



HOME TEAM

SCOUTING REPORT

THANKSforGIVING

As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself reflecting on so many various things; my role in FCA, the church, world situations, people in crisis mode, vacation spots, family celebrations as well as disappointments, personal goals met and unmet, salvation, and my daily personal relationship with the God of this universe. Like the strong fall winds blowing the leaves in our yard, so are the many thoughts clouding my mind. What will I do?

This Holiday season I'm choosing to have the right mindset. Like the aggressive goal-setter who finds himself in the gym on January 2nd, I too want to be disciplined. You see, it's our choice on where to place our mindset. I can focus on hardships or hallelujahs. God tells me, *"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven..."* (Colossians 3:1). Therefore, I'm choosing to dismiss the negative thoughts, and replace them with positive thoughts. I'll begin by immersing myself in God's Word. Daily reading truths about God empowers me.

Isaiah 49:15-16, *"Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands. Always in my mind is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins."* As God was speaking to His people, bringing them back home, He reminded them of His love for them. Never forgotten! Their names on His hands, their picture in His mind. Truth - God loves us and will never forget or abandon us! I'm so thankful for that truth! Replace your negative self-pitying thoughts with that truth! Hallelujah!

As my mind is enriched and empowered with truth, I'll then exercise that truth with action. Here's a simple action, when someone you know is mentioned, before you say anything, give God thanks for them! For example, when I hear "home team" I thank God for you! "Home team" is not just the title given to the team who owns the field/gym, it's the title FCA gives to each person who gives to this ministry. Who else comes to your mind that you can give God thanks and say "hallelujah?"

Enrich and empower your mind with truth...and then exercise it often throughout the day!

As you press on today and the days to come, I pray that your Holiday season is filled with thankful opportunities. I pray and hope that your Thanksgiving is filled with joy and wonderful moments with your loved ones. May God bless you, empower you, enrich you, and encourage you!

Rex Stump, Area Director

Upcoming Events

- **Champions Celebration** - April 12, 2026
- **All-Abilities Camp** - May 30, 2026
- **Motocross Camp** - July 13-17, 2026
- **Leadership Camp** - July 18-22, 2026
- **Golf Scramble** - September 19, 2026



Pettisville HS Huddle meets weekly to grow in their faith



Top Five Things We Give God Praise For In 2025

1. SALVATION AND LIVES SPIRITUALLY IMPACTED



We praise God and give thanks for the hundreds of students who made spiritual decisions this past year. We know that at our Leadership Camp, over 116 students made salvation choices, spiritual commitments, and a few were baptized!

2. STUDENT LEADERS' SPIRITUAL GROWTH



We give God thanks for the spiritual transformation taking place in our students. They have a desire to share their faith, lead Huddle meetings, plan outreach events as well as worship events!

3. CAMPUS HUDDLE GROWTH



This year, because of our students spiritually growing, the Campus Huddles are also physically growing! A few Huddles have had to relocate to larger spaces to accommodate the growing numbers.

4. LEADERSHIP CAMP GROWTH



This past summer we celebrated 10 years of Leadership Camp! This was the first time we had to put Huddle Leaders on a waiting list and had to shut down camper registration a month early! Praise God that our students and leaders have made this camp a life priority!

5. WORSHIP EVENTS GROWTH



We praise God that our students making spiritual decisions, desiring to lead, and are spiritually being transformed. This leads to worship, and our students had more FCA worship events this year than the last two years combined!



Happy Thanksgiving!



From the Buckeye Border FCA Staff!