



TEAM FOCUS

July-December 2021

21 Years of Raising up Champions of the Future

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

"When I was 11 years old, my father died. I know that there are a lot of young men today with the same needs I had because my father was not available to me. Team Focus seeks to come alongside young men to help them to achieve their ultimate goal; to walk in the destiny God has planned for them." --Mike Gottfried

"TIS THE SEASON"



Mike Gottfried

Team Focus drenching us with His GOODNESS. Together we all make a great team, loving one another.

When you read this message, we will have celebrated Thanksgiving. What a special season it is for us to express our gratefulness to one another and to the Lord for all He has done for us.

When our family gathers for our Thanksgiving meal, I always ask each one to share individually something for which they are specifically thankful. I am personally thankful for the many years of God's blessings, favor, and the success He has showered over

As the Christmas season nears, I am looking forward to the joy, celebration, and opportunity to give gifts to loved ones. Most of all, I rejoice in the greatest gift of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom we receive our salvation, with His grace, and mercy extended to us. As an overflow of all we have been given, consider thoughtfully for ways to express kindness to others.

I look forward in anticipation to the coming New Year! I bless you in the New Year with an overflow of the Goodness of your Heavenly Father that rises to flood levels. 2022 is going to be an awesome year!

God bless you and your family."

Mike Gottfried
President/Co-Founder

Team Focus Indiana Making Steady Progress

As we head into 2022, Team Focus Indiana is happy to report that it is continuing to make solid progress in launching this first-ever Team Focus Chapter in Indiana. According to Co-Directors Mike Leonard, former Head Football Coach at Franklin College in Franklin, IN and Bud Boughton, a former coach and seasoned business executive, they are excited about their prospects for Team Focus Indiana as they head into 2022.

In September, Team Focus Indiana held an "informational meeting" meant to introduce Team Focus to business leaders, educators, members of the clergy and anyone who might be interested in supporting Team Focus Indiana. The meeting was a huge success with over 60 people in attendance and numerous attendees have now made contact saying they want to support Team Focus Indiana in any form they can.

Team Focus Indiana has formally scheduled their first ever Leadership Camp for July 2022 and it will be held at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana. Says Boughton, "After attending Team Focus Leadership Camps this year in both Ohio and Kentucky, we think the Franklin College campus will be an ideal venue. We look forward to continuing to make great progress in the weeks and months ahead as we continue to recruit new members, donors and volunteers."



TF Mentoring Has Been Making a Difference For 21 Years

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Team Focus Mobile, Alabama Chapter

Serve Day Event

Team Focus members, volunteers, and City Hope Church worked together to improve the landscape of the Mobile Team Focus headquarters. After communicating with the management of our local Lowes and Home Depots, we were able to receive an estimated \$900 in material donations. Our goal was to get the majority of the work done in preparation for our annual Back to School Picnic. The families enjoyed the atmosphere of being outdoors, flavorful shaved ice, nachos and hotdogs, and being together. We had such an awesome time and made sure our young men were supplied with what they needed to start off the school year right!

--Aaron Dais, Team Focus Mobile Chapter Director



A Recent Thank You From a Former TF Speaker/Volunteer



The recent Team Focus newsletter reminded Sue and I how blessed we were to be part of the Team Focus family. Mike, you and Mickey were very good to us. It was very rewarding to read about the great successes, the marriages and the truly enlightened stories. The Lord knew His plan for you and He sat back and watched you transform the dream into reality.

The growth of Team Focus is captured in 2 Corinthians 9:6: The point is this: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." Team Focus continues to reap.

Sue and I still tear up when we think of or remember the heartfelt stories we were able to share with the young men of Team Focus. Thank you for that opportunity!

Please share our love and blessings with all of Team Focus. You are in our hearts. Thank you for all the wonderful blessings. We learned so much from all of you.

--Dennis and Sue Helsel

The Team Focus A/V Club and YouTube Channel



There are many wonderful things happening on our channel for you to see. Take advantage of the opportunity to expand your vision with the stories that have been told so far. We encourage you to SHARE them with others in your family, community, and more. There is no limit to those who can be impacted by our message! Next time you are on YouTube, give us a thumbs up and remember to SUBSCRIBE to the channel for weekly updates! Communication is key to growing with one another.

We hope to hear from you soon! We are also doing giveaways now on our channel, STAY TUNED! Search www.youtube.com/teamfocususa in your internet browser to find us!

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Team Focus Ohio Chapter



After a very rewarding Team Focus Ohio Summer Leadership Camp at Ashland University in June, we started the Fall with football games, watching practices, attending various other activities and we will end 2021 with a Christmas luncheon/party/bowling event for all of our Ohio young men, volunteers and advisory council members.

