



## FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND

Restoring Fatherhood

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## Son News



Cody Matthew Gainous became a Family Foundation Fund Son in 2016:

I remember the very first day walking into Son Camp. I was shy and nervous about meeting new people. What I remember most is when Mr. Onnie came up to me and my grandmother, greeted us, and showed me the

way. When I first met the other boys there, I was still kind of hesitant, but after each day, I became closer to the other boys there. As years went by, more and more boys would come and go, and it was easy to get along with them. I loved the trips and the things we always did together. I feel like when we did all those things, it built this foundation that we could all build on and help each other on the individual paths that we take. Meeting my surrogate father and mother for the first time, I was also shy, but I also became closer by meeting their family, and letting them pour into my life. They have shown me things and given me so much wisdom and knowledge! I love them so much. I appreciate everything they have done for me. Their unconditional love showed me how I should also love when it's my time to have a family.

## Family Foundation Fund Alumni News *Jamison Alexander Tillman*

When a FFF son enters the mentoring program, a savings account is set up to teach them financial stewardship. Upon graduation, the account is closed and the FFF sons become the administrators of their finances. Most have learned the importance of managing finances and having money work for you. Jamison was presented with his



*Jamison Tillman receiving his check from Onnie Kirk.*

savings account check on Thursday August 10. The smile on his face is the evidence of financial stewardship. Jamison also received the educational matching grant from the Family Foundation Fund.

Congratulations Jamison! You will be in our prayers.

## Reflections by Jamison Tillman

My time with the Family Foundation has felt like something that went by so fast now that I am at the end, but during my time it felt so long. I will be forever grateful for Mr. Onnie and everyone else that made the program work. It really has made me the man I am today, and I mean that with everything in me. Mr. Onnie always teaches us the difference from our soul and our spirit. When I first came, I was always looking at the program through my soul, not wanting to work, or not wanting to sit through talks. As I've grown into maturity in life and in Him, I've come to realize that work and those teachings are things men are called to do. My time with my surrogate father was not just temporary, but a lifelong relationship that will forever

bless me. My relationship with my surrogate father was God appointed. He has always been there for me, and even the hard conversations where we don't see eye to eye will still forever make me grateful for him and his family. I look at the foundation and everyone that's a part of it as family, and will forever be grateful for the time they invested in me. Time is valuable, and they could have been spending it doing something else, but they chose to spend it with me. Finally, I'm just thankful for everyone who was a part of my life's journey up to this point: my mom, the foundation, and my surrogate family. I just don't know where I would be without them.

## Continuing Alumni News

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Leon Dupree, Leon & Brittany were married April 20, 2023. They met when both attended Lighthouse Christian School. Leon with his entrepreneurial zeal launched an independent photography service in 2022.

We are less than a month away from the marriage celebration of A.J. Parker and Taylor Thomas. They will celebrate their marriage vows on September 15, 2023. A.J. is an attorney and Taylor just completed her residency in Pediatric Medicine. A.J. is a 2012 Family Foundation Fund graduate.



*FFF sons with Steve & Onnie at Barefoot Republic*

## FFF Sons at Barefoot Republic

This summer the Family Foundation Fund partnered with Barefoot Republic for our camp experience. The Family Foundation sons had an awesome time competing with rival republics and building relationships.

One of our FFF sons had the opportunity of remaining at Barefoot as a camp counselor for the overnight camps. It was

an opportunity for him to function in his leadership training and he learned to think through and solve problems.



*FFF family at Sounds game*

## Community Partner Wirtgen America Inc

On Saturday August 19, Family Foundation Fund Family sons, surrogate fathers and friends were guests of Wirtgen American in their corporate suite at the Sounds Stadium. Everyone enjoyed the accommodation, and the atmosphere was exciting. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated the generous hospitality. The chips, drinks, snacks and popcorn almost inspired us to sing "take me out to the ball game!" We did restrain ourselves; a good time was had by all! :) Unfortunately, the Charlotte Knights gave the Nashville Sounds a nice "spanking."



*Kirk R. with Elijah M.*

## SonShine Farms TN

We are grateful for our community Share Partners. The social enterprise of organic farming affords us the opportunity to teach young men the value of work and being responsible. It also allows for fathers, sons and daughters to participate in our 3rd Saturday volunteer farm days, where community happens. Our young men



get to labor with potential surrogate fathers and the Most High does the administration.

