

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES



IN THIS ISSUE

- 4 Member Spotlight
- 5 Tab Rec
- 7 Tab News
- 8 Organ Update
- 10 Birthdays



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!

CONTACT INFORMATION

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
418 E. 34th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

 (317) 923.5458  FrontDesk@tabpres.org

 www.tabpres.org  [tabpres](https://www.facebook.com/tabpres)

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.

August 2024

Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 5** 4:30p Endowment Investment Comm.
- 10** 10:00a Fresh Stop Produce
- 11** 6:00p TabJams
- 12** 4:30p Endowment Fund Trustees
7:00p Recreation Festival Training
- 15** 7:00p Recreation Festival Training
- 18** 11:45a Children's Musical
12:30p Ice Cream Social
- 25** 8a & 10a Youth Sunday
10:00a Bible Presentation Sunday
11:00a Teen Helper Training
11:00a Parishioners Without Partners
- 29** 7:00p Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsals Begin

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** 5:30p Spiritual Growth & Development Committee
- 2nd MON** 5:30p Facilities Committee
- 2nd TUE** 8:00a Recreation Committee
5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.
7:00p Children's Ministries Comm.
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts Committee
- 2nd WED** 5:30p Missions Committee
- 2 & 4 SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 3rd TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting
- 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 for a complete calendar of events.

Preaching Schedule

AUGUST

- 4** Psalm 74:9–17
Mark 9:14–24
“Spiritual Shifts: Part I”
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching
- 11** Exodus 34:29–35
Mark 9:2–8
“Spiritual Shifts: Part II”
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching
- 18** John 11:32–44
“What About the Smell?”
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching
- 25** Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching



Concert Finale!

You're invited to join us Sunday, August 11, from 6p–8p for the last TabJams of the summer season. Bring a friend, a lawn chair, a picnic and an appetite for some great soul music with Indy native

Staci McCrackin!

She's a frequent guest singer during Tab's contemporary services and is sure to draw a large audience for the season finale in Tab Park at Central & 34th Street. Staci's God-given gift of singing was recognized as a teenager by a Warner Brothers Records executive. She is currently the lead singer for the Flying Toasters and tours with the band of the Jim Irsay Collection. Parking is available in the church lot, Raphael Health Center and on the street. Just a reminder, please no alcohol in Tab Park. In case of rain the concert will move inside the Sanctuary. Come help us fulfill Tab's mission of "building stronger community," through music.

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 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 46 (NRSVUE)

A Song of Ascents

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Reflection

It was one of those days in ministry that was simply overwhelming. Nothing seemed to be going right. No one seemed to be happy or even content about how things were. Every phone call and every email seemed to bring another upset or looming disaster. In the midst of this tsunami of frustration I fired off an email of lament—maybe an electronic pity party is a better description—to a good friend and clergy colleague. Ten minutes later I received the following response. Bill, Psalm 46:10.

Now, I have never been good at memorizing scripture, so this reference didn't immediately mean anything to me. But, I dutifully leafed through the Bible on my desk to Psalm 46 and discovered life-changing words: "Be still and know that I am God!" All my crazy-day-at-church anxiety melted into silence in appreciation of my friend's wisdom, and in awareness of God's majesty and presence. God has things in hand. My responsibility is to recognize God's gravitas and respond with praise and gratitude!

Since that long-ago day, Psalm 46:10 has been a constant companion. Some days I repeat it over and over to myself—silently and out loud—as a reminder that I am not in charge... and that my responsibility is to hand over the day's craziness to the One who has it all under control. Some days I share Psalm 46:10 with someone around me who seems to be overwhelmed with life...hoping these words can have similar meaning for them.

