

IMPACT

Report



FCA

HALL OF FAME AREA

2025



FROM OUR DIRECTOR



This new year has brought growth in not only our area of ministry but also in our own hearts spiritually. What a blessing it has been. God has truly showed us grace and mercy through his Son that we do not deserve. We have added to this team and have gotten to see the incredible impact this team has had this year in the lives of so many coaches and athletes. We thank God for the eternal results. He is present through his spirit as we engage, equip, and empower coaches, athletes, and community members to be disciples who make disciples.



Thank you for all the support to make this happen!

We are extremely blessed to see more prayers answered this year!

Like I have always said, God is not just about numbers, we believe that He wants us to communicate what He has done through us as workers in the ministry.



The Angels rejoice over just 1!

We look forward to the joy this brings!

Please pray that the Lord keeps us obedient to Him, empowers us to share the true gospel, continues to show us His grace, and encourages us daily!

Thank you!

RICO BELL
METRO AREA DIRECTOR

FROM OUR AREA REP

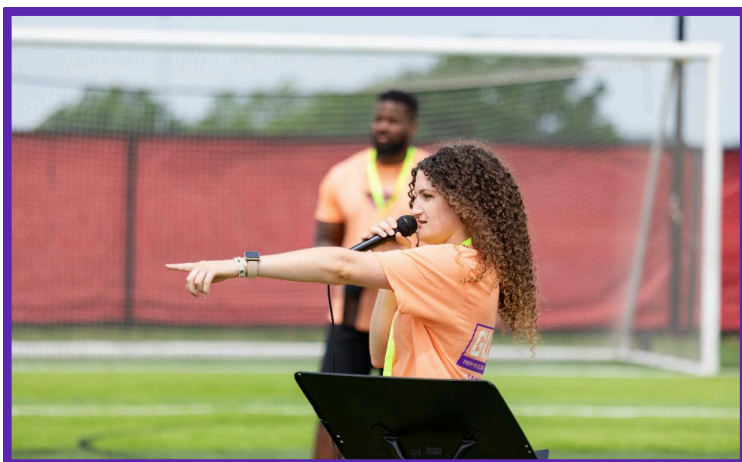
Another year in the books! Huddles, All-Abilities camp, student discipleship, meetings, retreats, recruitments... they keep you busy! But what a glorious busyness! Truly. Even when I get overwhelmed in the midst of never-ending ministry and that nagging feeling that I should always be doing more (reaching out to someone again, visiting so-and-so more often, discipling more, reading more, praying more, etc.), I often look over across my "fields" and sigh with gratitude to God. Yes, the work is busy. Yes, it isn't a 9-5 job, and it often feels endless. Yes, I fight the feeling of "not doing enough." But I am blessed beyond measure. Why? Because my job is awesome!

I have the amazing job of seeing lives transformed, of witnessing students and coaches come to know our glorious God in a new way or even for the first time. My job provides me with the ever-present opportunity to pour into someone else's life, to meet with them, pray for them, encourage them, share in their burdens, and even let them share in my burdens. My job comes with a built-in support system -- Everybody I work with cares about me and about my relationship with God. My job's clock ticks to the heartbeat of God-- It is 24/7, meaning I never stop seeing God work all around me; and it is also perfectly catered to my needs, meaning rest comes when I need it. My job is fully funded and maintained by God's Hand, out of His provision-- What great security! And the greatest part of all is that my "Overseer" is the Good Shepherd, and He does everything for me. How could I not want to boast about that? And to boast in the cross of Christ-- well, that's my job!

I learned a lot this past year, but one thing stands out to me the most: We Christians really need to start boasting more! Our God is a good God! Let's tell the world!
All for His glory!

Tori Atkinson

TORI ATKINSON
HOF AREA REPRESENTATIVE



FROM OUR AREA REP

It was my first year on staff with FCA and God did not disappoint. He is such a faithful loving Father who comes through at the most perfect time. This year had some highs and lows with the growth of a strong foundation rooted in the Lord. Working in different areas of FCA has allowed me to experience the truth of God's word. In the book of Matthew, Chapter 9:13, Then He said to His disciples "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few". It's truly a blessing, and I am very grateful that you chose to partner with me with cultivating this harvest for the Lord and growing His kingdom.

Looking back over the past year, it's been a joy watching God work through someone like me. We had the opportunity to set up at two different wrestling tournaments for the youth. This opportunity opened the doors for so many local schools and wrestling programs.

