

The unmistakable sound of multi-Dove and Grammy Award-winning recording artist, **David Phelps (pictured in attached jpg)**, will be featured in **Fredericktown, MO, on Thursday, November 30**, at the **Calvary Church**. This exciting **Christmas** concert event will be just one stop on the exciting *It Must Be Christmas Tour*. This special music evening begins at **7:00pm**.

Once a childhood musical prodigy from Tomball, TX, David Phelps earned a bachelor's degree in music from Baylor University. Since then, he has become a nationally celebrated vocalist, whose gifts and talents are matched by none. Perhaps best known as the powerful tenor for the multiple Grammy and Dove Award-winning Gaither Vocal Band, Phelps is constantly building on a career that has already been groundbreaking. Emerging as a leading voice in contemporary Christian music, Phelps has been winning the hearts of audiences all over the world for more than two decades. He has performed at numerous prestigious venues across the globe, including the White House, New York's Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House in Australia. His electrifying voice has moved audiences from all walks of life, crossing generational and stylistic barriers.

This year's *It Music Be Christmas* tour marks the 24th annual Christmas tour featuring Phelps, and includes a dozen concerts he will perform with his musical entourage throughout the Holiday Season. Many of the songs featured during this exciting evening are included on Phelps' *It Must Be Christmas* recording. The evening will also include exciting renditions of classics like *Angels We Have Heard On High*, *Go Tell It On The Mountain* and *Sleigh Bells*, along with Phelps' new classics like *Fall On Your Knees*, *Christmas Rush* and *Anthem of the Lord*. Phelps performs each classic like they have never been performed before, leaving each listener saying, "it must be Christmas!"

The **Calvary Church, located at 1725 East Hwy 72 in Fredericktown**, will be the setting for this special Christmas celebration. Make plans to be a part of this *It Must Be Christmas Tour* stop. Complete information may be obtained by visiting [www.davidphelps.com](http://www.davidphelps.com) or [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or calling **573-783-5731**.

**Southeast Missouri Food Bank serves 80,000 individuals each month across a 16-county service area.**

- **Southeast Missouri has some of the highest rates of food insecurity in the state, with 1 in 7 families, 1 in 6 children and 1 in 8 seniors facing hunger.**
- **Every \$1 donated to SEMO Food Bank helps provide 4 meals to our neighbors.**
- **On Giving Tuesday, your gift will be doubled thanks to the generosity of Buzzi Unicem. Buzzi Unicem will match all Giving Tuesday gifts, up to \$5,000.**
- **To donate, visit [semofoodbank.org](http://semofoodbank.org) or text SEMOFB to 91999.**
- **Or, treat yourself to pizza. Papa John's in Cape, Jackson, Sikeston and Poplar Bluff will be donating 10 percent of all sales to the food bank for Giving Tuesday.**
- **Southeast Missouri Food Bank is serving 80,000 individuals each month, and as holidays approach, it anticipates more people seeking assistance.**
- **The holidays are already a stressful time financially, and if you're facing hunger, it takes an even greater toll.**
- **During November and December, the food bank increases its number of mobile pantries, increasing access for families who need nutritious food.**
- **Each mobile pantry is designed to serve 200 families, and includes proteins and produce.**
- **The food bank works with a network of 140 partners to ensure neighbors across its 16 counties have reliable access to nutritious food.**
- **The food bank purchases much of the food it distributes; as food prices have risen, the food bank has paid more for food needed to serve neighbors facing hunger.**

If you have a child age 6 months through third grade, St Paul Lutheran School in Jackson is having a FREE event just for you and your kids! Join them on Saturday, Dec. 9th, 9:00-11:00am. Come see the live Nativity and participate in hands-on arts & crafts, games, sensory bins, manipulatives, an obstacle course, a "Starry Night" glow room, snacks, and door prizes! There will be a designated space just for babies and toddlers that include large motor play, a reading area, sensory pools, and many other activities! Families can come and go any time during the 9-11 am window, but may need most of the two hours to be able to see and do everything! St. Paul Lutheran School in Jackson, Dec 9th 9am-11am. Contact Amy Weissmueller with questions, 573-270-3017.