Several years ago, my granddaughter, Taylor, who was five at the time, was having an overwhelming day. In the midst of her melting down, I quoted her the words that bring me so much comfort—"Be still and know that I am God!" Without missing a breath, she looked me square in the eye, and said, "You're not God!" Nobody can humble you like a five-year-old. In our ensuing conversation, I think Taylor began to understand that God has everything in control, and because of this we don't need to be as anxious as we sometimes get. But she also couldn't seem to let go of the idea that I was claiming divine status, and kept eyeing me funny!

Today may not be a high-anxiety day for you, but I can imagine that one will be upon you soon. They happen to all of us. When the overwhelming comes, I invite all of us to remember Psalm 46:10, and reach out and grab onto God's gift of stillness.

P.S. The rest of the Psalm is worth reading and pondering too.

Closing Prayer

Help us on all days, O God, and especially the ones overflowing with anxiety, to find stillness before you and comfort in your presence. Amen.

Member Spotlight

Meet Mary Allen

by Maya Wagle

Meeting Mary Allen brings to mind the 1930s sports legend Babe Didrikson, who excelled in essentially all of the sports—from track, swimming, softball, and tennis to baseball, basketball, boxing, golf, and more.



Mary is such a woman: powering through life, deriving her energy from Jesus, enjoying life to its fullest. She has been at Tab for 50+ yrs. An Indy native, through and through, she was born in Indianapolis in 1940. Her grandfather founded the legendary Taylor's Bakery on 62nd Street. Her family owned it for 110 years until 2022. Her parents were married at Tab. Growing up with a brother (three years younger) Mary attended IPS #86, graduating from Shortridge High School. After receiving a degree in Education from IU, she spent a year in Hammond with underachieving students. Following that, she spent a 4-year stint in Wilmette, Illinois with elementary students. That cemented her decision to cater to the educational needs of children (just as Jesus commanded us to).

Returning to Indianapolis, and completing her MS in Counseling (IU), she served as a counselor at North Central High School for more than 30 years. Upon retirement, Bob Hunter, at Second Presbyterian Church encouraged her to serve on their counseling staff. She retired again (a bad habit!).

Then, Mary began her third career—volunteering. (She has never retired from that!) She taught parenting classes at the

Salvation Army Women's Shelter, helping abused women get established in society, with a job. She was a bell ringer for 20 years. She taught Wellness Seminars to improve the physical and emotional health of working people at an insurance company. She volunteered for more than 10 years in Pastoral Care at St. Vincent Hospital; Second Helpings; Read-Up tutoring program for 3rd graders at IPS 48; Meals on Wheels; various capacities at Tab (Open Door, Mozel Sanders and anywhere they needed "an extra body"). The list is endless...you



can still see her at the Open-Door Café every Monday and at the Mid-North Pantry, three times a month.

Her Christian life has been just as eventful. Baptized at Northwood Christian Church

at age 16, she has dedicated her whole life to Christ and his edict in Matthew 25:40 (carved in the chancel at Tab) "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Deacon/Elder/Christian Education Ministry/Stevens Ministry are other ventures. Traveling frequently, the Tab trip to South Africa (before apartheid), with 20 other members, is carved in her memory.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me;" Psalm 23 "He knows what I need;" old Gospel hymns—minister to her through tough periods—as in



"Baptized at Northwood Christian Church at age 16, she has dedicated her whole life to Christ..."

2022, when she lost her brother and sister-in-law and personally received the diagnosis of a debilitating heart ailment. However, she is blessed with two loving nephews, five great nieces and nephews, and a circle of friends—who hug her tightly. Her childhood camp experiences—when she

learned how to swim, row a boat, ride a horse, use the bow and arrow, tennis and golf—have all been a factor in her staying active, until now. She plays basketball and has gone white water rafting...is there anything she hasn't done? Yep, she is Tab's Babe Didrikson!



