



# 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 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*

## Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



**Mike Gottfried**

As we all enter the Holiday Season, we at Team Focus want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and your heartfelt blessings to Team Focus. 2019 has been a year of growth at Team Focus and we are excited to announce

a new chapter beginning now in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Thanks, Gary Koons for your generosity in beginning this chapter and may God bless you!

I wanted to tell you that I had the opportunity to go back to Murray State University for a reunion to celebrate our football team that won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in 1979.

The next week, Mickey and I went back to Norwalk St. Paul in Ohio where we won the State Championship in 1969. We sure enjoyed the time reminiscing with people on the team and what great memories seeing most of the team.

The great part of being on a team as a member whether you are the head coach, quarterback or the youngest on the team, it doesn't matter.... you are a part of the TEAM. As you go through life you take time in your head and heart to take a picture snapshot of some things you want to remember.

To see these young men that played so hard for us and winning the championship was something all of us will remember for the rest of our lives. We were truly a team. We had struggles, we gave it everything we had, poured out everything we had, fought adversity, complacency and fought together to win each game. The friendship, love, the feelings of a close-knit team, the smiles, singing after the game, the workouts, practices were all worth it. I thank my teams for believing in me and the other coaches and I'm so thankful for the life lessons learned together!

Two or more make a team.... husband and wife, family are a team. You are making memories now that someday you will say, "I loved being a part of my team, my family and I truly loved each of them."

Mike Gottfried  
President/Co-Founder



Murray State University weekend, honoring the 1979 football team that won OVC Conference Championship, first one since 1948.

Pictured is Mike Gottfried reminiscing with some of his former football players from Murray State University.  
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## Team Focus Mentors are Raising Up Champions



Cedar Point Pier Inc invited us out to go fishing recently and of course our young men were excited to put their skills to the test! For a while, all we did was feed the fish with our bait, BUT they eventually started to bite! Everyone caught a few fish and learned a thing or two about setting up their pole and bait that day. Thanks for the invite Jay McRae and showing the young men a good time!

**Aaron Dais, Director  
Team Focus Mobile Chapter**

**THANK YOU CEDAR POINT PIER, INC FOR ALL  
YOU DO FOR TEAM FOCUS!**



## Thank You Threaded Fasteners!

**Threaded Fasteners, Inc Annual Golf Tournament was a blast! Some of the members had the opportunity this year to take part in a golf tutorial from a volunteer from Spring Hill College, where we host our annual summer camp. The young men learned various techniques, golf course etiquette, had the opportunity to ride around the course to view different teams participating in the tournament. We had an amazing time and love our Threaded Fasteners family!**







The Strength of Team Focus is the Power of God

# Team Focus Alumni Page

## In The Spotlight - Ohio

**Team Focus Graduate – Marc Havens Wadsworth II; Ashland, Ohio Chapter – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chemistry Ph.D. Candidate (Team Focus Member since 2005)**



"Marc Wadsworth was 11 years old when he and his brother Garrett attended their first Team Focus Summer Leadership Camp in Ohio. Marc has been actively involved with Team Focus over the years. He frequently traveled to other chapters, was invited by Former First Lady Laura Bush to speak at a White House - Helping America's Youth Conference (along with Mike Gottfried) and spoke at a Team Focus Ohio Fundraising Banquet where Urban Meyer was the keynote speaker. Marc exemplified great leadership abilities and continues to do so at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology."

**--Rocky Alt, Director**  
Team Focus Ohio Chapter

"Team Focus ministries is an incredible organization that has taught me the importance of living a faith-centered life. They accomplished this through their extensive support network, where I had the opportunity to seek wisdom from mentors in all walks of life and build relationships with other young men going through the same challenges as me. To this day I am blessed by these relationships and continue to seek wisdom from mentors and peers when faced with the myriad of challenges one has to navigate when in graduate school.

Currently, I am pursuing my PhD in Chemistry at MIT. My research focuses on the development and application of genomic technologies to facilitate the understanding of how cells collectively perform systems-level functions in the cellular ecosystems of cancer, tuberculosis, and malaria. By elucidating these cellular circuits and their drivers we can design better therapies and new vaccines. My passion for these areas of research arose from the experiences and opportunities Team Focus provided. It's by the grace of God that I found Team Focus and that they taught me how to turn my hardship into an inspiration to alleviate pain. I am thankful for all Team Focus has given me and for the man I am today."

