

# **2021 YEAR END REVIEW**

# YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL AND WE ARE GRATEFUL

The Family Foundation Fund was incorporated December 1992 and began its' mentoring program in 1993. As we enter our 30th year of restoring fatherhood, we want all of you to know how grateful we are for each of you. Some of you hosted receptions in your homes and companies became community partners. Many of your companies have been community partners allowing our FFF sons to intern with you during the summer months and supporting our fundraising efforts. Many have partnered faithfully monthly and given annual financial contributions. We are especially grateful for the men who have stepped up to be surrogate fathers and their families. They have been faithful to the call of fatherhood, have invited the FFF sons into their lives and shown them the way of Christ- centered fatherhood.

This year alone we had over 3,100 hours of volunteer service. Above all many of you have prayed lifting us up before the Most High, calling to Him on our behalf. Thank you for faithfully partnering with us in transforming lives "One boy at a time."

In the season ahead we will begin to make available the concepts and principles of Intentional Fatherhood that we have applied the past three decades. We will follow the mandate for the restoration of fatherhood.

Thank you for your prayers, love and support as we focus on the restoration of fatherhood. Men will be empowered with understanding and families strengthened for the generational journeys. The hearts of the fathers with understanding is a key to restoration. Fathers will understand how to build their families and be a haven for the fatherless. You will be hearing more about this directive in the months and years ahead.

## **JOSEPH (JOE) LABERGE**

Joe Laberge, known as Papa Joe to many, completed his earthly journey on August 12, 2021. We met Joe in 1995 during the season of the When Men Pray gatherings at the Ryman Auditorium and later at the War Memorial in downtown Nashville. Joe would faithfully come at 5:30 a.m., three times a year to pray for the faith family of Nashville. He would often gather with other men at Grace Community Church in Whites Creek, TN, where men would gather to pray through the night seeking the Most High to bless, protect and cover our city. Joseph was a dear brother and friend who prayed for the Family Foundation Fund and would come to camp and teach the FFF sons carpentry and how to cut down trees and use a chain saw.

About twenty years ago he showed up at Son Camp with a little baby boy, whose mother was in an unfortunate situation. The little fellow was not quite a year old. Papa Joe would feed, bathe, change diapers and pray over this boy. This little boy grew to be a man of God, who is presently a music minister and lead a time of praise at Papa Joe's life celebration....To God be all the glory!

His wife Pam, daughters Tara, and Amanda and grandchildren all adored their Papa Joe!! We will miss him.



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Crystal with her family

Shana with her family



# SOME SURPRISING FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND ALUMNI

In 2001 there were two Family Foundation Fund daughters who participated in the Educational program; Shanna Roper who was the sister to one of our Family Foundation Fund sons and Crystal Lee, whose grandmother had the responsibility of her four grandchildren.

Shana and Crystal graduated from Lighthouse Christian School in 2001. Shana was crowned homecoming queen her senior year. She had a gift for entertaining and theatre and enrolled in Belmont University. While at Belmont, she received a scholarship and invitation to attend the New York Film Academy. Life circumstances did not allow her to pursue that career path. She married Chris Martinez in 2012 and they were blessed with two awesome children Elijah and Gabriel.

After graduation Crystal became a certified nursing assistant and later received her certification for medical billing. She is currently employed by Cigna. She and her husband Eric Young married on Valentine's Day 2012. They recently purchased their first home in Antioch. Crystal was the first member of her family to complete high school. They have two daughters Makayla and Jayla and the grandmother who faithfully raised her now lives with their family.

We are honored to have had both of these young ladies to participate in the early years. Both are passionate about their love for their heavenly Father.

### SARASOTA LESSONS WITH THE BEDFORDS

While every summer is unique at the Family Foundation Fund, Summer 2021 seemed to hold more wonder than those in recent memory. Perhaps pent-up demand as we exit the pandemic, booming interest in outdoor recreation, or a combination of both is what electrified Summer 2021. Every encounter held more



FFF sons with the Bedfords

gravitas and the young men of the Family Foundation Fund were up to meet every challenge. The adventures began earlier than usual this summer due to the monumental efforts of Henry and Barbara Bedford. At the beginning of the second week of son camp the sons were flown down to Sarasota Florida to engage in an immersive hands-on sailing excursion.

Now while sailing was the stated objective, the road to this aquatic adventure was rife with adventure as well. Particularly for two of our sons, this was their first time flying, first encounter with the perils of improper sunscreen application, and learning the importance of accepting help (Dramamine).

Over the three-day excursion the hospitality showcased to the Family Foundation Fund was comparable to the Ritz Carlton. We would say even better because the Ritz Carlton doesn't have Barbara Bedford. A gracious hostess and an enrapturing storyteller, Barbara is the stuff of legend. While our sons learned the value of teamwork and discipline from Henry on the high seas, they learned the importance of love and commitment from the actions displayed by the Bedford family. We are grateful for the years of friendship and partnership from the Bedford family and for the time invested in transforming lives.