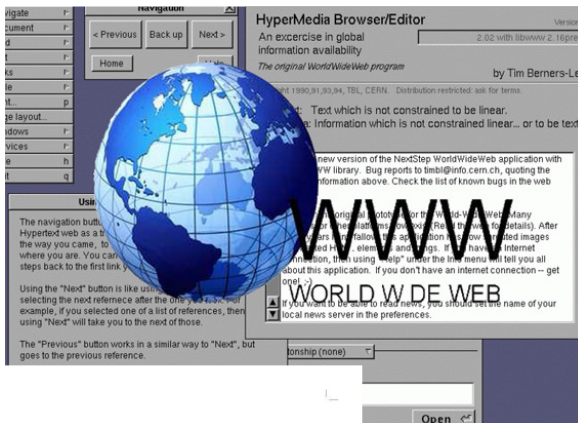
Tab Recreation

1990s A decade of peace and prosperity

by John Byers

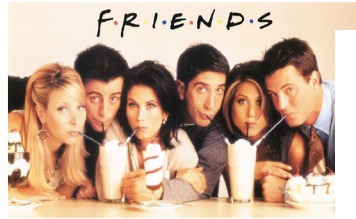
This is the final article of this series. Next month the long-awaited Tab Recreation 100th Anniversary Festival will take place on Saturday, September 14, from 10a-6p. Please plan to join us for great live music all day on the outdoor stage; for delicious festival food; for activities to test the skill of participants of all ages, like Dual Lane Bungee Run, Adrenaline Rush Obstacle course, and Axe Throwing. See a performance by the Indy Air Bears; watch Tab's youth soccer games in action on the field; and at 2p, be present to help celebrate the realization of a long-held dream of Donnie Fledderjohn, the unveiling of a wonderful art installation, sculpted specially for Tab by artist Ryan Feeny of Indy Art Forge.

Hopefully throughout this series of articles you have enjoyed reminiscing about things that made headlines in the past decades, and following the progress of Tab Recreation through those times.



With the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the cold war, the United States entered into a period of relative peace and prosperity in the decade of the 1990's. On the technology front there was development of: the internet; the world wide web; satellite and cable TV; personal computers; and the advent of 24-hour news networks. The decade saw its share of tragedies, scandals and worries. There was the beating of Rodney King and the resulting riots in L.A.; the World Trade Center bombing; the mass school shooting at Columbine High School; the bombing of the Alfred Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City; hurricane Andrew; the acquittal of O.J. Simpson on double murder charges; the impeachment of President Bill Clinton by the House of Representatives on charges of lying under oath and obstruction of justice in the wake of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. And, to close out the decade, there was widespread worry about how computers would react to the date change of the new century, a fear labeled Y2K.

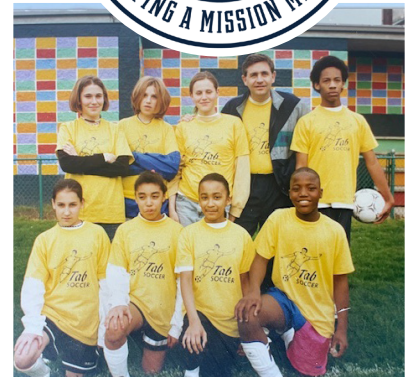




In entertainment, TV brought us Seinfeld; Friends; Frazier; Bay Watch; and the Simpsons. Advances in animation led to a

Disney Renaissance, with films like Toy Story; Beauty and the Beast; Aladdin; and the Lion King. Girl groups Destiny's Child and Spice Girls found fame. Box office hits included Forrest Gump; Saving Private Ryan; Titanic; Pretty Woman; Mrs. Doubtfire; and The Godfather. Music took a harsh turn with the popularity of grunge; gangsta rap; and punk rock. Other genres that gained popularity were Eurodance; electronic dance; R&B; teen pop; and country.

At the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, the "Dream Team" including Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson won gold for the United States in men's basketball. The U.S. team won the first gold medal ever in Women's Gymnastics at the 1996 Summer Olympics held in Atlanta, Georgia. Major League Baseball went on strike in 1994, ending the season early and canceling the World Series. Wayne Gretsky retired from professional hockey in 1999, holding 40 regular season records, 15 playoff records, six All Star records, and is the leading point-scorer in NHL history.



