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STATEMENT

by Senator Gary Nodler on the Church Shooting in Neosho

Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, today expressed sympathy for the victims of the shooting at the First Congregational Church in downtown Neosho on Sunday. The pastor of the congregation and two worshippers were killed when a gunman entered the church, held the congregation hostage briefly, and wounded several others attending the service.

“My heart goes out to the families and friends of the victims involved in this horrible tragedy. This is a time for the community to band together to offer support for those who are suffering. Please join me in dedicating your thoughts and prayers to helping those who are injured and mourning begin to heal.

“I would also like to commend the law enforcement agencies in the area including the Neosho Police Department, the Newton County Sheriff’s Department, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who were able to bring this unfortunate situation to a close without further incident. I am sure that these agencies will continue to work hard to help bring justice and closure to this community.”

– State Senator Gary Nodler

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