



# TEAM FOCUS

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*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.*

***This issue is dedicated to all the Team Focus Members who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces of our country.***

*The following article was written by Team Focus Alumni Mario Butler. Mario has been a member of Team Focus Mobile since 2004 and is now a mentor to the younger members. He is currently a senior at the University of Mobile.*

## It's Harvest Time

Today is the day The Lord has made....I will Rejoice and be glad in it. To all Team Focus members and supporters, I want you to know that, joy is a choice, not only is it a choice but it is also a fruit of the Spirit. One thing that makes a fruit a fruit is that it has a seed-bearing structure where the seeds can be stored and developed.

Back when I was 17 years old a seed was planted deep within me where it could not be removed, distorted, or forgotten. This seed was planted when Coach Mike told me "You will be on television and do great things." At the time I did not realize the magnitude of this statement, or its prophetic nature in content.

Nevertheless, God had ordained this moment, and he chose to use Mrs. Mickey to tell me to write it down. I still have that piece of paper in a notebook from a Team Focus camp.

To all the Team Focus young men, this summer you will have an opportunity to attend a leadership camp. I would encourage

you to allow yourself to be a "seed-bearing structure" that is ready to receive all the seeds or "golden-nuggets" (as Coach would call them) that are being scattered right in front of you.

To all the staff, volunteers, and supporters I encourage you all to be like an experienced farmer. An experienced farmer knows what works, so as he scatters seed out in the field he knows that one day soon a great harvest will burst forth onto the scene. We are in a time of acceleration, so much so that fruit is coming forth before the seed can even totally be planted into the ground. These things will not delay.

It only took 3 years for the harvest to burst forth when both Coach Mike and I appeared on TCT's (Tri-State Christian television) program **"Beyond The Goal."** In this time of acceleration, move forward confidently knowing that YOU have been called for such a time as this!

Blessings! It's Harvest Time. Mario Butler



Pictured is Mario with Mickey and Mike Gottfried at a Team Focus camp.



Pictured is Mike Gottfried hosting the TCT TV show "Beyond the Goal". Featured with Mike on this segment is Mickey Gottfried and Team Focus Alumni Mario Butler. (Photograph provided by Marcy Gottfried.)

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# Guiding Young Men to the Ultimate Victory



## 2016 Fundraising Banquet with the 2015 National Football Championship Coach Nick Saban

The 9th Annual Team Focus "A Night with Nick Saban" was a huge success as Team Focus Mobile Welcomed the National Championship Coach to address over 600 attendees at the Mobile Convention Center on March 24. Special guests included Senator Jeff Sessions, former Congressman Jo Bonner and former Alabama football great, Lee Roy Jordan. Coach Mike Gottfried and several Team Focus young men shared their experiences, and Coach Saban talked about the success of his football team and the importance of organizations like Team Focus in young men's lives. We are extremely grateful for the continued support from our sponsors and friends. Roll Tide!



Pictured are Team Focus Mobile Alumni/Members at the Banquet.



Pictured is Former NFL Football Player Lee Roy Jordan with two Team Focus members and their mom.



Pictured is Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions, Team Focus Member Von Agee and Former Congressman Jo Bonner.

## 2016 Team Focus Summer Camp Schedule

<b>June 10, 11, 12</b> Mobile, AL	Springhill College, Mobile, AL
<b>June 12, 13, 14, 15</b> Jacksonville, FL	Jacksonville University, FL
<b>June 17, 18, 19, 20</b> Kentucky	Morehead State University, KY
<b>July 8, 9, 10</b> Mobile, AL	Springhill College, Mobile, AL
<b>July 17, 18, 19, 20</b> Ohio	Ashland University, Ashland, OH
<b>July 31, August 1, 2, 3</b> Austin, TX	Concordia University, Austin, TX

## Congratulations Tony & Kelli



Pictured is Mike Gottfried with TF Ohio Alumni Tony Javens at Tony's Wedding that was held in Mississippi on March 19, 2016.