We were able to also connect with so many individuals at the Alive Music Festival this summer.

What a joy it was to have two strong All Ability Camps in Northeast Ohio!

The summer also brought a Multi-Sport Camp with hundreds of athletes, learning about the gospel and competing to better themselves in their sport and life!

The Wrestling community also had three kick off the season wrestling clinics. One of our kickoff clinics had national champion from the Ohio State Buckeyes Nathan Tomasello.

We've had a huge success locally with new schools starting huddles. What a gift it is to walk into the schools and see these young students sharing the gospel and diving deeper into God's word to transform their lives. What a joy it is, I hope to see this generation continue to be fire for Jesus Christ.

Jesus came into my life, and he rescued me, restored me, and redeemed me. I want the same hope that He's given me to be poured out over all of the coaches and athletes that I interact with through FCA. Thank you so much for supporting me and the FCA ministry. Together we have the opportunity to continue to change so many hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Jason Adkins

JASON ADKINS
HOF AREA REPRESENTATIVE



NEW TEAMMATES



We are so blessed to welcome our new Administrative Assistant,

MSgt Christie Pinney.

Christie is a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, with 9 years of Active Duty service and 12 years in the Air Force Reserve at various installations. She is the one behind the scenes who keeps us all organized, and we are so thankful God brought her to the ministry! She is an avid runner and mother of three beautiful children.



This year was the first year our area hired an Intern. **Anna Krupa** is a senior WBB Player at Malone University, studying Business Management with minors in coaching, sports management, and ministry. We are thankful for her willingness to jump in and help in many ways!

GLORY
2 COR 3:18







Our Mission

To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Our Vision

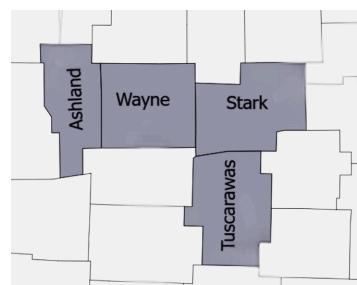
To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

MINISTRY IMPACT

	HUDDLES & ATTENDANCE	37	1203
	CAMPERS & VOLUNTEERS	81	120
	BIBLES	92	
	FAITH DECISIONS	30	
	DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS & ATTENDANCE	75	329
	BAPTISMS	54	



LOCAL HUDDLES



All-Coaches Huddle	Lake Center Christian School	Minerva High & Middle School
Alliance High School	Lehman's Early College High School	North Canton Middle School
Ashland High School	Louisville High School	Northwest High School
Ashland University	Malone Coaches Huddle	Orrville High School
Canton South High School	Malone University	Rittman High School
Conotton Valley High School	Malvern High School	Sandy Valley High School
Dalton High School	Manchester High School	Shelby High School
Dover High School	Manchester Middle School	Smithville High School
Dover Middle School	Mapleton High School	Smithville Middle School
East Canton Elementary School	Mapleton Middle School	Tuslaw Middle/High School
East Canton Middle School	Marlington High School	University of Mount Union
Fairless Middle School	Massillon High School	Walsh University

5 NEW HUDDLES THANK YOU TO OUR HUDDLE LEADERS

Ethan Ashton
Joe Beichler
Lindsay Billker
Ryan Brotherton
Shane Byler
Carrie Chumat
Melissa Collier
Joe Combs
Jeanne Dobransky
Courtney Dunlap
Kara Edgell
Lilli Ediger

Kody Edwards
Jackie Elkins
Jill Frizell
Emma Graham
Bonita Gauss
Tanner Goss
Richard Grilley
Angie Grilley
Beth Horsfall
Jerami Hodgkinson
Lewie Hindman
Greg Howard

Chris Kappas
Garrett Kashner
Jim Kurzen
Niki Leghart Shadle
Shiane Lewers
Bill Loomis
Curtis Love
Rev. Joe Maggelet
Bethany Mullins
Sean Murphy
Stone Nichols

Elena Oliver
Victoria Phillips
Tim Smith
Bryan Snyder
Samuel Studer
Kenny Thomas
Kate VanAlstine
Michelle Wade
Denise Wright
Brian Ziegler
Shawn Zavodney

LOCAL HUDDLES



Huddles are Bible studies led by students at local schools. Most of our huddles happen before or after school.