### **HIGHLIGHTS 2021**

• Jomairi Teague graduated from Lighthouse Christian School and was the first FFF son in the history of the mentoring program to be elected as senior class president. He is currently attending Middle Tennessee State University.

• Jamison Tillman, a junior, and Matthew Gainous, a sophomore became the first two legacy Family Foundation Fund Sons to



Jomairi Teague, Senior Class President Lighthouse Christian Schools class of 2021. A first for the Family Foundation Fund.

attend Lipscomb Academy. We are grateful to be part of the Lipscomb Academy Family.

• We had nine FFF sons to participate in 2021 Son Camp and we were honored to have Daon Johnston, from Maryland and Steven Hunter from Florida training and assisting the FFF sons through the rigors of wilderness and Son Camp living.

Volunteer day produced over

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The FFF sons, farm crew, and the third Saturday family

5,500 pounds of delicious organic food in our Produce with a Purpose share boxes. Our partners were delighted and their employees grateful to receive the produce share boxes.





### WHY FATHERHOOD?

When we read the biblical record of the history of the family, the responsibility for the journey of the souls, in a family, was placed in the hands of the Father. The soul of every person born into the earth would have its' origin in the bloodline of their Father. This is why Yeshua (Jesus) could come to the earth through the womb of a woman, but he could not come through the seed of a man. Each of us is a trichotomy; we are spirit, soul, and body.

Our soul (which is our intellect/mind, emotions/heart, and will) comes directly through the bloodline of our fathers. The biblical records tell us that all have sinned, Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." The soul of Yeshua could only come from a holy righteous father. Matthew 1:20 "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary

your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

God, the Holy Spirit, was Yeshua's father. God himself only fathered two souls. His first son Adam, and His only begotten son Jesus Christ (Yeshua.) All other souls born into the earth came through the sinful bloodlines of the generations of men. This is why we acknowledge our sins and the known sins of our fore parents. When we humbly acknowledge our sins and repent, the power and stench of that sin is washed away by the blood of Yeshua. If fathers do not acknowledge the sins and iniquities of their bloodlines, they will continue in their generations.

In the following scriptures there is a recurring theme calling fathers to account for the wellbeing and spiritual status of their families:

Malachi 4: 5-6 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. 6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Lamentations 5:7-13 Our fathers sinned and are no more, but we bear their iniquities. Servants rule over us; there is none to deliver us from their hand. We get our bread at the risk of our lives, because of the sword in the wilderness; our skin is hot as an oven, because of the fever of famine. They ravished the women in Zion, the maidens in the cities of Judah, princes were hung up by their hands (anarchy, rebellion, no order) and elders were not respected (no reverence for elders matriarchs and patriarchs.) Young men ground at the millstones; boys staggered under loads of wood (young men have become weak and effeminate.)

**Exodus 20:5** "You shall not bow down to them nor [serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting[b] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments."

**Ephesians 6:4** "And you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

**Ezekiel 18:4** "Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die.

Nowhere in the biblical record of mankind does the Heavenly Father, (the Most High) hold wives/mothers responsible for the destiny of their off springs. Yeshua was born into the earth as every man; spirit, soul, and body. His soul could not come through the seed of a man because he would have been born with iniquities in his blood line. He could come to the earth through the select womb of a woman. The woman's body provides the natural sustenance for the child's physical development.

Yeshua's birth is described in Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Child is born...the physical embryo developed in Mary's womb for nine months and was born into the earth. A Son is given... is our spiritual status with Our Father. Our Spirit is not born but it is given to each Son of God, just as it was given to Yeshua.

When we are born again into the family of our Father and are atoned through the blood and resurrection triumph of Yeshua, our God given spirit is restored to our Father and Son relationship with the Most High. Yeshua instructed his disciples to pray Our



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### **Mission Statement**

The Family Foundation Fund's mission is to restore family and fatherhood

#### Proverbs 15:31-33

The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise. He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding. The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.

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Father... The purpose of Yeshua coming was to restore us back to the Father. John 14:6 Yeshua, said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The earthly father is not able to father the spirit, soul, and body of those in his family effectively, if he has never been restored to a relationship with the Heavenly Father. This restoration births a communion with the Heavenly Father and (believing) sons. We being the sons; listening, obeying and honoring our Heavenly Father and earthly fathers.

The scriptural passage in Malachi 4:6, is clear that if fathers do not demonstrate the love, order and blessings to their families, our Heavenly Father will bring a curse. There is no reference that holds the mother responsible for the cultural conditions and spiritual status of the family. Fathers Impart Destiny and Fatherhood must be restored.

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