Tab Recreation operated at full capacity in all sports during the 1990's. Practices at 6 & 7pm weeknights, and games all day Saturday, both at multiple sites, was the typical schedule. Basketball was the largest program, with leagues at Tab, School 48, School 60, St. Richard's and Shortridge. Fall soccer shared the Tab field on weeknights with football, and used the St. Richard's soccer field on Saturdays. Late in the '90's Tab's entire soccer program moved to the newly developed Old Northside soccer fields on east 16th Street. Tab, the YMCA of Central Indiana and Ratio Architects spent several years working on conceptual plans for a very ambitious expansion and remodel of facilities during the decade, but due to economic and internal issues that surfaced before fund raising began, the project was abandoned. Tab Recreation entered the new century in robust good health.

pictured: Erica Hewitt



Tab News

Announcements & Events

MEMORY VERSE CHAMPIONS

Six Tab elementary students memorized 11 Bible passages to earn a spot on our next Mystery Night outing: Liam Barnett, Morgan Barnett, Jake Boits, Luke Boits, Frantz Lynn, and Charlie Parker. Congratulations to these young Bible scholars!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL

Tab's elementary students will be performing our annual Summer Musical, "Forever After" on August 18 at 11:30a(ish) in the Sanctuary. "Forever After" is a fun and funny show that uses characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes to learn about God's love, faithfulness, and forgiveness. No reservations are required, there's no fee to attend, and the performance will probably run slightly less than an hour. We will be providing ice cream sodas in the dining room afterward for any audience members who would like to stay for some fellowship (and maybe some autographs from the stars of the show!) The cast will be singing a song from the musical during the 10a worship service on August 11 as well.

BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

As is Tab's long-standing tradition, Children's Ministries will be presenting Kids Adventure Bibles to our students entering 3rd grade, and leather-bound Student Bibles to our students entering 7th grade. The Bible Presentation will take place during the 10a service on August 25. Parents of students entering 3rd grade or 7th grade will be contacted by Jennifer Wirt to make arrangements for their child's participation.

TEEN HELPER TRAINING

Children's Ministries will again be encouraging all students in grades 6–12 to participate in our Teen Helper program. Being a Teen Helper involves serving once a month in our Ones/Twos nursery or in the Preschool Class as a classroom assistant in the same nursery or class on the same Sunday each month (i.e. in the Preschool class the second Sunday of every month.) Being a Teen Helper is not only a wonderful way to serve the Tab family, but it's also a good way to earn service hours for school, Scouts, or other organizations. And as a bonus, the little kids think you're AMAZING!! We'll have Teen Helper training and sign up for rooms and weeks on Sunday, August 25, in Lower Level B immediately after worship and we'll also have refreshments and door prizes. Hope to see Tab's teens there!

TAB TUTORING IS STARTING THE 2024-2025 SEASON

Tutoring will begin on Thursday, September 12. We meet every Thursday while observing any breaks on the school calendar. This year we will be having an extended tutoring session for any of our students who attend Phalen Academy (previously IPS #48) since they have changed their release time to 2:30p while the Oaks Academy students will still be released and picked up by our church bus at 3:30p.

Our mission is to share Christ, promote academics and build trusted relationships with the children and families in our Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhood. Each tutoring session, at a minimum, combines a snack, a bible devotion, tutoring on schoolwork and if time permits, educational games. This past year we also had a pizza night for the students, tutors and their families and also concluded the year with a Celebration in the Park, featuring hotdogs, hamburgers and sides for all involved in this ministry.

Last year we served 26 students from Phalen Academy, The Oaks Academy and IPS #62 and continued receiving applications throughout the school year. We are committed to serving as many students as possible but we need volunteers to do so. Our tutoring model is to 1 tutor:1 student, so for every tutor volunteer we are able to help another student.

