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**David Cheek** is playing the role of "Doane" in the Stained Glass Theatre production of "Songs in the Night," the story of Fanny Crosby. Tickets are available at the door

and online at www.sgtjoplin.com/events for performances on April 15th - 18th and April 22nd—25th. The show begins at 7 pm Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 pm on Sunday.

Sally Nichols has been volunteering at the Mt. Hope Christian Counseling Center in the mornings three days per week.





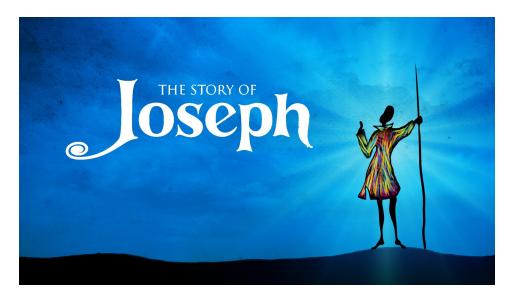
# <u>Birthdays this week!</u>

Chuck Kirby April 11
Amber Mintert April 14
Mike Campbell April 17
Robert Stokes April 17

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# **JOSEPH AND JESUS**

Joseph is mentioned 250 times in the OT. More space is given to him (Gen. 37-50) than anyone else because he points us to Jesus. "I read the text and then make a beeline to Christ" (Spurgeon). We will find 12 striking similarities between Joseph and Jesus. Genesis 37 is like a 4-act play.

## ACT I - Strife in Joseph's family (Gen. 37:1-4)

A. Both were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2; Jn. 10:1-16)
B. Both were \_\_\_\_\_\_ by their father. (v. 3; Mt. 17:5)
C. Both were \_\_\_\_\_\_ by their brethren. (v. 4; Jn. 15:18, 35; Lk. 14:19)

### ACT II - The dreams of Joseph (Gen. 37:5-11)

- A. Both were raised \_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 5-11; Mt. 26:63-64; Phil. 2:10-11)
- B. Both were handed over because of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 11; Mt. 27:18)

#### ACT III - Joseph is sent to his brethren. (Gen. 37:12-17)

A. Both were sent by their fathers to \_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 13-14; Mt. 15:24; Lk. 19:10; Jn. 3:17)

#### ACT IV - Joseph is sold by his brothers. (Gen. 37:18-30)

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A greater than Joseph is here. He offers us salvation, not from starvation but from sin, death, and hell. Heed His invitation (Mt. 11:28; Jn. 14:6; 11:25; Mk. 16:16; 1 Thess. 5:9)