Huddles are the heartbeat of our ministry. A big focus the last two years has been discipleship. We want students growing in their relationship with Jesus and obeying the Great Commission:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 19-20

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Church Partnerships

We are working hard to connect our athletes to biblical churches locally. We are thankful for the churches that have poured into the community through FCA this year.



Huddle Growth

In 2025, we started 5 new FCA Huddles across the area and were thrilled to pass out 92 Bibles among our schools.



Huddle Trainings

Tori has been diligent about planning and hosting opportunities to pour into our huddle leaders across the area. It has been such a fruitful and encouraging time!





“Great way to start your day with the Lord.” - Manchester HS



“The FCA group has given all of us at Dalton an intimate group to share our lives and grow our faith together. It was a great way for God to work in people's lives that don't have much of a chance otherwise. Everyone in our FCA group has been very thankful thus far for it!” - Maya Wenger, Dalton HS



“You know you have a community within the school to rely on.” - Manchester HS



“FCA has made a place where people can come to learn about Jesus and have fellowship with other believers, where otherwise it would be hard to find a group like this that tries to come closer to Christ inside OHS.” - Orrville HS



TESTIMONIES FROM OUR LOCAL HUDDLES



**Beth Horsfall,
Northwest HS**

“FCA has been really good for the kids to know who the other kids are in school that are taking their faith seriously. They have found people they can lean on and connect with when they need reminded that God is for them and with them.

I’ve seen students develop in their confidence to lead FCA devotions and take setting an example seriously. I’m very proud of them all!”



**Courtney Dunlap,
Lehman’s Early
College High
School**

“FCA had a huge impact on our students. For some, it was an introduction to Christ, and for others, it was a continuation of strengthening their relationship with Christ. We had several students who were so thankful to have a space in their school day to spend time with others talking about Jesus. As a Huddle leader, it was an answered prayer! I am so eternally grateful for FCA and the opportunity it gave believers to have Jesus as a part of the school day!”



**Jeanne Dobransky,
East Canton
Elementary**

“I think it impacted our school because we incorporated our school character traits into Bible stories, so it increased positive behavior. It also created friendships amongst Christian students. The kids were always excited to come each week.” (75 kids K-5!!)



85%
OF CHRISTIANS GIVE THEIR LIFE
TO CHRIST BETWEEN THE AGES
OF 4-14



**Kody Edwards,
Canton South
High School**

“FCA has grown significantly in the past few years. We have had more students join and participate in events around the county. As a teacher/coach, it has given me the opportunity to spread my love of Jesus and the gospel to students. I want to continue to grow our group in meaningful ways to help create disciples. Our goal is to spread the Word and make a lasting impact on our students, school, and our community.”



**Nicole (Niki) Shadle,
East Canton
Middle School**

“FCA has made me more comfortable sharing the gospel with students. I have enjoyed watching the students grow in Christ and ask many questions about various things. I love that the students have a group of Christians that they know and can use as a support group.”





CHASING GLORY

“...everyone who bears my name and is created for my glory. I have formed them; indeed, I have made them.” – Isaiah 43:7

When you win a game, achieve an athletic goal, shine in a performance, or break a record, your natural response as a competitor is to want the credit and whatever reward is attached to that success. Another way you might describe it is “glory,” which can come in the form of recognition, renown, prestige, fame, or honor.

There’s nothing inherently wrong in desiring good outcomes from your hard work. But if that’s your number one goal as a competitor, it will never be as fulfilling as you hope it might be. You’ll always be tempted to chase your own glory if you don’t understand your true identity and purpose.

WORKOUT

The miraculous story of Creation can be found in the first two chapters of Genesis. But God wanted more than to admire the beauty of His workmanship. Something was missing. On the sixth day, God created man and woman so He could enjoy fellowship with someone like Him. And He didn’t hold back in His design.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness.” – Genesis 1:26a

In a time when physical appearance is such a dominant part of culture, it’s incredible to know that every person born (including you) was created in God’s image because of His great love for humankind.

- How much do you think about your outward image as a competitor or elsewhere in your daily life?
- How does knowing you’re made in God’s image impact how you view yourself and how much thought you should put into how others view you?

FOR HIS GLORY

When God created Adam and Eve, He also gave them a purpose for their existence. Beyond a personal relationship, they were made to populate the earth and steward its resources. Ultimately, God created people to bring Him glory.

Like Adam and Eve, you, too, were created in God’s image. And just like them, you were created for a great purpose. As Isaiah 43:7 says, you were created for His glory.

