

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES

SUMMER 2025

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

—ROMANS 15:13



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.

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 AM Communion Service
McKee Chapel

10:00 AM Worship Service
Sanctuary

Live-stream the 10:00 AM worship service every Sunday at tabpres.org/Worship

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Still To Do... Always To Do

FAITHFUL IN THE IN-BETWEEN

Summer at Tab feels a little different this year—and in ways that feel especially meaningful. It's a season filled with both gratitude and anticipation. We're preparing to say thank you and goodbye to Dr. Bill Smutz, whose steady leadership has helped carry us through an important chapter. At the same time, we're looking ahead with hope, ready to welcome new leaders and fresh energy into the life of our church.

In this season of transition, we're reminded that the work of the church doesn't pause—it shifts, it deepens, and it continues. This summer's sermon series, *"Still To Do... Always To Do,"* invites us to prepare with purpose, embrace our identity as a community, and reflect on the past to boldly step into the future. Each week challenges us to live faithfully in the "in-between"—to keep growing, keep serving, and keep showing up, even when the path forward feels uncertain.

As we move through this liminal space, we remain hopeful—not just because of what lies ahead, but because of who we are together. We understand that expectations—our own and others'—may shift, but our foundation remains firm. Tab is a community that leans on one another, supports each other, and depends on God's faithfulness above all. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"* (Galatians 6:2). In both big ways and small, this is who we are and what we do.

There is still to do—and always more ahead. As the sun lingers longer in the sky, so too do we linger a bit more with one another—at concerts in the park, in the laughter of children and families around picnic tables, and through shared moments of worship and service. Let's step into it *together*—with faith, with love, and maybe even a little sunscreen.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

JUNE 1

GETTING READY FOR COMPANY

Isaiah 40:3-5 | Matthew 3:1-6

JUNE 8

COMFORTABLE IN OUR OWN SKIN

Psalms 40 | Luke 4:1-11

JUNE 15

IN & OUT & ON THEIR WAY

Psalms 27:1, 4-5 | Ruth 1:1-7

JUNE 22

TO STRIVE BACKWARDS

Exodus 24:15-18 & 32:1-6

JUNE 29

Guest preacher:

Rev. Eric Lange

Ordained PC(USA) Pastor & Child of Tab





JUNE

SUMMER MUSICAL REHEARSALS BEGIN

June 1 | 9-11 AM | Lower Level B

Wednesday evening rehearsals begin on June 11, with final Dress Rehearsal on August 13 from 5-8 PM

HOME COMMUNION

June 1 | 11:15 AM

GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 8 | During 8 AM & 10 AM worship

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8 | 8 AM & 10 AM worship

Wear red to celebrate Pentecost in a special way!

TABJAMS: ROB DIXON & NATALIE MARQUE

June 8 | 6-8 PM | Tab Park

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 16-20 | 9 AM - 12 PM

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

June 21-28 | Phoenix, Arizona

FRESH STOP RETURNS

June 28 | 10-11 AM | Raphael Health Center

Order at freshstop.org

MUSIC ED FEST PRESENTS:

SACRED CONCERTS WITH PAVEL & LEAH

June 29 | 4 PM | Sanctuary

JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY: OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, July 4 | All day

FRESH STOP PICKUP

July 12 & 26 | 10-11 AM | Raphael Health Center

TABJAMS: JAY THOMAS & MARK PAY

July 13 | 6-8 PM | Tab Park

"JUST FOR MOMS" CARDS & FONDUE NIGHT

July 22 | 6:30-8:30 PM | Lower Level B

"LONG SATURDAY" MUSICAL REHEARSAL

July 26 | 9 AM - 2 PM | LLB & Sanctuary

Followed by our annual lunch outing to China Buffet



AUGUST

FRESH STOP PICKUP

August 9 & 23 | 10-11 AM | Raphael Health Center

TABJAMS: STACI MCCRACKIN

August 10 | 6-8 PM | Tab Park

SUMMER MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

August 17 | 11:30 AM | Sanctuary

Ice cream social to follow in the Dining Room

BIBLE PRESENTATION AND YOUTH SUNDAY

August 24 | During 10 AM worship | Sanctuary

TEEN HELPER TRAINING

August 24 | Following 10 AM worship | Lower Level B

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: ALL CHURCH PICNIC

August 24 | 4:30-7 PM | Tab Park



Visit tabpres.org/Events
for a complete calendar.

