

2019 Year End Review







Antonyio Allen

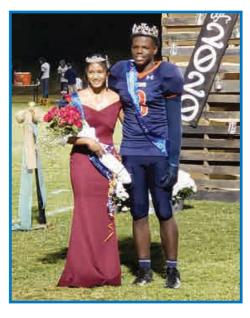


Zontray (left) and Antonyio (right) in 1993 with Onnie Kirk

27 Years of Mentoring

A couple of weeks ago we were able to visit with Antonyio Allen and Zontray Lewis. These two men were the first sons mentored when we began the program in 1993. It brought great joy to our hearts to hear their testimonies on the journey of life. They are both in their fifth decade (41 and 42). Zontray is working for the U.S. Postal Service, married with two children, and pastoring a church in North Nashville. Antonio is living his faith; still single, no children, trusting the Heavenly Father's will for his life. He was employed with the Sunday School Publishing Board for nine years. He currently provides a delivery service for auto parts, and is in the process of purchasing his first home.

These two sons were the beginning of the legacy of the Family Foundation Fund mentoring program. There were many that prayed and loved them along the journey (Scott & Julie, Bill & Nonnie, Ann & Johnny, Rob Smith, Stan & Alice, Horace G.)



Nicholas Kennard as Homecoming King

Son Updates

Our senior son Nicholas was voted homecoming king of Lighthouse Christian Schools Class of 2020! Nicholas is elated to be king. When questioned about this honor, he replied "It feels good! Half the school voted for me, so yeah...The other half received a blessing."



Jomairi's Passage to Manhood Ceremony

Our junior son, Jomairi has begun to see dividends from his numerous years of hard work. This fall, Jomairi was named 8-man extreme player of the week for the Lighthouse Lions, with over 1,500 votes, and has been invited to play in the all-star game in Dayton! He was a dedicated student of driver's education and passed his driving exam on the first attempt. On November 2, we held his passage to manhood ceremony, in which Jomairi delivered a concise and heartfelt message of gratitude and inspiration. We are blessed to see the transformation taking place in his life!

Enrichment Trip

The backdrop for enrichment trip 2019 was the historic and vibrant San Antonio, Texas. A city full of intrigue, culinary mastery, and historical significance! Our first highlight came within hours of touching down in Bexar County with the Spurs season opener. Dejounte Murray, showed our sons a little love before tipoff against the Orlando Magic. The Spurs lost, but a wonderful time was had! The following night we found ourselves in the company of the world renown Pam White, better half of Malcolm, mother to Jackson and Hippie the family dog. The time spent in "Casa Blanca" (the White's house) accounted for several highpoints of the trip, namely recounting 20 plus years of friendship, mentoring escapades, and God's faithfulness through it all. Not to mention the fish fry and jambalaya.

While the enrichment trips have evolved greatly over the past two decades, the essence of the trips remain unchanged, to expand our young men's understanding of the world and the gravity one humans actions can have on the world. History is often the





FFF Sons at Spurs Game

medium with which these lessons are conveyed and San Antonio was the perfect interactive learning lab. By taking the scenic San Antonio Missions Bike Tour we conquered 16 of the 20 miles that the entire tour entails, seeing three of the five missions, (the Alamo, Mission Concepcion, & Mission San Jose) with only minor scrapes, bruises, and a seventy-year-old in tow! We also petted a very curious giraffe at the Natural Bridge Wildlife Reserve, after we completed a chilly float down the Guadalupe River! All in all, enrichment trip 2019 was a success!

Mentoring FFF Sons

We had twelve young men participate in Son Camp; ten participated in the summer mentoring program, and five in the Legacy Program. These young men range in ages from 10 - 18 years. The FFF sons participating in the summer mentoring program volunteered five of the seven weeks at Room in the Inn, Community Resource Center,



FFF Sons participating in Mentoring Program



Son Camp with Coach Isaiah



Pastor Jonathan Pitts from movie 'Kingdom Men' visits Son Camp

and learn intrinsic value of work at Son Farm. The service opportunities allowed them to experience the blessing in serving others. FFF sons of employment age were able to work at summer internships with Care Supply, Wasco, and Chase Construction. One of our sons graduated from the legacy program and is enlisting in the U.S. Air Force.



Turner Construction helping to prepare for Son Camp!

Son Farm Update

This season Son Farm produced forty three hundred pounds of organic produce. The farm yielded a bountiful harvest of; onions, radishes, variety of peppers, tomatoes, variety of squash, kale, greens, red potatoes, sweet potatoes, garlic, melons, eggplants, turnips, okra, black berries, cucumbers and honey. The FFF sons were able to bless their families with organic produce as well as approximately 200 others through our ASC partnering program. We would like to thank all of our farm volunteers that came out to serve every third Saturday. We are grateful for all the support.

Intentional Fatherhood

We increased our efforts and expanded our borders to mentoring fathers, through our Intentional Fatherhood (I.F.) Series. The series allows men who are currently fathers, or who are looking to become fathers in the future to understand, that both natural and spiritual fathering are essential for the journey of life.

The I. F. experience brings understanding of the order of God and family, and the Heavenly Father's original intent for the family. Through the series a restorative process begins that has a profound effect on the fathers receiving the understanding that will effect present and future generations.

Forty-eight men completed the series in 2019. We are looking forward to some of these men who have completed the I. F. experience, becoming more effective fathers in their homes, spheres of influence and stepping up to become surrogate fathers.

2020

2020 will be a year of unprecedented division between Father's house of light and the demonic kingdom of darkness. In Father's kingdom of light, there will be peace, provisions, joy, authority, power, protection, love and order. In the kingdom of darkness, there will be an increase of pain, sorrows, agony, and despair. This kingdom against kingdom divide will escalate, and it has already begun. We are presently experiencing the warm up. The ending of the second decade of the twenty-first century will have powerful spiritual significance.

It was at the age of 20 in biblical times that the young men were commissioned to go to war. We will witness an intense division between every major sociological component of the Earth's family; economically: – a greater disparity between those that have and those who are impoverished, resulting in increased criminal activity, culturally: - a humanistic agendamorally depraved – focus on self - laden with depression, anxieties, ecologically: seasons of catastrophic shifts in weather patterns affecting agriculture and food sources, politically: – increase of politicizing issues with little or no resolutions to complex problems, socially: racism, bigotry, bullying, sexual abuse, growing intolerance for the Christian faith, physically: obesity, cancer, diabetes, lupus, stroke, dementia, Alzheimer's, etc.

As we approach 2020, it is important for all who believe in the power of prayer that we activate in accordance with James 5:16 "confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

If we pray without humbling ourselves, without repentance, without confessing our faults and forgiving those who have trespassed against us, we are merely engaging in a ritualistic liturgical practice that will bear little or no fruit.

In the state of Tennessee, we were encouraged to fast and pray on October 10, 2019. This was a move in the right direction. However, before we can say "thy kingdom come, thy will be done," we must first repent, acknowledging our trespasses, so then we will be effective in forgiving those who have trespassed against us.

The time of testing is coming and it will be intense. If we are abiding in light and righteousness, we are on the Lord's side. It will be our Father's kingdom of light against Satan's kingdom of darkness. We know if we will abide in the light, we will triumph because no weapon formed against us shall prosper.

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