



# TOWER CHIMES

## Journey Together: One Word. One Year

This past month I hiked out of the Grand Canyon with our son, Timm, and our son-in-law, Aaron. It is a remarkable experience: 10 miles, one vertical mile, it took us 6 hours. I liken that journey to the one we are about to begin together at Tab as we read through the Bible in a year.

As the journey starts on the banks of the Colorado River you are full of energy and excitement for the adventure ahead. The trail begins with a gradual incline along a beautiful stretch of the river. You think to yourself, "This is easy and enjoyable. I can do this." Liken that to the wonderful stories we will read in Genesis and Exodus.

Then as the journey continues the path begins getting steeper, the temperatures get hotter and the pack you are carrying seems to get heavier. You can anticipate that there will be times along the way of our reading that the texts will seem hard and tedious.

As the hike continues there are times when you lose your view of the river, yet you still can't see the top; when the path is steep and the thought of lifting your foot one more time seems nearly impossible. At those times you feel tempted just to give up. That is not really an option when hiking out of the Grand Canyon, but it certainly is for anyone trying to read through the Bible. You know you can just put a bookmark in the page and set your Bible aside. I want to encourage you along the way to do what you need to do to keep going: change your pace, take a break, or get refreshed, in order to continue on.

Then as you near the ridge of the Canyon, suddenly you see how far you have come, the vistas of the Canyon, even of the river, are magnificent, and the reward is great as you crest the upper rim and look back to see the whole scope of the Canyon from the river up. In the same way, as we read through the entire Bible we will gain insights and understandings that we

have never seen before, and we will be the richer for it.

One of the women on the trip was told by a friend that the experience of rafting down the river and hiking out of the Canyon was "life changing." As we visited this new friend said she didn't think it was a "life changing" experience, but we agreed that it was a "life enhancing" experience. Contrary to that, I believe that our journey through the Bible together will be "life changing" for us. When we read the Bible, intentionally and thoroughly, we encounter a strange new way of life and living under the reign and rule of God, and that is "life changing!"

I hope you will join us on this Journey Together. One Word. One Year.

--Rev. John Gable

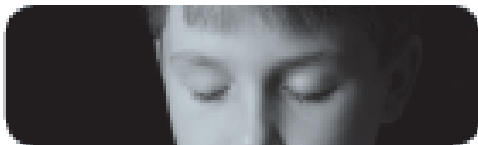
### Devotional Prayer

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own

assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more, as You see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25. Heavenly Father, Thank you for our church here at Tab. Help us to become more the church you want us to be. Help us to be

a people who can be real and honest with each other, enjoying fellowship, helping and encouraging one another. Open our eyes and show us, Lord, how we can reach out to one another. Thank You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

--Tab's Prayer Ministry Team



## Children's Education

### Summer Musical Update

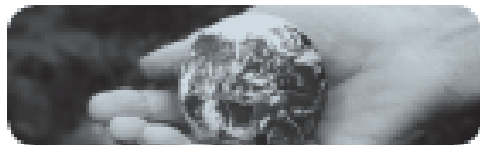
Rehearsals for the August 22 performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will continue on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings through July. There will be a special all-day on Saturday, July 24, for soloists and teens from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., which will include lunch and an outing to Goodwill to find costume and prop items.

### Preteen Events Scheduled

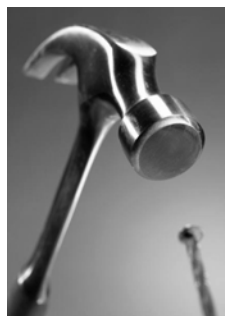
All Tab preteens are invited to join us on **Thursday, July 1**, for lunch and a movie. We'll meet at Tab at about 11:00 to have lunch and see "Toy Story 3," cost is \$5 and an adult chaperone/driver is needed. We've also scheduled our annual summer trip...we'll be going to **Chicago on Monday, August 9**. We'll leave Tab at 8:00 and will explore the mysteries of the Field Museum, tour scenic Lake Shore Drive, visit the Skydeck of Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower), and have dinner at Ed Debevic's. It will be a long, busy, super-fun day. Cost is \$20 per student, and **reservations are required**. If you want to join us, please let Mrs. Wirt know no later than Sunday, August 1.

### Teachers Needed

Although we're only at the mid-point of the summer, Children's Ministries is already planning our autumn semester. We are in need of teachers for our BLAST workshops (a one-hour commitment for three weeks during the Education Hour) as well as teachers for our Preschool (once a month throughout the school year from 10:30-noon). If you're willing to partner with Children's Ministries to help raise up our next generation of Tab leaders, please contact Jennifer Wirt at 923-5458.



