

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

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

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.

September 2024

Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 2** ALL DAY Offices Closed for Labor Day
- 7** 9:00a Pre-Teen Kick-Off Breakfast
- 14** 10:00a Recreation 100th Anniversary Celebration
- 22** Tab's Anniversary Sunday
- 14 & 28** 10:00a Fresh Stop Produce
- 29** 3:00p The Orlovskys in Concert

WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door
- MON** 6:30p Boy Scout Troop
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive
6:30p Prayer Service
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study
- THU** 3:00p Tab Tutoring
7:00p Sanctuary Choir 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 WED** 5:30p Missions Committee
- 2nd MON** 8:00a 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
7:00p Session Meeting
- 2 & 4 SAT** 7:00p Purls of Wisdom
- 3rd TUE** 5:30p Congregational Life Comm.
3:30p Media Committee
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

SEPTEMBER

- 1** John 6:35, 41–51 & I Kings 19:4–8
“A Broom Tree of Love”
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 8** Psalm 51:10–15 & Matthew 5:8
“Inside Out”
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching
- 15** Jeremiah 20:7–12 & Matthew 5:3
“Less Equals More?!”
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching
- 22** Exodus 31:1–5 & Matthew 5:7
“To The Gills”
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching
- 29** Psalm 8 & Matthew 5:5
“Content”
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching

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 1 (NRSVUE)

A Song of Ascents

- ¹ Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- ² but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on the Lord's law they meditate day and night.
- ³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
- ⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- ⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Reflection

Everything has a beginning. Everything has to start somewhere: a great book; an inspiring hymn; a social or religious movement; a ball game; a play, a life well-lived—each has an initial word or first movement. And whatever it is that comes first, generally states the purpose and sets the tone for all that is to follow. Psalm 1 is the purpose-giver, the tone-setter, the standard-bearer for the 149 psalms that follow it. And because of its unique position in the Book of Psalms, it is worth of our attention.

My Old Testament Professor, Walter Brueggemann, labels Psalm 1 as a Torah psalm. He understand Torah to here mean more than the collection of Israelite moral values found in the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy. Torah, says Brueggemann, is God's will and purpose which is woven into the fabric of every part of creation. So, the tone that Psalm 1 is setting for the entire Book of Psalms, is that God must be our priority.

God creates and declares that everything created is good. And so, we who inhabit God's good creation, we who are part of God's good creation, are invited and expected to acknowledge the goodness God has already placed in the people and the world around us. When I approach another person with the belief that God's goodness lies within them, I see them in a more positive way, I treat them with greater respect, and I refuse societal messages that say they are bad or lacking or unworthy. When I acknowledge that God always reaches to me in love—especially through Jesus—then it is my responsibility as a child of God, to love others—NO EXCEPTIONS!

Psalm 1 says that our lives need to be ordered and conducted in accordance with God's purposes. How we live our lives matters and is decisive!

Embracing and imitating God's will and priorities is a good place to start, and sets the tone for a life well lived.....a life faithfully lived. How are we doing in this area? Who or what is setting the tone and providing direction for us? Are there directional changes we need to make? A good beginning makes such a difference for all that is to come.

Closing Prayer

*Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Set our
tone, our purposes, today and everyday
and forever! Amen.*

Member Spotlight

Meet Betty Mullin

by Maya Wagle

Betty Ford, Betty Grable, Betty White! At Tab we have Betty Mullin. This sprightly 89 year-old walks so quickly I had a hard time keeping up with her!

Born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on January 10 1935, she and her family lived on a farm in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. The oldest of six children, she remembers living in a post-depression world of food rationing, victory gardening, homemade clothes and hand-me-downs from cousins. Childhood memories include one-hour bus rides to school, and working on the farm. Her parents helped start a small Baptist Church when she was 13 and it is now the largest in Minnesota with 14 satellites. Baptized at 14, Betty was active in choir, youth group, Vacation Bible School and Sunday school.