Following are some activities that have taken place this Fall where some Team Focus Ohio Volunteers (along with myself) attended the young men's activities:

- Football outing at Ashland University (September 25)
- Football outing at Ohio Dominican (October 16)
- Attended Indiana Chapter Information Night in Indianapolis
- Attended/watched Rayvon Ivery play his football game (August 29)
- Attended/watched Hunter Farrell's football game (September 24)
- Attended Mansfield Madison football game where I met with Nathan Yarman (September 23)
- Attended Mapletown @ Plymouth and watched Reed Welch (October 1)
- Attended Colonel Crawford and watched Kamryn Lohr (in August plus a playoff game in early Nov.)
- The Ohio TF Chapter also has two pizza party gatherings planned with the young men and their moms/guardians in the Spring.
- November 4 - Rocky and Sue and the TF Ohio Advisory Council Members gathered for dinner/planning meeting

It is always such a blessing to be a part of these young men's lives. Thank you volunteers for joining me at these events. I pray you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rocky Alt

Team Focus Director of Programs/Ohio Chapter Director

"Prayer"

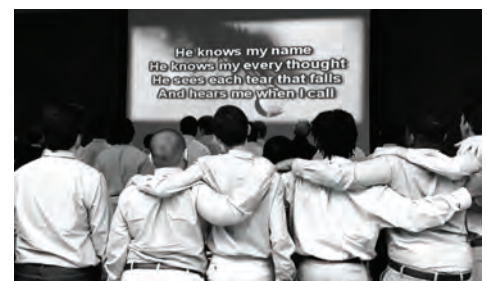
Prayer is the most important activity a born again Christian can engage in! When putting prayer into practice in your life, it will bring you into a new relationship with God, causing you to experience a more effective and dynamic life.

Jesus promised, "Have Faith in God. Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them." What a fantastic promise!

Also, Jesus said, "If you abide in Me, and my Words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7) There are many other promises in the Bible concerning prayer.

Prayer is to be addressed to the Father, in the authority of the Name of Jesus. The only way you can have an audience with the Father is through Jesus Christ. Don't just talk about prayer, but actually practice the privilege of prayer. Saint Paul said, "Continue in prayer." This means SPEAK with persistence and constancy, continue steadfast in Prayer!

God knows everything we do or speak. He hears your prayers! He loves you so much! Be encouraged Team Focus members! The fervent prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much!



--Pastor Rey Dempsey

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." --Philippians 4:6&7



Coaching Young Men for Life

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Team Focus Eastern Kentucky Chapter:

The Eastern Kentucky Team Focus Chapter had four young men that played football this Fall. Leroy Anku and Dalton Williams, both high school juniors had a successful season at Rowan County High School ending their season as District runner-up. Timothy Fields (pictured), a junior at West Carter High School ended a successful season as regional runner-up. Skyler Bowling played football at Bath County Middle School. We are so proud of these young men.



We will have our annual Christmas party on December 5. We look forward to being together again.

Bill Baldrige, Eastern KY Chapter Director

Team Focus Central Kentucky Chapter:

The Central Kentucky Chapter of Team Focus held their first summer leadership camp at Morehead State University in June. The young men experienced college life.

The benefits of their experience are life-changing. The young men left camp with more friends, a network of adult support, newly learned skills, more confidence and a renewed belief in their ability to be successful. Most important, they learned they are not alone, that God has a plan for them, and they are loved.

My favorite part of camp was watching the quick transition of the young men from knowing no one, since it was their first camp, to becoming a team of close friends. Also, knowing they went home with knowledge of the power of God in their lives and memorized Bible verses. They now have additional tools for success as they return to school.



This Fall each member was provided individual coaching to set measurable goals of success to improve morally, mentally and physically. We will continue to review these goals as the school semester progresses. We also attended a home football game at Eastern Kentucky University versus Tarleton State on October 2. We met the coaches, players and toured the locker room.

In November, we had a Thanksgiving get-together at Biancke's restaurant; in December we will end 2021 with a Christmas party in Lexington. We will also celebrate meeting our first semester goals.

THANK YOU TO GLENN AUTO MALL FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR YOUNG MEN!

--Greg Ramey, Director-Central Kentucky

Team Focus Western Kentucky Chapter:

The young men in our Team Focus program are back at their different schools involved in many different activities. We have several young men playing football and some working on basketball getting ready for their seasons. We are looking forward to our fall events as a group. We are planning a cookout with games, attending a WKU basketball game together and having a Christmas party. We're proud of our young men and are excited to see how they continue to progress during the coming year. One of our Team Focus members Kenyan Wood was selected and is attending the prestigious Gattton Academy on the campus of Western Kentucky University. He will complete his junior and senior years of high school living on campus. At the end of his two-year course of study he will graduate with a minimum of 60 college credit hours.

Congratulations Kenyan!

--Curtis Turley, TF Chapter Director/Western Kentucky

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

THANK YOU SPONSORS FOR 21 YEARS OF SUPPORT



"We thank God upon every remembrance of you." --Philippians 1:3

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