

God Gives You a Song

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May the Lord show his constant love during the day; so that I may have a song at night, a prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:8 GNT

Vincenzo Bellini had a gift for writing brilliant music for the voice. The great Italian composer, Giuseppe Verdi, acknowledged his debt to Bellini, in particular his “long, long melodies, such as no one has written before.”

Born in Catania, Italy, November 3 1801, Bellini lived a relatively short life. In his only thirty-four years, he wrote ten memorable operas, creating characters still beloved by singers and operagoers.

Although well trained, what set him apart was that instinct for writing melodies that have stood the test of time. The impact could be overwhelming. Attending the opening night of one Bellini opera, composer Mikhail Glinka described how “the singers themselves wept, and carried their audience along with them.” Glinka himself “shed tears of emotion and ecstasy.”

The Bible confirms the great power of music. This particularly is true as part of our worship, and central to our experience of God Himself. How we are to express our praises with “melodious song” (Psalm 98:5).

In amazing ways, music can have a powerful impact and even help change our attitude. The Bible describes how the psalmist could sing songs to the Lord “through each night,” when feeling uncertain and worried.

Like Moses, we can sing to the Lord, knowing that He is our strength and song (Exodus 15:2). Like Isaiah, music can help us find comfort, even in the wilderness, to know that “joy and gladness will be found there. Songs of thanksgiving will fill the air” (Isaiah 51:3). Like David, we can sing to Him when we are rescued from trouble (2 Samuel 22:1). Like Paul and Silas, we can sing even when trapped in prisons (Acts 16:25).

Do you have a song in your heart? Has God blessed you? Don’t hold back. Sing to the Lord. Sing His praises!

News and Notes

- Our annual Christmas party will be December 16, at 6pm here at the building.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email prayer@scottsbluffchurchofchrist.org.

Birthdays

Shannon Griffitts 11/06 Jeremy Sanderson 11/14
If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

11/12/2017

Opening Prayer	Jeremy	Table: West	Shane
Song Leader	Chris	Center	Jay
Scripture Reader	Tim	East	Gary
Closing Prayer	Shane	Preacher:	Tom
Devotion:	Prayer	Song Leader:	Shane

11/19/2017

Opening Prayer	Gary	Table: West	Gary
Song Leader	Shane	Center	Tom
Scripture Reader	Jeremy	East	Jay
Closing Prayer	Chris	Preacher:	Tom
Devotion:	Chris	Song Leader:	Jay

Announcements: Chris

Announcements: Shane