## Upcoming Events (Mark Your Calendars!)



**September 6 - 11 - Habitat for Humanity.** Tab has been invited to join other White Water Valley Presbyterian Churches for a Presbyterian Blitz Build. Several churches will work together to build a house in

one week. Other Presbyterian churches involved in this project include Christ, Fairview, Irvington, Northminster, Second and Witherspoon. Second Presbyterian will also host a "Panel Build" on July 31. Contact Ann Reynolds, ext. 130, or [ann.reynolds@tabpres.org](mailto:ann.reynolds@tabpres.org) for more information.

- **September 11, 12 - Mapleton Fall Creek Community Weekend.** The week-end after Labor Day has become an exciting highlight in the life of our neighborhood. Three significant events will take place under the tent on the Raphael parking lot.
- **September 11 - Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** - Raphael Health Center Annual Community Health Fair. Over 40 vendors, free food, and lots of fun and health care information.
- **September 11 - State of the Neighborhood, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** An emerging neighborhood celebration, featuring local artists, musicians, and presentations from our local leaders. Food and Fun! Sponsored by the Mid-North Church Council, Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation and the neighborhood associations.
- **September 12 - Annual Community Tent Service. 10:30 a.m.** Our annual, combined tent service with Phillips Temple C.M.E.



## Many Thanks!

A great big "Thank You!" to all who helped feed and house the Youth Choir from Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Illinois on Saturday, June 19! Dinner was served on Saturday evening to the group and pillows were found for each of the almost 60 members of the group. Hats off to the Dinner Committee: Dorothy Benz-Buchanan, Doug Conrads, Elizabeth Hamilton, Nancy Gordon, Paula Luzader, Anne O'Brien, Sara Heitman, Stephanie Buchanan-Schwanke and Heather Luzader. Thanks to our hosts: Don and Sara Heitman, Dan and Elizabeth Hamilton, Gordon Dunne, Louise Willson, Dave and Beth Brunsting, Bill and Nancy Gordon, Greg and Kathy Miller, Chuck and Sue Gleason, Marilyn Spurgeon, Paul and Nina Kauffman, Margie and Hattie Luchtman, Todd and Amy McLean, Sarah Blandina, Rob and Ann Weller, Kris and John Gable, Harold and Marion Hoopingartner, Frank and Margaret Rexroth and Damon Davis. We could not have done it without your help! Thanks again!



## Tab Mis-

sionaries  
Talk and pray with Steve & Amie Parlato, Tab's Missionaries to Thailand. You are invited to come to Nancy Hitchcock's home on Tuesday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m., 1115 Longwell Place in the Villages of Longwood, south of 96th Street. Located between College Ave. and Westfield Blvd., the Villages is across from the Five Seasons Health Club. Follow the winding road about a block into the complex, and Nancy's home is shortly past the retention pond and on the left. Parking spaces are nearby.



## Tab at Play

"Tab At Play" will take place at Brown County State Park on Saturday, August 7. We'll start gathering at the Recreation Shelter at about 11 a.m. for a fun day of meals, activities, and worship with our church family. Individuals and families should bring a sack lunch; Tab Deacons will be providing dinner. We'll have board games, cards, and family activities in the afternoon; optional activities will include hiking, swimming, and horseback riding. After an early dinner, we'll have an outdoor worship service before heading home to Indianapolis. Cost is \$5

per person or \$10 per family to help with the cost of the shelter rental and the dinner. A sign-up table will be at the parking lot doors following worship on July 18, 25 and August 1.

## The Adult Ministry Team

**Summer Adult Sunday School:** On July 4, there will be no Christian Education, and starting July 11, the schedule will change so that our adult classes will meet from 9:00-10:00 rather than 10:00-11:00. For the three remaining Sundays in July and the first Sunday in August, Tab's own Prayer Team will be leading

discussions concerning our own prayer stories. Come and be inspired as we share how our prayer lives have developed and changed. Then in the remaining four Sundays in August, Dan Hamilton will take us through C.S. Lewis' excellent work, "Letters to Malcolm Chiefly on Prayer." You'll want to buy your book now and read it before we start in August. All of these classes will meet in the Parlor, unless it can't contain us all, in which case we will move to the Dining Room. Hope to see you there!

# TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

## General Church Info

phone: (317) 923-5458  
address: 418 East 34th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205  
web address: www.tabpres.org

## Service Times

### Sundays

- 8:00 a.m.** Communion Service  
in McKee Chapel
- 9:00 a.m.** Christian Education Hour  
Connect with God and  
with one another in  
authentic, relational  
worship
- 10:00a.m.** Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m.** Summer Worship  
in the Sanctuary featuring  
organ and choir.

## Staff Listing

### Pastoral

L. John Gable *Senior Pastor*  
Oscar Clavel *Associate Pastor*

### Administration

Kristine Green *Bookkeeper*  
Kristine Seals *Executive Assistant*

### Music

Matthew Kauffman *Director of Music Ministries*

### Children's Ministries

Jennifer Wirt *Director of Children's Ministries*  
Diane Ivey *Mid-Week Children's Program  
Director*

### Missions

Ann Reynolds *Missions Director*

### Youth Ministries

Brodie Sears *Director of Youth Ministries*

### Media Ministries

Dave Streit *Director of Media Ministries*

### Recreation Ministries

Ben Hughes *Director of Recreation Ministries*  
Nigel Foreman *Recreation Assistant*

### Kitchen Staff

Rodney Bebley *Kitchen Manager*  
Tyrone Drake *Kitchen Assistant*

### Facilities & Maintenance

Chris Fedor *Maintenance Manager*  
Jeffrey Ellis *Head Custodian*  
Darrell Crabtree *Custodian*

## Church Officers

### The Session

Sharon Marshall, *Clerk of Session*  
Susie Anderson  
Andy Costlow  
Lucy A. Emison  
Don Heitman  
William Heeter  
Jeff Hotchkiss  
Rhonda Jennings  
Sally John

Dave King, *treasurer*  
Eric Lange  
Rosalie (Lee) Lange  
Linda McCabe  
Amy Peyton McLean  
Kathy Miller  
Gary Nickel  
John Thomas

### Deacons

Dick Luchtman, *Moderator*  
Barbara Boyd  
Beth Brunsting  
Beth Buchanan-Schwanke  
Kevin Burris  
Teri Conard  
Adina Coomes  
Linda Costlow  
Beth Crozier  
Kathy Donaldson  
Paul Finnell  
Valerie Finnell

Christine Gall  
Nancy Gordon  
Paula Luzader  
Emily McDonald  
Todd McLean  
Peg Padgett  
Debby Pardue  
Chris Reinhardt  
Brenda Sweeney  
Liz Strodman  
Ruth Anne Wright  
John Wimsatt

### Elder-Trustees

Lucy Emison, *president*  
Mike Cracraft  
Lucy Emison  
Don Heitman

Rosalie (Lee) Lange  
Mike O'Banyel  
Larry Simonel

### Endowment Trustees

Mark Lubbers, *president*  
Duane Anderson  
Sue Anne Gilroy  
John Kupke  
Al Mayo

Dave Mills  
Bob Shaw  
Mike Terry  
Steve Weyreter



### July Preaching Schedule

**July 4** – 10:00 a.m. (*Note time change*)

“It All Began This Way”

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Rev. John Gable, preaching

**July 11** – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (*Summer schedule begins this day*)

“God Calling”

Genesis 12:1-4; 13:14-18

Luke 9:1-6

Rev. John Gable, preaching

**July 18** – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

“Waiting on God”

Psalms 13

Genesis 21:1-7

Rev. John Gable, preaching

**July 25** – Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching

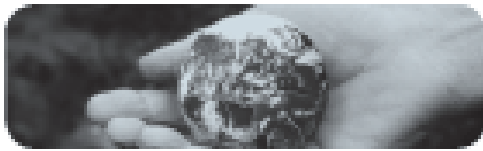
### New Worship Schedule

Beginning on Sunday, July 11, Tab will move to a new summer worship schedule that will continue through the end of August. Please note the new schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. – Communion Service in McKee Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. – Education Hour
- 10:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary

### Flower Donors for Sunday Mornings

Would you like to donate beautiful bouquets “In honor of” or “In memory of” a special loved one or event for our Sanctuary on a Sunday morning? Typical Sunday morning arrangements that fill both vases run \$90.00, but arrangements can be made if you would like something extra special. If you would like to sign-up and donate flowers for a Sunday please contact Matt Kauffman at ext. 102 or [matt.kauffman@tabpres.org](mailto:matt.kauffman@tabpres.org).



