

## GREETINGS!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

The power of God is already moving across South Central Missouri, and our campus ministry is off to an incredible, fast-paced start. The energy, passion, and enthusiasm from our student-athletes, coaches, and huddle leaders have been nothing short of inspiring.

As we step into this new season on the fields, courts, and in our classrooms, let's keep our eyes fixed on the purpose behind the play.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." — Colossians 3:23

We are believing for big things this year—transformed lives, bold faith, and a generation of leaders who compete for an audience of One. Thank you for your prayers, your leadership, and your dedication to seeing Christ glorified across South Central Missouri. Let's keep this momentum going!

# FCA **IMPACT** story



**KAYLA DRAKE**

WILLOW SPRINGS JH HUDDLE COACH

I have a somewhat untraditional journey in the world of education. Immediately after high school I got my bachelor's in Marketing. Nearly 20 years later, I felt God leading me to step into education. I felt Him calling me to help kids, specifically middle school kids. These are challenging years where our students begin to assert a little independence and decide for themselves who they will become. It's vital that we have strong Christians in the public school setting who will be an example to our students. They desperately need to know that there are adults who love and care for them. I wasn't exactly sure how I was supposed to live out this calling in a public school setting, but I followed where He was leading.

I have been teaching middle school for 4 years now. FCA is one place where God is allowing me to live out my calling; I can clearly see why God directed me here. Each week my classroom is full of students who are growing in their faith and their relationship with Jesus Christ. The students are excited to lead devotions and share their faith with their classmates. It's a place of discipleship, conviction, encouragement, and love right here in the middle of the chaos that is middle school. This year we hosted the first ever FCA Encounter Night. It was amazing! God showed up in a BIG way. Over 100 students attended and 40 kids made a commitment to Christ!



**AUSTIN RIGGS**

WEST PLAINS HUDDLE COACH

Hi, my name is Austin Riggs. I was a student in West Plains schools K-12th grade and have been a coach in the district for 8 years, so I guess you could say I am a Zizzer through and through. I was privileged to grow up in a home where pursuing success in athletics was an option and even encouraged by my parents. More importantly, my parents led me to pursue my relationship with Jesus through my involvement in the local church. In high school we were fortunate enough to have an active FCA chapter where I served in leadership. We had a few 'Fields of Faith' events over my years in high school, and my senior year I was able to share a testimony of what the Lord had done in my life. In 2016 the Lord led my wife, Nichole, and I back to West Plains where we both took positions in the school system. I began coaching junior high football and high school basketball, and was also given the green light to re-establish FCA in West Plains. Our school allowed me to launch FCA at our middle school and high school, and we quickly got our chapters running. Our school and community have embraced FCA with local pastors and teachers/administrators regularly attending and speaking at our bi-weekly huddle meetings where our middle school averages 105 students and our high school averages 120 students. Our FCA chapter has had the opportunity to lead our annual baccalaureate service for our graduates, host 'See You at the Pole', lead gameday devotionals for our high school football team, host a fall event over the past 7 years called 'Rivalry Week' – averaging around 250 students – , and our first 'Fields of Faith' event in several years where we had over 400 in attendance. The thing I am most proud of as a huddle coach has been witnessing students come to know Jesus, and having the privilege to baptize several of them. I am so thankful that FCA has given me an opportunity to have an impact my students far beyond the court/field, one of eternal value.

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