**We Thank You for Your Military Service.**

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# Raising Up Champions for Tomorrow



## 2016 Ohio Fundraising Banquet with Keynote Speaker Chris Spielman



Team Focus Ohio held its Fourth Annual Fundraising banquet on April 14 in Columbus, Ohio. It was a huge success with keynote speaker Chris Spielman (two-time All-American for The Ohio State University). The emcee was Jeff Hogan (10 TV News morning newscasts).



Joshua Perry (Ohio State University Linebacker Football Player 2012 through 2015) was the Honoree (pictured with some of the Team Focus young men). He was

recognized for his leadership in the arena of sports, in the classroom and in everyday life as a role model for the Team Focus young men of America. Head Football Coach Travis Moyer of Wapakoneta High School, Wapakoneta, Ohio was honored for his outstanding high school coaching career.



Garrett Wadsworth (Team Focus Ohio Alumni) began the program by honoring our great country with the Pledge of Allegiance (pictured in his U.S. Army uniform with Volunteer Rocco Piacentino and some Team Focus young men from Marion, Ohio) and Willie Grove sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Alumni Member Evan St. Clair spoke on behalf of all the Team Focus Members. Evan and his brother Ryan (who was also in attendance at the banquet) have been mentored by Mike Gottfried and Rocky Alt since they joined Team Focus (after their father's death).

Team Focus co-founders Mike and Mickey Gottfried travelled to Ohio along with Mike's brother Joe and TF Kentucky Director Bill Baldrige with his wife Janie. Mike shared his experiences with approximately 600 people in attendance.



Team Focus Ohio Advisory Council Member and Banquet Corporate Sponsor Shawn Cunix (Cunix Enterprises/Toy Barn), is pictured with Rocky Alt.



Pictured with Chris Spielman at the Ohio Banquet are Advisory Council members and Gold Sponsors Ben and Kim Ferguson.



Pictured (L to R) is Emcee Jeff Hogan, Ohio Director Rocky Alt, former U. of Hawaii Head Football Coach Bob Wagner and TF Co-Founder Mike Gottfried, at the Ohio Banquet.

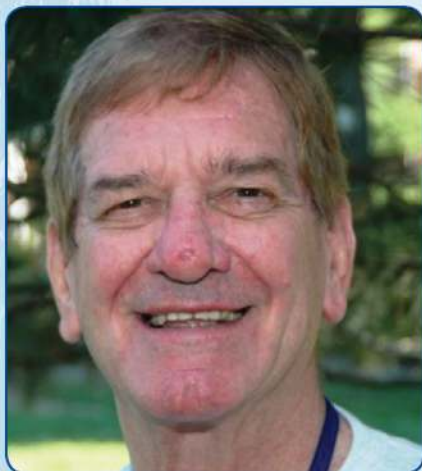
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# Talking Points with Pastor Rey Dempsey



## Faith Matters

*Please join me in welcoming Pastor Rey Dempsey back from a season of recuperation following a health issue. Don't miss this article he has written just for us.*

Now FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

All the promises made by God are true. There are over 7,000 promises in the Bible and they are all yes and Amen! They are for all of us who believe!

But without FAITH it is impossible to please God. For he that comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He is

a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. In every weakness God will be your strength.

It is a Faith that works by LOVE. God brings us into a place of perfect Love and perfect Faith. All things are possible if you will believe.

I encourage each of you to read and discover in the Bible the many, many promises that apply to your life. Then believe you can have them. I also encourage you to have FAITH in God. His Word is true!

### Rey Dempsey



Pictured is Nevada Director Nerses Kopalyan, Louis Ashleigh and Julian enjoying a New York Cosmos Soccer Game.



Pictured is the Team Focus Kentucky Chapter Christmas Party.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Garrett Wadsworth *Ohio Alumni*



Pictured is Garrett at a 2005 TF Ohio Camp.

Garrett, along with his brother Marc have been a part of Team Focus Ohio since 2005, after the death of their father. Garrett recently graduated from Bowling Green State University and was Commissioned Second Lieutenant in The United States Army.

