

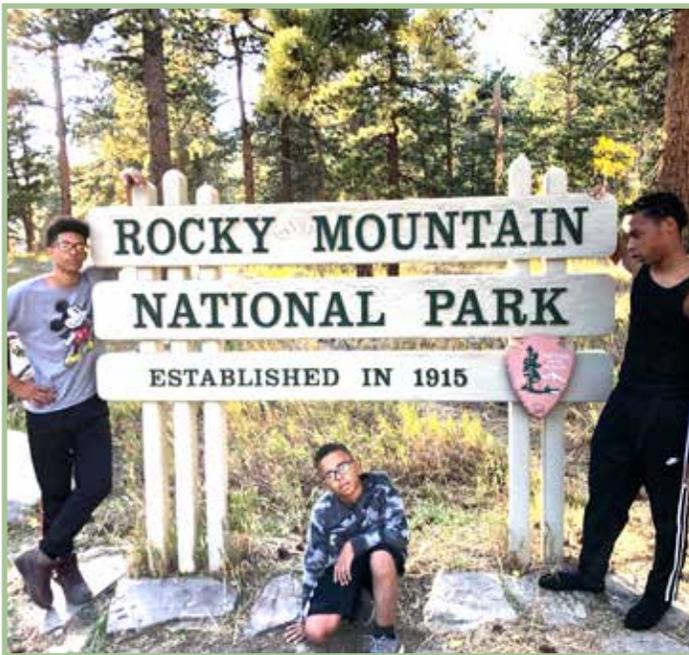
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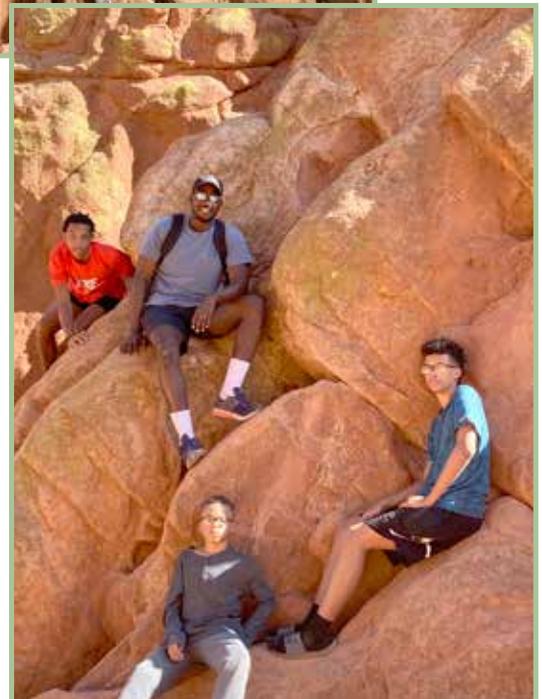
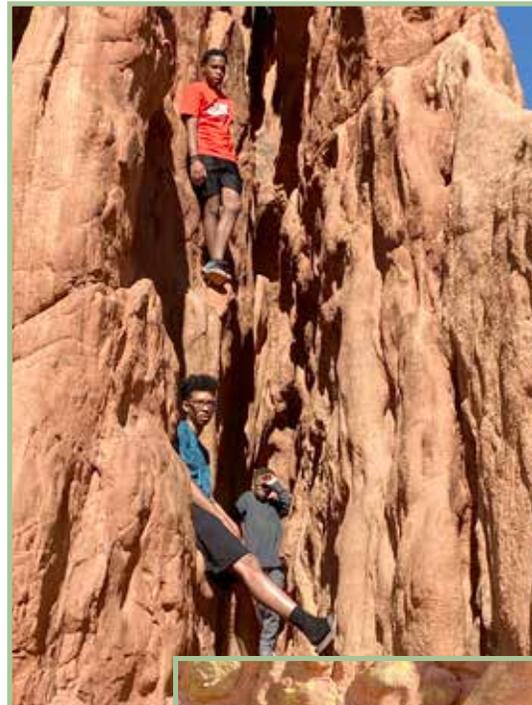


Ready for a 9 mile hike in bear country!

Fall Enrichment Trip

During the course of the summer mentoring program, all of the Family Foundation Fund sons have an opportunity to earn the privilege to participate in our annual Enrichment Trip. This year's Enrichment Trip was to the Mile High City of Denver, Colorado.

The FFF sons earned the trip by accumulating 250 award points during the course of the summer, through the summer reading program, financial stewardship, Son Camp activities, and summer internship evaluations. There were three sons that earned the coveted trip this year out of the ten that participated in the summer mentoring program. Unfortunately, five of our FFF sons were not permitted to participate in the summer mentoring program because of concerns pertaining to the virus.



Scaling the rocks at Garden of the Gods in Colorado, Papa Onnie did some hiking but not too much scaling 😊!

Alumni News



Fifteen years ago a young mother, Nikki Morgan, and her son, Austin Krogstie, were recommended for the Family Foundation Fund mentoring program. Austin was eleven, is now twenty five and employed at the Goodlettsville Help Center. In March of this year his mother, Nikki awoke with shortness of breath and needed to be rushed to the hospital.