We are asking that you prayerfully consider joining this wonderful and blessed mission. While we pray that we are a blessing to each of these students and their families, if you ask the tutors, they will tell you that they feel blessed to be a part of the lives of the students.

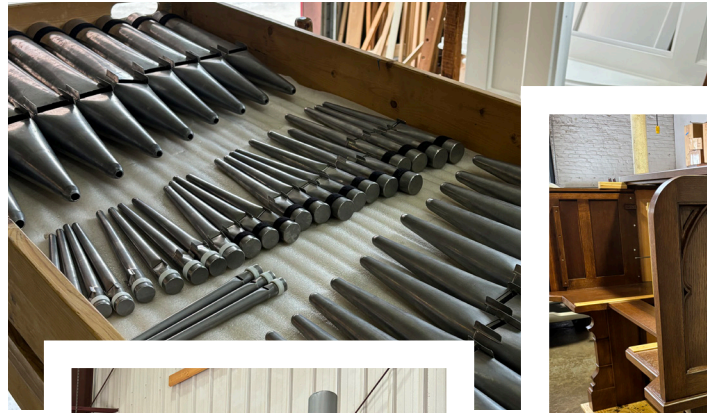
If you have any questions please contact Carol Newell (540-597-0794). We are very thankful for our volunteers and the prayers offered up by our congregation. Please continue to keep Tab tutoring in your prayers.

THE START OF A NEW SEASON

In September we will welcome Tab's Sanctuary Choir back to assist in leading worship, and we are looking for singers in each of our sections! If you are interested in joining this great group of vocalists as we lift our voices in song, join us on Thursday evenings at 7p in the Parlor beginning August 29. We have a great season of wonderful music planned for Tab's worship services and some special presentations throughout the year! Questions? Contact Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org.

ORGAN RENOVATIONS

Work is continuing outside of Tab's facility as we prepare for installation of our renovated antiphonal division and the addition of our new echo division in the back balcony. The new console (keyboard) for the back balcony is nearing completion as well as all of the electronics and wiring. Fun fact—did you know that there will be over 15 miles of wire that enables our instrument to function? Watch for further up-dates and work to begin in the back balcony very soon!!



TAB'S MISSION STUDY

According to Presbytery guidelines, congregations are to provide a "Mission Summary" document that summarizes the state of a church seeking a new pastor. This document provides information about the mission, activities, and attitudes of the congregation, in addition to demographic data. It will be used by Tab's Pastor Nominating Committee as well as potential pastoral candidates in calling Tab's next senior pastor. The Session of Tab has engaged an experienced consulting firm, "Holy Cow," to help assemble this document. A key part of this effort is an in-depth survey which will be given to the entire congregation. It will be very important for each member and friend of Tab to prayerfully complete this survey. Details about "when" and "how" to take the survey will be forthcoming. This is an exciting time in the life of our church and we look forward to preparing Tab's Mission Study Document to allow Session to move on to the next steps in finding our next pastor. Please direct any questions or concerns to any of the Mission Study Team members: Joe Kukolla, Lee Lange, Ryan Miller, Ellen Moeller or Keva Rop.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,264,901
YTD actual income:	\$1,243,893
Actual under budget by:	\$21,008

Expenses:

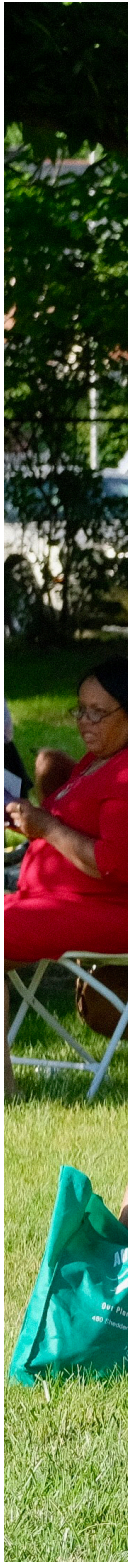
YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,325,501
YTD actual expenses	\$1,357,546
Actual over budget by:	\$32,045

