



FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND
Restoring Fatherhood

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Son News

We are celebrating another FFF son, Nicholas Alexander Kennard, who has completed the FFF mentoring program and received his high school diploma from Lighthouse Christian School. Nicholas has been a FFF son for eight years, was a valued team member of the LCS football squad as a receiver, and the championship LCS basketball team as a shooting guard. Nick has been awarded an athletic scholarship to Cleveland State where he will be attending this fall. He is the son of Catina Beaird and Cory Kennard. He is the surrogate son of Mark Peterson.

Nicholas' Letter

Hello world! My name is Nicholas Kennard and I am 17! I have been an FFF son since the age of 10. I would like to begin by thanking my Mom & Grandma for loving me and placing me in the FFF program. Next, I would like to thank my surrogate dad, Mr. Mark. I know I haven't made it easy, but thank you for loving me anyway.

The Family Foundation Fund wasn't easy but it has given me the foundation to build and guide me through life, that foundation being a strong relationship with God. I know that He is with me every step of the way. During my stint in the FFF, the importance of prayer was made simple; you pray and have faith that God will work things out and then no one can stop you. Adhering to this prayer plan my future is as follows; I will be attending Cleveland State to start my college career and from there I will transfer to a Division 1 school to play basketball and continue my education.

If you are a mother out there and you have a son who needs a father figure and you see this message, send your son to the Family Foundation Fund. The process will not be easy but it will all be worth it. The foundation will be laid for when your son gets in the real world, he will be a son of God, mature, show respect and humility.

To all the FFF sons who are coming after me, especially the

ones who I have been around most of my life (Jamison, Cody, and Jomairi) do not procrastinate! In anything! Make sure you get things done right the first time and always believe in yourselves. Do not let others tell you that you can't do something. But most importantly always have faith in the Lord.

FFF Congratulations

We at the Family Foundation Fund are excited for the future that lies ahead for Nicholas! During this period of adversity, he has remained diligent and focused culminating in him landing an athletic scholarship to Cleveland State. In 2017, when Nick gave his life to Christ it was due to his realization that the things he saw and heard while interacting in the sphere of the FFF were different from what the culture taught. He is striving to expand that sphere and change the cultures he finds himself in. This plan began to bear fruit when he was acknowledged as Lighthouse Christian Schools Homecoming King!

And as most of you know, Lighthouse Christian School has walked with us at the FFF as a community partner for twenty years. Therefore, their victories and losses are felt deeply amongst our ranks.



Son Camp

Son Camp 2020, affectionately immortalized as "corona camp" was uneventful, which, when placed on the scales of 2020 is a raving success and blessing! While our numbers were smaller due to the pandemic, ten campers total, the memories made were gigantic! For starters, we had campers from both Maryland and Minnesota, making this the second consecutive summer with campers from outside the geographical area of Tennessee.

Harkening back to our infancy days as an organization, we ventured out into the majestic wilds of Montgomery Bell State Park. For several of our sons, it was their first time camping, which made for plenty of levity. Other firsts included floating



Josiah enjoying the Harpeth River

the Harpeth River, playing kickball in the rain and breaking the steering column on a truck!

Overall, Son Camp 2020 provided multiple growth opportunities for both campers and staff. Often when we come to the end of ourselves, we enter the fullness of God's grace and mercy, and this statement proved ever true for Corona Camp.

Alumni News



We recently heard from Rickie McDowell who enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in April. Rickie had to discipline himself physically to achieve his goal. When he originally applied he weighed 242, and in order to enlist, he changed his diet and exercised and drank a gallon of water every day resulting in him achieving the weight goal of 209 lbs. Rickie completed his training camp in San Antonio, Texas and is now at Lackland Air Force base in tech school. Please keep Rickie in your prayers as he continues in the pathway of life.



We did not host our Annual Fatherhood Games and 5K Run Walk:

Eighteen years ago Clifton & Susan Lambreth long-time friends and supporters suggested that we host a 5K Race. Under their supervision, we launched out with our first 5K Run/Walk for Family and Fatherhood. Many of you have come to participate over the years, and reserve the Saturday before Father's Day on your annual calendars.

Mitchell and Tessa Jones, a young married couple, won the overall male and female competition our first year, hosted in



Mitchell & Tessa Jones & Family

Crockett Park in Brentwood. At that time they had no children, their family has increased and they have been blessed with five children, four sons and a daughter.

Some of the children are continuing in the tradition of their parents as runners. Mitchell also became our race director for two years.

Over the years we have experienced amazing support from the Nashville community; Vince Gill, Dave Ramsey, Ricky Skaggs, CeCe Winans, and the symphonic saxophone of Bryan Cummings. We are grateful for the corporate and private support of the Nashville community. At the beginning of this year, FATHER'S instructions were not to host our 5K Run/Walk on Father's Day weekend this year. These instructions came before the March tornadoes and the coronavirus. Realizing that this annual event normally generates about a third of our annual operating cost and funds for the summer program, we were a bit concerned.

Either we could push against FATHER'S counsel or trust in His provisions. We shared with the FFF governing board the direction in which FATHER was leading us and all were in agreement (and concerned!)

