



HOME TEAM SCOUTING REPORT

We Are Victorious!

It's the Fall Season, and there are many things I love about this time of the year! The crisp cool weather, changing of colors, harvest, and pumpkin flavored everything! I especially enjoy watching college football! Just recently I was watching the Ohio State vs. Notre Dame game...wow, what a game! In the final minutes, the home stadium was loud, Notre Dame was winning, and there was mayhem in the stands. With seconds left, the crowd was cheering like the night was over. However, in the very last seconds of the game, Ohio State scored and the crowd was silenced.

There was a time in history, when Jesus was hanging on the cross. The world was cheering, it was mayhem in the demonic realms, and it appeared to be over. Jesus was pulled off the cross and laid in a tomb. Evil appeared to have won, it was over, right? But the earth shook, the stone rolled away, and Jesus burst forth from the tomb! He was alive! The demons were stunned, darkness was erased, and Jesus was victorious over death and sin! Praise God!

I am in no way comparing these two teams to good or evil. I'm just saying, that as I watched the game end, it reminded me of how Jesus is victorious in the end. I needed the reminder that in the end, we win!

There are days when living for Jesus is hard. There are times when getting Huddles to meet and planning FCA events are challenging. There are times when finances are tight. There are times when we wonder, is this ministry making a difference. It is then I turn to this passage in 1 John 5:3-5 for encouragement:

"Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God."

By faith in Jesus, we are victorious! We are on the winning team! Thank YOU for your prayers, support, and giving to this ministry. Together, on His team, we will be victorious, even when it appears that the game might be over.

Rex Stump, Area Director

TEAM TIME MINISTRY

Basically, we take 3-5 minutes in practice or at the end of practice to share positive characteristics of a competitor. Maybe it's a talk about commitment, teamwork, attitude, passion, or the focus may be on perseverance or peace. It's usually something the players can use on the field/court and off the field/court. Led by our staff, as well as local youth pastors, or other coaches, we are thankful to work with multiple teams every season! Pictured is the Evergreen HS Girls Soccer team, one of our many Team Times.



FIELDS OF FAITH

What is Fields of Faith? Fields of Faith is a student-led event. Students invite, pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ. An athletic field provides a neutral, rally point where a community can come together. This event is planned and led by student leaders from various schools. Coming together as ONE, we read God's Word and pray!

Two Locations:

1. Fairview High School Football Field,
Sherwood, OH 43556

• Wednesday, October 4, 2023
7:00 - 8:00 pm

2. Biddle Park - Haas Field, Wauseon, OH

• Sunday, October 8, 2023
• 7:00 pm

FCA ADULT/STUDENT HUDDLE LEADER TRAINING

Every year students and adults gather from the Buckeye Border Area for training. This includes schools in the following counties: Fulton, Henry, Defiance, Williams, and Paulding. This year over 90 from 22 schools/campus Huddles attended training! The goal is to equip and empower the student and adult leaders to successfully run their campus Huddle. This year we spent time worshipping in song and prayer before diving into the training materials. As the Area Director, I'm incredibly thankful to see the dedication of many leaders who faithfully attend training every year. Our staff and board walked away that evening encouraged by the passion of the students. Please pray for the campus Huddles as they launch this month!



CAMPUS HUDDLES LAUNCH



The majority of our existing Huddles have launched this year, with a few more to launch in the upcoming weeks. Praise God for the great reports we are already hearing from schools like Montpelier, Swanton, and Archbold Middle School. Campus Huddles meet before school, during lunch, or during a non-academic period. Pictured above is the Montpelier HS Huddle. Twenty-eight students came to their first HS Huddle of the year, which is more than they've ever had! Senior, James Camper, led with a devotional of what it means to be disciplined and how it is a Godly trait.



Patrick Henry Middle and High School Huddles began on Friday, September 8th. One hundred and twenty student-athletes came to the first Huddle of the year! We were blown away! The student-athletes listened as Mindy Cross kicked off the year sharing the importance of spending time in Scripture to train spiritually from 1 Timothy 4:7-8, how attending the FCA Huddle will prepare them for physical and spiritual battle, and the power of positive thoughts. Thank you to Huddle leaders, Kathy Sonnenberg and Emily Gillson for leading the High School Huddle and Mandy Bishop and Emily Gillson for leading the Middle School Huddle.



TEAM PRAYER

One of the fruits of this ministry is seeing student athletes pray with their team. Some students lead a prayer in the locker room, before the game, or even on the field, court, or stands after the game! It is a time not to pray for victory on the scoreboard, but to instead pray for victory in our attitudes and effort. It is a time to give God thanks for the ability to compete, and to pray for healing if needed. Pictured is the Wauseon Middle School football team led by an 8th grade boy, something he does wherever he goes!