

## GREETINGS!

As we wrap up another incredible school year, my heart is overflowing with gratitude. Thank you to every coach, athlete, huddle leader, volunteer, and donor who poured their time, energy, and passion into making this year so impactful across South Central Missouri.

Together, we've seen lives transformed, leaders equipped, and the Gospel advanced on our campuses and playing fields. It is an absolute privilege to run this race alongside each of you.

As we head into the summer months to rest, recharge, and prepare for what's ahead, I pray for God's richest blessings over you and your families. May He protect you, grant you deep rest, and continue to ignite a passion in your hearts to influence those around you for Christ.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."  
— Numbers 6:24-26

Thank you for an amazing year. The best is yet to come!

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# FCA IMPACT *story*



**HANNAH ROTHERMICH**  
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My name is Hannah Rothermich, and I am in 8th grade at Willow Springs Middle School. FCA is something I look forward to every week. I either do a devotion, listen to someone speak, or pray. I feel the Lord's presence every time. I have attended church my whole life. I have always had a strong faith even when I was little. I was shy when I was younger so I was scared to spread the word out in public. When I started 7th grade, I felt the Lord give me more confidence which helped me spread the gospel either in a devotional, prayer, on the court and track, or in everyday life. With me feeling the Lord's presence with me more and more, I have also felt the devil trying to get me more and more too. As I got older the devil tried to get me with anxiety, worrying, and overthinking. When I started being more open about the things I was dealing with there were three words they mostly said "pray about everything." With that I have felt more confident without worrying or overthinking and I could share God's word more than I ever could have. In Proverbs 3:5-6 it says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight." This verse reminds me of trusting the Lord in everything you do like sports, school, and anything else life brings. Also that verse reminds me that the Lord gives you every opportunity to spread His word and we have to trust in Him that He will make good disciples out of us. So whenever you feel overwhelmed or feel anxious, remember that the Lord is always with you and he has a great plan for your life.



**HAYLEE DAVIS**  
WILLOW SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

My name is Haylee Davis, I am an eighth grader at Willow Springs Middle School, I am very active in the FCA and other leadership-based clubs. I have enjoyed sports from an early age and I was raised in a Christ centered home. I struggled with opening up to people who don't understand my problems. That's why it's so important to put Jesus first. FCA allows you to share about Jesus while sharing the love of athletics. Sometimes people need you to meet them where they are. Sometimes we can get caught up in sports and what we can do but FCA always reminds me that it's God who is working. I am just a vessel. FCA doesn't just keep me humbled but also brings peace in the chaos of games. Our FCA group is one of my biggest reasons to be a better person on and off courts and fields. FCA has shown me leadership skills coming from Jesus and accountability. In Colossians 3:23 it says, "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." We can be the hands and feet of Jesus in every situation and opportunities we're given. FCA has helped me to spread Jesus' love in gymnasiums and ball parks. I might be competitive during games, but at the end of the day I want everyone to win the ultimate prize, an eternity in Heaven.