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Mission Statement

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

Proverbs 24:10 *If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.*

1 John 4:17 *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.*



Mark M. at SonShine Farms TN, smiling over his potato harvest

SON FARM NEED:

We could use a small front end loader, and a four wheeler with a lift gate on the back. If you know of someone who has either of these two items we would appreciate you contacting us at 615-876-7170.

We want to welcome Mark Maxwell to our team. He is our Son Farm assistant and brings a lot of youthful energy! Mark ust harvested these potatoes and some of the potatoes are whoppers. Thank you for being a Produce with a Purpose partner this summer. Your partnership allows Son Farm to offer our FFF sons summer internships.

Summer Recap

To begin, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our friends, partners, and loved ones for making the Family Foundation Fund Summer 2021 a phenomenal success!

Summer 2021 entailed countless highlights and several firsts for many of our sons; flying on an airplane, canoeing the Buffalo river, and learning the mechanics of water craftsmanship in Alabama.

February 2022 marks the Family Foundation Funds 30th year restoring fatherhood in the Nashville community. Over that time our summer recreational outings have evolved into tent pole events, not only for the youth that we serve but for our families in the body of Christ. A body which grew from donating one of the three "T's" (time, talent, or treasure) to often contributing all three!

This fact was highlighted this summer in three distinct instances; the first being the benevolent Bedford family hosting us, feeding us, and helping us expand our understanding of seafaring vessels, in a full day sailing excursion In Bradenton, Florida. The second was our perennial Two day Alabama Turtle Bay excursion hosted by the Singleton family. One of the many special things about this tradition, is the fact that the host ceremoniously chooses to spend his birthday celebration with us, resulting in the sons receiving the



Henry & Elijah enjoying the high seas

most delectable cakes and pastries every summer. The last event is the pinnacle of our summer recreation excursions, aptly titled "The Wildwood Resort & Marina Adventure Weekend".

The Wildwood Resort & Marina Adventure Weekend, is the backdrop that perfectly summarizes the FFF summer experience, gourmet dining mixed with hard earned laughter. From flying through the woods in Grandville on a T-Rex to floating across the marina on a pleasure cruise, you, our community, are the facilitators of these moments that are catalysts of changes. Summer 2021 was a success because of the prayers and actions of you our family. Thank you.

Son Camp 2021

This summer was our 26th Son Camp. We were honored to have Daon Johnson from Baltimore, Maryland and Steven Hunter from Tallahassee, Florida to assist with our FFF sons experiencing the rigors of Son Camp.

Starting Memorial Day through June 13th our FFF sons are in our care 24/7. In this male environment, they learn how to navigate working as a team/family



and respond the authority of male leadership. They have the opportunity to overcome challenges that help them to mature and broaden the perimeters of their comfort zones.

Young men often enter Son Camp with fears of heights, dogs, dark nights, and water. By the end of camp, they have overcome their fears and walk a little taller. We are grateful for all of our donors and community partners: Wasco, ABEC Electric, Freedom Group, Jeff Morris /Real Estate Works, Care Supply, Chase Construction, Hayes Foundation, Atlantic Union Bank, Jerry & Sonni Heffel, Rick & Vikki DeSoto, Mike & Sharon Russell, Southwestern Families of Companies, Music City Roofers, Equinox Information System, Montgomery & Associates, Punch List Nashville, Brian & Barbara Sweatt, Atlantic Bank, Covenant Capitol, The Giving Circle, Don Elliot Foundation and Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Thank you for continuing to help us change lives “One boy at a time.” We are grateful for your partnership.



Daon Johnson and Steven Hunter with FFF sons & Guest Travis & Joshua Rader



Chef Cleveland teaching his culinary master class to the sons



Back to camp challenge

Alumni News Highlights

Rickie McDowell Jr



Rickie thriving!

Rickie completed the Family Foundation Fund’s mentoring program in 2019. Rickie is currently stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the United States Air Force. He remains slim and trim; as you might remember he had to discipline himself to remove 42 excess pounds in 2019 in order to enter the Air Force. He has been given leadership responsibility and is currently in the process of completing his Associates’ Degree. Please continue to keep Rickie in your prayers as he continues to progress in the journey of life.