That means God made you as a testament to His greatness, creativity, power, sovereignty, and perfection. In other words, God created you to reflect the essence of His glorious nature and being, which is infinitely greater than any purpose you could desire.

- What do you think are some of your primary purposes in life?
- How might embracing the truth that you are created for God’s glory change the way you approach competition?

WRAP-UP

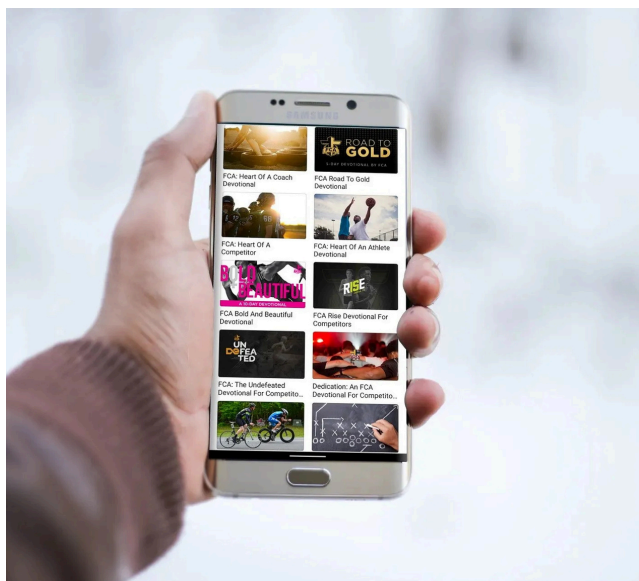
If you’re struggling with the concepts of identity (knowing who you are) and purpose (knowing why you are here), you need to remember that you are:

- Created In His Image: You are who God meant you to be. His perfect love was behind every part of your unique design.
 - So God created man in his own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female. – Genesis 1:27
- Created For His Glory: You were made for a purpose. The most important reason you exist is to show others who God is through all aspects of your life.
 - Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power because you have created all things, and by your will, they exist and were created. – Revelation 4:11

As you better understand your God-given identity and purpose, you will start to move from chasing your glory to reflecting His glory.

KEY ACTION

Reflect on how questions about your identity and purpose have driven you as a competitor. Be prepared to hear from the Holy Spirit through his word as God’s great love and divine purpose for you are made clear.



RESOURCES FOR YOU



COMPETITORS CHALLENGE



Up for the Challenge? If you're a coach or athlete desiring to grow in your faith, the FCA Challenge app is for you. Developed by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), this Bible-reading challenge equips you to read God's Word daily. **Reading Plans, Devotions, Videos, Community, and Resources**



YOU VERSION FCA PAGE



90+ different devotionals for the athletes or coach in your life. **Reading Plans, Devotions, Videos, Community, and Resources**



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STAFF RETREATS & LEADERSHIP TRAINING





CAMPUS MINISTRY



The Hall of Fame Area has four colleges with active FCA huddles. Tori has been pouring her time and energy into students at Mount and Malone.

This year, Tori was able to attend Mount's annual retreat, which was an incredible time of encouragement and good old-fashioned fun!

Mount Union also had a baptism night where 24 students were baptized! Additionally, Tori has been training their student leadership team each week over the summer and throughout the school year.

She was able to pour into the leaders at Malone this year as well. They are reviving their campus huddle, and we are so encouraged to see their growth on campus!



CAMPUS MINISTRY



ASHLAND UNIVERSITY



Ashland University seems to be in a never-ending revival! Fueled by the Spirit and supported by a large yet close-knit community, these students are living a life similar to the early church as described in Acts 2:42-44, devoting themselves to the teaching of the Word, to prayer, and to fellowship. This last year, they had 63 student Huddle leaders evangelizing across campus and within their teams, covering 19 sports and discipling over 200 students! In this last year, 30 students were baptized and testified to the work of God in their lives! Their love for Christ and for their neighbor has spurred them on in faithfulness to the Great Commission! Praise God for what He is doing on this campus!



AVERAGE STUDENTS AT WEEKLY HUDDLE

350

MALONE UNIVERSITY



Malone University's FCA Huddle has a unique position on their campus. As a Christian university, students must earn 15 Spiritual Formation Credits per semester by attending on-campus ministries. With half of the student body composed of athletes who came to the university with no religious intent, FCA is an appealing spiritual opportunity for these students to gain these credits. For that reason, attendance at the Huddle has been strong, and conversations with athletes can last long after the Huddle ends for the night. These students are spiritually hungry, and we are thankful for the 18 student-athlete leaders covering 12 sports, each leading Bible studies and discipling teammates. God is certainly moving on this campus!



