



# HOME TEAM SCOUTING REPORT

## Why FCA? Why Camp?

Most studies indicate between 45% and 48% of youth leave the church after their freshman year in college and never return. David Kinnaman found that after age 15 almost 60% of young Christians had disconnected from their church. One study showed that 70% of teens who attended youth group stopped attending church within two years of their high school graduation. Students are drifting from that faith.

In three independent surveys conducted by Josh McDowell, the Barna group, and researcher Mike Nappa, it was discovered among the self-proclaimed Christian teenagers the following:

- 41% were uncertain whether Jesus was physically resurrected
- 63% didn't believe Jesus to be the son of the one true God
- 44% believe the Bible to be just one of many authoritative voices about Jesus
- 33% believe that Jesus is not the only way to heaven
- Only 5% studied the Bible daily

They are drifting from the church and they are drifting away from Christian truths. Steve Cable (Cultural Captives) wrote, "If America continues on its current trend, the number of 18–29-year-old Americans who state, "My religious preference is none or a non-Christian religion" will grow to over 50% of the population by the year 2030!" That's less than eight years from now.

FCA is committed to campus ministry, but we also launched a camp eight years ago to train up students to know the Bible, pray, and share their faith, to have fun competitively, and grow spiritually. Why? Because we aren't the only one training kids! Did you know there are camps teaching that God does not exist! Remember, the world is aiming to pull people away from the church. We must have a sound foundation, built on the truth of God's Word. What we do today for Jesus Christ matters for tomorrow and eternity!

Thank you for supporting the ministry of FCA. Your prayers and support help make a difference.

*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)



Register online at: [bbfca.org/camp](https://bbfca.org/camp)



## 2023 Champions Celebration

On Sunday, March 26th, FCA's Champions Celebration once again was a night of inspiration! Over 100 students were recognized from 24 schools. Parents, students, Huddle leaders, volunteers, board members, and guests enjoyed a catered meal from Brookview Farm and an evening of inspiring testimonies. A panel of students and adults shared about their involvement in FCA. An emotional moment occurred when Merle Gerig shared why he and his wife support FCA. He paused and looked over the crowd and was humbled to see so many young people involved. He and his wife have traveled to almost every single Champions Celebration since 2004. Brennan Frickel, Taylor University student and college baseball player, shared a powerful message on Resilience. Brennan was focused on the MLB, recruited to play at the University of Houston, and then faced hardship through injury and his brother's death. By the power of God's Spirit, Brennan has picked up his glove and continues his pursuit of excellence, but for a different reason. Robert Kilo closed the evening with an spirit-driven message to support the ministry of FCA. To conclude the night, 100 students flooded the stage to be recognized for their leadership efforts in their schools and teams. Praise God! Thank you to all who came, supported, and gave to the event. Thank you to all our Huddle leaders, staff, board, and students who clearly see the mission of FCA and the importance to not give up, but to press on!

