



# Footprints

## June 2018

### It's Graduation Season!!!



**All three of our seniors, Kalem May, Lamar Burton, and Malik Simmons, pictured here with their mentors, finished the race of high school by graduating from North Little Rock this year.**

The temperatures might already have you looking forward to the beach, the lake, or just a break from the grind of the school year, but before you pack your bags and load up on sunscreen, let's take a moment to celebrate the Class of 2018!

We are so thankful to have known these three young men, Kalem May, Lamar Burton, and Malik Simmons, since they were elementary students participating in our Mentoring Program's Friendship Club. Each of them have overcome countless obstacles to make it to graduation day, and it has been our privilege to watch their relationships with their mentors become a vital part of that process.

We're excited to see the plans Jesus has in store for all of you as you transition to the next stage of life and hope that you pass along the servanthood you've seen modeled by your mentors.

As excited as we are for our seniors, they're not the only ones whose accomplishments have them moving up. We were grateful to receive an invitation to Lakewood Elementary's graduation ceremonies from one of our tutors, Amy Lorge, who also happens to teach at Lakewood.

We saw several students from the Mentoring Program walk across the stage to receive recognition for graduating. Two of our Friendship Club students, Rayshawn and Markel, even had a role speaking in front of the whole assembly!

From the Mentoring and Tutoring Programs focused in Eastgate Terrace to the Encourager Programs throughout Pulaski County, STEP kids are accomplishing great things with the help of our volunteers. Congratulations to all of our kids that graduated from various levels this year!



**Amy Lorge, a teacher at Lakewood Elementary, is a volunteer in our Tutoring Program on Monday and Thursday afternoons in Eastgate Terrace. She is pictured here with her student, Artavion.**



**Fifth graders graduating from Lakewood Elementary in North Little Rock sing alongside one another during their graduation ceremonies.**

### Interested in mentoring?

The Summer Mentoring Program is the best way to dip your toe in the water. Sign up for one of the three day sessions:

**July 10-12**

**July 17-19**

**July 24-26**

**5:30-7:30**

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We invite you to join our monthly support team:

## Friends of STEP

Your recurring gifts help enable this ministry to disciple young people through:

**Weekly One-on-One Youth Mentoring**  
**Service Projects & Life Skill Training**  
**School-Year Tutoring in Eastgate**

**STEP's in-school Encourager Program**  
**Retreats and Summer Camps**  
**Summer Literacy Camps**

To join **Friends of STEP** visit **stepministries.org**, click on the **DONATE** link, and follow the instructions there. You may also mail a check monthly or set-up recurring payments through your bank's bill pay option. Make checks payable to **STEP** and simply mail it back to our return address. Of course, special gifts are appreciated as well.

We appreciate your faithful support and prayers more than you can know!

### **Thank You for Making Supper with STEP a Success!!!**

On March 8, Park Hill Baptist Church hosted the very first Supper with STEP. It was an amazing night of celebrating what Jesus has accomplished through STEP Ministries and dreaming of what He has in store for the future. Live music, a silent auction, and some pretty good barbecue made for a memorable night of fun. We were also able to raise some financial resources to help ensure STEP is around to serve the Church and the community for years to come.

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A HOMECOMING CELEBRATION



### **Meet Nikita Jackson**

Please join us in welcoming Nikita Jackson aboard as our Female Mentoring Coordinator! Nikita is a native of North Little Rock's Eastgate Terrace but was raised in Chicago. After moving back to North Little Rock, she reconnected with God through her three daughters' participation in STEP's Mentoring Program. Nikita and her son, Daniel, now live in Sherwood. "I look forward to building relationships and serving alongside the community that has enriched my life."