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Beginning in 1998 at 11 days, Jeremy and Anthony Torres would sing and their dad Roy would play guitar. Many things have changed since then. Jeremy would learn piano and Anthony learned to play bass and guitar. Jeremy graduated in CD for Release Series in 2008 and later that year he asked her to join the group and be his wife. She accepted both offers and made a warm smile and a wonderful who were in the group. The Torres family are more than just singers, for whenever they go they are on a mission to minister.

An extraordinary evening of music and praise for all ages! Also featuring local personalities. Free will offering taken. For more information, call 785-243-1154.



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MAY TFC RALLY REPORT

by Amanda Demars, Senior Correspondent

The May rally kicked off with a rousing game of Hunter, Bear, Ninja, directed by Andrew Laughlin. Grant Amerin, Clifton, bested the field of 11. Andrew then opened in prayer.

The ever-popular birthday moment spotlighted Keegan Grogan, Concordia. His friend Paul Peppers wielded the paddle for 14 swats, while Caleb Shipley gave the one to grow on.

The film shown on this unseasonably cool evening was warming to the heart. "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry" focused on the friendship of 3 young boys and their elderly neighbor, who began a Bible study for them. He encouraged them to read their Bible daily, to live for Jesus, and to tell others about Jesus.

Following the movie, Kent wrapped up by pointing out the generational margin in the 58 present. There are students, and there are those several decades older. Once the students graduate, we consider them adults. He encouraged them to seek out an adult, to get to know them, to learn from them. Many adults come every month and support and pray for the students. Young or old, we all are sinners and need forgiveness from our sins. As every month, Kent pointed to Jesus and our need to trust Him. He then closed in prayer.

The next TFC Rally will be on Saturday, June 17th, with the Christian music legend Russ Taff coming to Concordia for the first time. Details are on page three of this TEENS FOR CHRIST UPDATE.

GETTING TO KNOW RUSS TAFF

Russ Taff was born the fourth of five sons to a preacher father and a gospel music-loving mother. He learned early on that when he sang, people responded.

His mother's collection of gospel records was the only form of entertainment allowed, so after school Russ would rush home to listen to his favorites. A natural harmony singer, Russ often teamed with his brothers to perform songs by the great quartets of the day.

In his teens, he began listening to popular music for the first time in his life. Russ formed a local band called Sounds of Joy, and began writing songs.

Two years after his band opened for the legendary Imperials, Taff was invited to join them as lead vocalist. With the Imperials he toured extensively and gained recognition as 'the voice' behind the award-winning songs such as "Praise the Lord," "Trumpet of Jesus" and "I'm Forgiven."

Eager to experience and explore all aspects of music, Taff left the Imperials after 4 ½ years to pursue a solo career. He successfully released a series of innovative works that delved into his musical heritage while pushing the boundaries of contemporary Christian music. Taff's lyrics, often co-written with his wife Tori, chronicled his personal spiritual path.

Artistically, Taff was always authentic but never predictable. His eclectic taste was reflected in his recordings and live concerts, as he drew from all genres— rock, pop, blues, Southern gospel, Black gospel, country, even big band.

In 1991, Russ was invited by his long-time friend Bill Gaither to be part of one of the Homecoming videos. He eventually became a regular artist on the Homecoming Tour, and in a surprise move, joined the famed Gaither Vocal Band as a baritone in 2001. He was a member of the group for almost three years. Early in 2004, Russ decided to step down from the Vocal Band and return to his solo artist status. A perennial favorite, he appears regularly in Gaither videos and makes frequent guest appearances on the Homecoming tour.

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MEMORIALS IN HONOR OF A FRIEND

In honor of Don Earley, Warren & Eileen Sutton of Norway, KS, gave a memorial gift in his memory.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017!

