

GREETINGS!

As we approach the Holiday Season we are thankful for the many opportunities that have been given to South Central Missouri FCA Staff. We are encouraged that so many in our area desire to be involved with FCA Ministry, whether it is a Coaches Bible Study, Team Character Coaching or just a chance to visit about what is going on with their local FCA Ministry and life. It is a blessing to get to do life with so many people who faithfully serve within their school districts. The driving force for FCA Ministry to thrive on Campus is the commitment that our Huddle Coaches and Students make to the ministry.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

God bless you in this Holiday Season and thank you for your prayers and support for South Central Missouri FCA!

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FCA IMPACT story



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FCA means a lot to me. When you're in FCA, you never feel alone in your faith — there's a community of believers with you at school, sporting events, clubs, and more. FCA is a safe place to speak your mind and share your faith in ways you might not otherwise. It's also a place to have fun and build fellowship and school-wide community through activities like Christmas parties, game days, bonfires, and breakfasts. People who might never have become friends are brought together by FCA. One of my favorite things is the prayer support: before a sporting event or during any challenge, you can count on a group of peers and believers to pray for you. That kind of encouragement makes a real difference. I also love the weekly Bible study because it's a consistent opportunity to grow in faith. Finally, I appreciate that FCA is student led — that leadership and ownership help students grow spiritually and relationally.



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My FCA journey began in fifth grade at my middle school, when I was finally old enough to join. I had gone to church my whole life, so for me it was mostly just a good way to get a decent breakfast better than school food. Up until this year, I somewhat coasted through FCA, occasionally participating in a community service project or delivering a lesson on rare occasions. I wasn't necessarily uncomfortable praying, so I was the one who was usually called on to do the opening or closing prayer of services.

While I was doing good things, I came to the realization that my entire FCA career I had remained in my comfort zone. So for my senior year I decided things would be different. It all started when my advisor asked if I'd do him a favor and deliver the message at "See You at the Pole", and at first, admittedly I was hesitant, but eventually I gave in and agreed to do it. The day came, and I was extremely nervous. I waited for what felt like eternity in anticipation, and finally my advisor greenlit me to begin. Once I started, surprisingly enough, speaking in front of the community wasn't too bad. After all, I was reading from a sheet, but it was a small step to becoming more involved in the organization.

A couple weeks afterward, at a meeting we were asked if there were any volunteers for the Fields of Faith band. I suppose since I felt pretty good about my earlier accomplishment, The Lord compelled me to raise my hand when Coach West told us he needed vocalists. A few weeks later, after an agonizing month of waking up at 5 every morning to go practice, the fateful night came upon us. We were terrified, and felt unprepared despite countless hours of practicing and rehearsal. We all prayed before going onstage, and then went up and worshipped God with the entire community. It was a feeling I'll never forget.

To say that FCA encouraged me to be bolder in my faith would be a severe understatement. Through FCA I was granted the opportunity to share my blessings with others and disciple to my peers. I'll forever be grateful to the organization for bringing me closer to my friends, family, community, and closer to God.

