



South Central Michigan Monthly Newsletter - April 2026

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



Top Left: Director Eric Steinke met with Congressman Tim Walberg

Top Right: Damian Happ met Sean Pugh (Lions Chaplain)

Bottom Left: Ryan Eddy met Jake Bates (Lions Kicker)

Bottom Right: Pittsford MS New Huddle

By the Numbers:

- 12 students on average at SMCC HS!
- 4 student leaders at Onsted Middle School!
- 1 New Huddle Started: Pittsford MS!

Save the Date:

- Celebration Banquet: April 27
- Michigan FCA Sports Camp: June 22-25
- Coaches Time Out: July 17-19
- Buckeye Border Leadership Camp: July 18-22
- 2nd Annual Golf Outing: August 8

FROM THE DIRECTOR: Eric Steinke

As we step into the *Cultivate* phase of FCA's Proven theme, we're reminded in John 15:8–11 that a life rooted in Christ produces lasting fruit. Jesus calls us to remain in Him—not just occasionally, but daily—so that our lives reflect His love, joy, and purpose.

Nobody becomes exceptional at their sport by accident. It requires spending countless hours in the gym, weight room or on the field or court. A relationship with Christ works the same way. Nobody has a strong relationship with Christ accidentally. It requires the same amount of dedication and discipline as coaching or playing a sport. Whether that's reading your Bible, stopping to pray in the middle of your day or opening your heart and eyes to see God in the moment, you are training in godliness. It cultivates our faith and deepens our dependence on Him, for our good and God's glory.

This Easter season, we celebrate the ultimate act of cultivation: through His death and resurrection, Jesus made a way for new life to grow in us. Because He lives, we don't just survive—we flourish. The day that transforms our lives is full of true joy in Him. Because He lives, we have a new life in Christ and a calling. As coaches and athletes, we are called to cultivate environments where faith can grow, where others can experience His love, and where fruit that lasts is produced for His glory. Let's stay connected to the Vine and watch what God grows through us.

All for His glory,
[Eric Steinke](#)

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Important Information

Make sure to get your students signed up for the following camps, and don't forget our new student connect cards! Click [here](#) or on the card to nominate student leaders.

FCA Student Connect Card

*(*Filling out this form is voluntary, and you agree to be contacted by FCA staff plus added to FCA mass communication)*

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Sport(s): _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____



Join us for our Celebration Banquet on April 27th!

ALL are welcome - every student, coach, leader, volunteer, parent, family, friend, etc.
Celebrate God's hand at work through the incredible student leaders in our area. Super fun time to share stories and worship together. Plus, we have the privilege of hearing Zack Marshall share about how FCA, faith, and sports have come together in his life.

Come to Elem3nt Church in Blissfield from 6:30 to 8pm on Mon, April 27.

<https://scmifca.org/banquet>



SOUTH CENTRAL MI FCA INVITES YOU TO...

CELEBRATION BANQUET

April 27th, 2026 |

6:30-8PM | (Doors open at 6pm)

Elem3nt Church

220 E Jefferson St, Blissfield, MI 49228



Join us as we celebrate what God has done through the growing ministry of FCA. Celebrate the Huddle Leaders, enjoy appetizers, worship together, give-aways & awards, plus a message from Zack Marshall - UofM Football TE.

To RSVP/more info to this event, go to:

www.scmifca.org/banquet

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Join us for our 2026 Coaches Time Out. Click [here](#) or the flyer for more info.



COACHES TIME OUT



MICHIGAN FCA COACHES TIMEOUT

JULY 17-19, 2026 — THE SHACK CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER

WIN AT HOME:

Coaching can be tough. So can marriage. The two combined are sure to put your best game plan to the test.

Sometimes, you need to take a timeout.

Coaches TimeOut (CTO) is designed to help coaches and spouses win where it matters most — at home. We invite you and your spouse to attend Michigan FCA CTO on July 17-19, 2026 for a time to reinvest relationally, rest meaningfully and renew spiritually.

SPEAKERS:

Mark & Stephanie TeSlaa,
Marriage Ministry Leaders at
Crossroads Bible Church GR

COST:

\$450 per couple (Scholarships
Available)

REGISTER NOW:

MICHIGANFCA.ORG/CTO

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

BRIAN VANWAGONER
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F E L L O W S H I P O F C H R I S T I A N A T H L E T E S

Michigan FCA Sports Camp: Click [here](#) or the flyer for more information and to register! Almost FULL

Buckeye Border Leadership Camp: Click [here](#) or the flyer for more information and to register!

