



TEAM FOCUS

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 a hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11.

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Celebration fo 15 Years of Mentoring 4,500 Young Men Across the Country

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

What Happened in Team Focus:

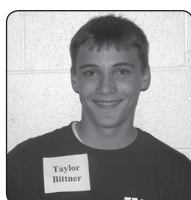
- 2000 - Team Focus was founded.
- 2001 - First TF camp held in Mobile, AL.
- 2002 - We expanded to OH. AL Congressman Jo Bonner gets involved w/TF. Wisdom Center in Mobile opened.
- 2003 - Year round program began & we expanded to Knoxville/Maryville, TN; GMAC became the TF sponsor.
- 2004 - TF expanded to Detroit, MI, Washington, DC & Dallas, TX.
- 2005 - TF expanded to California.
- 2006 - Held TF Rally in Mobile for all areas.
- 2007 - Added a chapter in Sandusky, Ohio.
- 2008 - Expanded to Auburn, AL and Las Vegas, NV
- 2009 - Expanded to Jacksonville, FL, Louisville, KY, Austin, TX & Birmingham, AL.
- 2010 - Expanded to Biloxi, MS.
- 2011 - Expanded to Lexington, KY, Montgomery, AL, Ft. Mill, SC.
- 2012 - Moved into new TF office building.
- 2013 - Held our first Alumni Camp in Mobile
- 2014 - Published first six TF booklets.
- 2015 - Expanded to Semmes, AL. Held 2nd Alumni Summit Camp.



Tyler New
(Member/Alumni
since 2004)



Ryan St. Clair
(Member/Alumni
since 2004)



Taylor Bittner
(Member/Alumni
since 2004)

What Happened in the USA:

- 2000 - US Federal Debt was over \$5 Trillion.
- 2001 - September 11: Close to 3,000 people were killed in suicide attacks at the World Trade Center & the Pentagon.
- 2002 - U.S. President George W. Bush signs the Homeland Security Act into law.
- 2003 - President George W. Bush authorizes \$350 billion worth of tax cuts over 10 years.
- 2004 - Rover spirit and opportunity landed on Mars.
- 2005 - Katrina hits New Orleans.
- 2006 - Dow Jones Industrial average tops 11,000.
- 2007 - Mars lander blast off Phoenix.
- 2008 - Barack Obama elected as the US President.
- 2009 - US arrests terrorists, plot uncovered.
- 2010 - US drilling rig explosion, spilling large amount of oil to the Gulf of Mexico.
- 2011 - Osama bin Laden killed.
- 2012 - President Obama re-elected 2nd term.
- 2013 - US government shutdown.
- 2014 - US Cuba relations breakthrough.
- 2015 - US Federal Debt is over 18 Trillion.



Learn to Celebrate!

When I was a football coach and we won a game I really didn't enjoy the victory the way I should have. The reason was that I was already thinking about next week's game. Most teams and coaches have a 24-hour window to enjoy the victory and then turn their thoughts toward the next opponent...I've changed. When there is a victory, i.e., good news, finding a parking spot up close or a birthday...I'm celebrating! I'm, not concerned about tomorrow. I'm celebrating!

The Bible says, don't despise small beginnings...What that tells is to celebrate good news, effort, attitude and any positive in every area of your life..."For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

B Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow...

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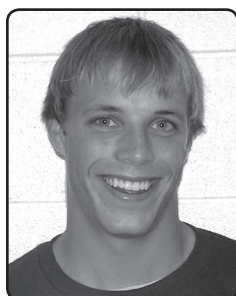
Team Focus, along with staff members, volunteers, mothers, grandmothers and guardians...working together with a plan for these fatherless young men. Following are some LEGENDS of Team Focus:

YESTERDAY



JONATHAN ALLEN

He became involved with TF in 2001 when he attended the first camp in Mobile.



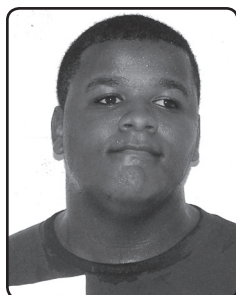
CHRIS BITTNER

His mom sent him and his brother Taylor to their first TF camp in 2004.