WEEKLY

Open Door Café	MWF	11:00 AM
Communion Service	SUN	8:00 AM
Education Hour		9:00 AM
Sanctuary Worship		10:00 AM
IMPACT Youth Group		11:00 AM
Spiritual Growth Adult Class		11:15 AM
Women's Tuesday Walkers	TUES	7:30 AM
Tuesdays in Prayer		6:30 PM
Pastor's Bible Study	WED	9:30 AM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	THU	6:00 PM
Circles		6:00 PM
Men's Bible Study	SAT	8:00 AM

MONTHLY

HR Committee	1st MON	5:00 PM
Spiritual Growth	1st TUE	5:30 PM
Special Session Meeting		7:00 PM
Missions Committee	1st WED	5:30 PM
Facilities Committee	2nd MON	5:30 PM
Recreation Committee	2nd TUE	8:00 AM
Budget & Finance Cmte		5:00 PM
Children's Ministries Cmte		7:00 PM
Worship, Music & Arts Cmte		7:15 PM
Daughters of Dorcas	2 & 4 SAT	10:00 AM
Session Meeting	3rd TUE	7:00 PM
Communications Cmte	4th TUE	5:30 PM
Deacons' Meeting		7:00 PM

What's Happening?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



MUSIC ED FEST: SACRED CONCERTS WITH PAVEL & LEAH

June 29 | 4 PM | Sanctuary

Join us at Tab on Sunday, June 29 at 4pm for a powerful Sacred Concert in support of Music Ed Fest 2025. Enjoy an afternoon of soul-stirring music from Pavel Polanco-Safadit (piano) and Leah Crane (vocals), joined by Steve Dokken (bass), Germany Parker (drums), and the Covenant Community Church Choir. This special event will raise funds to support young musicians in the Dominican Republic, using the gift of music to inspire and empower. Come worship, connect, and be moved—all are welcome to attend and make a difference!

WELCOME REV. DR. STEVE SMITH!

We're blessed to welcome **Rev. Dr. Steve Smith** as Tab's part-time Interim Associate Pastor, beginning Sunday, June 1. Dr. Smith is a PC(USA) pastor currently living in Fishers, IN. He holds degrees from Fuller and Princeton Theological Seminaries, and brings a rich background in ministry, having served churches in California, Indiana, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. We're grateful for his leadership during this time of transition and look forward to the ways he'll serve alongside our church family. Please join us in giving him a warm Tab welcome!

TAB REC WELCOMES REGGIE MARTIN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

A new chapter begins June 9, 2025

We're excited to announce that **Reggie Martin** has been selected as the new Executive Director of Tab Recreation! Reggie brings a passion for youth programs, strong leadership, a wealth of experience, and a heart for the community. We look forward to officially welcoming him to the team on June 9, 2025. Join us in praying for Reggie as he steps into this important role!

FRESH STOP RETURNS!

June 28 - Nov. 22 | 10-11 AM | Raphael Health Center

Access to fresh, healthy food is essential for everyone. That's why Fresh Stop, a ministry of Tab Church, offers affordable, local produce to all income levels. Our season returns June 28 and runs through November 22, with produce pickups every other Saturday from 10-11am at Raphael Health Center, 401 E. 34th Street. All participants receive the same fresh produce and prices vary by income. Order today at **FreshStop.org** or contact Sally John at **sallybjohn@gmail.com** to learn more.

OPEN DOOR NEEDS YOU!

Share a Meal. Share God's Love

Tabernacle's Open Door Café Ministry is growing—and so is the opportunity to serve! Rooted in our mission of Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community and guided by Jeremiah 29:11, we are committed to feeding both physically and spiritually every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. It's a moment to remind someone they matter—to encourage, uplift, and restore dignity. If your heart longs to serve, connect, and to be part of something life-giving, we invite you to join the fun, the faith, and the fellowship as we grow together in love and purpose. Come serve. Come smile. To get involved, contact coordinator Janae Woodson at **Janae.Woodson@tabpres.org**.