Graduating from high school in 1953, she began nurses training and received her LPN, graduating at the top of her class. Her first job was at the Gillette Children's Hospital in the post-polio epidemic era. After marriage in 1958, she managed a small nursing home. Her first child, Diane was born in 1959, followed by son Greg in 1961. Diane is a teacher and lives in CA with her family, while Greg is research nurse, living with his family in Cicero, Indiana. With all families combined (step-sons and all), she has 19 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren! Both

Diane and Greg are on the verge of retirement.

In 1982 after divorce, when her "prince turned into a frog," Betty remarried—her actual prince, in 1984. John was the Wishard Hospital Chaplain and ministered to nursing homes in Indy. Betty and John joined Tab. Her marriage to John was idyllic and they vacationed in their timeshare in the Bahamas, several times. In 1997 John united with Jesus, from a fast-growing cancer.

This was when the exciting third "dream stage" of her life began. Steve and Amy Parlato of Tab, invited her to Thailand



on a mission trip. Betty was hooked! After her friend Ruth Van Reken connected her with Pioneers International, Betty made several mission trips to Thailand (14 times!), Bolivia, Peru, Turkey and Pan-

ama. After living with son Greg and family for a while, Betty left Tab in 2009, moving to California to live with Diane and her family. She stayed active with church and Bible study. She has successfully recovered from two knee replacements and bone cancer in her leg.

In 2019, Betty returned to Indianapolis, rejoining Tab. With family in Noblesville and Cicero, she spends time with her only surviving sister in Florida. She miraculously received acceptance to live at the Little Sisters nursing home. Even though she's at the entrance of her 10th decade of life, she still leads a small prayer group, is a floral designer, volunteers for the Activities Department and leads a Bible study at the nursing home.



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She gives glory to our Lord for all the trials and joy in her life. Grateful for His faithfulness, she credits mentors like her parents, author Helen Wessel, Ruth Van Reken and the many missionaries who touched her life. Her heart believes in communing with our Lord through His Word and changing peoples' hearts through prayer. She believes in TAB's spirit of caring and serving people with love. Her favorite book in the bible is James and her anchor verse is Psalm 37:1-4. "Do not fret...trust in the Lord with all your heart, commit your way to Him and He will give you the desires of your heart". Her faith is marvelous!

From the Mission Study Team



Scan to learn more or visit
TabPres.org/MissionStudy

Dear friends,

As we embark on an exciting journey with **Holy Cow! Consulting** to shape what lies ahead for Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, we invite the entire congregation to participate in this crucial first step: our **congregational assessment**.

This assessment aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of our church's current state and identify the paths most vital for our future. We will utilize the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), which will reveal key indicators of our congregational health, highlight areas of challenge, and point to opportunities for growth. It's an essential tool for capturing and understanding the diverse perspectives within our community, as well as our collective readiness and enthusiasm for advancing our ministry.

Why Is Your Participation Important?

- **Your Voice Matters:** This survey is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts, experiences, and aspirations for Tab.
- **Guiding Our Future:** The feedback will help shape the Mission Summary document and influence the selection of our next senior pastor.
- **Community Insight:** Your responses will reflect the variety of perspectives within our congregation, ensuring a well-rounded understanding of Tab's current state and future direction.

We're excited about this journey and the possibilities it holds for Tab. Please visit tabpres.org/MissionStudy or scan the QR code before September 22 to complete your assessment. The survey is comprehensive and will likely take 25 to 35 minutes. Once started, it must be completed in one sitting, as there is not a capability to save answers and continue later. All survey responses are strictly anonymous, and each member of a household is eligible to complete a separate survey. Should you have any questions, please email the Mission Study Team at MST@tabpres.org. Thank you for your participation and support during this important time for our church!