**--Marc Wadsworth II**



Pictured L to R: Cory Bishop, Carter Kenyon, Mike Gottfried, Mickey Gottfried and Marc Wadsworth.



Pictured L to R: Marc Wadsworth, Former Ohio Congressman Mike Oxley and Garrett Wadsworth at their first Team Focus Summer Leadership Camp.

## We Honor Our Team Focus Alumni That Serve In The Military

### Team Focus Mobile, Alabama Alumni William Smith - United States Marines



"I've been training for the last year, studying aviation mechanics, and love what I do! I recently relocated to Japan where I will be for about three years. It's exciting to be able to travel across the world like this. Since joining the Marines, I've realized that I've already learned many of the qualities they are teaching us through my past experiences growing up in Team Focus. The leadership skills I learned then have been carried over to this part of my life. All the things they have taught me are timeless and I appreciate their investment in me.

I'll be sure to keep in touch and continue to share with you about what's going on in my life!"

--William Smith



(William has been a member of Team Focus since 2004.) Pictured is William (center) with Patrick Adams and Danny White.

### Team Focus Mobile, Alabama Alumni Isaiah Graham - UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

"It's been an awesome experience being in the Air Force.

I absolutely love my job in aviation! I've been in Japan for about 7 months now. Crazy story, I actually wanted to be based out here in Japan as my first choice, but I got other offers first, Hawaii being the first offer. It worked out so that I could be in Japan though!

I'm looking forward to what's to come in the future and excited to adventure out into this new land!"

--Isaiah Graham



(Isaiah has been a member of Team Focus since 2004.)  
Pictured is Isaiah at the 2006 Team Focus Rally in Mobile, Alabama.

## THANK YOU WILLIAM AND ISAIAH FOR YOUR SERVICE





# Coaching Young Men for Life



The Ohio Chapter of Team Focus recently held two fall outings.

**Saturday, September 21:** Ohio Dominican University vs. the University of Findlay football game where TF members and volunteers enjoyed fellowship, food and a great game!

**Saturday, October 12:** Ashland University vs. Davenport University football game. It was Ashland's homecoming and the Team Focus volunteers and members enjoyed watching an exciting game with Ashland defeating Davenport.

## **Attention Team Focus Members and Volunteers:**

Mark your calendar for the Team Focus Ohio Chapter upcoming Christmas party which will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm in Ashland, Ohio at the Ray Kroc Salvation Army Center. Hope to see you there.

I pray everyone of you have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!  
God Bless you and your family,

**--Rocky Alt**

Team Focus Ohio



## **2019 TEAM FOCUS OHIO SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:**

It has been a great honor to mentor Galion High School Senior James Burkholder for the past eight years. He has attended all the Team Focus events over those eight years and was chosen as the Camper of the Week at our 2019 Summer Leadership Camp this year. He has played football for Galion High School for the past four years and has done a great job. Congratulations James for your dedication and success! You have made Team Focus proud!



## Team Focus Ohio Chapter

Pictured is Team Focus Ohio Volunteer Mike Russell and Director Rocky Alt with Rayvon Ivory (who plays football for Northridge High School) prior to his game with Mifflin High School.



Pictured is Team Focus Ohio Director Rocky Alt with Team Focus Member Jaylen Jennings at one of Jaylen's football games. Jaylen plays running back and defensive corner for Harvest Prep in Columbus.



### 2019 Ohio Celebrity Golf Tournament:



Ohio Team Focus once again teamed up with the Dave Thomas Foundation to host a celebrity golf tournament at the Ashland Country Club on June 14, 2019. It was a huge success!

THANK YOU ZANE GROSS OF WENCO AND KIP MATTESON FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT.

A check for \$22,500 was recently presented to the Ohio Team Focus Chapter Director Rocky Alt to help fund the Ohio Chapter. (Pictured Left to Right: Chad Donelson/WENCO; Team Focus Ohio Director Rocky Alt; Kip Matteson/Tournament Director; and Zane Gross/WENCO)

## Thank you WENCO for all you do for Team Focus!

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Pictured is the 1969 Norwalk St. Paul State Football Championship Team (Ohio) (with replica jerseys).





