS such a success! Many thanks to Jill O'Banyel, Sara Heitman, Linda Costlow, Denise Larson, Greta Clement, Sean O'Banyel, Emily Wirt Summers, Betsy Morse, Kaye Diener, David Moudy, Kerry Mitchell, Glory Sief, Yara Sief, Emory Clement, Theo Clement, and Emma Lynn. Thanks also to our intrepid maintenance and custodial staff, who cleaned up our messes all week and special thanks to the Open Door Café for hosting us for lunch on Wednesday. We could not do Vacation Bible School without each of you!

### SUMMER MUSICAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

We are continuing our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening rehearsals as we prepare for our performance of "Forever After" on August 18. Beginning on July 10 our Wednesday evening rehearsals will take place in the Sanctuary from 6:30p to 8p rather than in Lower Level B. A couple of special dates: on July 27 we will have our annual "Long Saturday" rehearsal from 9a until 2:30p for all available performers. This will include our annual lunch outing to the infamous and much-loved (by the students, at least) China Buffet. We will also have a dress rehearsal from 6p to 8p on August 14 with pizza supper served at 5:30p for those who can arrive early.

### OPEN DOOR BLESSINGS TABLE

The Blessing Table at the Open Door is accepting new or gently used towels and washcloths for our neighbors and guests this month. Please drop your items in the Blessing Table box below the mailboxes in the workroom. We so appreciate your generous donations.

### CHURCH OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2025

The Nominating Committee requests the support and prayers of the congregation in their decisions regarding new 2025 church officers for Deacons, Elders and Endowment Fund Trustees. Using the "Recommendation for Church Officer" form available at the Front Office or by emailing [frontoffice@tabpres.org](mailto:frontoffice@tabpres.org), please send your suggestions for officer nominees to one of the following:  
Tabernacle Presbyterian Church 2024 Nominating Committee, 418 East 34th Street, Indianapolis 46205, by email to [Kyle.Ems@gmail.com](mailto:Kyle.Ems@gmail.com) or leave them at the front desk. Please submit recommendations by Monday, July 29th.

### JOIN THE TAB JAMS FUN

Consider participating in Tab's mission of "building stronger community" through music by attending the next Tab Jams Sunday, July 14, from 6p-8p. The free concert series in Tab Park will provide an inspirational music experience. World class performer, songwriter and worship leader Sarah Scarborough McLaughlin will share her soulful and eclectic sound with us. She has released six original studio albums and is an artist in residence with the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Also, Jay Thomas II, a dynamic force uniting music, faith and community will take the stage. As a lead pastor of Charity Cares and a dedicated student at Wesley Seminary, Thomas continues to inspire through music with a commitment to community empowerment. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic. Please, no alcohol in the park. If it rains the concert will be held inside the Sanctuary. Join us for a fun-filled evening.

### ORGAN PROJECT

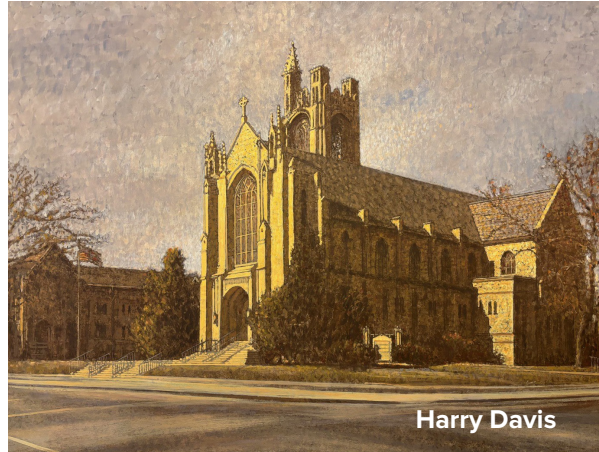
We are continuing progress on the Sanctuary Organ Project! The new floor has been installed in the back balcony that will support the new console and the electrical work has been completed. The 4 new manuals (keyboards) have been installed in the new console and component wiring is taking place at the Goulding and Wood shop here in Indianapolis. We received an email from the Casavant Organ Company needing information in order to ship our new pipes and get through customs very soon. Exciting work is continuing though not always visible work! Look forward to up-dates each month as we continue our progress! Questions? Contact Matt Kauffman at [matt.kauffman@tabpres.org](mailto:matt.kauffman@tabpres.org).



