

Jonathan White found a deep love for singing at an early age.

He has been singing since before he can remember. His mom and dad would stand him up in the front of the Church and have him sing with his brothers and sister.

Jonathan's father was a pastor, and an evangelist. Jonathan would sing along with his siblings and parents, and later in the service, his father would preach.

Those first several years were important in developing a heart for ministry in Jonathan. The seeds were planted, though Jonathan never pursued any kind of professional career in music until later in life.

In 1991, Jonathan was married to Sheila. However, despite this happy time in his life, tragedy soon struck his family.

Eight months after he was married, May 16, 1992 to be exact, a drunk driver ran a red light going 90 MPH and hit his parent's car. His father died instantly, and his mother lived for 16 days in the hospital before she went home to Heaven.

Despite having only been married nine months, Jonathan and his wife Sheila took on a new role, as both his 10 year old sister and 16 year old brother were now under their care. This was a tremendous burden on a new marriage. However, they learned that with God all things are possible, and though it was not what they had planned, they learned to find the "silver lining" and learned what Trusting God was all about. It was amazing to watch the Lord take care of them during this time.

It seemed like the Whites were entering a new, brighter phase of life when they found out that Sheila was pregnant the year following his parents' accident.

They were so excited, thinking that this would help heal the hurt that had been caused by losing his parents.

However, the doctors did not have good news for the Whites. Jonathan and Sheila were soon informed after their daughter's birth that the baby more than likely had Down Syndrome.

Jonathan was angry, disappointed, confused, thinking that God had given them second best. However, God has proven that He knows exactly what He is doing, and He gave them the very best that He had. They have learned that even though some things may seem so hard at first, God has a plan for every circumstance and will see you through, both the good times and bad times. Brittany plays Baseball on a Challenger Baseball team, and also participates in Dance as well. Jonathan has written a song about her, and through their situation, they have been able to help others cope with having a child with disabilities. Brittany is such a wonderful little girl, and they wouldn't trade her for the world. She has been a tremendous blessing to many around the world!

A few years later, Jonathan and Sheila were blessed with another child. Austin was born in February of 1996. He has grown into a wonderful young man. From the time he was very little, he has always looked out for Brittany and protected her. He considers himself her big "little" brother. He is a phenomenal athlete. He played Baseball, Football and Basketball for GlenOak

High School in Canton, and now attends and plays Baseball for Malone University. Jonathan and Sheila are very thankful and proud of their children.

It is through these trying times that Jonathan has found his goal in life.

His main goal in ministry is to encourage Christians in their walk with God, and to let them know that sometimes things happen that may seem horrible, but God can turn it around for good. Some of the things we think are burdens, may turn out to be the greatest blessing we ever receive.

Jonathan has had the opportunity to sing for many different kinds of audiences. From the Grand Ole Opry, to the Bill Gaither Homecoming Concert Series, to the little church down the street. Jonathan is willing to sing for God just about anywhere to any size crowd. He has learned, it's not about the size of a crowd, it's about ministering to each individual that has come to the concert. He gives the same emotion and heart regardless of who or how many are there.

It's all about reaching others for Christ. It is so exciting to have someone come forward and accept Christ as their Savior. It continues to amaze him that God would use him in this capacity to further His kingdom.