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FCA Family & Friends,

*"Jesus came near and said to them... 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, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - **Matthew 28:18a-20***
CSB

I hope that this letter finds you well, resting in the finished work of Jesus! God has been immensely kind to my family and I, doing immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. This update will be a longer one, as I want to bring you up to speed on what God has been doing in and through our ministry here on Campus at FAU. I also want to communicate what we believe is ahead of us in the future.

Pictured above is Jayden **"J-Will"** Williams. J-Will plays safety for FAU and is an upcoming Senior. I have had the privilege of discipling Jayden for the past two years. He recently got **baptized on January 19** of this year. He's a Captain on the FAU Football team, a Huddle leader, and the Vice President of our FAU Collegiate Club. I love this young man, dearly.



2023-2024 | FCA & FAU Football Recap

The Favor: Former Head Coach, Tom Herman and Chief of Staff Matt Smidebush were extremely gracious and kind in allowing me to serve as the Team Chaplain on the FAU Football Team. They, along with the rest of the organization have trusted and treated me as a Staff Member and Coach, traveling with the team and having access to the facilities and their communication systems.

Under the banner of FCA, I worked very closely with Greg Anderson in building

key relationships with the team and players. Both Greg and Brett Campbell (prior to leaving) have really helped me to understand the Vision, Mission, Values and Day to Day of how to serve as an FCA Ambassador. I miss working with Greg a ton.

The Faithfulness: During the Fall Season, I'd attend practice 1-2x's per week to be amongst the players and coaches, while holding office hours in the recruiting room for 4 hours every Wednesday to build relational equity with the players. Additionally, every week (the night before the game), I'd have the opportunity to open up God's Word before the entire team, along with coaches, strength staff, equipment, administration, and any boosters that were present. There would be anywhere from 90 to 120 people in the room each week. This was such a joy to hear and see how God's Word worked and touched the lives of those present.

The Fruit: God really worked in some incredible ways that first Fall, as I was able to identify and invite players into discipling relationships that turned into huddles. The following Spring, our church (Radiant City) baptized 13 people, 9 of them being FAU Students, 8 of them being Football Players. There are some extremely deep relationships between the players and some coaches and I.

The "Fall:" Towards the very end of the 2024 Season, Tom Herman and eventually the majority of staff was let go. We (Greg and I) had no idea where things would go moving forward...



2025 | FAU + FCA Football Today

Grace: In short, we haven't skipped a beat. New Head Coach (Zach Kittley) and his Chief of Staff (Harrison Hanna) have given us the "right hand of fellowship" and are continuing to allow FCA to continue as we have. In talking to Harrison and Kittley, they are open to exploring doing even more than we do in 2023 and 2024. Several of the coaches and support staff are believers. Additionally, there are some FCA ties back at Texas Tech who have been immensely helpful in gaining insight about "who's who" amongst the coaches.

More recently, Tim Thorpe reached out and connected me to the FCA Director at Texas Tech (where Kittley came from). Coach Kittley's wife is a devout believer and is looking to start a Coaches Wives Bible Study. I've had some great dialogue with her and am looking forward to seeing what God does amongst these women!

Grind: With a brand new coaching staff, and a boatload of new players (due to the transfer portal), I've been working diligently to build relationships with the

new players and staff, while also looking to raise up existing leaders amongst the team.

God Stories: God is at work all over the football team. Not just amongst the players and coaches, but even in other areas like recruiting, equipment, and administration. Below are stories of God's grace and our grit as we've labored unto Him! :)



Radiant College Ministry + FCA Huddles: In addition to the FCA Large Group Huddle on Wednesday nights, our church has started an official FAU Club and Collegiate Ministry that meets on Thursday nights at 8pm. This ministry is student led and a disciple-making space that reaches both athletes and normal FAU students. Currently we have about 30-40 students attending each week.



Disciple-Making at FAU: Pictured above is **Nathan Chintz** (our Club President) sharing his testimony and teaching FAU Players and Students. I was able to share the Gospel with Nate last year. He's received Christ and was **baptized on January 19** as well. Nathan is a member of Radiant City Church and a **College intern** with us. He works on the Football Team in the Recruiting Department. I've been discipling Nate for the last 6 months.



Multiplicative Evangelism: Pictured above is Erin Brennan. Erin is an FAU Student who works on the football team in the Equipment Department. Erin and I sat next to each other on the plane to an away game midseason last year. During that plane ride we had a great conversation about Jesus and faith. Months later, this year she reached out and shared that she wanted to talk more about baptism. Erin and her roommate Ellie both recommitted their lives to Jesus and were baptized a few Sundays ago on March 16.

Mya Gomez: On the Sunday that Erin and Ellie were baptized, they brought their friend with them to our church. During the sermon she surrendered to Jesus after hearing the Gospel. We met together last week, and she's getting baptized this Sunday on Palm Sunday.

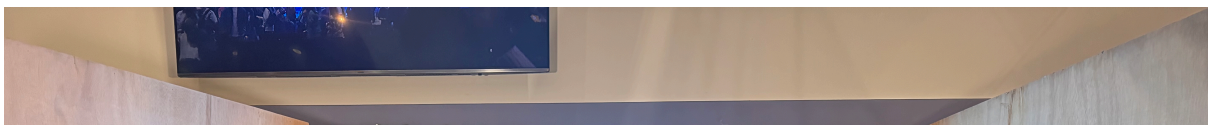
Matt Lynch: Matt plays Lacrosse at FAU and is very involved in FCA. His sister is Ellie. After hearing his sister's story, he was moved and convicted. As a believer, he's never been bold enough to follow Jesus into baptism. His sister's baptism gave him the spiritual nudge he needed. Matt will also be getting baptized this Sunday.

Coach Dom Bradshaw: After practice this past Wednesday, Coach Dom (DB's) approached me and asked If I was the Team Chaplain. From there, we

spoke for over an hour on the field. He introduced me to his girlfriend (soon to be fiancé) and asked me to pray over them. They both are seeking the Lord. He's been searching for God and has an incredible testimony. He'll be getting baptized on Easter Sunday as well.

Fabian Scott: Fabian is a defensive back on the FAU Football Team and recently gave his life to Jesus yesterday. J-wil has been faithfully loving on him and talking to him about Jesus. He and I together shared the Gospel with Fabian. Fabian is looking to get baptized on Easter Sunday.

I'm blown away by what the Spirit of God has been and is still currently doing amongst this football team!



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PRAYER REQUEST

"The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect." - James 5:16b
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Earlier this year (about two months ago) I began to experience some hoarseness in my voice when speaking. Initially, I thought it would go away on

its own. However as time has progressed, it not only has continued, but has gotten worse.

4 weeks ago, I went to visit and see an ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat) doctor to see what was going on. In short, I have what is called "*Singer Nodules*" or "*Preachers Polyps*." I have two large and benign, blister-like growths on my vocal cords. After multiple visits, care, and feedback from the doctors - I'll need to have surgery in South Miami Hospital to have them removed. My surgery date is is **May 16**.

While in the grand scheme of things, this is minor in scope; I know the **power of prayer** and would greatly appreciate you all coming alongside me in this way. I'm immensely thankful to be a part of our faith family and to be in our Lord's hands. As always, remember...

You are LOVED.. You are the LIGHT of the world... and together, we are RADIANT!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Cliff



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