

PALM BEACH COUNTY
FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Annual Report

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Thank you for partnering with us to "lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church" (*The FCA Mission*) We are honored that we get to serve with you in this ministry!

Dear Friends of FCA,

This year has been absolutely amazing and I am in awe of how God is growing this ministry. We have been so blessed and tonight we gather to celebrate God's faithfulness to FCA in Palm Beach County. We are especially grateful to this year's title sponsor, Hedrick Construction, for their continued support in this ministry!

Our hope and prayer is to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. And we want that transformation to start with us right here in Palm Beach County.

That's our vision. And our local FCA staff, board members and volunteers are dedicating ourselves to the advancement of this ministry, believing that God is already beginning to do this transformative work in our community.

FCA's mission to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church, will only be accomplished if we work together. With nearly 200,000 students in our area, we have the ability to impact their lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and FCA is now more than ever before, prepared for the work God has for us.

Seeing this vision become a reality will take all of us doing our part, so we're inviting you tonight to join our team. We need you!

Thank you for being here and joining us on this mission!

Greg Anderson
FCA PBC Metro-Director



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TOTAL FAITH DECISIONS IN 2023:

51,730

2023 FCA
ORGANIZATIONAL
NUMBERS



TOTAL CERTIFIED HUDDLES:

20,297



TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPS:

1042



TOTAL CAMPER ATTENDANCE:

110,676



TOTAL NUMBER OF FIELDS OF FAITH EVENTS:
TOTAL REACHED AT FIELDS OF FAITH EVENTS:

317
68,846



TOTAL BIBLES DISTRIBUTED:

230,247



TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF:

2,793

“GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER
AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.” - [MATTHEW 28:19](#)

NOTE: FCA FISCAL YEAR 2023 (SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 - AUGUST 31, 2023)

Our FCA PBC Team

Serving Together...

Greg Anderson, Metro Director
Jason Banzhoff, Area Rep. North
Ashleigh Holweger, Area Rep. FAU
Robin Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Chi Ly, Ambassador
Pastor Cliff McCray Jr., Ambassador FAU
Sarah Narbone, Area Rep. North
Jeff Rush, Area Rep. North
Patty Cepeda-Russell, Ambassador
Jacob Shamblin, Area Rep. PBA / FCA Golf
Tim Tharp, Area Director North
Josh Weinberg, Ambassador FAU



...and with FCA Ecuador!

Our Palm Beach County FCA works in a strategic partnership with FCA in Ecuador! This year we took a group of 21 people to serve with the team there. We are continuing to support the work of our faithful staff in Quito, through sending funds, resources, and volunteers, along with our continued prayers.



FCA Ecuador is led by Kleber Herrera, and a faithful team of servants who facilitate weekly huddles in a variety of sports, including an "All-Abilities" ministry for those with physical challenges.

Interested in helping out or knowing more? Contact us for details! FCAPBC.org



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Growing on The College Campuses

This has been an exciting season of growth for our PBC team, as we have seen a welcomed increase in the number of people wanting to join us on our mission. With each person who joins our team, the doors of ministry opportunity open even wider!



God is at work in a mighty way at Florida Atlantic University! We are blessed to now have a team serving FAU, bringing the gospel to students and coaches there!

Josh Weinberg (*below*) will be working within Men's Sports and helping grow our FCA impact in South Palm Beach County! We are excited to add Josh to our team, and believe God is going to use him to help us reach every coach and athlete for Jesus!



Ashleigh Holweger (*below*) is now serving Women's Sports on the FAU campus as an FCA Area Representative. Her experience as a collegiate volleyball player makes her a perfect fit to minister to the Lady Owls. She is already making a significant impact!



Pastor Cliff McCray Jr (*above*) of Radiant City Church has joined the FCA Team, serving the FAU Football family. As a former player, his passion for the sport, his love for people, and his dedication to The Lord makes him a perfect addition to our team. Cliff and his wife Crystal live in Boca Raton with their three awesome kids!



Jacob Shamblin (*right*) is a former Palm Beach Atlantic University golfer who The Lord has led back to serve the Sailfish at PBA. His golf experience will also open opportunities to bring FCA into the golf culture of Palm Beach County. We are delighted to have Jacob joining the team and helping us advance FCA into new territory!



Reaching Our Area High Schools

The real heart of FCA ministry can be seen in our many local high school “Huddles”. These weekly gatherings on campuses in Palm Beach County are allowing us to bring Biblical truth to coaches and athletes who are being invited into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. It’s in these high schools where we are seeing lives transformed by the gospel!



Dr Patty Cepeda-Russell (*below*) is now serving with FCA as an Ambassador. Her ministry focus will be helping encourage student athletes in their walk with Jesus. Patty just recently helped coach the Jupiter Golf team to a District title and Regional title! Congratulations Patty!



Sarah Narbone (*above, front row*) has been an incredible blessing to our high school students in the north Palm Beach county area. She currently covers five schools and is active in training our future student leaders. Her love for evangelism and discipleship has been contagious, and she is now helping these next generation leaders to become disciple-makers on their campus.



John Giles (*above*), prospective staff, is one of the most impactful speakers on our high school campuses today. John and his family have been a blessing to FCA for the past few years serving as volunteers, and now he is transitioning to FCA staff. We are excited about John being in full-time ministry, knowing the impact he will have on so many!



Coach Tim Tharp FCA Area Director North Palm Beach County

Coach Tim Tharp has been making an impact in the lives of Florida’s coaches and athletes for over 36 years. Our FCA is blessed to have him leading the team in the northern part of the county. Coach Tim frequently ministers to the high school coaches and players, and loves to share his years of wisdom and experience to help guide these young students.