Warm regards,

Tab Mission Study Team

Joe Kukolla, Lee Lange, Ryan Miller, Ellen Moeller, and Keva Rop

*"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of faith."*

—Hebrews 12:1b-2a

The Deacons' Golf Outing

Supporting the Benevolence Fund

2024 Tab Golf Classic

OCTOBER 12 • 9 AM



What do golf, fun, and generosity have in common? They are all part of the Tab Golf Classic, an annual event that raises money for the Deacons' Benevolence Fund, a vital resource for families in need that has been around in Tab since about 1870.

Whether you are a seasoned golfer or a beginner, you can join the action and make a difference in your community. Here's what you need to know about this exciting event.

The Tab Golf Classic became an annual event post 1979 as a way to support the Deacons' Benevolence Fund, which helps families pay for essential expenses such as rent, food, medical bills, and counseling services. The Deacons' Benevolence Fund is a lifeline for many people who are facing financial hardships and need a helping hand. The fund has assisted an average of nine families annually. This year, however, we've already seen a 22% increase in requests for assistance.

The Golf Classic is not only a fundraiser, but also a fun day out. You can enjoy a friendly game of golf at the beautiful Eagle Creek Golf Club, compete for prizes, and challenge the pastor in a special contest. If you're not a golfer, you can also still show your support by sponsoring a hole or making a donation. The event has grown over the years, reaching record-breaking amounts of money raised and attracting more players and sponsors.

This year's Tab Golf Classic will take place on Saturday, October 12 at Eagle Creek Golf Club. Start time is 9a. To sign up, watch for the registration table on Sunday mornings. You can sign up as an individual or as a team of four. The cost will be \$75 per player, which includes green fees and a golf cart.

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun, meet new friends, and make a positive impact in the lives of others. The Tab Golf Classic is more than just a golf tournament, it's a way to show God's love and compassion to those who need it most. Join us on October 12 and be part of this amazing event!



Tab News

Announcements & Events

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Andy Phillips who passed away on Monday, August 12. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, October 12. Visitation will be from 12n until 2p with a service immediately following. Please keep Andy's daughters, Kathy Waddell & Nancy McLane, in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

ORLOVSKY CONCERT—SEPTEMBER 29; 3p

Arkady and Tamara Orlovsky, beloved longtime residents of Indianapolis, are thrilled to return to Indiana this September for a series of performances following a vibrant summer concert season in New York.

As the former principal cellist of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Arkady has long been a pillar of musical excellence and, together with Tamara, they will once again grace local stages with their remarkable virtuosity. They will be bringing their musical expertise to Tab in a special concert on Sunday, September 29, at 3p in the Sanctuary. This concert is free and open to the public.

So bring your family or a guest and join Arkady and Tamara in celebrating their artistic journey as they share their musical and reconnecting with the Indianapolis community that holds a special place in their hearts! A reception will be held in the Parlor following the concert.



ONE SERVICE—SEPTEMBER 1; 10A (NO EDUCATION HR)

OFFICE CLOSED—SEPTEMBER 2—LABOR DAY

50 YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION—SEPTEMBER 22

Again this year Tab will honor our 50 year members during the services on Anniversary Sunday, September 22. This year's honorees are: Mike & Pat Cracraft and Nancy Russell.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 22 (173RD ANNIVERSARY)

Join us on Sunday, September 22, as Tab celebrates its 173rd anniversary of ministry in Indianapolis and around the world.

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.

PRETEEN KICKOFF BREAKFAST

All of Tab's 5th and 6th-graders are invited to our annual kickoff breakfast on Saturday, September 7. We will meet at the Lincoln Square Pancake House at 86th & Ditch 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. No need to bring any money, but please let Mrs. Wirt know by September 4 if you will be joining us so we can get a large enough table. Hope to see our preteens for breakfast!