SUPPORT CUSC IN COLUMBIA

Help Finish the Community Center in Medellín

The Session has approved a Minute for Mission and direct appeal for the Christian Union Sports Club (CUSC) in Medellín, Colombia, and supported missionary Mark Wittig. CUSC is building a community center in one of Medellín's poorest areas. Originally funded by their brownie business, a new 39% sugar tax has cut off profits. The partially built center now needs \$35,000 to complete. To help, donate at tabpres.org/giving and select "Wittig Mission Fund," or write a check to Tab with "CUSC, Wittig Mission" in the memo line.

2025 QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

A Smart Way to Give from Your IRA

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to a charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income—unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact on certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. IRA owners age 70½ and older can make up to \$108,000 in tax-free charitable donations during 2025. See your tax professional for full details, or contact Kristine Green at kristine.green@tabpres.org with questions.

2026 CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Submit Your Recommendations Before July 28!

The 2025 Nominating Committee invites your prayers and participation in shaping Tab's future leadership as we begin the process of selecting church officers for 2026. We are seeking your recommendations for Deacons, Elders, and Endowment Fund Trustees—members who love God, care for others, and are committed to the life and mission of our church. You don't need to be an expert to make a nomination—just think of those in our community who show steady faith, compassion, and a willingness to serve.

Nomination forms will be available soon at the Front Office or by emailing frontdesk@tabpres.org. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Debby Wessel (Moderator) at debparduwessel@gmail.com. Thank you for being part of this important process!

Have Questions?

HERE'S A QUICK GUIDE TO THE NEW CHIMES!

LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL REPORTS?

Financial reports are published the third week of every month in both the worship bulletin and the Thursday e-newsletter.

NEED TO PROMOTE AN EVENT, CLASS, OR ANNOUNCEMENT?

Submit a Communications Request Form at tabpres.org/CommunicationsForm or scan the QR code below.

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CHIMES?

The **Fall Chimes** will be released the first week of September, covering programming from September through the last week of November. The deadline to submit content is **Friday, July 18**.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact Erica Hewitt at Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org.



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Communications Request.

Children & Families

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Get connected at
tabpres.org/Children.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 16-20 | 9 AM - 12 PM

We're thrilled to welcome your kids to this year's Marketplace-themed VBS: "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace," happening June 16–20, from 9am to noon each day! Through Bible stories, crafts, music, games, and snacks, kids will experience God's faithfulness while exploring daily life in ancient Egypt. Open to all kids who have **completed** grades K–6, and free to attend—just be sure to register online at tabpres.org/VBS so we're ready with plenty of supplies and snacks!

We also need plenty of adult and teen volunteers to help lead marketplace stations and guide groups. Sign up on Sundays in McKee Hallway or email Jennifer Wirt at Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org to get involved. Let's make this an unforgettable week of faith and fun!

"JUST FOR MOMS"

CARDS & FONDUE NIGHT

July 22 | 6:30-8:30 PM | Lower Level B

All Tab ladies are invited to a fun and relaxing 70s-themed Bridge Club night on July 22, from 6:30–8:30pm in Lower Level B. Dust off your favorite vintage outfit and come enjoy card games, 70s music, and an assortment of fondue with other moms and friends. Childcare for kids 5 and under is available upon request.

SUMMER MUSICAL KICKOFF

Sunday, August 17 | 11:30 AM | Sanctuary

Get ready—it's almost time for our Children's Summer Musical! This year, we're performing "Cool in the Furnace," the story of Daniel and his faithful friends in Babylon. Sunday rehearsals start June 1, and Wednesday rehearsals begin June 11. Don't miss our annual "Long Saturday" on July 26, including a fun group lunch at China Buffet—a favorite tradition! We'll have a full dress rehearsal on August 13, and then it's showtime! Join us Sunday, August 17 after the 10am worship service for the big performance, followed by a sweet celebration: an Ice Cream Social in the Dining Room. We can't wait to see your children shine on stage!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: ALL CHURCH PICNIC

August 24 | 4:30-7 PM | Tab Park

Mark your calendars for an evening of family-friendly fun in Tab Park on Sunday, August 24! Children's Ministries is hosting a cookout for the entire Tab family, complete with a hot dog supper and classic outdoor games like croquet, cornhole, soccer, frisbee contests, water balloon toss, etc. Bring your lawn chairs and beverages—we'll provide the rest!

