

Getting to Know Mason Fannin

Mason Fannin is an elementary student at Southside Christian School. He is currently battling cancer and here is what his parents would like you to know about him.

“Mason is a smart, full of life, 7 year old boy. He is so caring and he loves to be a helper. He enjoys science, building with Legos, camping, fishing, and playing the piano. He is a loving big brother too! His sister and brother absolutely adore him! Mason ALWAYS has a smile on his face,” his parents say when asked what he is like.

Mason has two younger siblings, William, who is a baby, and Emma, who is 3 years old, who don't fully grasp what Mason is going through. Emma does, however, understand that Mason is sick and his parents said, “She tries to be a big helper to him now!”

His parents say, “Mason is full of energy and his body is handling most of the chemotherapy well”, they have also said that he is doing great overall and that your prayer and support mean a lot.

“Thanks to Southside putting on the talent show fundraiser for the Fannin family. [The Talent Show] has blessed us tremendously financially,” said Mason's parents. Their church, Bethesda, has helped the family too. His parents say, “Our church family has taken wonderful care of Mason and our entire family. They have provided meals. They have been a huge help financially. They have kept our hospital rooms stocked with drinks and snacks. They have cleaned our home. They have prayed with us. They have been extra sets of hands with the kids.”

When asked about what the upper school campus could do to help, they said, “The upper school students can join us in praying for Mason! Mason and Emma (Mason's 3 year old sister) love to get mail too. Anything to make them smile! Meals are always helpful as well.” There is a GoFundMe page set up for donations for the family as well.

Through all this Mason has been handling it “with a smile on his face” and “we could all learn from him.” His parents said, “Mason is truly our hero.”



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SCS Talent Show Supports Warrior Mason

Southside Christian School has come together to support the Fannin family in a difficult time. Mason Fannin, or better yet Warrior Mason, who is in first grade at SCS, was sadly diagnosed with Leukemia earlier this year. Since then, he has been keeping strong with support from friends, family, and school, just like a determined warrior should.

On Monday March 18, 2019, SCS held its annual Talent Show. At the Talent Show, over 30 students were able to show off their talents. There were also two performances by the Middle School and High School Drama Teams to over 350 attendees. There was also artwork and photography on display at the program for guests to purchase. Overall, the Talent Show was a fantastic night that gave students the ability to use their talents in a variety of ways, to bring glory to God.

According to Mrs. Davis, the Elementary School Principal of SCS, "Dr. Patton made the decision that proceeds from the Talent Show would go to the Fannin family to help support them in this difficult time." Attendees of the talent show could support the Fannin family in a variety of different ways; a Love Offering collected, proceeds of those buying artwork were towards the Fannin family, and Project 27 sold items that's proceeds benefited the Fannin family. There were also Warrior Mason bracelets available for purchase to show your support for Mason. These efforts by the school led to over \$5,000 being raised in support of the Fannin family.

More Ways to Help Mason

- Send gift , gas, and get-well cards to P.O. Box 88 Clayton, NC 27528
- Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation Lemonade Days- the Fannin's are hosting a lemonade stand in Mason's honor on June 1st in Clayton
- The Leopard Gecko Socks (RESILIENCE.GIVES)- proceeds go to the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, which is where Mason is being treated
- The Mason's Warrior 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, June 22, at Carolina Premium Outlets Smithfield (sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Smithfield/MasonsWarrior5KandFunRun>)
- There will be a Chick-Fil-A fundraiser at the Chick-Fil-A in Smithfield on June 11th at 5 pm. Come out and show your support for Mason!

Mason's Army

From collecting paper products to shaving their heads, Bethesda Baptist Church has done whatever they can to help support the Fannin family. Recently the church has started a fundraiser to help raise awareness for this cause. They are selling t-shirts that say "In this family no one fights alone." Through this fundraiser they have raised \$800.00. They are also planning to wear these T-shirts at a church picnic.

Some other ways Bethesda Baptist Church has helped the Fannin family is by bringing food for the family, doing housework, and watching the kids when needed. They also help by collecting donations for hotel rooms during long hospital trips.



Helping Mason

You can help Mason by gaining awareness about his story on Facebook. The Fannins have a Facebook page where people can receive updates about Mason and his family to best know how to pray. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WarriorMason/>) There are also "Warrior Mason" wristbands available as prayer reminders, as well as T-shirts.

The upper school specifically can help by volunteering to do some housekeeping things that the Fannin's may not have time to do. Any help in this area must be on their terms to meet their needs. The Fannin's will let us know what they need. If you are interested in helping with any of the household duties please contact the parent that has been designated as a go-between for the family.