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST

Tom & Becky Lapp *50 years*
Tony & Sarah Malito *10 years*
Joe & Julie Kukolla *40 years*
Joseph & Brooke Kukolla *4 years*
Tyler & Madison Hromadka *11 years*
Pete & Betsy Morse *33 years*
Mark & Jennifer Hamilton *10 years*
Mark & Sally John *46 years*
Kenny & Val Phelps *30 years*
Dan & Jenny Sturgis *15 years*
Don & Linda Fledgerjohn *60 years*
Charles & Carol Hartman-Hankey *4 years*
Matt & Debbie Kauffman *49 years*
John & Judy Fraps *56 years*
John & Marilyn Kendrick *68 years*
John & Debbie Strack *24 years*
Robert & Katie Orr *20 years*
Ron & Jane Harvey *60 years*
Jeff & Joyce Peipert *37 years*
Mike & Janet McCaslin *23 years*
Mike & Betsy Terry *46 years*
Rob & Susan-Amber Springer *43 years*
Gary & Jane Miller *58 years*
Kyle & Annie Costlow *14 years*
Dave & Maryann King *42 years*
Dan & Honi-Jean Schroeder *44 years*
Al & Becky Mayo *28 years*
Jeff & Sharon Poole *50 years*
Justin & Janna Wade *10 years*





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

John Hulen	Ezra Grove
Jacob Russell	Lee Shafer
Max Gall	Amy McLean
Angeles De Los Angeles Hill	Jackie Velasquez
Janna Wade	Zach Canterbury
Bill White	Wendy Wilkerson
Adam Jefferies	Frank Schubert
Philo Lange	Justin Padgett
Jody Davis	Barbara Summers
Hoagy Elliott	John Thomas
Evan Fedor	Doug Braly
Jan Fraser	Ryan Brennan
Brenda Lummis	Judy Daymon
Shidaa Darku	Kara DeArman
Stacey Grove	Marcia Belt
Manny Buchanan	Joshua Brunsting
Brian Graner	Ryan Miller
Nina Kauffman	Kristin Goss
Grace Rexroth	Lynne Neel
Caroline Hart	Finn Sears
Pam Smith	Amos Lange
Emily Wirt	Susan-Amber Springer
Ellis Cates	Ali Meils
Matt Kauffman	Cynthia Blasingham
Kohen Gillespie	Kathy Waddell
Hugo Smith	Becca Childs
Taylor Browning	Jim Lingeman
Oakley McFarlen	Alice Croner
Bob Mayes	Miles Fowles
Susie Crichlow	Maryann King
Suzanne Shaw	Linda McCabe
	Paul McIntyre



TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
418 East 34th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205-3795

POSTMASTER: Send address change to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at the above address.



The poster features a vibrant orange background with a stylized sun icon in the top left corner. The text 'TAB JAMS' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters, with 'TAB' in blue and 'JAMS' in yellow. Below this, it reads 'FREE CONCERT SERIES' in white. The date and time 'AUGUST 11 • 6-8 PM' are shown in large white font. A yellow banner contains the location '34TH & CENTRAL, TAB PARK'. A QR code is located in the bottom left, with the text 'More info at tabpres.org/TabJams' next to it. On the right side, there are two circular inset photos: the top one shows a crowd of people at an outdoor event, and the bottom one shows a woman, Staci McCrackin, singing into a microphone. Her name is written in white on an orange background at the bottom of the second photo.

TAB JAMS
FREE CONCERT SERIES
AUGUST 11 • 6-8 PM
34TH & CENTRAL, TAB PARK

More info at tabpres.org/TabJams

Staci McCrackin