Austin got his mother to the hospital and realizing the gravity of the situation began calling on his maternal family and his Family Foundation Family for prayer and support.

He called Mary Smith, an alumni mother and dear friend of his mother, Corey Smith a FFF brother, David & Adele Buntin his surrogate family and Onnie & Margienell Kirk. As all gathered at the hospital, prayer went forth. The Heavenly Father spoke saying Nikki will not depart this life until the time “He had appointed.”

Austin was able to receive the assurance in the midst of the trauma. The physicians reported that Nikki’s heart was functioning at a ten percent capacity and a heart transplant was necessary. After an extensive stay in the hospital, Nikki was placed on a waiting list for a donor heart. She was told it would probably be several months. In less than two weeks a heart became available, Nikki received her heart transplant and during her operations the doctors told her she coded (flat-lined) four times.

From a young boy, Austin had learned the importance of prayer and faith. At the time of his mother’s greatest need, he was able to witness the power of a praying community and relationship with God our Father. Nikki is at home and Austin is being attentive, responsible and working side jobs to help out financially. Nikki has lost 35 pounds, walks and exercises moderately and is well on her way to restoration.

We wish to extend our condolences to Lisa Bohannon, Malik McMurry and family. Lisa’s husband, Brandon Bohannon completed his life’s journey September 17, 2020. We ask that you would remember the family in your prayers. Malik is a 2018 alum of the Family Foundation

Fund, working on his undergraduate degree and took some time off from school this term to work and assist his family.

SonShine Farms TN

SonShine Farms TN is a seven acre organic farm just south of Joelton Tn. The farm serves as a learning laboratory for young men in the Family foundation Fund mentoring program, established in 1993.

We want to thank our SonShine Farms share partners for a wonderfully successful season. Thanks for all the encouraging comments and helpful critiques. Mama’s zucchini bread received wonderful reviews! We are especially grateful for the employees of corporate share-partners and their enthusiasm about “Produce with a Purpose”.

As a share partner your produce purchases allow young men to gain a first hand experience in farming. In the process of farming there are many life lessons that a young man learns.

No herbicides or pesticides are used in the growing process; resulting in organic nutritional produce that our share partners and the FFF sons family are able to enjoy. (The local deer, wild turkeys, and rabbits seem to enjoy healthy organic produce as well!)

If you, your company, or church would be interested in becoming share partners please visit our website SonShineFarmsTn.com or info@familyfoundationfund.org.



Grandfathers, Fathers, and sons laboring on the 3rd Saturday at SonShine Farms

**We welcome volunteers
the third Saturday of each month 8:00
a.m. - 12:00 noon.**

**We invite you to come and farm
with us at SonShine Farms.**

The Power of Blessing

When we were rearing our children, every evening we would gather in the family room and pray. Some of those evenings I would lay my hands on our children and bless them, speaking what the Father had revealed and commanding it over their lives. At the conclusion of each year we would always have a Family Day where we would pray and fast and recall the goodness of the Most High! During the course of that day, I would lay my hands on our children and bless them.

A blessing is a pronouncement- that is, we give blessings, we release blessings, we bestow blessings, by command. The husband- father is to command blessings over his wife and children, declaring and commanding the destiny of present and future generations. When you order the blessings, there should be a release and impartation of life through the words that you are proclaiming over the life of the person receiving the blessing.

When I was forty three, I asked my father to bless me. He expressed to me that he had prayed for me throughout my life, for which I was very grateful. He was unfamiliar with the power of commanding the blessing that the Most High had established in His plans for us. The blessing is commanding the details for a person's life to be made manifest by the authority of the Holy Spirit.

Isaac blessed his son Jacob twice, once by deception and once intentionally.

²⁷ And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: "Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed. ²⁸ Therefore, may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. ²⁹ Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!" (Genesis 27:27-29).

Isaac's intentional blessing before Jacob leaves his father's house

"May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of

peoples; ⁴ And give you the blessing of Abraham, you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land, which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham." (Genesis 28:3-4)

What was the resulting evidence of these blessings spoken over Jacob (read Genesis chapters 28-30)?

- Everything he touched prospered
- He triumphed over his enemies
- Nations bowed before his chosen son Joseph
- The nation of Egypt was cursed because it enslaved the family of Jacob
- He was the father of twelve sons and one daughter
- Jesus our Messiah came through his lineage
- His children today or as the sand of the sea and the stars of the sky

It is never too late to receive the blessings that were established by the Heavenly Father; Abraham was 75 when the blessing was spoken that he and Sarah would have a son.

YOUR PERSONAL BLESSING ASSESSMENT

Did you receive a proclamation over your life as a child?

Did you receive the proclamation of a blessing over your life before you left home?

Have you seen evidence of the blessing spoken over you manifesting in your life?

Who was the authority in your life that commanded the blessings?

Were there blessings commanded over your children ?



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Mission Statement

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



Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked. They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Psalms 82:3-5



Airman Rickie McDowell, Jr. completed his basic training in San Antonio Texas and will be stationed in Albuquerque New Mexico.....stopped by to visit the Kirk Family 😊!