This was the case with Kirk R who began coming to the farm and brought several others to enjoy the fellowship and communion. Kirk after several farm days, it became apparent that Kirk had the DNA of a surrogate father. He and his surrogate son Elijah M. were partnered, and both are flourishing in their father/son relationship. One of the first challenges was the removing of a cell phone from a 10-year-old. The team who loves and are responsible for Elijah all agreed, and since the removal there has been a change in Elijah's temperament.

We have had to endure violent windstorms that destroyed our hoop tunnel and our greenhouse. Erratic weather patterns, torrential down pours and temperatures soaring (sometimes on the same day,) pestilence and predators who love organic food.... They want good stuff also!! By the grace of the Most High we have been able to honor our commitment to our share partners.



*Delivery of Produce With a Purpose Share Box*

### **We are thankful for all of our share partners:**

Long Hollow Dental Clinic, Jeff & Rhonda Morris, Street Sounds (Eric Burton), ABEC Electric, Care Supply, Wasco, Sneed Builders, Freedom Forum, StorPlace, Mike & Monica Harley, David & Adele Buntin, David & Mary Catherine McClellan, Jeremy Kelton, Jeff & Jodi Richfield, Dr. Tom & Leslie Danelli, Brian & Barbara Sweat, Dr. Christopher Jones and Fifty Forward- Madison Station.

## **Excerpt from On Earth As It Is In Heaven**

by Sam Soleyn

### **The Spirit of Christ**

God has put an investment of spirit, out of His person, into every human being. For example, some spirits depict aspects of the mercy of God, while others present portions of the order of God and these traits are usually discernible in the character or interests of the individual. The full range of all the aspects of the nature of God is deposited in the earth through the destinies inherent in the endowment of grace carried by each spirit. His intent was that by this endowment of spirit, each person would have a destiny in the earth to present a particular aspect of the nature of God Himself. This destiny does not depend upon the length of time in which a person lives in the earth, nor does it require a perfect physical body out of which to express this divine message.

Absent divine connection, these potentials languish and are never put on display. Since Adam, man's choice to reject God has resulted in the obscuring of this purpose for being alternative destinies have supplanted this divine purpose, and mankind routinely lives to satisfy the imperative of their souls. Most people are entirely unfamiliar with this truth. As a consequence of the fall of man and the ascent of his soul over his spirit, these divine leanings are only vaguely visible at best. The general absence of the spirit of discernment from among mankind coupled with the loss of the knowledge of God routinely results in divine attributes in humans becoming routinely unrecognizable and therefore, ignored. The cooperation of man in revealing the nature of God is the requirement. The reemergence of the spirit of man and the gradual reassertion of control over his soul that follows being born again marks the beginning of a journey, the goal of which is to put the nature of God resident in the human spirit on display. God pursued this continuing purpose Himself, in the form of a man invested with a particular spirit. Christ came to rescue man and to restore him to a divine destiny.

1John 4;17 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.

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***Margienell and I are thankful for your partnership and prayers. There are intense times ahead and Our Father is faithful and we are grateful. Abide in HIM.***



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## Mission Statement

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



*Unless the Lord builds the  
house, They labor in vain  
who build it; Unless the  
Lord guards the city, The  
watchman stays awake in  
vain. 2 It is vain for you to  
rise up early, To sit up late,  
To eat the bread of sorrows;  
For so He gives His  
beloved sleep. 3 Behold,  
children are a heritage from  
the Lord, The fruit of the  
womb is a reward.*

**Psalms 127:1-3**

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For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are sons of God, and if sons, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:16-17

FATHERS IMPART DESTINIES. WE AS FATHERS CAN ONLY IMPART SPIRITUAL DESTINIES IF WE HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER AND EARS TO HEAR WHAT THOSE DESTINIES WERE, THAT HE ORDAINED WHEN OUR SPIRIT WAS IN HIM BEFORE WE WERE BORN UNTO THE EARTH!

Audio Book...Stepping In the Circle of All that pertains to the Kingdom of God by Charles Newbold is on the web site <https://FamilyFoundationFund.org/>

What happens to a soul when it has lived absent of a father...The Day Sonny Died by M. Simone Boyd & Onnie Kirk, Jr. order through website <https://FamilyFoundationFund.org/>