MARIO BUTLER

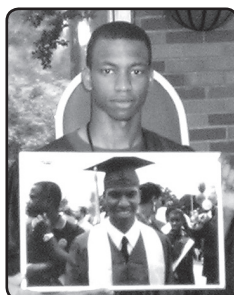
His mother sent him to his first TF camp in 2004 (he was 8 years old).



EVAN ST. CLAIR

His father died when Evan was two. His mother sent him and his brother Ryan to a TF camp in 2004.

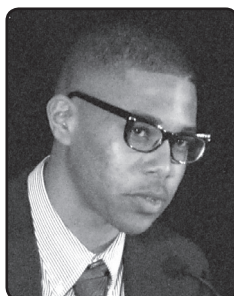
TODAY



Jonathan was the first graduate of TF. He received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the U. of So. Alabama. He is married and they have two daughters.



Chris received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Marketing from E. Michigan U. in 2010 and recently received his MBA from Oakland U. He is also attempting to open up a Sushi restaurant.



student and is on the basketball team.

Mario attends the University of Mobile majoring in Political Science with a minor in Theology. He is serving as a student leader as a part of the University of Mobile's campus life. Mario is also a very good



Evan has graduated from college and Team Focus has paved the way for Evan to work at Ohio Dominican University.

TOMORROW



with Crothall Healthcare Services.

Jonathan is in the process of relocating from Columbia, SC to Birmingham, AL as a manager at UAB. In the next year, he plans to open his own business. He also wants to pursue a senior level position



Chris wants to some day be a full-time entrepreneur and is working on developing a phone app. (NOTE: When he began his first job, he faithfully sent his tithe check to Team Focus.)



Mario wants to be a professional basketball player and an adoption attorney.

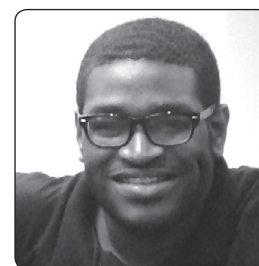


Evan wants to continue working in College athletics.

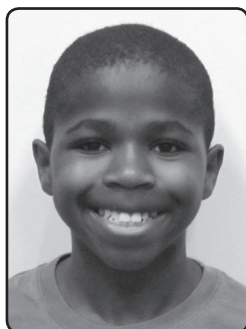


"I think I have an idea about God's plans for me. I'm really excited about the year, and it's going so well. I'm impacting so many people here that it's crazy. I'm so glad that you mentored me and helped teach me to do better!" Thanks Coach.

Paris Coleman



These are a few of our younger Team Focus members.
With your continued help we will do everything possible
to make a difference in their lives...
YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW?



LOUIS FLETCHER

Louis is a TF member from the Las Vegas, NV Chapter and he is 12 years of age.



DYLAN ADAMS

Dylan is a TF member from the Mobile, AL Chapter and he is 11 years of age.



DOMINICK SCHOENHERR

Dominick is a TF member from the Ohio Chapter and he is 12 years of age.

Tommorrow...



Dear Friends of Team Focus,

From the hearts of Mike and Mickey Gottfried, we send our blessings and peace to the supporters of

Team Focus. It is with hearts of gratitude and "Thanksgiving" that we bless you and ask our Father God to smile upon your homes, families, businesses and your health. We thank you for your support of the Team Focus efforts towards helping young boys to be mentored from "boyhood to manhood." Wow, what a difference it makes in the lives of young boys to have a Father Gap figure. We help to navigate their lives from emotional hardship, loneliness, and confusion, into the realm of manhood,

emphasizing leadership skills, education and to find a relationship with God.

As you may know, Team Focus places an emphasis on the lives of young boys, ages 10-18. We work to build relationships through mentoring these young boys along life's journey, to help them prepare for adult responsibilities. Matthew states; Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Young boys need a daddy to model for their own lives, as they too become dads one day. There is no secret to the number of problems that young boys have as adolescents, who grow up without the covering and relationship of a dad.