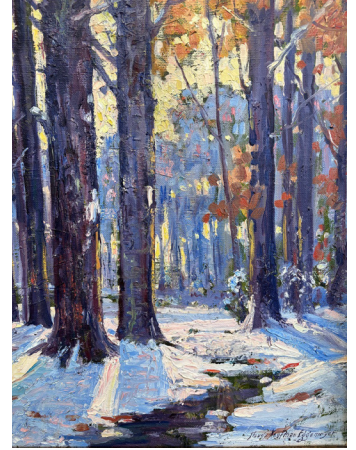
# Church Artwork

## Parlor Dècor

Recently the Tab Parlor was renovated through a generous anonymous gift from one of our members. New and repurposed furnishings were in place by the first part of 2024, but the room still needed something! We needed to “spruce up” the room with something to make it a little more “homey.” Several artists from the Tab congregation have helped make the renovation complete. Here are the pieces currently in the Parlor done by Tab members. When you see these folks—make sure and thank them for sharing their gifts and talents with each and every one of us! Next month we will feature the artwork of various Indiana artists donated to the church.



Harry Davis



Kyle Ragsdale



## Preaching Schedule

- 7 Rev. Dr. William Smutz, preaching
- 14 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 21 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 28 Rev. Dr. William Smutz, preaching





## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Patricia Ball who passed away on Sunday, June 16. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,013,418
YTD actual income:	\$1,039,842
Actual over budget by:	\$26,424

### Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,104,689
YTD actual expenses:	\$1,168,464
Actual over budget by:	\$63,775

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### JULY


Jeff & Leah Crane *20 years*  
Carter & Suzie Booker *32 years*  
Bill & Nancy Gordon *28 years*  
Scott & Kim Ledger *39 years*  
Kevin & Janet Burris *40 years*  
John & Jen Thomas *29 years*  
Terry & Jami Turman *18 years*  
Scott & Pat Carlson *47 years*  
Randy & Penny Phillips *41 years*  
James & Kathy Fowles *20 years*  
Richard & Kathy Gunn *54 years*  
Charlton & Michelle Browning *30 years*  
John & Nancy Peterson *68 years*  
Brian & Cindy Verbarg *41 years*  
Gene & Carolee Berry *43 years*  
Christopher & Christy Whaley *26 years*  
Michael & Kennedy Jefferies *6 years*  
Bob & Leslie Willsey *45 years*  
Dan & Betsy Brunette *46 years*  
Don & Sara Heitman *46 years*  
Tim & Michelle Schumm *13 years*  
Mark & Beth Ahearn *47 years*  
David & Amanda Foster-Moudy *9 years*  
Steve & Julie Scott *37 years*  
Jeff & Julie Earnest *37 years*  
Mark & Celia Middleton *38 years*  
John & Kristin Gable *44 years*  
Jacob & Kristine Crouch *24 years*





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JULY



Karen Jefferies	Cara Barnett
Julie Scott	Katie Orr
Angela Braly	John Murrell
Pat Cracraft	John Peterson Jr.
Karen Murrell	Curtis Steger
Keva Rop	Mary Ann Miller
Beth Ahearn	Trip Newell
Dromo Darku	Simeon Noel
Evelyn Jefferies	Wrenne Taylor
Beth Buchanan	Amy Martin
Emily Featherstone	Rich Scales
Teresa Lubbers	Sally Sumpter
Brian Verbarq	David Cantwell
Melissa Grove	Liana
Paula Luzader	Rodriguez-Cerena
Alan McKenzie	Terri Thorn
Gale Wilkerson	Elizabeth Hamilton
Pat Carlson	Joni Heugel
Jeff Foster	Dan Gushee
Charlie Blum	Bruce McDonald
Will Blum	Doug Shaw
Rainey Brown	Debby Wessel
Grant Gilroy	Sebastian Barbosa
Matt Hand	Jennifer Challis
Leah Crane	David Pike
Gordon Dunne	Jenny Buchanan
Bill McGuire	Theo Sears
Claire McClelland	Debra Bush
Antonio Martin	Jackson Flanagan
Charlie Miller	Joseph Kukolla III
William Reel	Chad Lynn
Kevin Burris	Woody Ohrn
Ellen Tovsky	Gene Berry
Mike White	Sandra Neely

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Mapleton-Fall Creek Community

# Back-to-School Celebration!



DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 21ST  
12 PM–3 PM

**Location:**  
**Tabernacle Presbyterian Church,**  
**34th & Central**