Brooke Abram, Glen Elder, KS - Justin Allen, Belleville, KS - Nichole Allen, Courtland, KS - Jarrett Arasmith, Jewell, KS - Matthew Barnes, Clyde, KS - Jaryth Barten, Woodbine, KS - McKenzie Beals, Miltonvale, KS - Casey Benyshek, Belleville, KS - Jayde Blain, Cawker City, KS - Baylie Bowser, Clifton, KS - Tristian Brammer, Downs, KS - Michael Brinkman, Clay Center, KS - Luke Broeckelman, Mankato, KS - Colin Budke, Beloit, KS - Anabel Campbell, Miltonvale, KS - Stacie Carver, Clyde, KS - Evangeline Colarossi, Glen Elder, KS - Maddie Coleman, Clay Center, KS - Katherine Collins, Glasco, KS - Noah Daniels, Jewell, KS - Austin Davis, Beloit, KS - Andre Dyke, Belleville, KS - Noah Easter, Beloit, KS - Shay Endsley, Downs, KS - Dezi Fedirico, Scandia, KS - December Gier, Hunter, KS - Landon Goss, Mankato, KS - Joey Griffith, Osborne, KS - Richard Hagerman, Herington, KS - Riley Halfhide, Concordia, KS - Kaylee Hall, Herington, KS - Heather Hanson, Miltonvale, KS - Caylynn Hartman, Herington, KS - Caleb Hartzell, Concordia, KS - Skiler Henry, Belleville, KS - Mandy Hessling, Clay Center, KS - Tanner Hettenbach, Chapman, KS - Keighland Howland, Jewell, KS - Kourtnei Hubert, Beloit, KS - Shae Johnson, Beloit, KS - Cierra Kahrs, Clifton, KS - Joel Karg, Cotopaxi, CO - Tristan Kearn, Concordia, KS - James Kennedy, Miltonvale, KS - Makayla Kreie, Concordia, KS - Timothy Kruciak, Red Cloud, NE - Cameron Kurtz, Tescott, KS - Pamela Lichtenberger, Clifton, KS - Jonathan Lollar, Herington, KS - Madison Lollar-Weber, Herington, KS - Brendon Mason, Beloit, KS - Melodie McCaslin, Herington, KS - Ryne McCreight, Jewell, KS - Rebecca McDowell, Lebanon, KS - Madison Miller, Hillsboro, KS - Cole Mills, Clyde, KS - Andrew Ochoa, Fort Riley, KS - Landon O'Dell, Portis, KS - Jessica Paillet, Topeka, KS - Jacob Palmquist, Concordia, KS - Hannah Pavelka, Jewell, KS - Ben Peltier, Concordia, KS - Bailey Primeaux, Miltonvale, KS - Paige Robbins, Minneapolis, KS - Charley Robinson, Downs, KS - Jeremy Rodgers, Junction City, KS - Paula Rolph, Delphos, KS - Davis Schleifer, Jewell, KS - Alyxandra Schmidt, Herington, KS - Rayna Schmidt, Glasco, KS - McKenna Scott, Abilene, KS - Siriah Sexton, Great Bend, KS - Tullar Shamburg, Portis, KS - Brandon Shrader, Jamestown, KS - Joe Simmons, Narka, KS - Kallie Sorrell, Clifton, KS - Sarah Stein, Miltonvale, KS - Davin Strait, Concordia, KS - Tanner Stringer,

Salina, KS - Hyeon Wang, Hebron, NE - Charlee Webb, Belleville, KS - Greta Wehrman, Hunter, KS - Zachary Whitlock, Ellsworth, KS - Mandi Williams, Glasco, KS - Josie Wilson, Mankato, KS - Zach Wohlbrandt, Courtland, KS - Hunter York, Linn, KS - Teegan Zachary, Beloit, KS - Hunter Zier, Lincoln, KS

SPECIAL NOTE: The Graduate List and Birthday List are made up of students who have attended at least one Teens For Christ program where the Gospel has been presented. Thanks for supporting this ministry! (Apologies for any names included or excluded by mistake.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Date	Name	Town	Age
1st	Mallory Bellows	Glasco	13
2nd	Jessica Dethloff	Concordia	17
2nd	Richard Hagerman	Herington	18
2nd	Jonathan Lollar	Herington	18
2nd	Isaac Johnson	Abilene	14
3rd	Drake DeBolt	Downs	17
4th	Bryan Berglund	Concordia	18
4th	Jaryth Barten	Woodbine	19
4th	Shea McMillan	Glasco	14
5th	Alexis Scott	Beloit	16
6th	Nathan Crossman	Junction City	16
7th	Samuel Huehl	Lincoln	16
7th	Lucas Mong	Beloit	15
7th	Jacob Potter	Abilene	14
8th	Blake German	Clyde	17
9th	Peyton Johnson	Fairfield, NE	17
13th	Zach Wohlbrandt	Scandia	18
13th	James Sonnier	Sylvan Grove	15
15th	Brooke Abram	Glen Elder	18
16th	Hana Cool	Glasco	14
16th	Dylan Hager	Miltonvale	18
16th	Timothy Kruciak	Red Cloud, NE	18
16th	Kaitlyn Morris	Glasco	16
18th	Hannah Karg	Cotopaxi, CO	16
18th	Kendal Bogner	Glasco	13
19th	Charlie Hylton	Abilene	12
20th	Bailey Kennedy	Miltonvale	17
20th	Bethany Primeaux	Miltonvale	15
22nd	Taylor Cox	Glasco	14
23rd	Zachary Whitlock	Woodbine	19
24th	Skiler Henry	Belleville	18
25th	Billy Granzow	Herington	16
25th	Caylynn Hartman	Herington	18
25th	Abby Peterson	Clyde	15
26th	Kylie Coup	Abilene	16
29th	Robert McKain	Delphos	13

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Taff's musical journey is far from over. Whether looking back at a career that spans four decades, or excitedly looking forward to his upcoming recording project, Russ Taff is the picture of a man filled with gratitude and grace. "God called me to sing when I was just a little preacher's kid in Farmersville, California," Taff says with a smile. "And He's still calling."

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