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!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Children's Ministries will be hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, October 4, from 6–8:30p in Lower Level B for Tab infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary students. We will have games, make a snack, do a craft, and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!). We will be offering a separate childcare room for children age 4 and younger. There is no fee and registration is not required, but please feed your child dinner before you arrive. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

ORGAN RENOVATIONS

Turn around and look up at the back balcony. Progress is now being made on-site for the installation of the renovated antiphonal organ division and our new echo organ division along with the new console in the back of our Sanctuary. The blower and wind supply pipes have been installed behind the Dining Room stage, and we will have our new instrument functioning soon. As soon as the back installation is complete, work will begin on the front organ. Keep looking around for other changes as we move forward with this exciting project! Questions? Contact Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,386,133
YTD actual income:	\$1,367,974
Actual under budget by:	\$18,159

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,509,328
YTD actual expenses	\$1,534,056
Actual over budget by:	\$24,728

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


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

SEPTEMBER

Levi & Linda Watkins *28 years*
James & Mary Phillips *34 years*
Nick & Angeles Hill *23 years*
John & Christie Kupke *57 years*
Mark & Betsy Thompson *18 years*
Bob & Kathy Donaldson *47 years*
Gary & Ruth Anne Wright *42 years*
Robert & Debra Bush *38 years*
Fritz & Kathy Blum *39 years*
Richard & Emily Boits *17 years*
Bill & Sharon Marshall *34 years*
Marshall & Larisa McKenna *23 years*
Mike & Diane Tolsma *17 years*
Byron & Marsha Robinson *41 years*
Larry & Sandy Simonel *58 years*
Phillip & Mary Luzader *9 years*
Jim & Rita Lingeman *49 years*
Linus & Vicki Rude *21 years*
Mike & Jill O'Banyel *39 years*
Scott & Kathy Waddell *46 years*
Jason & Kara DeArman *20 years*
Chris & Kit Moorman *3 years*
Ian & Lizzie Flanagan *10 years*
Marty & Stephanie Harmless *21 years*
Scott & Emily McClelland *13 years*
Michael & Sandra Neely *45 years*
George & Jean Davis *59 years*
Paul & Valerie Finnell *34 years*
Carl & Lisa Evans *39 years*
Mitch & Sandy Roob *39 years*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER



Jenny Byers	Kevin O'Banyel
Caleb Fowles	Henry Teague
Lee Lange	Becky Mayo
Dorothy Buchanan	Rachel McClelland
Mable Chulock	Sarah Noel
Drew Gall	Barbara Cain
Annesa Cummins	Keith DeTrude
Quinn McFarlen	Walter Kukolla
Drew Childs	Andrew Scales
Sam Gall	Jeannine Stokes
Jeanne Rodriguez	Matt Fraser
Doris Shafer	Kristin Gable
Paul Woller	Jenny Sturgis
Tyler Hromadka	Elly Douglass
Leo Moudy	Fritz Hohlt
Matt Sumpter	Carson McCaslin
Clint Blackburn	Jeff Swiatek
Eric Lange	Jacob Boits
Mike Stephens	Lucas Boits
Jormo Darku	Jude Daymon
Carson Crane	Kyle Ems
Jonathan Russell	Julie Kukolla
Jen Thomas	Jane Miller
Sarah Thomas	Annie Costlow
Oscar Clavel	Paul Finnell
Holly Hamilton	Mark Lubbers
Lauren Browning	Frantz Lynn
Anne King	Kit Moorman
Jennifer Keller	Lizzie Flanagan
Lena Stefansson	Mark Hamilton
Zac Turman	Betty Harmless
Gary Daymon	Kelsey Hobbs
Erica Fledderjohn	Eden Parsons
Janet McCaslin	Pat Riley
Dawn Miles	Christine Fedor
Lucy Emison	Gary Miller
Leslie Willsey	Bernice Corley
Melody Hotchkiss	Avery DeArman
Dan Borns	Kiley King
Andy Costlow	Stuart Luzader
William Luzader	Margaret Pinero

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Help Shape the Future of Tab

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