AVERAGE STUDENTS AT WEEKLY HUDDLE

60

UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION



The University of Mount Union's FCA Huddle continues to thrive and grow, often seeing spikes in attendance far over their 100 average. This last year, they had 5 dedicated student leaders, covering 4 sports and discipling approximately 50 students in their small groups. Additionally, they witnessed 24 student baptisms in the last year! Yet, even without these numbers, what's really exciting about this huddle is how sincere they are in deepening their faith! More than ever, it seems, they are willing to face their sin, confess to each other, forgive one another, and pray together. You don't need numbers to tell you that the Spirit is working among these college students!



AVERAGE STUDENTS AT WEEKLY HUDDLE

100

WALSH UNIVERSITY



Exciting things are taking place at Walsh University! With the completion of their first full year, their FCA Huddle continues to etch itself into the campus culture and make a name for itself. More coaches and athletes are learning of the ministry's presence and impact, and in answer to prayer, local churches are coming in to support as well! Rico has been blessed to be able to disciple the Huddle leader and K/P of the football team Jarrad Kerekes.

As this Huddle grows older, pray that it continues to also grow wider in its scope of influence, pulling in more and more eager hearts who are in desperate need of the community and accountability that this group can offer. We are thankful for their faithfulness and eager to see God work among them!



AVERAGE STUDENTS AT WEEKLY HUDDLE

30

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our monthly
newsletter?**

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UP TODAY!**





"It behooves us all to take this seriously: time is running out for all of us. What is done must be done quickly. We have no right to lie idly by and let things take their course. A farmer who neglects his farm will soon lose it; a shepherd who fails to look after his flock will find the wolves looking after it for him." – A.W. Tozer, "We Travel an Appointed Way," pgs. 50-51

In Romans 13:11-12, Paul writes, "And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here."

As servants of God and shepherds of the flock entrusted to us, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Staff eagerly work to establish Huddles at new schools, but all our effort would amount to nothing if it were not for the faithfulness, presence, and service of our Huddle leaders. This year, we want to highlight one of our amazing leaders who makes this ministry possible – Joe Combs at Smithville High School.

It does not take a long encounter to realize that Joe Combs is one of those people who you constantly want to be around in hopes that some of his passionate energy for the Lord will rub off on you. We have often made "jokes" that we need him on our FCA staff because of how dedicated he is to the cause of Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. The times are few when Joe Combs' name is brought up in conversation and no one says in wonder, "he's awesome!"

Why does Joe so commonly elicit such a reaction? There are two phrases that sum up the reason: "passionate service" and "glory to God." It is Joe's thrilling passion for the Lord and his initiative to obey God's command to make disciples that seems to catch fire even within those who merely speak with him. Just as 1 Peter 5:2 instructs, Joe's heart beats in tune with our Chief Shepherd's, eagerly seeking to introduce the lost to Christ and guide fellow brothers- and sisters-in-Christ along the Way. Joe's persistent activity is not the result of manmade determination and works but of his overflowing love for the Lord and for his neighbor. Because of this, he often comes to us with ideas on how to reach more people with the Gospel message. And he is not just a visionary. He is also a voyager, taking the steps to make every God-given vision a Spirit-led reality.

Joe not only comes alongside pre-existing ministry opportunities, such as leading the Smithville Huddle and volunteering at our All-Abilities camp with his whole family, but he also has been the originator of multiple other ministry avenues. He was the visionary of our Mission FCA event for starting and training FCA Huddles, the spearhead for our inaugural FCA Fields of Faith in Smithville, and the developer and leader for our first regional Coaches Huddle available to any and every coach. Believe it or not, the last three of those ministry opportunities were accomplished just this last year!

**"BE SHEPHERDS OF GOD'S FLOCK THAT IS UNDER YOUR CARE, WATCHING OVER THEM—NOT BECAUSE YOU MUST, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE WILLING, AS GOD WANTS YOU TO BE; NOT PURSUING DISHONEST GAIN, BUT EAGER TO SERVE; NOT LORDING IT OVER THOSE ENTRUSTED TO YOU, BUT BEING EXAMPLES TO THE FLOCK. AND WHEN THE CHIEF SHEPHERD APPEARS, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF GLORY THAT WILL NEVER FADE AWAY."
1 PETER 5:2**



SMITHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Joe Combs seems to embody the heart of constant service to the Lord. He is not only a Kingdom-builder but also a disciple-maker and "church"-planter, claiming for Christ every inch of ground he steps on and building up communities for new and experienced believers to grow their faith in the Lord. As a busy teacher and coach himself, Joe puts his own time on the line to help disciple and uplift athletes and other coaches within and beyond his community. Following Christ's example, he is not afraid of selfless sacrifice, nor does he take any of the credit for himself.