Coach Tharp also leads our Football Camp ministry during the summer months, creating competitive environments for our local teams to enjoy. His continued influence upon our county coaches gives him a tremendous platform to share the gospel and introduce them to Jesus!



FCA HUDDLES

Where we are now....

Colleges

Keiser University

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Florida Atlantic University

High Schools

Lake Worth

Dwyer

Jupiter Christian

The King's Academy

Jupiter

Palm Beach Gardens

Oxbridge Academy

Royal Palm

Seminole Ridge

The Benjamin School

Suncoast

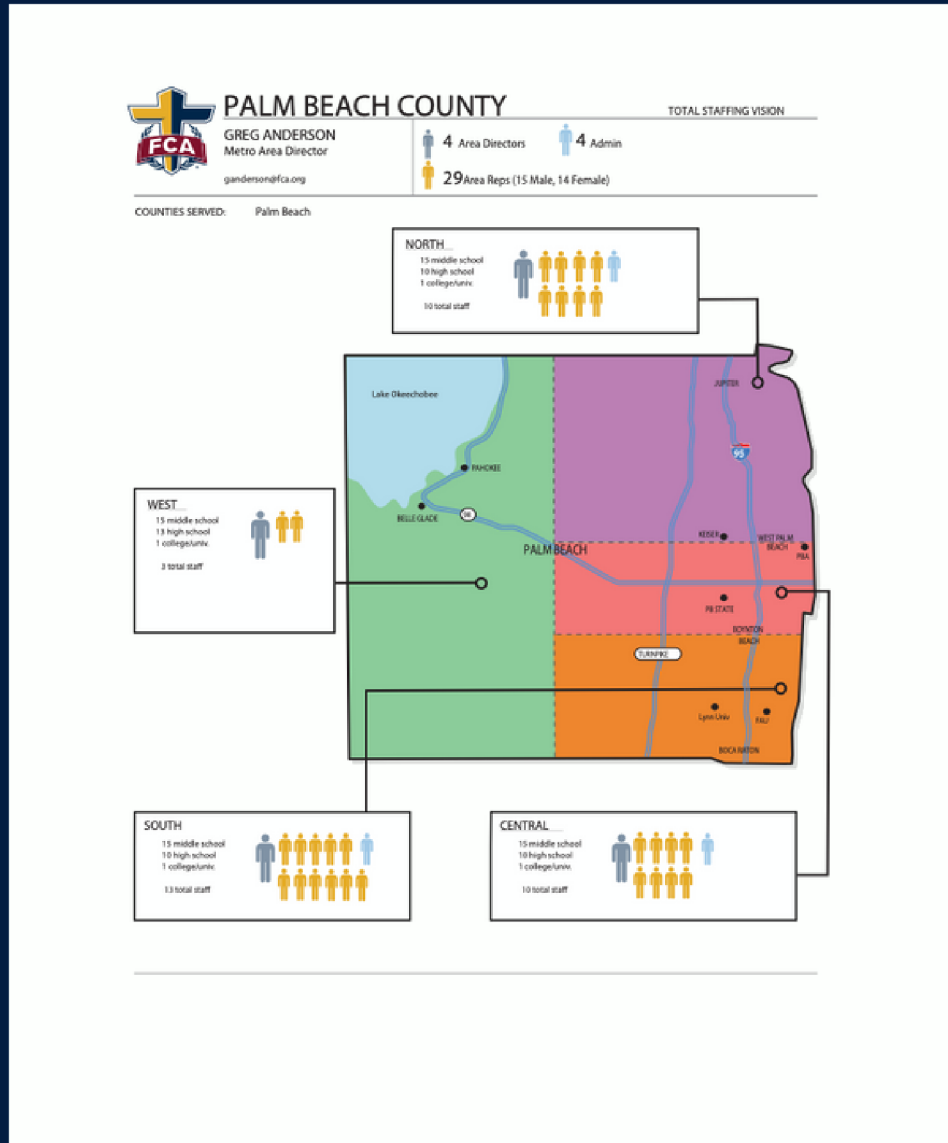
Park Vista



Currently Jeff Rush (Left) is involved in north Palm Beach with FCA's E3 (Engage, Equip, and Empower) program for coaches and athletes, which is a discipleship program helping them to fulfill the Great Commission in Matt 28:18-19.

He is also reaching community sports primarily through soccer. Another FCA program Jeff is involved with is the "360 Coach" along with 3D (3Dimensional Coaching). This program demonstrates that focusing not only on the body, but reaching the mind and spirit of the player, ultimately making them better athletes and contributors to society.

...Where we are headed!



Our Funding Target is \$2,500 dollars for each school.

This will allow us to serve that school, providing a huddle for the entire school year.
Our goal is to equip the students in each huddle to be disciples who will make disciples!

More staff means more schools.

More schools means more Ministry!



VISION FOR FCA PBC

By the end of 2024, our desire is to see:

GOAL 1

Reach 2,500 New Students

GOAL 2

Empower 50 New Coaches

GOAL 3

Fund 8 New Staff Members

FUNDRAISING GOAL

\$500,000

By December 31, 2024



JOIN WITH US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Pray

Pray with us and for us! Join our prayer team in seeking God's favor on this growing ministry.

Serve

Volunteer as a coach or mentor to a local school, team, club sport, athlete or coach.

Give

Support our local FCA ministry with a generous financial gift. Your gifts help us get the gospel to coaches and kids in our county!

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

Eph 3:20-21



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