



RICHMOND
TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 2024

Staples Mill Road
Baptist Church



Brian Kennedy
Todd Wagner

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FREDERICKSBURG
FEB. 24, 2024

Dr. Robert Smith
Col. Art Athens



ROANOKE
MAR. 9, 2024

Nate Larkin
Ronjour Locke



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Jarrod Jones
William "Duce" Branch



"The message men often hear is that there is something inherently defective in the male character. Many men today feel discouraged, devalued, and demoralized."

(The Toxic War on Masculinity, Nancy Pearcey)

There's a void in our culture of what it means to be a man.

You recognize it in the media, but it may surprise you that our next generation of pastors and leaders are entering ministry with a similar void **unless something changes.**

That's why we are passionate about our initiative at **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.** We're working with key players there like Drew Ham, Assistant Vice President for Student Life, **sowing seeds of biblical manhood to equip young men who are about to begin ministries worldwide.**

Check out this connection story only God can create.



A YOUNG SEMINARY STUDENT NAMED JAGGER

This semester at SEBTS, Mike met Jagger, a young guy who's excited to get his MDiv, and he instantly became committed to our **BetterMan** initiative at SEBTS.

Jagger met the Lord personally in high school after a series of struggles that left him wading through his circumstances unguided, and the path he found led to sin and idolatry. Alone, in the darkest moments of his life, he found scripture, and it did not return void. Jagger knew he needed Jesus.

The seed had been planted and was taking root in his heart. He immediately found **Long Hollow Church** in Tennessee, where he would attend from that moment until he graduated high school. He recalls his youth pastor, **Wil Moore**, and his passion to share Christ with anyone he could. He didn't realize at the time that the fire burning inside him was the gift of evangelism.



A NOBLE WARRIORS CONNECTION

Board member David Romig is a champion for men's ministry. A few years ago, he and his wife Amy moved to Tennessee, where their adult children lived. They soon found a church home. You guessed it – **Long Hollow.**

Immediately, David began inquiring about their men's ministry. The more he inquired, the more he and Pastor Robby Gallaty worked together to solidify and plan for the men of the church. Pastor Robby even appointed a new men's ministry pastor, Jagger's former youth pastor, **Wil Moore.**



Noble Warriors participated in the initiative as Mike and David consulted with the men, strategizing and equipping the church to develop a robust men's ministry. Long Hollow held a catalytic event this October to kick off small groups. It was a privilege for Mike to attend with 1600 men and hear from the Founder of **BetterMan**, Robert Lewis, and CEO, Chris Harper, along with Pastor Robby.

Long Hollow is a flourishing church. Jagger grew there and saw examples of godly men like Wil and Robby, even without an official men's ministry. **How much more so will the future young men of Long Hollow grow with a thriving ministry to men?**

THE BIG PICTURE

Ask Jagger why the Noble Warriors initiative at SEBTS matters, and he will tell you honestly. He did not have an example of a godly husband and father in his home growing up. He would have started his life and ministry without a picture of godly, biblical manhood **until something changed.**

Turn the page to read how you are planting and cultivating seeds with us.



SCAN TO DONATE

FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

OWEN has a little Brother! **LIAM JEFFREY** was born to **TIM & CAROLINE** in January. A congenital heart defect kept him in the hospital for over 2 months for multiple surgeries. We are all thankful for your prayers and support for this sweet boy who smiles a lot and loves his big brother. Tim is a company commander, and Caroline is a busy boy-mom!

BEN will graduate from NC State in December and plans to spend a few years overseas. He spent the summer working in South Asia and is eager to pursue God's plan for his life.

ZACH spent most of the year in Eastern Europe. He's a Chinook platoon leader and has seen much of the countryside from above the tree line. We hope to have him back before Christmas.

HANNAH started her second year of college and is taking her first nursing class. She spent the summer babysitting, doing elder care, and discipling some young girls. She's very nurse-y!

MIKE & STACY continue to learn about being parents of adult children. They share stories with peers, learn from mentors, and practice their skills by hanging out with young couples. But nothing beats seeing the kids in person and loving those grandsons.



Jagger is not alone. Even in seminary, many of our future pastors go into ministry out of homes where they haven't seen godly examples and churches without a specific ministry to men. These young men will soon be responsible for shepherding a flock and leading men to have a firm grasp on how to lead their families in Christ.

Jagger's story is remarkable. The Lord saw fit for him to lead his father to the Lord and even baptize him. **The way God connected Noble Warriors with him at SEBTS and Long Hollow Church in Tennessee through David is mind-blowing.**

WE NEED CHAMPIONS FOR MEN'S MINISTRY

We need **champions like Jagger** who want to **begin their call to ministry with biblical manhood in mind.**

We need **champions like David**, whose passion for men's ministry began with his experience growing up with a godly father and godly examples, continues with serving on the board of Noble Warriors, and persists in growing men's ministry at Long Hollow.

We need **champion pastors like Robby**, who are willing to put some skin in the game when it comes to building men's ministry in his church.

We need **champions like Wil** who are willing to change roles and step up to lead in this way.

We need champions like you who are willing to join us in this assignment as we plant and cultivate seeds of equipping young men like Jagger and churches like Long Hollow to build men.



PLANT A SEED; BE A CHAMPION

"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit." Philippians 4:17

Dr. Herb King is a champion for men's ministry.

Herb has fond memories of the first-ever Noble Warriors meeting in 2005. He had watched Mike Young walk away from his job in the leap of faith to begin the ministry. It was only four guys going through Authentic Manhood together, but he knew right away he wanted to partner with the ministry. He has been a faithful partner since then because he was personally impacted.

Herb believes the Noble Warriors mission to equip men and equip the church to build men is timely ***"because men are not being encouraged or trained to be the men God designed us to be, and sometimes we're being encouraged to be the men He didn't design us to be. To fill a gap... and then give you the means to build on what God tells you to do is invaluable."***

Herb's enthusiasm is so powerful that he inspired a friend to make an anonymous financial donation based solely on his testimony. His friend had never even heard of Noble Warriors.

We are grateful for every seed planted through partners like Herb and his friend. Without them, we would not be able to fulfill the call we have been given. We know we have more work to do. We need to expand our reach at SEBTS. We would love to ***equip every future ministry leader there in biblical manhood.*** We would love to fill our time ***consulting with more churches like Long Hollow***, where faithful men will continue to multiply. **We know the harvest is plentiful.**



WHAT'S THE LIFESPAN OF A SEED?

We don't buy seeds because we want seeds. We want what the seed will produce. **In every life cycle of a seed, there is a time to plant.** Mark tells us, *"The sower sows the Word."* (4:14)

There is also a time to harvest. *"As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."* (Matthew 13:23)

The Bible also speaks to us of another time – the wait.

"And he said, 'The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.'" (Mark 4:26-29)

When we sow God's word, we know not how the seed sprouts and grows. ***The seed is buried in the hearts of men;*** God does the growing, and we don't get to see the blades and grains forming in the process.

But then the harvest comes in due time.



When you serve God through your donations to Noble Warriors, you sow seeds through your stewardship. Thank you for glorifying God in this way as you bless others!



\$100,000 = Year End God-Sized Goal!

\$29,050 = Seed money ALREADY pledged from our staff, board, and close friends.

We want to lead the way in PLANTING!

Will you PLANT a SEED with us?