Youth Ministries

Youth Ministries at Tab helps students in grades 7–12 discover who God made them to be—while having fun along the way. We partner with families to help students grow in faith, build real friendships, and live out their beliefs. From Sunday School to IMPACT and special events, there's always something going on. Want to learn more? Contact youth@tabpres.org.

JOIN TAB'S COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA CREW!

Tech-savvy? Creative? Let's put it to work!

Are you 13 or older with a knack for technology, a passion for media production, or an eye for design and photography? Join the team that powers worship behind the scenes and helps share Tab's story with the world! Whether you're into running sound boards, switching cameras, editing videos, managing social media, snapping photos, or designing graphics—we've got a place for you. Get hands-on experience with professional gear, grow your creative skills, and serve in a fun, supportive environment. No need to be an expert—just bring curiosity, dependability, and a willingness to learn and keep up with tech! Interested? Contact Erica Hewitt at Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org or call extension 170 to get started!



Turn Up the Fun at TabJams!

LIVE MUSIC & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

If music is your jam consider attending TabJams, a free family-friendly summer concert series. Bring a picnic, a lawn chair and some of your favorite people to Tab Park at 34th and Central. The events take place the second Sundays of June, July and August from 6-8pm.

Another stellar lineup of world class artists awaits. TabJams kicks off the summer series June 8 with the jazzy sounds of Indy's own, **Rob Dixon**, known to many as the "Musical Mayor." He will be joined by the soulful singer and rising star **Natalie Marque**.

On July 13 get ready to groove as TabJams welcomes back the legendary and iconic **Jay Thomas**. Rock guitarist **Mark Pay** will also take the stage to offer some electrifying sounds you won't want to miss during what promises to be an unforgettable night of music.

TabJams wraps up the season August 10 with a powerful tribute to the woman dubbed the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll. Experience the hits, the heart and energy of Tina Turner brought to life by the dazzling **Staci McCrackin** and her all-star band. Staci, who you may have seen perform at Tab's contemporary worship service, is sure to end the concert series on a high note with the audience singing and dancing along.

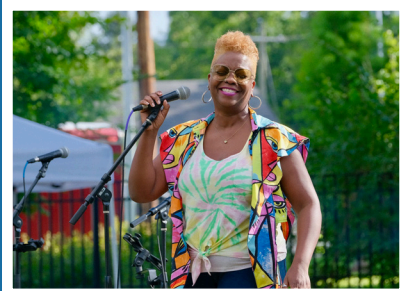
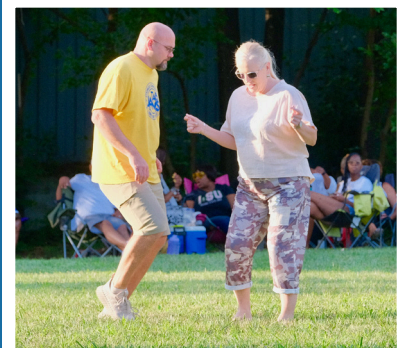
What started as a small group of people gathering in the church courtyard several years ago to listen to some good tunes has grown into a community event with 300-600 people attending each concert in Tab Park. TabJams is part of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church's mission of "building stronger community," with its church family and neighbors.

Whether you attend one or every concert, we hope you'll make TabJams part of your summer tradition. If it rains, no worries we'll move the fun into the church Sanctuary.

There are also volunteer opportunities to help bring this concert series to life. For more information or to volunteer, contact: Sandy Roob at sroob16@gmail.com or Eric Guion at thistle3378@gmail.com.