**CONGRATULATIONS GARRETT AND THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY!**



## Congratulations to Our Team Focus Graduating Seniors

### TEAM FOCUS KENTUCKY

- Vallaint Anku, Rowan Co. HS (Morehead St. U.)
- Kyler Gilbert, Rowan Co. HS (Kentucky Christian U.)
- Michael Highland, Harrison Co. HS (Cincinnati Christian College)
- Caleb Jones, Rowan Co. HS (Morehead St. U.)
- Davonte Kenney, Harrison Co. HS (Cincinnati Christian College)
- Cain Perry, Rowan Co. HS (Union College)

### TEAM FOCUS MOBILE

- Dejon Leatherwood, Davidson HS
- Brian Lett, Mary G. Montgomery HS
- TaMarcus Lang, Murphy HS
- Juan Caples, Blount HS

### TEAM FOCUS FLORIDA

- Santino Bradford
- Tyrone Davis
- Arvell Norman
- Jonathan Perkins



# 2016 GRADUATES



### TEAM FOCUS OHIO

- Dominic Monk, Galion HS (Ohio University)
- Jordan Tesso, Crestline HS (N. Central State College)
- Bryce Murvine, Ashland HS (Enlisting in USAF)
- Blake Sissoko, Reynoldsburg HS (Wittenberg University)
- Brian King, Cruiser Academy (Columbus State)
- Elijah Shaffer, Mansfield HS (N. Central State College)
- Garrett Wadsworth, Bowling Green State U. graduate

### TEAM FOCUS AUSTIN, TX

- Kareem Chever-Moore, Del Valle HS (5A All-District HS Basketball)
- Sam Milne, James Bowie HS (Eagle Scout)



### TEAM FOCUS NEVADA

- Dion Southern, Rancho HS

**God Bless You and the United States of America!**

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# Guiding Young Men to the Ultimate Victory



## Team Focus Manners

Manners are an important part of what we teach the Team Focus young men at all the summer leadership camps in the different chapters.

Jody Varga will again be teaching manners at the 2016 Team Focus Ohio camp at Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio July 17, 18, 19 and 20.

We thank all the ladies that contribute to teaching manners to the Team Focus young men at all the chapters!

Greetings to all of you handsome, mannerly young men of Team Focus!

It is always such a joy to be with the team at the Ohio camp. Just thinking about all of you makes me smile.

I would like to share a few experiences that have made me really think lately.

As my husband and I were having our devotions recently, something we read reminded me about one of the questions that was asked about where manners began. It has been on my mind ever since. Why ARE manners important and why do we act the way we do? I believe this will clear it up once and for all.

Philippians 2:3 & 4 says, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than himself.** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

In other words, we prefer one another. We find it easy to open a door, to offer our seat to an elderly person, to carry groceries for our Mom. Jesus gave up everything to serve others. May we considerate it a joy to serve others too.

Philippians 2:5a says, **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.**



Pictured is Thomas Keville with Ohio Director Rocky Alt at one of Thomas' recent tennis matches.



Pictured is Justin Weltin with Ohio Director Rocky Alt at one of Justin's recent lacrosse games.

The second thing I would like to share with you was when my husband and I were travelling not too long ago, we stopped to get gas and I was headed into the store.

I was still quite a few steps away from the door when a young man was about to enter. He looked back and saw me, and not only did he stay to hold the door, but he came back out, stepped aside and waited for me to go first! Now that was impressive! I thanked the young man for being such a gentleman and with a huge smile, he said, "I try."

That young man left a mark on my heart, and I immediately thanked God for him and thought of all of you! But that was not the end of the story. This was an object lesson to be remembered.

**Jesus wants us to step back and hold the door wide open so He can go first in our lives.** He wants to lead, guide and direct our steps! How thankful I am for that! Jesus lives in us if we have accepted Him and by His Holy Spirit, He will prompt us to do what is right, just as he prompted that young man to look back.

Psalm 37:23 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delights in his way."

Remember what I always say, "Manners are not what you do, but **manners are who you are!**" Philippians 2:5a says, **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.**

Delighted to know all of you,  
**Mrs. Jody aka Miss Manners**

**"The American flag is the symbol of our freedom, national pride and history."  
--Mike Fitzpatrick**

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# Thanks for Giving



"God smiles when we praise and thank Him continually. Few things feel better than receiving heartfelt praise and appreciation from someone else. God loves it, too. An amazing thing happens when we offer praise and thanksgiving to God. When we give God enjoyment, our own hearts are filled with joy."

*William Law*



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