



HOME TEAM SCOUTING REPORT

LIVING WITH POWER!

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits" - Proverbs 18:21

When I was a kid, I wanted to grow up to be a superhero. I wanted to be cool like James Bond, tough like John Wayne, a Musketeer, Spiderman, or even a Jedi! But as I grew up, I realized that no one has the power to fly or the strength to stop a moving train. Getting bit by a radioactive spider would not work, because I hated spiders. I'm not a superhero, but I've learned there is a tremendous power in each one of us.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, we have His Spirit in us! Therefore, with our words, we can put courage into one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11), point each other to Jesus (Hebrews 3:13), share the gospel (Romans 10:13-15), and give praise to God (Hebrews 13:15). Unfortunately, with our words we can also tear one another down, tempt one another to sin, create conflict, lie and gossip. In the book of James, we are reminded that it's hard to tame our tongues.

It's not just our words, but also our actions. I can choose to use my hands to serve or hurt others. I can choose to give my time to serve, or spend time on social media, TV, or gaming.

Jesus said, "A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart." (Luke 6:45). What comes out of our mouths is what our heart is filled with. Filled with God's love, we are empowered to speak and act in a way that brings life to others. In the same way, when we are filled with impurity, we will speak with obscenity. Our words and actions show what's in our hearts. The secret to being a superhero or someone full of power, is found in the heart. I pray that our hearts are filled with the love of God!

During this past month, I have been encouraged to see and hear stories of students and coaches living by the power of God's Spirit, as they lead, pray, and serve in their schools, teams, and communities. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and giving! This ministry is fueled by all three things! Our hopes are to share with students and coaches the love of God and the power He gives to each of us who love Him. The power to obey, to love others, to walk in unity, and to boldly share the Gospel!

Rex Stump, Area Director

2023 Buckeye Border FCA Champions Celebration

Join us for an incredible night of fellowship, dinner, celebration and praise as we rejoice in what God is doing in the Buckeye Border FCA area.

We are seeing God work in incredible ways in our local campuses. Come hear what God is doing in the lives of coaches and athletes and how their relationship with God has grown through the ministry of FCA.

Each year at the Champions Celebration, FCA recognizes our student leaders and coaches who have a heart of a "champion." These student leaders and coaches are selected by their adult Huddle leaders/coaches for representing FCA's core values—Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence.

• Sunday, March 26, 2023

• 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

• Cost: \$20.00

• Archbold Evangelical Church

705 Lafayette St.

Archbold, OH 43502

Register online at: bbfca.org/celebration



FCA Volunteer Testimony: Paul Gruetter

FCA is fueled by great volunteers! We are VERY thankful for those who volunteer and serve. This month, we'd like to say thanks to Pastor Paul Gruetter, who recently retired and moved. Here's some things about Paul...

Paul served six seasons as the team chaplain for the Montpelier Boys and Girls Cross Country teams. He also served as Huddle Leader at Montpelier Jr. High for two years. He loves the Cleveland Guardians, and loves to play and watch tennis! A favorite Bible verse is Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."

Why be involved with FCA?

"I enjoy being around these young people. I have been richly blessed myself, even as I try to be a blessing to others. The challenge is also an opportunity. So many of our youth don't have very many adults in their corner, pulling for them. My work with FCA has given me the chance to be one of those encouragers."

What is your hope and prayer for students?

"I pray that each person will hear the gospel of Jesus and respond in faith. We speak the words; the Holy Spirit plants the faith."

Working with FCA has been a blessing in my life, so I would encourage people to jump in! I've been blessed so much in my interaction with the coaches and athletes. I'm happy to have represented Jesus and FCA, and hope that I've done it to the best of my abilities. - Paul Gruetter

FCA Huddle Shares Valentine Love

Fairview's FCA Huddle spent a little time on a Sunday afternoon visiting with and delivering Valentine's to residents of the Bryan Care & Rehabilitation Center. Around 30 kids participated, and I am quite certain that they walked away just as blessed as the residents!

- Kelly Panico, Adult Huddle Leader



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)

Register online at: bbfca.org/camp



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