Nicholas Hatcher



Nick H. and his beautiful family celebrating summer

Nicholas completed the Family Foundation Fund mentoring program in 2004. He currently lives in Kansas with his family. Nicholas is the nephew of Janet Baker and Victor Wharton. When they approached us about him being a FFF son, he had already passed the age of acceptance into the mentoring program, but by the grace of the Lord we did accept him and he was recently sworn in as a public safety officer in Augusta, Kansas. Please continue to pray for Nicholas and his family.

The Table

Throughout biblical history the table and the breaking of bread was a foundational institution of life on earth. The table was a place of communion, fellowship, revelation, and impartation. We present the following biblical examples as evidence.

1. It was during a time of breaking bread and fellowship that a 100 year old, Abraham and his 90 year old wife Sarah were informed that they would conceive a son; whose name would be Isaac. (Genesis 17:19-22)

2. Esther exposed the treachery of Haman, who had conspired to kill all of the Hebrews and hang Mordecai, her uncle on the gallows in the courtyard of the palace. It was at the table that the scheme of Haman was brought to light, and judgement passed and he was hung on the gallows he had constructed for Mordecai. (Esther 7:1-10)

3. Belshazzar the king hosted a banquet and defiled the sacred vessels of the temple while feasting and drinking and a hand appeared and wrote his destiny upon the wall (Daniel 5: 1-10)

4. The Most High established the table for His family in the garden paradise east of Eden. “Every herb that yields seed for food. Every tree which is on the face of all the earth and every tree whose fruit yields seed to you it shall be for food.” This was the table of communion set for Adam and his wife (Genesis 1:29)

5. Satan came to the table (the tree) the place of communion, where they were to receive their daily bread. Father had given them one restriction, not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan communed with the woman and deceived her by the words ...”you will be as wise as God.” He assured them they would receive an impartation of knowledge and wisdom equal to the Most High, and as a result, would allow them to know good and evil. Up until the tree experience they had only known good. (Genesis 3:1-4)

6. It was at the table that Joseph, who had been sold into slavery by his brothers, chose to reveal to them his true identity. During that time of communion, Joseph released an impartation of forgiveness and restoration upon the household of Jacob. The Hebrew family flourished in the land and found favor with Pharaoh. (Genesis 43:16-45)

7. The Passover table brought the family together when it was time for them to depart from Egypt. They were instructed by Moses to choose a spotless lamb

without blemish, kill it and place the blood on the two side posts and upper post. This blood covering would protect their first born. (Exodus 12:1- 15)

8. Yeshua celebrates the Passover with his disciples. During the time at the table he reveals that it is now time for him to fulfill his purpose. He also reveals who will betray him. He encouraged them to remember this sacred time of the Passover table. (Luke 22: 1-23)

9. David, the king, declares that he sets a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. The Most High will commune with us, revealing the plans of the enemies against us and he endows us with the grace and impartation to effectively administer over His kingdom on earth. (Psalms 23: 1-6) However, we must humble ourselves and prophetically be seated and rest at the table.

It is a life-giving experience for us to sit at the table and fellowship with each other and share Father’s divine provisions and give testimony of His care and protection in our daily lives. As the testimonies of his goodness and mercy are shared at the table, all are encouraged and His love and care for us are magnified. The table’s natural features are obvious to most of us; family, nutrition for the body and fellowship. At the Passover table, Moses’ instructions were if your family is too small, join with your neighbor so that all of the Passover meal could be consumed.

There were serious times ahead for the Hebrew family and the time of communion at the table gave them the opportunity to be prepared and strengthened for the hardships ahead.

The earth is currently groaning. We are experiencing the beginning of travail, as a woman about to give birth. Matthew 24:7-8, “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, [a] pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. “

We can help change the culture of our household and sphere of influence by coming to the table with understanding. If we will seek Him with our whole heart, daily setting with Him and receiving understanding, revelation, wisdom and knowledge as we break bread naturally and spiritually, His presence will meet us when we, still our souls and wait patiently upon Him. Hopefully, we will choose to be intentional and return to the table, spiritually and literally!