HOME TEAM SCOUTING REPORT

Count Your Many Blessings!

Johnson Oatman, a minister and insurance salesman, was said to have written over 5,000 hymns! One of his most famous hymns is perfect for the Thanksgiving season - Count Your Blessings. Read the four verses and recognize the challenges he shares.

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost; Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly, and you will be singing as the days go by

When you look at others with their lands and gold, think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold; Count your many blessings, money cannot buy, your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, do not be discouraged, God is over all; Count your many blessings, angels will attend, help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

The problems are presented: discouraged, burdened, jealous (lacking), conflict...the answer is: *"Count your many blessings!"* When you stop and begin to consider what God has done, he sings; You'll be surprised by what God has done, doubts fly, singing arrives; you're reminded of a rich heavenly dwelling place, help and comfort will come. With all that in mind, the chorus proclaims: *Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done!*

When is the last time you purposely counted all the blessings in your life? I want to encourage you count your blessings! David wrote in Psalm 103:1-2, *"Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me."*

The truth is that none of us deserve any of the blessings God gives us. So today, stop and take time to praise the Lord for all He has done in your life. Here are a few of my blessings…by the way, you are blessing to me! Your prayers, support, and donations to this ministry means so much to me. Thank you. I thank God for you!

We praise God for the many blessings in our lives…counting my blessings…one by one!

1. Let's begin with God's Love! John 3:16
2. Salvation through Jesus Christ! Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9-10
3. Transformation by God's Holy Spirit. Galatians 2:20
4. Daily wisdom, guidance, and hope found in God's Word! 2 Timothy 3:16
5. Blessed hope of life eternal in God's presence! Revelation 21:1-2
6. My family... Jenny, the boys, their spouses, my granddaughter, and extended family.
7. To be the Area Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, my staff, volunteers, donors, prayer warriors, coaches, student leaders, Huddles, camps, friends, and events!
8. To be a pastor of a local church, my staff, volunteers, servant hearts, faithful worshippers, food pantry, good friends… and the children that give me hugs every week.
9. Daily needs being met.
10. God's majestic and beautiful creation!

Rex Stump, Area Director





Exciting News: Two Things We're Celebrating!

1 FCA 2027 Summer Internship

We are excited to offer a 10-week summer internship program to college-age and young adults who are seeking ministry opportunity! A small group of interns will work, learn, and grow together from June 2 - August 4, 2027 under the leadership of veteran FCA staff. For more information about the summer internship program, email Rex Stump at rstump@fca.org.

2 FCA Leadership Camp Announcement

FCA 2027 Leadership Camp has a new date and location! We were saddened to be informed that the Michindoh Retreat Center was being sold, causing all 2027 contracts to currently be void. Left without a camp location, we have diligently searched for over a month, trying to find a camp that will provide enough space, while allowing us to keep the FCA Camp atmosphere.

After seeking and praying, God has revealed to us a great new location in St. Mary's, Ohio - Cross Oaks Camp and Retreat Center.

With a new location, we also had to move our camp to a new date. Our new date is July 6-10, 2027! This new date may clash with a few family vacations but hopefully avoids all high school sport complications.

Due to a further distance, our office will be providing transportation options to help parents with driving. More information to come next Spring.

Don't worry, FCA camp will still have their loving staff, messy night, USA night, bonfires and amazing chapel services, along with some new great additions to camp! Look for registration to open January 2027!



Ayersville Middle School circles up to pray after their Huddle.



One of the three Defiance Middle School Huddles gathers weekly to learn about God's Word, and to be spiritually encouraged.



The Evergreen Middle School Huddle meets weekly. On this day, they were challenged to live victorious lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.



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