



# HOME TEAM SCOUTING REPORT

## YOU MATTER!

Soup? Who doesn't love soup? I love soup! When I order soup from a restaurant, I don't approach the counter and ask for the ingredients. "I'd like a bowl of butter, onion, flour, broccoli, salt..." I ask for the soup by its name. Soup is incredible because it takes multiple ingredients blended together to get a perfect taste. You can't have too much of one ingredient, nor too little of another. You need just the right amount of each ingredient and each ingredient matters.

Did you know that our FCA Ministry is like soup? Coaches, Huddle Leaders, volunteers, student-leaders, Home Team members (YOU), Board members, and prayer warriors are like the multiple ingredients blended to make this ministry a sweet success.

The Apostle Paul shared in the Bible that his joy was complete when those who share in faith work together. "...fulfill my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, sharing the same feelings, focusing on one goal." (Philippians 2:2) When each of us use our gifts and share God's love, focusing on one goal, there is joy!

As I read through the Bible, I discover people with no names like the little boy who gave up his small lunch to help Jesus feed thousands, Ebed-melech an unknown man of the Bible who helped the prophet Jeremiah, and Moses a more popular and well-known man. Unknown to known, little to big, like ingredients in a soup – they were part of God's mighty plan to impact lives for eternity!

Whether you serve little or much, give little or much, please understand that your role is needed on this FCA team. Thank you for being part of the FCA team!

*Rex Stump, Area Director*



## 2023 FCA Leadership Camp

FCA Leadership Camp is a five day overnight camp for student-athletes and students who serve as leaders on their local campuses and in their communities. Camp focuses on teaching practical skills for Christian growth, the development as an effective campus leader and the training for spiritual, organizational and motivational tools for use in the FCA Campus Ministry.

**Dates:** July 15-29, 2023

**Grades:** 6-12

**Location:** Michindoh Conference Center  
4545 E. Bacon Rd. • Hillsdale, MI 49242

**Cost:** \$350 if registered by May 31, 2023  
\$400 after May 31, 2023  
(Partial Scholarships Available)



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## Spring Team Times



Spring brings more Team Times for Buckeye Border FCA! Rex and I are blessed to be able to spend 10 to 15 minutes with a team to share a message to help student athletes within their sport. This is the first time with FCA I've been involved in Team Times! To be able to work with a team and develop relationships with a coach and their players has been a blessing, a learning experience and a lot of fun!

I've been spending time with the Fairview and Hicksville softball teams. With the Fairview team, we started out the season with One Word. Each team member chose their individual word and then their team word. We created a banner for them to take to each game to remember their one word. Utilizing the words they've chosen, we've been able to talk about commitment, being focused and setting goals, not being prepared can cost them something, and what they believe will dictate their performance. As I watched their team win on April 18, I saw a team of lady warriors both physically and spiritually; they were geared up physically and spiritually. Before the game, they went behind the dugout to pray and choose a teammate's word to use for the game. That night, it was "believe". The next night at Team Time, we talked about what they believe will dictate their performance.



Studies show we can have over 70,000 thoughts per day. That's about 50 thoughts per minute. Guess what percentage of those thoughts are positive? According to the National Science Foundation, 80% of our thoughts are negative and 95% of our thoughts are repetitive. For an athlete under the pressure of performance, their thoughts can be of anxiety, fear, even paralyzing.

I wonder what the apostle Paul's thoughts were after all the sufferings he went through. In 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, he lists all of them. But before that, check out 2 Corinthians 4:7-18, especially verses 16-18:

*"Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*

Momentary light affliction?! Wow! His thoughts were certainly on things above. I would say he had positive thoughts 80% of the time, or more! He also told us how

*to think in Philippians 4:8-9: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."*

The Lady Apache softball team have chosen to filter their thoughts through what is true, noble and right. As evidence of their words for themselves this season. What are you focusing your thoughts on? *- Mindy Cross, Area Representative*