Learn more at tabpres.org/TabJams.



Looking Back with Gratitude

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS AS THE TAB RECREATION DIRECTOR

As I step away from my role as Director of Tab Recreation, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for the journey we've shared over the past 19 years. It's been an incredible blessing to watch this ministry grow, evolve, and touch the lives of so many families.

Over the years, we've seen major changes—from the end of our softball program to the growing excitement around tackle football. In 2008, we installed our first turf field under the lights, replaced it in 2019, and later added a beautiful new stadium. These updates helped launch our beloved Friday Night Lights tradition. Even during the challenges of COVID-19 in 2020, our community came together to adapt and continue serving our youth with faith and flexibility. One of the biggest joys has been watching our soccer program grow to nearly 1,000 participants a year—a true testament to the spirit of Tab Recreation.

This journey wouldn't have been possible without so many incredible people. A special thank you to my wife, Lisa, and our two children, Lauren and Jeremiah, for their constant love, patience, and support throughout the years. Thank you for putting up with my long days, late nights, and the often unpredictable hours that came with this role. I couldn't have done it without your understanding and encouragement—you've been my greatest teammates from the very beginning.

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteer coaches, the ever-changing Recreation Committee, Tab Community Services Inc., and the steady leadership of Don Fledderjohn. A special thank you to John Gable, who served as both my supervisor and friend for much of my career. His support and encouragement meant the world to me.

To our valued partners—Craig Huljak at Shortridge High School, Chad Lynn at The Oaks Academy, and Micah Moon and James Williams at the Police Athletic League—thank you for walking alongside us in this work.

To the church—its members, session, and staff—thank you for your prayers, love, and financial support that made this ministry possible. I also want to thank Terri Thorn for her faithful leadership of the Vision Committee, helping guide the next 100 years of Tab Recreation.

And to my incredible staff for all 19 years—Steve Summerville (Commissioner) and Nigel Foreman (Chaplain)—there truly are no words to express your importance to this program. Your daily support and leadership were a blessing I'll always treasure.

Although I'm stepping away from the director role, I'm not going far. I'll be returning to my roots as a volunteer, just as I did before becoming director—only now with my grandchildren by my side. With my 4-year-old grandson (Malachi) playing basketball and soccer, my 11-year-old granddaughter (Mya) involved in basketball and cheerleading, and a 10-month-old grandson (Micah) just beginning his journey, I plan to stay connected to Tab Recreation for many years to come.

I love this ministry, and I'm so grateful you allowed me to be part of it for nearly two decades. May God continue to bless Tab Recreation and the amazing church that believes in its mission.

With heartfelt thanks,

Ben Hughes



Realm: Your Connection Point at Tab

BECAUSE CHURCH ISN'T JUST SUNDAY—IT'S EVERY DAY.

Realm isn't new—but it's about to become your best tool for staying connected to all things Tab! There's a lot happening in our church community—and we don't want you to miss a thing! Whether it's upcoming events, group messages, volunteer opportunities, or contribution info, Realm is the easiest way to stay in the loop.

With Realm, you can:

- View and register for upcoming events
- Receive important church announcements
- Send messages to individuals or groups
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- Give online and track your donations
- Volunteer for roles and events
- Share photos and memories with your church family.

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ON THE GO? NO PROBLEM!

Download the **Realm Connect** app—free from the Apple App Store or Google Play. It's simple, secure, and easy to use.



Let's get connected.

Visit OnRealm.org/TabPres, scan the QR code,
or download the mobile app.

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SUNDAYS 6-8 PM
JUNE 8, JULY 13,
AUGUST 10
BRING A LAWN CHAIR!

TAB JAMS

FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY CONCERT SERIES, TAB PARK
34TH & CENTRAL AVENUE
IN CASE OF RAIN CONCERT MOVES INSIDE TAB

6/8 ROB DIXON

7/13 MARK PAY

8/10 STACI MCCRACKIN

7/13 JAY THOMAS

6/8 NATALIE MARQUE



SUMMER NIGHTS. LIVE MUSIC. FAMILY FUN!