



# THE HAPPENING

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Pastor

*These are a few of my favorite things...*

**Favorite Song:**

I Want to Go to Church - Cochran and Co.

This song is one of my favorites

because it speaks of the gathering of God's people as such an important part of life. It is a place where we belong; a place that feels like home. I don't know about you, but I cherish our moments together as we raise our praises unto Almighty God, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and His empowering Holy Spirit.

**Favorite Biblical Resource:** Read Scripture or The Bible Project. You can find this resource under either title, when you explore YouTube, Right Now Media, or even Phone

Apps. Have you ever wondered what the book of Amos is all about? The answers may be found through an illustrated and narrated video. It doesn't replace the invaluable time of reading the Scripture but gives insight into what is being read. Let me know what you think!

**Favorite Movie:** As I read Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire, I am sensing a call to prayer as never before. The movie War Room reminds us of where the battle is to be fought. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:12.

**Favorite Book:** Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire is quickly becoming one of my

favorites at this point. It is an incredible privilege to communicate with the Creator of the Universe and to know that He not only hears us but answers our prayers. The story of the Brooklyn Tabernacle is one filled with the active, powerful Hand of God moving amongst His people and the surrounding community. What do you think

about the book? Do you believe that we serve the same God? Do you believe that He is able to move in a similar manner in Hamilton, Ohio? Yes, I believe. Never for our glory, but His. I pray through His leading and power, people may come to know a precious Savior and lives may be changed forever.

May the Lord bless you all this month! Much love to you all, my friends 😊!

*Pastor Nicole*



## Tab Beechler Concert August 18 - both services

Tab has assisted us in the past by filling-in as pianist at both morning services. He has an amazing message



**Tab Beechler**  
Christian, Pianist, Vocalist

through his talent at the piano and his love for Jesus. Please tell your friends and join us for this awesome morning of praise and worship.

### Tab Beechler Biography

It was the summer of 1979. I was a seven year old farm boy consumed with an inordinate desire to play piano. That desire had led to the death of two toy pianos which prompted my mom and dad to seek a regi-

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men of formalized training- piano lessons! The anticipated day arrived. One finger, one note, one measure at a time my training began and would continue the following ten years. During this time an exciting discovery was made.

God had equipped me with the ability to play "by ear," an ability that allows me the freedom to creatively express myself without the aid of written music, an ability that still perplexes me to this day. Finally convinced that I was going to "stick with it," my parents purchased a piano. The purchase remained a secret until the evening it was delivered. It was a sacred moment that will forever be etched on the concaves of my mind. Moved beyond words, I found myself sitting on the bench, staring at the keys in disbelief. My very own piano. It was all I could do to hold back the tears as my heart exploded with gratitude. All I could whisper was "thank you God." The piano proved to be a wise purchase as countless hours were spent sharpening and developing my skills. My talent remained hidden until one summer afternoon when our youth pastor overheard me playing in the basement of our church. Shock and amazement came over his face as he discovered my nine year old fingers dancing across the keys of a Kimball upright. Instantly, I was drafted to play a Sunday night special. A month later, in front of an unsuspecting congregation, I found myself beating out a spirited medley of carefully selected Bible School songs. The response was over-

whelming. This led to more specials and opportunities of service. It was during this season of my life that I found Jesus. On June 8, 1983, I accepted Him as Lord and Savior, receiving from Him value, meaning and purpose. Little did I know that He would use my talent to connect people with Himself and each other.

Soon my talent became more public as I entered our annual fifth grade talent show at school. Somehow, I managed to medley "Nine to Five," Bobby Sue," and "Amazing Grace."



The performance drew a thunderous applause and landed a position playing for our sixth grade choir. Church and school became outlets where my talent could be utilized to glorify God and edify others. While church provided me with a nurturing atmosphere of love and acceptance, school became a battle ground where I dodged a constant round of poisonous darts fired from slanderous arsons, reminding me daily that being a boy and playing piano was not cool. I remember begging my sixth grade teachers to let me practice piano during recess to avoid the rejection I faced on the playground. But what could've been destructive, God used for good.

