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We are a family here at Mt. Hope, and families like to keep in touch with one another and know what is going on in each others' lives.



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.



Birthdays this week!

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)

- A. Both were targets of _____. (v. 18; Mt. 12:14)
- B. Both were _____ of their _____. (v. 23; Mt. 27:27-31)
- C. Both suffered from _____. (v. 24; Jn. 19:28)
- D. Both were taken to _____. (vs. 25, 28, 30; Mt. 2:13-14)
- E. Both were sold for _____. (v. 28; Mt. 26:15)
- F. Both robes were _____ with _____. (v. 31-33; Lev. 16:10; Rev. 5:9; 19:11-16)

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)