

# SCOUTING REPORT

# **Co-Partners in the Gospel**

Often, we read a book in the New Testament in which the Apostle Paul concludes by mentioning the names of people who impacted his life or partnered with him in ministry. We don't know them, but for Paul they were precious! I don't do this enough, but I want to mention some names of people who have been volunteering, giving, and praying for the ministry of FCA. They have been my co-laborers in the Gospel!

Last year, we sadly said goodbye to Kent and Kim Hutchinson as they retired and moved south. Kent and Kim were both active in FCA, coaching, leading Huddles, serving on the Board, and giving to this ministry. This year, we say goodbye to Marv Retcher and Glenn Christiansen, as they have retired and moved. Both men faithfully served on the Board, in the schools, as well as praying and giving to this ministry. Often these two men served side by side as camp!

Glenn began his journey with FCA 53 years ago! In 1972, he attended his first FCA Huddle, as a junior in high school. From there he would stay involved in college, (as a member and camp counselor), and then as a teacher in Patrick Henry, North Baltimore, Evergreen, and Napoleon Schools. He remembers his first involvement when NW Ohio only had three Huddles! Today, that number has grown to over 80! As a coach, Huddle Leader, Board Member (10 years), and Home Team Donor, Glenn has faithfully served in this ministry!

Glenn has many memories, but he especially loved when speakers came and visited the Huddles to share the Gospel message. Glenn said, "I'm so grateful and blessed to have FCA help me grow spiritually, and for others to grow in their faith." His advice for those thinking about being involved in FCA... "It's a great ministry to give to, as it gives back so much to the kids. To the athletes, stay strong, in your faith! This ministry will really help you stay focused on what's important in life. Stay strong in the Lord!"

Mary Retcher wasn't sure how long he has been involved in FCA, but he believes it's been at least 35 years! Three years as a student at Defiance College and the rest as a Huddle Leader, Camp Volunteer, and as a Board Member.

Marv said one of his favorite moments in FCA was baptizing Grant Johnson at our FCA Leadership Camp two summers ago. "I also enjoyed watching Grant, Adam Tobin and Kristen Vanisacker mature as Christians, as a result of their involvement in FCA." Marv's advice to all... "If you can, attend the FCA Leadership Camp at least one time while in Middle and/or High School."

Like these people, and so many others, FCA thrives because of your giving, your prayers, and your volunteering! Thank you!

\*Rex Stump, Area Director\*\*





#### **NEW DATE!**

# 2025 FCA All-Abilities Camp

This free one-day camp with adaptive activities is open to individuals with all disabilities - physical and non-physical, ages 4-65. The experience is one where they get to be athletes and enjoy a time of utilizing their own special abilities that God has given to them. Campers are assisted by trained buddy volunteers.

Saturday, August 16, 2025 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Biddle Park - 900 North Glenwood, Wauseon, OH 43567

**Registration Coming Soon!** 

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Would you or someone you know love to volunteer with us? We need adult Huddle Leaders, volunteer buddies, sports stations assistants and so much more!

To Become A Volunteer, Contact: Mindy Cross, Camp Director at: mcross@fca.org

## **2025 FCA Leadership Camp**

For the first time ever, our camp is full. Please take time to pray for our camp on a daily basis. You can find the 30 Days Of Prayer Countdown on our website at:

bbfca.org/camp

### **2025 Ohio Motocross Camp**

FCA Motocross camp is a unique experience of inspiration and perspiration. We build our curriculum, schedule, and activities from years of experience in FCA sports ministry (since 1956) and motocross specifically (since 2003), to ensure that your camper has the best Christian Motocross Camp experience possible. We start our morning waking up our minds and bodies with a workout and devotion time, spend our day training in our discipline, and then come together in the evenings for Chapel services and fun camp activities!

Dates: July 14-18, 2025 Ages: 6-17, adults 18+

Location: Koinonia Farms Camp 15605 Long Run Rd. • Laurelville, OH 43135

**Cost:** \$765

Register online at: fcamx.org/ohio-camp

# **FCA Leads Worship Service**

Pettisville Friendship Days, like many local small towns, offers the community a weekend of fun and festivities. This year, FCA had the privilege of leading the weekend's Sunday morning worship service. A large tent was packed for the annual event, but this year Pettisville FCA students were in charge. CJ Ridley, Shilo Adkins, Raily Boyers, Creighton Aeschliman, and Ava Genter not only planned the service, but they led worship, shared testimonies, and delivered the morning message!

Ava Genter, soon to be senior at Pettisville High School, has been involved in FCA since her middle school days. She was always involved but was never a leader. During her sophomore year, she prayed about being on the leadership team, and with the encouragement from others and her Huddle Leader, Scott Rupp, she joined the team. "My faith has grown like never before through FCA! The feelings of having no confidence and not wanting to speak in public...is gone!" says Ava. God has empowered Ava, (and all these students), to not be the "church of the future" but to be the church now!

On Sunday morning, empowered by God's Spirit, these students led the whole worship service including Ava sharing her testimony, and CJ giving the message! I asked Ava is she was nervous. Her reply was, "I was absolutely nervous! I tend to overthink everything, but as I started to speak, I no longer needed my notes, and I felt stronger as I shared!"

Ava, like many of our students in FCA, desire to make an impact in the lives of others for Jesus Christ. She prays that she can help others on their spiritual journey. Ava has a word of advice for students her age and younger... "Keep utilizing every opportunity God gives you...and don't be afraid of failure!"



