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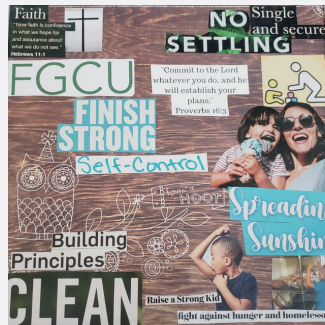


VISION BOARDS & GOAL SETTING WITH TNB MOMS...



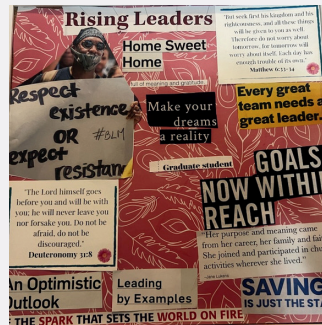
GOD-CENTERED

"The quote I chose from my board is, "I want to take care of the ones I love" while having a healthy relationship with God. This characteristic is very important to me because I love my children and they are the reasons that I get up and go, they are the reason I work, they are my motivation for just about everything in my life, but I want God to be at the center of it all."



SELF CONTROL

"Self control is important for my family because good decision making requires self control. {My son} has ADHD and his behavior is very impulsive. By modeling self control, I can teach him to control his impulses and make better decisions. Also, practicing self control can help him abstain from future drug use. That is something I worry about for him, as {his family members} have struggled with addiction."



LEADERSHIP

"My attribute I am hoping {my son} gets from me is he becomes a leader who lives life full of meaning and gratitude. That he follows Matthew 6:33-34, "But seek first his kingdom" before anything else. I also pray that he is protected in the blood of the lamb as he walks through life as a black man and remembers that every great team needs a great leader."



FOR MY CHILD

"The quote that I am focusing on is from The SnowBirds comic. One bird is saying, "I know it seems impossible. But we hafta try... for the kid's sake!" To me, this means that I am willing and able to take on hard tasks that I might not have done for my own benefit. But for my child, I will keep striving and pushing myself."

LIFE SKILLS: The Power of a Mom's Example

We kicked off our recent round of life skills classes with the topic of "The Power of a Mom's Example" from Single Mom University. The moms were asked to think about the goals they wanted to set for themselves and their families and then create a vision board with those goals in mind. Each mom selected an attribute, characteristic, or quote to explain why the characteristic was important to them in their own parenting.

Their homework was to journal about the words they want others to use to describe their children when they are grown. They were asked to consider what they can do today to exemplify those character traits in their own lives, keeping in mind Galatians 5:22-23, as the Fruits of the Spirit are vital for their Christian walks.

CELEBRATING SUCCESSSES!

Celebrate with two of our moms that completed their academic programs this year! Edwidge graduated last month with her nursing degree from Florida Southwestern State College. Eden just finished the last two courses at Florida Gulf Coast University to complete her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Pray for them as they work to save money for housing expenses and prepare to move in the coming months.

Our other two mom's, Valerie and Heidi, are currently finishing up the last classes this summer for their associate's degrees at Florida Southwestern State College and hope to continue their education by enrolling in a relevant bachelor's degree program in the fall.





The theme, “Shine Like Stars”, for our 2025 Annual Benefit Dinner was inspired by the devotional by Jeff Olson of Our Daily Journey. He wrote:

“Every now and then I find myself awestruck by the enormity of the star-filled sky. Even though the naked eye can see only a small fraction of the universe God has created, the myriad of twinkling lights in our field of vision can be stunning.

The vastness of this piece of God’s handiwork makes me feel small—as it should. It’s a striking reminder that there is a Creator-God and we are His creation (Nehemiah 9:6). But when I consider the night sky through the lens of Scripture, I find myself invited by our Maker to be a part of something as big and bright as the stars themselves.

The apostle Paul used the stars to describe our mission as believers in Jesus. He wrote that God calls us to “shine among [unbelievers] like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life” (Philippians 2:15-16 NIV). Stars stand out like bright lights and draw people’s attention. In the same way, God calls us to shine brightly for Christ so that the world living in darkness will see it and be drawn to the “word of life”—Jesus Himself.

The next time you find yourself gazing up at a brilliantly lit night sky, remember that the One who hung those bright lights calls you to shine as beacons of hope and life for the sake of a dark and dying world.”



UPCOMING EVENTS

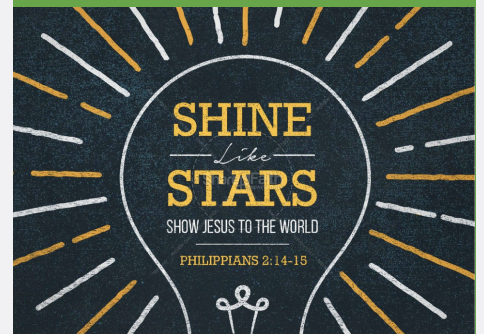
BENEFIT DINNER

Save the Date for our annual fundraiser coming up early next year!

Please join us and...

SHINE LIKE STARS!

Annual Benefit Dinner
Friday, February 7, 2025 at 6 pm
DoubleTree by Hilton Fort Myers



OPEN HOUSE

You are Invited!

In November, we will be hosting an Open House onsite to update our community supporters on the progress with hurricane repairs and to share more information on the work and mission of The New Beginnings. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.!

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