



# NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2026

### North Central Kansas



FCA Sports 8U Glory baseball team

## Spring Ministry Highlights

We just wrapped up another full year of ministry, and we are constantly in awe of God who does “far beyond what we can ask or think”! (Ephesians 3:20-21)

In April, more than 400 students, coaches, and huddle leaders from across the state gathered together at Spring Conference in Salina for a powerful weekend together worshipping King Jesus. We took the campers through Isaiah 6, where Isaiah saw God; he was saved by God; and then he was sent by God. Campers were challenged to see God for who He is - “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Isaiah 6:3); to receive to the salvation that is offered in Jesus; and to respond to the call to live on mission for Him!

Our huddle ministry has continued to make an impact across our region, as more schools are interested in starting FCA’s clubs at their schools. Our huddle ministry provides such a unique opportunity to reach campuses for Christ, and with more staff added to our region, we have an expanded capacity to serve these huddles well. We also continue to see our FCA Sports environment growing both in number of teams, and, consequently, in impact. You’ll see some specific updates on huddle and FCA Sports ministry in our staff highlights on the following pages!

Please join us in praying over God’s continued work in NCKS!

**Ty Zimmerman: Area Director**

**Sam Karr: Director of Development**

**Brooke Robbins: Administrative Assistant**

## Summer Camps

Our Summer Camps provide a great environment to meet kids where they’re at and Engage them with the Gospel. Our theme this year is “Proven”, inspired by John 15:8, where Jesus says that the Father is glorified when we bear fruit and prove to be His disciples!

Check out the dates for all NCKS camps this summer:

- May 27 – Clay Center Basketball
- June 4 – Beloit Baseball
- June 24 – Washington Football
- July 7 – Manhattan Soccer
- July 16 – Junction City Football
- July 18 – Junction City Wrestling
- July 21-23 – Manhattan Dance

Visit [ksfca.org/camps](https://ksfca.org/camps) to register!



Clay Center Basketball campers



10U Tribal Warriors softball team

## FCA Sports: Kevin Sanders

Currently, we are wrapping up the Club teams' baseball/softball seasons. We now have four FCA sports teams across the region. We have begun marketing and preparing for our first Soccer and Dance camps in Manhattan in July.

Additionally, we are planning for what a Church Connected Sports League would look like. Please pray for God to give us clarity and direction in this area!

## Pott./Wabaunsee County: Sam Polifka

Pottawatomie County is seeing students who are hungry for Jesus and seeking something greater than what school and everyday life can offer. While huddles vary in size, there is a clear sense of spiritual growth and a desire to go deeper in faith.

In Wabaunsee County, efforts continue to establish new huddles as we seek student leaders and coaches who can help build a strong foundation for ministry.



Rock Creek students at Spring Conference



Clay Center Basketball Camp

## FCA Wrestling: Gavin Ware

We saw a great turnout at our annual FCA Basketball Skills Camp in Clay Center on May 27<sup>th</sup>. I am also meeting weekly with the Liberty North Wrestling team in Kansas City throughout the summer to study the book of Matthew, and look forward to serving at two different wrestling camps this summer!

# New Staff Highlight: Travis Conaway, FCA Football

Travis is originally from Hutchinson, Kansas. He spent 20 years as a Dangerous Goods Specialist at FedEx before experiencing a moment of full surrender to God during a season of career uncertainty. This turning point led to a calling to reach young people through sports, prompting him and his wife, Melissa, to start an outreach ministry called Completion. Through a series of connections and prayer, this ministry path opened the door for Travis to join the staff at FCA. Today, Travis and Melissa live in Manhattan, Kansas, where they raise their six children and attend University Christian Church.



Travis and Melissa Conaway family

FCA Football is the bold new chapter for North Central Kansas, serving as the newest prospective ministry.

Our mission stretches across 15 counties, 52 schools and 104 teams with the life changing message of the Gospel. By prioritizing 1-on-1 discipleship, weekly Huddles, and high-energy sports camps, we are deeply investing in the spiritual growth of coaches and athletes alike.

## Snapshots from Spring Conference 2026



# FCA Sports - Glory 8U



# Ministry Advancement

Did you know that each FCA staff member has to raise their own funding? Financial support is critical. Faithful supporters help propel FCA forward to meaningfully impact coaches and athletes in our local schools and communities.

In addition to a one-time gift or easy automatic monthly gifts, other giving options include:

- Stock gifts
- STEER program
- Donor Advised fund
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)
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- Vehicle donations
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For more information, contact Development Director Sam Karr, [skarr@fca.org](mailto:skarr@fca.org).



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