

When a Sad Song Is the Right Song

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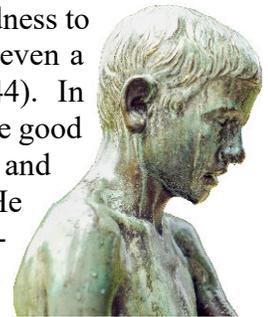
With a song recorded in 2 Samuel 1:17-27, David aimed from the beat of his own aching heart to lead Israel in grieving over Saul and Jonathan. Take a few moments to read that passage. The father and son died the same day.

David mourned deeply for Jonathan, his best friend. Jonathan was a model Israelite, the glory of Israel. He was mighty and valorous. He was a brother to David. Their time together was altogether pleasant. Love like Jonathan's, on the human plane, was nowhere to be found.

David was the anointed, but the kingdom was reeling. Could he have hit the ground running as king without stopping first to deal directly with the loss of Jonathan? Grief is real. We ignore it or suppress it to our own long-term harm. Even Jesus, eager to raise Lazarus from the dead and on the verge of his own redeeming death, paused to weep over death's toll (John 11:35). There is a time to weep (Ecc. 3:4).

But then there was Saul. Considering all his antagonism and unkindness to David, we might expect news of Saul's death to be a relief to David, even a sound of victory. Yet David teaches us to love our enemies (Matt. 5:44). In memorializing Saul, he recognized the king's place in God's plan and the good things he did for Israel. Saul, too, was mighty and valorous. He and Jonathan were a dynamic duo, beloved and lovely, swift and strong. He had dressed Israel luxuriously. These were David's thoughts. Reminding himself and everyone else of the madness of Saul would have served no good purpose when it was time to weep.

David knew where to find comfort and how to spread it. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Cor. 1:3-4).



Danny Boggs

**We're hosting a grief workshop October 30-31 with Don Williams and Ron Williams. Whether you grieve over someone you loved very much, over circumstances, or over anything else; or if right now you simply would like to be better equipped to help other people when they grieve, this special weekend is for you. Mark your calendar.*

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin Hill, Gaele Jackson, Molly Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Marilyn Mayben, Sherry Merrill, Foy O'Neil, Charlie Phillips, Mebyl Privett, Tina Rasbury, Bryan Reiboldt, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney.

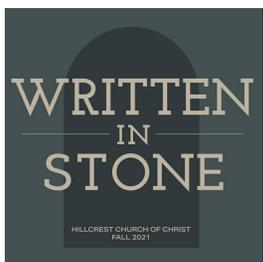
Kay Anderson spent a couple of days in the hospital last week, but is home and doing well.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we

helped a family that is raising a granddaughter with some medical issues that require traveling for treatment. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

If you are not able to be at church, continue to visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.



We have started our study of the **Ten Commandments** that will take us into November. You will receive a daily devotional book and we'll grow closer to God and closer together in smaller Sunday night groups beginning in September. Invite others to join us!



Today's Sermons

A.M. *Mountain Memories - Part 2*
(Heb. 12:18-29, Danny Boggs)

P.M. *Mountain Memories - Part 3*
(1 Pet. 2:9-10, Danny Boggs)

Leave your donations of pre-packaged snacks and Dixie cups for **Neosho Christian School** in the Ladies' Corner.

H.O.P.E. group will meet Thursday night at 6:00 at the home of David and Julia Fehring.

The **wedding shower/fellowship** meal for Cheyenne Black and Ethan Murray will be next Sunday after morning services. If you would like to contribute to the money tree before then, you may give your money gift to Brenda Kimbrough or Molly Cobb.



Jean Johnson will be turning 90 and you are invited to a **birthday celebration** in her honor. It will be Saturday, September 4 from 2:00-4:00 at the Carthage Church of Christ.

You are invited to a **50th wedding anniversary celebration** for Lowell and Twyla McInturff on Sunday, September 5 from 2:00 - 4:00 at Hidden Grace, 11936 Hammer Road, Neosho. Omission of gifts is requested. Their anniversary is on September 3.

Week 2 Weekend at Green Valley Bible Camp will be October 1-3. Join us for a weekend immersed in a Bible study of the "Called Out!" Register online at neoshochurchofchrist.org/week-two-weekend-register/ by September 26. This retreat is for everyone in 5th-12th grades. Registration cost is \$30.

Neosho Christian School is hosting **Autumnfest** on Saturday, September 25. They are in need of auction items. Please see the bulletin board for details.



Most of our college students have left for college. Some of our students began school last week. Others are starting this week. Pray for our students and teachers that they have a good year and

are able to be good examples of Christ at their schools.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Sam Collinsworth
AM Closing Prayer: Benny Haught
Communion Prayers: Charlie Collinsworth

Announcements: Trace Wilson
Singing: Tony Flint
Invitation: Paul Walvoord

PM Opening Prayer: Jim Friend
PM Closing Prayer: Mike Kidwell

Opening Prayer: Jason Giebler
Closing Prayer: Stuart Anderson

RECORDS

8-15-21

8-9-20

Bible Study	148	online
AM Worship	179	
PM Worship	121	
Wednesday	124	
Contribution	\$7,707.31	\$5,933.72
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15