Your participation is vital to our growth and sustainability. God has blessed us with each of you to support the efforts to fill the father gap. As you have seen, the young boys who have become young men through your generous

support, is an amazing testimony to the handy work of our Lord God who cares for His children. We need to ask of you, to consider giving what might even be a sacrificial gift. Here is how you can help the ministry of Team Focus:

1. Earnestly pray for the ministry (the staff, volunteers and for Mike and Mickey Gottfried) as they work to grow the outreach to fatherless boys. (This is our first and foremost request.)
2. We need your financial support going into 2016. We are celebrating 15 years of ministry and we want to continue 100 more years.

Thank you faithfully,
Greg Crance
Team Focus Board President

Learn to Celebrate!

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We have just completed 15 years of having the wonderful opportunity of meeting and working with nearly 5,000 young men around this Country. Great stories and outstanding friendships forever.

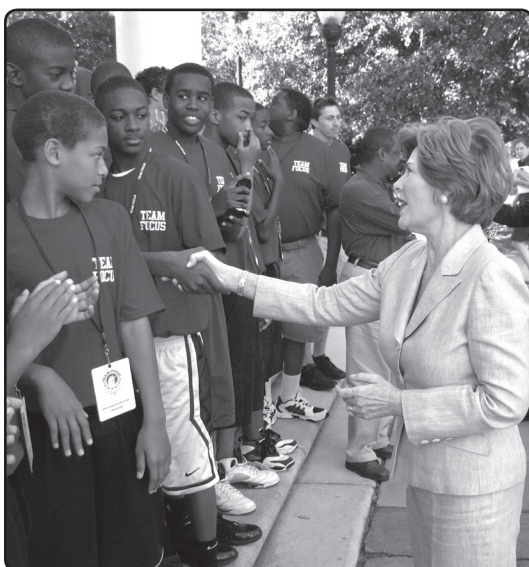
Thank you to all the young men who are a part of our team, the moms, grandmothers, guardians and volunteers. It's the best team I've ever had the opportunity to be a member of.

A special thank you to all of you who have invested your finances to help this ministry...without you we wouldn't have been able to reach all of these young men. God Bless all of you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike Gottfried
Team Focus Co-Founder



1. TF received exposure from: "Focus on the Family", 700 Club-Pat Robertson, Jim Baker Show
2. Grant monies received for these areas: Alabama (Birmingham), Texas, Mississippi, South Carolina
3. Boys came from other states: Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Indiana, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Missouri, Louisiana, New York, Minnesota, Georgia, Virginia and Maryland
4. No cost for the young men or moms/guardians
5. 16 young men switched schools to attend Mobile Christian
6. Congressman Jo Bonner scheduled a meeting at the White House to inform them what we were doing at Team Focus
7. First Lady Laura Bush visited Mobile & our camp at Springhill College
8. Secret Service invited 100 TF young men to their Training Center
9. Jonathan Allen—1st graduate - attended Univ. of South AL
10. Chris Bittner—2nd graduate - attended Eastern Michigan University
11. 4-Him Concert in Ohio (on behalf of TF)
12. Book released about Team Focus
13. Opened Wisdom Center in Sandusky, OH
14. Michigan-Evan St. Clair chosen to introduce Laura Bush in Minneapolis, MN at a Helping America's Youth Conference
15. Tennessee-Carter Kenyon spoke at Helping America's Youth Conference in Nashville, TN
16. Mike Gottfried spoke on Team Focus at Helping America's Youth Conference in Nashville, TN; Minneapolis, MN; Portland, OR and Dallas, TX
17. Team Focus received FBI Award
18. Nick Saban banquets in Mobile, AL
19. Urban Meyer banquets in Columbus, OH
20. Billy Walters begins Las Vegas, NV chapter
21. John Calipari begins Lexington, KY chapter
22. Jake Peavy fundraises for Team Focus at a concert
23. Ben Woods works camp in Auburn and starts a chapter in Jacksonville, FL with the help of the Jacksonville Touchdown Club
24. Brelon Jackson from Arkansas was interviewed by ESPN at the GMAC Bowl at the End of the 3rd quarter on National TV
25. Ricky Hendrick who helped with our camps dies in a plane crash - \$10,000 scholarship given each year in his name
26. Legacy established
27. Summer enrichment programs in Mobile
28. Three TF young men hired as directors
29. Career Achievement Partnership (CAP Program) launched
30. Alumni Summits held every two years in Mobile for alumni and current members from all the areas
31. Mom's group formed in Mobile (they even take cruises together from time to time)