When we consider this year's FCA Theme "Glory," there are few people who have stood out thus far as much as Joe Combs has in spreading God's glory and fame, knowing that "to the ends of the earth" often means "in your backyard" and "at your workplace." He is the living example of 2 Timothy 1:6, which testifies that "the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline." Joe is this way because of what God has done in his life. It is his mission, his passion, his delight to lead others to the same Christ who first gave his life real purpose when He captured Joe's heart in his young adult years.



And this is the same Christ who has called all of us. Whether our service looks similar to Joe's or completely different, we all have the same mission for Christ. Yet sometimes we need to take inventory to see if we are actively progressing in our mission like Joe or are stuck dragging our feet.

So, we must ask ourselves: is my passion for Christ fueling my mission, or am I growing weary and barely pushing forward in my own strength? Am I following through on my passion for Christ, stepping forward as a voyager with Him? Or am I merely playing the role of an idle visionary who dreams up fantastic things for God but allows the wolves to do the "watching" and working for me?

As sinners saved by God, we all want to bring Him glory, so let us follow the example of our brother-in-Christ and remember that the Lord has called us to go for His glory. He has called us to be faithful shepherds of the flock entrusted to us, to share the Good News of how He has saved us and to train our fellow believers to follow the Way as devoted disciples. Let us not hesitate for a moment longer, for "the night is nearly over; the day is almost here."

Holy Spirit, we are ready shepherds, eager to do Your will. Fill our hearts with such an overwhelming passion for You and Your people that we will be spurred on to action. Let us wake up from our slumber and take action today so that we may soon joyfully watch our flocks enter Heaven's Gate and so share in Your Glory. Amen.

FIELDS OF FAITH

Smithville's Huddle Leaders and FCA staff, along with our community partners, put together an incredible night of worship, testimonies, a gospel message, and competitive fellowship (FCA style).

We had 170 people in attendance for our first Fields of Faith, and seeds were planted.

A few weeks later, a student chose to get baptized at his local church. During his testimony, he shared that the testimonies at Fields of Faith led him to put his faith and trust in Jesus and get baptized. PRAISE GOD!



We hosted a welcome dinner and pre-game devotional for the Virginia Union University football team. They traveled to the area to compete in the Black Football College Hall of Fame Football Classic.

Shout out, they WON! 45-3!

Rico shared a message about believers having peace with God and the truth of the Gospel. The message was very well received, with athletes coming up asking for prayer afterwards. All of the Bibles were taken from the table, and we even saw one of the coaches reading through it immediately after everyone had left the room.

We are so thankful that God gave us this opportunity, and we thank FCA's Chief Field Officer, Rick Isaiah, and his team for helping make this all happen. Also, a huge shout-out to Virginia Union University's coaching staff for making this a priority for their athletes. GO PANTHERS!





Jason Adkins, along with other NE Ohio FCA staff, hosted an incredible wrestling kickoff clinic at Walsh Jesuit High School — and it was one for the books!

Over 100 wrestlers came together to sharpen their skills, grow in faith, and encourage one another in Christ.

We were honored to have Nathan Tomasello as our featured clinician, sharing elite techniques and powerful insights, along with Special Guest Rae McDonald, who inspired everyone with an amazing testimony of faith and perseverance.

Moments like this remind us that wrestling isn't just about strength and grit on the mat — it's about building a foundation of faith that lasts far beyond it.



We have more wrestling clinics coming. Want to hear more about it or share it with a wrestler you know? Scan the QR code.



ALL-ABILITIES CAMP



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The affirming praise tunnel (how the campers were welcomed in) was awesome. It reminds me of the great cloud of witnesses that the Bible speaks about welcoming us into Heaven. It was so affirming & touching! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great event!
~Parent



68 campers



68 scholarships



\$45,000 raised



120 volunteers



Thank you all for another great year! The message is always spot on, and everyone truly benefits spiritually and you can feel the joy.