# We Honor God Through our Godly Character!

## Talking Points with Pastor Rey Dempsey

### "Think on These Things"



Fix your thoughts on what is TRUE, HONORABLE, RIGHT, PURE, LOVELY and ADMIRABLE. Think about things that are EXCELLENT and WORTHY OF PRAISE. Philippians 4:8

Keep putting into practice all you learned at Team Focus Camp and received from the Bible. Remember the positive things you heard and saw at camp to encourage you.

"Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything! Tell God what you need. Thank him for all He has done! Then you will experience God's PEACE, which is more than you can understand.

His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Think and speak positive things, not negative. Your words help create your reality.

Sending Love to each of you,

**Rey Dempsey**



## Book Bags and School Supplies Donated Through the Adjusters Give Back Program in Mobile, AL.



This past July was outstanding! With the support of Pilot Catastrophe Services, ALLSTATE, their employees, The River Church and others, we were able to collect a ton of school supplies for our young men for the school year! Over 180 new book bags and school supplies to fill them were donated through the Adjusters Give Back program!

The young Team Focus members and parents were ecstatic to receive such a gift! Thank you again to all those who supported this mission! We could have not accomplished this without you!

***"Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8)***





# Mentoring is Making a Difference

Following are some pictures taken during this school year. Our young men are in their first half of the 2019-20 school year. All of these Team Focus young men are doing well in school. We will be having an outing on November 2, where we will have a meeting on leadership, lunch, and attend a Morehead State University football game.

--Bill Baldrige, Director  
TF Kentucky Chapter



Pictured with Bill Baldrige is Kentucky member Joey Oney at Tygart Elem. School in Carter County.



Pictured with Bill Baldrige is Dalton McClanahan and Haiden Earlywine (Fleming County High School).



Pictured with Bill Baldrige is Braxton Hunt (Ewing Elementary School) in Fleming County



Pictured with Bill Baldrige is Colby and Chase Clark (Great Crossing High School, Georgetown, KY)



Pictured with Kentucky Director Bill Baldrige is Cole Oney, Ashton Oney and Jordan Faulkner at Carter County Middle School/Morehead, KY.



Pictured with Bill Baldrige is Timothy Fields at Carter County High School/Morehead, KY.



Caleb Lewis signed to play basketball at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY after graduating from high school this year.



Pictured is Glenn Covington (#13) at Campbellsville College in Kentucky.

Glenn graduated from Scott County High School this past year and received a football scholarship to Campbellsville College.

Thank You Coach Calipari for Supporting the Kentucky Chapter!

## Team Focus Kentucky Chapter





# Mentoring/Teaching Life Skills

## Team Focus Kentucky Chapter

Pictured is Tyler Richardson with his mother Beth at his graduation. Tyler graduated from Morehead State U. in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management and Civil Engineering Technology. He accepted a job with Titan Fabrication in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Tyler has been in Team Focus through high school as a member. He worked as a Team Focus summer leadership camp graduate assistant (GA) in Kentucky and Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS TYLER!



We are so pleased to have three Lexington, Kentucky brothers be a part of the Team Focus Kentucky Chapter! Pictured left to right: MaiJaun Williams (7th grade), Samarion Williams (5th grade) and Alex Williams (8th grade).



Bill Baldrige is with Trenton Banks, Jacob Reynolds and Ashton McGuire, all 8th graders at Morgan County Middle School.



Pictured is Jason Curtis and Bill Baldrige. Jason is a 5th grader at Owingsville Elementary School in Bath County.



Rowan County Freshmen football players: Team Focus KY Members Dalton Williams and LeRoy Anku with Bill Baldrige.



Pictured is Michael Curtis, Bill Baldrige and Collin Purvis. Both young men are in the 6th grade at Bath County Middle School.



# THANK YOU SPONSORS



Pictured with Director Bill Baldrige (center) are the Team Focus Kentucky Chapter Members that attend Rowan County HS.



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



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# Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

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