The summer of 2007, Former United States First Lady Laura Bush visited Mobile, Alabama and our Team Focus "National" Summer Leadership Camp at Springhill College where she spoke to the young men. She shared a story about the sort of loss that a young man faces, and then this resolve that he had to not have his son have that kind of loss. Following are her ending remarks from her speech:

"So I want to thank Mike. I want to thank every single one of the mentors here who are trying to fill that void in the lives of these boys and being so successful at it. And I also want to encourage all the boys who are here, all the young men, to be the father for your children when you have them that you wanted to have. And I hope you'll do that. It will stop the cycle of fatherlessness, if you can be a father to your own children, and then they'll know what it's like to have a dad that loves them."

First Lady of the United States Laura Bush



Thank You for 15 Years of Hope for the Future!

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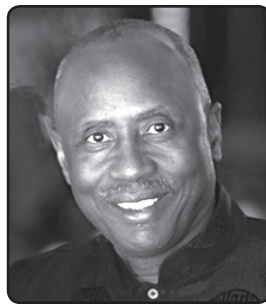


"As a boy without a father, I quickly learned the importance of mentoring. Strong Christians surrounded me as mentors and provided love, understanding and solid Christian direction for my young life. My Christian values that were established with these mentors have provided the foundation for my love of Jesus Christ, family, fellow employees, business associates and community. Team Focus represents all we can hope for in their work of rescuing and developing young people without hope. Their commitment has changed many troubled young men into productive citizens, fathers and mentors."

Tom Arington
Founder and Chairman of Prasco

"Team Focus is a team of Godly Ninja Assassins destroying the works of the devil and raising young boys to become Godly men for Christ. No city can do without Team Focus."

Wellington Boone
Author and Speaker



"Team Focus is throwing a buoy life line to young men all over the country and these young men are swimming to it, to walk in their destiny. I am happy to be a part of this organization and I've enjoyed speaking to the young men on leadership."

John Calipari
University of Kentucky Head Basketball Coach



"Team Focus has been an amazing opportunity for so many young men who have grown up without a father present. The tools these young men learn change their lives in a positive way."

Mark Gottfried
NC State U. Head Basketball

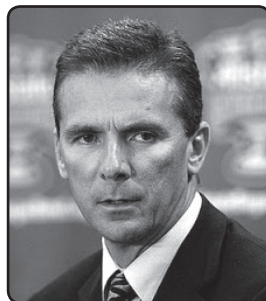


"When I attend Team Focus events (such as Christmas party, summer camp or various outings), I marvel and admire all the volunteers who work with the young men. These are husbands, mothers, daily workers and CEO's who give their time to participate."

Fred Martinelli
Retired Hall of Fame Football Coach

"I am going to get involved with Team Focus. I go across the country recruiting young men a lot without fathers who need mentorship. I know that I benefited from mentors throughout my life. I would not be where I am today without my father's influence. I encourage you to take part in this organization."

Urban Meyer
Ohio State University Head Football Coach



"Team Focus is a great organization that is helping young men to be successful by providing them with guidance, leadership and role models. It is the same thing we are trying to do at the University of Alabama and also what Terry and I are doing with Nick's Kids."

Nick Saban
Alabama University Head Football Coach



"As a child I grew up with no male figure in my household and I knew something was missing. To get the opportunity to be part of a team that provides that missing part to a young male that only a man can do is one of the most rewarding feelings in the world. Team Focus provided that opportunity for me."

Al Wood
Retired American Professional Basketball Player

"From my educational point of view, Team Focus has been able to generate enthusiasm with young men to focus on improving their attitude toward learning."

Paul Sousa
Former Superintendent for Mobile, Alabama Schools



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*Happy Thanksgiving
and
Merry Christmas!*