Without hosting the annual event your faithful prayers and gifts have yielded approximately \$91,000. There were those of you who sent in the funds you would have used for your annual registrations. We thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your hearts to assist the Family Foundation Fund in the commission to restore the hearts of the fathers.



Jabari with Papa Onnie at Son Shine Farms

Son Shine Farms TN

A couple of days a week our young men have the opportunity to engage in agriculture. They learn the principles of food production and the strength of the community working together. They are introduced to the process of soil, seed, sun, and water



Mason at Son Shine Farms

in covenant with the principles of creation. They see the process of tomatoes, potatoes, onion, peppers, radishes, greens, honey, squash, garlic, melons, etc... develop from a seed to luscious produce! Produce shares are still available if you would like to become a share partner visit <https://familyfoundationfund.org/sonshine-farms-1>. Several of our corporate partners present our **Produce with a Purpose** box to their employees. The produce is delicious and nutritious.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." If our focus is what the news media has reported, the question arises is this the end of time? The answer can be found in Matthew 24:6-8.

"6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for [a]ll these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, [b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Matthew 24:12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Iniquity is when we reserve in our hearts to do wrong, we knowingly sin against God Our Father.

My seven year old grandson came to the conclusion; that the Coronavirus was in charge of everything: you can't go certain places, can't sit in certain places, limited numbers of family members can be together, you have to stay 6 feet apart, no touching, or breathing without your face mask. I walked into a Subway and took my place in line, and there was a lady in front of me and fear was all over her. I nodded good afternoon. She looks at me and jumps another two feet forward spreading her arms and shouts ... "6 feet apart I'm not going to catch Coronavirus, get sick and die."

We consistently receive the exhortation to not fear, throughout the scripture. 1 John 4:17-18, "17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."

The place of safety and strength where all who believe in HIM may abide is HIS PRESENCE. Mountains shook and quaked in his presence. The walls of Jericho fell down at His Presence. It was His Presence that manifested as a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Moses leperous hand was restored in the Presence of the Lord.

In this season of chaos, where all restraint has been removed; the question we should ask ourselves are we abiding in HIS Presence and resting? Jesus was in his Father's Presence when the Roman soldiers arrested him in the garden of Gethsemane. This is why, when Jesus stood up they all fell down.

In Revelations 6 the seals are open; verse 3-4, "And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given to him a great sword."

We simultaneously have locust devastating West Africa, giant killer hornets crossing international borders, 115 mile an hour cyclones in India, Level 3 tornadoes, hurricanes, rioting, luting, murder, impeding economic collapse, and the pandemic.

In order to enter into His Presence, we must submit and obey. Obedience is the foundational key to accessing FATHER'S PRESENCE. Jesus, our elder brother was always in HIS FATHER'S PRESENCE, and he was always obedient. Adam the father of mankind was in HIS PRESENCE until he disobeyed.

FATHER'S Presence accompanied Moses, Exodus 33:13, "now, therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people."

14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. In Father's Presence is the fullness...you cannot be in HIS PRESENCE and fearing for your life and health at the same time (this is the current pandemic mindset.)

In this current age, our souls have been inundated with the messages of death and the foreboding of a global health crisis. If we who believe, are willing to abandon the spirit of fear and embrace the kingdom of our FATHER and abide in His love, His Presence is sufficient for every weapon formed against us... "no weapon formed against us shall prosper."

Plagues, boils, hemorrhoids, locust, all were destroyed in his presence....the Red Sea parted at His Presence. If we will rest, listen and know His voice, and obey Him, the glory of His kingdom will accompany us. His Kingdom will be manifest in earth as it is in Heaven....This was his prayer recorded in Matthew 6:10.

Summer Mentor Program

We are in need of men who are willing to become an advocate in a young man's life. If you have a desire to make a difference in the life of a young man and be proactive in the face of social conflict and the demise of the family, we encourage you to visit our website familyfoundationfund.org and contact us.



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Mission Statement

The Family Foundation Fund's mission is to nurture fatherless boys into Christ-centered manhood

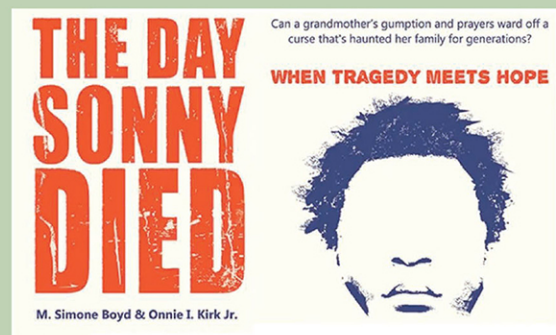


3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. **4** And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

Revelation 6:3-4



Our long time friend and partner Vince Gill will be featured in a new show to air this fall, "Name That Country Tune." He has selected the Family Foundation Fund as his nonprofit that will receive donations through his participation. (Insert – promo picture of Vince that is on our website). For more information visit familyfoundationfund.org



We encourage all of our partners to invest the time to read this epic story of what happens when a person is born into the world and there is no father to cover his soul. You may order the book through Amazon or directly from the Family Foundation Fund. After reading, we would appreciate you writing a review... the book is destined to become a classic. This understanding and insight will help bring insight and heal the societal unrest (turmoil) in our nation.