### Covenant Groups Donate Trees

Please thank the John Knox and Ruth Covenant groups (coordinated by Barbara Phillips) for the beautiful crabapple and serviceberry trees recently planted near the sign at the corner of 34<sup>th</sup> and Central. The Trustees are implementing a landscaping plan as funds are available. If you or your group would like to help with the landscaping, please contact any of the Trustees.

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Tiffany Williams and Joseph Alexander who were married at Tab on June 5.

Congratulations to Anna Shumway and Brian King who were married at Tab on June 26.

### Baptism Congratulations

Meagan Emily Pike was baptized on May 23. Megan is the daughter of David and Libby (McDonald) Pike, granddaughter of Bruce and Ruth McDonald and great-granddaughter of Wick and Jean McDonald.

### Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy to Helen and the family of Tab member, David Englehart. He entered life eternal on Saturday, May 22.

Our deepest sympathy to John Kupke and family in the passing of his mother, Elsie Kupke, of Naperville, Illinois. She entered life eternal on Saturday, June 5.

Our sympathy to the family of Tab member, Thomas Jones. He entered life eternal on Tuesday, June 15.

Our deepest sympathy to Patty Reel and her family in the passing of her father, James Wright. He entered life eternal on Thursday June 17.

Please keep these families in your prayers.



### One Service July 4

There will be only *one service* on Sunday, July 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School classes for children or adults that morning. Please make a note of this and join us at 10:00 a.m.!

### Tab Financial Report, Month of May 2010

#### **Income:**

YTD budgeted income:	\$637,894
YTD actual income:	\$602,605
Budgeted exceeds actual by:	\$35,289

#### **Expenses:**

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$615,575
YTD actual expenses:	\$607,545
Actual is under budgeted by:	\$8,030

### Church Office Closed for Independence Day

Please note that the offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, so that our staff might enjoy the holiday weekend with their families and friends.

Deadline for the August Chimes-**July 15**

## Guess Who's Going to the General Assembly

Every two years the General Assembly convenes for its business meeting of 173 presbyteries across the nation that come together to discern the voice of the Spirit and worship together. While the past Assemblies have been known more for the controversial items that come before the voting body of the church, this year Tab finds itself in a unique position and role.

As your pastor, last year, I nominated myself to serve as a commissioner on behalf of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery to be a voting member. Through an election process of writing and disseminating a short biography of my past experiences and hopes for the Assembly, the Presbytery in the Fall 2009 elected me as one of five commissioners to serve.

I was overjoyed for a lot of reasons. One for the experience that this opportunity provides me as a young minister and secondly, like all mainline churches, we are entering a moment in history where society and culture has changed so much that the church is seeking the voice of the Lord in this new environment. What will its witness look like, how will we approach and accomplish new church developments, what does it mean to be a Christian in a pluralistic society, how

can we partner with ethnic minorities and build churches, and lastly how can we be more effective in our practice of discipleship? These types of questions are what come before the General Assembly and because our structure is connectional we believe that every part of the whole should be a deciding member as we think and pray about these issues.

As a commissioner we are assigned committees. The committee that I'm a part of is the Form of Government Committee that will be looking at a proposed revision to the Book of Order that centralizes power to the local level and also tears down some of the red-tape that Presbyterian churches must go through as organizations. This is not just a minor revision with a few sentences being taken out but is a complete re-write of how Presbyterians govern themselves. From my reading, I don't see much of a difference between the current Book of Order and the proposed Revision but, nevertheless, there are points where much conversation and debate will have to take place before the final draft is presented to the General Assembly. Of course with such a monumental change, if the Resolution passes at the General Assembly then it will be debated and voted at each

Presbytery for a majority approval. It will be hard work, but I am excited to be a part of this committee that will have a lasting impact in the way that Presbyterians organize and coordinate themselves.

So what does this amazing opportunity mean for Tab? Since the Presbyterian structure is connectional at its core, where every level of government is represented at the General Assembly, I represent the Whitewater Valley Presbytery and Tab, as your minister, before the General Assembly floor. While I share a certain viewpoint about the world and theology, I also carry Tab in my heart as I make decisions because in a large part I go on behalf of you. So I need your prayers. I need strength for the long road ahead of reading and conversations that will go well into the night. More than anything, I need to have a heart that is still and listens to the Spirit and gives me the courage to speak and vote in a manner that will glorify God. So become a prayer partner with me from July 1-10 and pray for the General Assembly and all the commissioners. Pray that instead of controversy, our outcome will be a unified church with a resounding affirmation that the Risen Christ is still Lord of all.

--Rev. Oscar Clavel