At the age of fifteen, my calling became more specific as I accepted a

position playing piano for the Gospel Crusaders. This was my first exposure to Southern Gospel Music. Sadly, after forty years of ministering they opted for retirement. (I still think they hired me just to carry in that heavy equipment.) - ha! Soon after, I joined the Goodnews Quartet. More performances followed. Then, the Northmen, a brand new group with aspirations of spreading God's word to a larger audience, asked me to join their cause and I accepted. In the spring of 1990 we were thrilled to be the opening group at a Phipps Gospel Sing in Warsaw, Indiana. After the concert, as I was ready to walk out the door, the promoter caught me, escorted me to the stage and personally introduced me to the Perrys, one of three professional groups that had performed that night. They had recently lost their pianist and hearing me play felt confident I could fill the void.

However, it would require me to relocate to Dahlonega, Georgia. Throwing all caution to the wind, I accepted the offer. Taking down my name and number they assured a future call with details. Two weeks went by without a word. Convinced that it wasn't God's will, I gave up. I remember sitting on a John Deere in the middle of a field cultivating corn when I saw my mom pull up in our pick-up truck bearing the news that the Perrys had called wanting me to come. Answering the call, I packed my bags and left the comforts of home to join this full-time ministry. Although short-lived, my time with the Perrys was an enriching experience, challenging me mu-

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sically and spiritually. After an arduous six months I came home, went back with the Northmen and began working for a local implement dealer. By this time I was experiencing feelings of failure, thinking that getting back with a full-time group would satisfy my search for significance. I was wrong.

I'll never forget the young man who approached me one evening after a concert. His enthusiasm for the Lord was absolutely infectious as he showered me with encouraging words of affirmation. Uninhibitedly, he embraced me, then walked away. I stood speechless, knowing that in some way, I had just experienced Jesus. Before my head hit the pillow that night I asked the Lord to "give me what that guy has, cause I don't have it." The next morning I opened my Bible and for the first time began

to read Matthew.

From that day on, my life was never the same as I would seek to know and experience God through the revelation of His word. Shortly after deciding to leave the Northmen, a



strange thing happened, I started receiving concert invitations. Though I was green and inexperienced, I obediently fulfilled the obligations knowing that God doesn't always call the equipped, but He will equip the called. As my faith grew and matured, so did the music ministry. I

soon found myself writing songs, making recordings and traveling every weekend. With each concert rich in scripture and personal testimony, I saw God encourage, challenge and strengthen audiences week after week. In 2001, the purchase of a home presented a new set of responsibilities and obligations. By July 2003, God called me out of the field and into a time of reflection and rest I now call my "Season of Selah."

God revealed issues in my life that required counseling. Through that ten month process I gained a proper perspective of God and my role as His child. Refreshed, I enter into this new season of ministry with confidence, trusting Him for the extraordinary.

Tab Beechler website:

<https://www.tabbeechler.com>

## WOMEN'S EVENT

Family! Friends! Church! Appointments! Laundry! Housework! Job pressures! Shopping! Etc.! Everyone seems to be expecting something from YOU!

In this busy world, we need to take time to relax and just breathe. Join us for our annual "End of Summer" Women's Event and let's see how Scripture can help us with our busy lives.



- Darryl Tillman .....August 2
- Phyllis Dickson .....August 12
- Barbara Robinette .....August 13
- Cheryl Hecker .....August 18
- Donald Hahn .....August 19
- Anthony Gronas .....August 22
- Lorraine Lott .....August 24
- Tami Anderson .....August 25
- Ellen Grammel .....August 27
- Max Jorgensen .....August 27
- James Dermen .....August 28
- Kate Downie .....August 28
- Ronald Spurlock .....August 30
- David Newmister .....August 31
- Nancy Wolpert .....August 31

**August 11**

**Combined Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Congregational Meeting follows**



- Sam & Lori Lohrer .....August 6
- Mike & Debbie Khulenberg August 15
- Duane & Claudia Cantrell . August 16
- Karl & Mary Oakley..... August 18
- Bill & Sherry Phillips ..... August 18
- Darrel & Jill Grissom ..... August 31

**Need to Breathe  
Women's Event  
Saturday, August 24, 2019  
9am to 1pm  
Guest Speaker -  
Jennifer Powers**

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