

Merry Christmas!

THE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER OF BUCKEYE BORDER FCA - DECEMBER 2025

COME WORSHIP THE KING

Athletes are encouraged every day to give their best at practice, and especially in competition. But what about our faith? How about our response to who Jesus is? Do we give him our best? Do we seek Him with all we have? Do we make the effort to have a relationship with Him?

In Matthew 2, we read a portion of the incredible history of the birth of Jesus. We discover three main characters responding to the news of Jesus' birth. We first read of *King Herod*, a nasty evil ruler, who was disturbed by the news of a possible new king in his territory. We also have the *leading priests and teachers of religious law*, who seemed to know about the prophecy, but seemed indifferent to the news. Finally, the *wise men* who traveled for over a year from eastern lands seeking the Messiah. When the wise men entered the house and saw Jesus with his mother, they bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their treasure chests and gave him their best gifts! The perfect response to the King of Kings!

Today, the responses to Jesus Christ are no different. Some are disturbed and threatened by Jesus, while others are indifferent and nonresponsive. But to those of us who seek the Savior and trust what we believe to be true...we worship and give our best.

This Christmas season, we pray that you respond to Jesus, just like the wise men did, seeking, worshiping, and giving your best to Him.

God bless you and thank you all for your support, prayers, and donations to the ministry of FCA! We celebrate the mighty works of God in the lives of thousands in the Buckeye Border FCA area!

Rex Stump, Area Director

*merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year*

On behalf of the Buckeye Border FCA Staff, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas! We praise God for His amazing love and grace. This is a beautiful time of the year and we are so thankful for friends like you, who care about the ministry of FCA and our staff. God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas Season!

*Rex & Jenny Stump
Mindy Cross
Bryan Flory*

CALENDAR YEAR-END CUT OFF FOR RECEIPTING 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS

In order for contributions to be received for 2025, checks need to be dated 12/31/25 or before, AND received in our office with envelopes postmarked by 12/31/25. Any donations postmarked after 12/31/25 will be received for the 2026 year.

CELEBRATING CAMPUS MINISTRY

LITTLE EYES ARE WATCHING

Josie Cicero led her 3rd grade basketball team in prayer after their game! This little baller has been watching her parents grow in their faith and sport, as well as her oldest sister, Chloe. For years Chloe has been a high school FCA student leader on her team and in her Campus Huddle. And now, little Josie is choosing to do the same! This is a great reminder to all of us that little eyes are always watching! What we say, what we do...how we shine for Jesus matters!



CLOSE THE YEAR WITH IMPACT

Like any 501©3 nonprofit ministry, FCA is sprinting towards the finish line this December! Many of our Home Team donors financially give on a monthly basis, but there is a large percentage of people that give at the end of the year! The year-end gift is often what propels this ministry forward. Our office is sprinting to the 2025 finish line with hopes of raising \$45,000! A huge goal! Please pray for us as this will help us pursue our goals of hiring new staff, providing resources and meeting our strategic plan goals for 2026. If you, another person, business or church has been blessed this year and would like to make a "Year-End" donation to the ministry of FCA, you can:

- Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit: my.fca.org/rexstump
- Send your tax deductible gift payable to FCA:
Buckeye Border FCA
1111 Arrowhead Trail • Wauseon, OH 43567



Our 2025 Year-End Report
can be found on our
website at:

bbfca.org/year-end

STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Liberty Center Tigers football team on a very successful season and State Championship victory! No doubt about it, this team has a history of success on the football field. But what many people don't know is that off the field this team is striving to be successful too! FCA staff Bryan Flory has been holding a game day chapel for quite a few years now. Players voluntarily show up early on game day to hear a message from God's Word, delivered by Bryan. The amazing thing is that the last few years attendance has grown to where over 80% now attend! Bryan faithfully shares Biblical truth and encouragement with the team, and as they close he gets a handshake or hug from each player. It's a powerful thing sharing God's Word and then 60+ young men showing their appreciation. Like last year, 19 seniors received a FCA Bible and bookmark to encourage them on their life journey. Pray for these young men and our many other area athletes to continue their spiritual journeys pursuing faith in God, through Jesus Christ.



PRAYER CIRCLES

In the Christmas Season, we celebrate the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, coming to a dark world to bring hope and salvation. Pray for our student athletes as they are choosing to reflect this light, shining for Jesus on their teams and in their schools. If you know a student who is leading a prayer after their competition, give them a word of encouragement, and give God a shout of praise! To God be all the glory!

