

Only people my age or older would remember the Broadway musical “Mame”. For those who don’t know, or don’t remember, there is a scene in the play when the main character, Auntie Mame, loses her entire fortune in the stock market crash of 1929. This rich, flamboyant lady who is the guardian of her orphaned nephew has just been rendered penniless. In order to cheer herself and her nephew up, she breaks into the song “*We need a little Christmas*”. Even though “...it’s one week from Thanksgiving Day now!” Well, it is literally one week from Thanksgiving Day now, and we need a little Christmas right here in Seguin.

*Haul out the holly;  
Put up the tree before my spirit falls again.  
Fill up the stocking,  
I may be rushing things, but deck the halls again now.  
For we need a little Christmas,  
Right this very minute,  
Candles in the window,  
Carols at the spinet....*

This song has been stuck in my head for over the past week. It’s one of those “earworms” – you know, one of those tunes that rattles around in your head day and night, and won’t go away. We need some cheering up. “*We need a little Christmas, Right this very minute...*”. At least I do.

October began with the loss of “Super Citizen”, Bob Crabb. Then came a tragic shooting in Lubbock, a mass shooting in Las Vegas, and the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs – all of these events had Seguin connections. All of these events cast a great sadness over all of us. It’s virtually impossible to process the grief and loss of these tragedies. We need a little Christmas.

We recently lost Phil Seidenberger and Gary Hall to cancer. They were two of the most talented, successful, and generous people that Seguin has ever produced. Losing these two gentlemen was very personal for me. They were my contemporaries - my friends and my classmates. They both came from very humble beginnings, and were wildly successful in their professions, and in raising great families. They both remained humble in attitude and behavior throughout their lives, and were extremely generous with their philanthropy and friendship everywhere they went, especially here in Seguin. We will sadly miss them both. We need a little Christmas.

Hopefully, celebrating the birth of Jesus, and the Peace that surpasses all things, will help bring us all back to a better place in our hearts and minds, and a better understanding of each other in this crazy world. We need a little Christmas.

*For I’ve grown a little leaner,  
Grown a little colder,  
Grown a little sadder,  
Grown a little older,  
And I need a little angel  
Sitting on my shoulder,  
I need a little Christmas now.*

Maybe that angel should be Phil Seidenberger – only I can’t picture him as a “little” angel.

Yes, we still have Thanksgiving coming up, and there is so much to be thankful for in our beautiful little town in the greatest state in the greatest nation ever created by God. But... we still need a little Christmas right now.

Gosh, I love this town!