IT'S A VIBE!
~Parent



THE BEST WEEKEND OF THE SUMMER

All Abilities Camp is such a blessing to our family. It is this encouraging environment that accepts my children for who they are, challenges, and encourages them to be all God as created them to be. It's an amazing and special place. We look forward to it every year!
~Parent

JUNE 2025





FCA 4 BRACELETS

GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES

Our staff has had numerous opportunities to have booths at different events, such as ALIVE, Youth Wrestling, local conferences, and more. We took the opportunities to share the Gospel with dozens of people and passed out hundreds of The FOUR bracelets throughout the year.

BAPTISM POOL

LIVES SURRENDERED TO CHRIST

FCA Hall of Fame Area now has a baptism pool. Mount Union's FCA Huddle hosted a baptism night. 24 students were baptized. PRAISE GOD!



COACHES CLINIC

COACHES MINISTRY

RICO AND HIS SON ISAAC HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH FOOTBALL COACHES IN COLUMBUS AT THE ANNUAL COACHES CLINIC. FCA HOSTED A COACHES BREAKFAST WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO SHARE A MESSAGE AND FELLOWSHIP WITH COACHES FROM ALL OVER OH-IO!



COACHES HUDDLE

If you are interested in attending the Hall of Fame Area Coaches Huddle, they meet at:
Living Water Church
in Dalton on
Wednesdays from
7-8pm.

If you want to find out how to start a Coaches Huddle specifically for the coaches at your school, reach out to us!

FCA 2025 AWARD WINNERS



We were honored to celebrate our Hall of Fame Area FCA Male Athlete of the year, **John Norris**, and FCA Female Athlete of the Year, **Alli Hodgkinson**!

They received these awards for their outstanding athletic excellence, leadership, character, and commitment to living out their faith. We are proud of their impact and look forward to seeing how God continues to lead them.

DON MCCLANEN EXPERIENCE (DME)



Rico was nominated by the Great Lakes' Regional Leadership for the Don McClanen Experience. Rico and 22 other staff members across FCA's global ministry were selected.

The Don McClanen Experience (DME) is a unique and powerful leadership journey designed to strengthen organizational leadership, deepen spiritual formation, and equip leaders to not only move the mission forward but also carry on the FCA legacy for those to come. The DME takes place over the course of four in-person retreats.

The first cohort was in Estes Park, Colorado, where the FIRST EVER FCA Camp was held in 1956. These four days were packed with many takeaways. The next cohort will meet in Cambridge, United Kingdom!

THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERS



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PRAYER REQUESTS



HALL OF FAME AREA FCA

TOTAL STAFFING VISION

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1 Area Director



7 Area Reps



1 Admin Assistant

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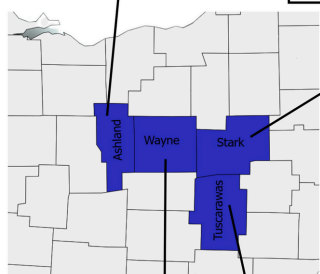
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13 Schools

STARK

3 Area Reps

38 Schools



WAYNE

2 Area Reps

28 Schools

TUSCARAWAS

1 Area Rep

14 Schools

- 2 more fully-funded staff members to minister to the area
- Opportunities for FCA Sports to develop, bringing Christ as the center of our competitive sports
- Doors to open for more ministry in the outdoor sports world (fishing, hiking, shooting, etc.)
- Student leaders to rise up in schools around the 4 counties
- Wisdom and discernment of current staff members
- Movement in the hearts of elementary principals and teachers to continue to grow ministries in the schools
- All-ability camp volunteers to step up again for the 2026 camp
- For coaches and athletes to use their influence to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ across all 4 counties

UPCOMING EVENTS

All-Abilities Camp 2026

SAVE THE DATE 2026

TBD

STAY TUNED!

Check out our website soon for volunteer opportunities & camper sign-ups!



Thankful Fest

College Night

Nov 20, 2025



Check out the Events tab on our website to get more details

NE Ohio Multi Sport Camp



June 29th – July 2nd
at John Carroll
Grades 7-12



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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our current local ministry partners. Through your generosity, we are able to share the gospel with local students, coaches, and athletes full-time.

It is because of your partnership that we can provide resources such as Bibles and discipleship materials to our huddles.

Your generosity also allows us to host events such as the All-Abilities Camp, Fields of Faith and Thankful Fest.

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