MICHIGAN FCA SPORTS CAMP



at SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY
JUNE 22 - 25, 2026

CAMP DETAILS

Camp is for male and female athletes entering grades 7-12

- 4-day overnight camp
- All meals and lodging included
- Early bird pricing, scholarships, and financial assistance available

SPORTS OFFERED

- Archery
- Baseball
- Softball
- Football
- Tennis
- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys & Girls Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



EARLY BIRD PRICING

\$250
FOR THE FIRST 250 REGISTRANTS

PRICE GOES UP TO \$375 AFTER

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Outstanding speakers
- Safe and secure camp conditions
- Top high school and college coaches
- Encouragement, hope, and inspiration
- Growth in your sport and physical fitness

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 5TH

BUCKEYE BORDER 2026 FCA LEADERSHIP CAMP

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JOIN US AT FCA CAMP THIS SUMMER

Date: July 18-22, 2026
Location: Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale, MI 49242
Who: Boys and girls going into grades 7-12 (Fall 2026)
Cost: \$400.00 if registered by May 31, 2026
\$450.00 after May 31, 2026
Deposit/Fees: A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration.
Register online at: www.bbfcfa.org/camp

Scholarships: **Partial** Scholarships are provided for students in need of financial assistance. All scholarship inquiries must be submitted through our Scholarship Request Form located online at: www.bbfcfa.org/camp. Please contact your local FCA office for scholarship information if you are outside the five county Buckeye Border area in Ohio.

FCA Leadership Camp is a five day overnight camp for student-athletes and students who serve as leaders on their local campuses and in their communities. FCA Camp focuses on teaching practical skills for Christian growth, the development as an effective campus leader and the training for spiritual, organizational and motivational tools for use in the FCA Campus Ministry.

For More Information:

Contact
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It's that time! We're ramping up for our Second Annual FCA Golf Outing! Please save the date, and more information and registration coming soon! Mark your calendars for **August 8, 2026**

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SAVE THE DATE!

2026 FUNDRAISER GOLF OUTING



DEVILS LAKE
GOLF COURSE



SATURDAY
AUGUST 8

8:30 AM START
8AM REGISTRATION

ALSO ENJOY:

- ✓ RAFFLE
- ✓ MULLIGANS
- ✓ CLOSEST TO PIN CONTEST
- ✓ MEET STUDENTS & LEADERS

TICKETS INCLUDE:

- ✓ SHOTGUN START
- ✓ 18 HOLES BEST BALL
- ✓ BREAKFAST
- ✓ LUNCH

ASK ABOUT
SPONSORSHIP!

REGISTRATION
COMING SOON!

**\$125 PER
PERSON
OR
\$400 PER
TEAM**



Click [here](#) or the flyers for more information about being a Huddle Leader or joining our Prayer Team!

**APPLY TO BE AN
FCA HUDDLE LEADER**
MICHIGAN FCA SPORTS CAMP

WHERE:
SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY
106 E Main St, Spring Arbor, MI 49283

WHEN:
JUNE 20-21 (TRAINING)
JUNE 22-25 (CAMP)

APPLY

SCAN HERE OR GO TO

 [MICHIGANFCA.ORG/
SPORTS-CAMP](https://michiganfca.org/sports-camp) AND
CLICK "SERVE AS A
HUDDLE LEADER"

EMAIL [BBROEKHUIZEN@FCA.ORG](mailto:bbroeckhuizen@fca.org) WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

**JOIN OUR
CAMP PRAYER
TEAM**

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE UP 700 PRAYER PARTNERS TO PRAY FOR 1 CAMPER, COACH, STAFF, OR VOLUNTEER AT SUMMER SPORTS CAMP. PLEASE SIGN UP AND SPREAD THE WORD TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 700 PRAYER PARTNERS!

SIGN UP AT [MICHIGANFCA.ORG/SPORTS-CAMP](https://michiganfca.org/sports-camp)

We need you! Click [here](#) or the flyer to get started designing our camp shirt today!

MICHIGAN FCA
SIGNATURE SUMMER

CAMP SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

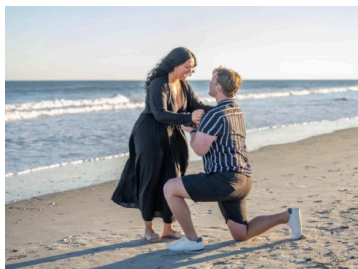


WINNING DESIGN WINS \$100 TO FCA GEAR STORE AND WILL HAVE YOUR DESIGN FEATURED AT FCA CAMPS

ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY APRIL 30TH, 2026

MORE DETAILS
[MICHIGANFCA.ORG/DESIGN](https://michiganfca.org/design)

HOME TEAM REPORT:



This past month for me has been amazing. Over spring break, I got engaged to my beautiful fiancée, which has been such an incredible blessing during it all. This season has been full of growth and gratitude. I'm currently about 40% of the way through my support-raising journey, and I've been encouraged by the people God continues to bring into this journey. The Lord is teaching me each day to trust Him

more as I meet with potential partners and prepare to connect with more churches soon. Thank you for being part of what God is doing. I couldn't do this without you. I was super thankful for the opportunity to go to Traverse City and represent FCA at the MIAAA conference. This was full of great fellowship and great feedback from our school administrators. On our way back from Traverse City, I got the opportunity to see Jake Bates speak in Grand Rapids and connect with the Detroit Lions Team Chaplain. I am so thankful for this opportunity to be a part of FCA and share these awesome life experiences with all of you!

God Bless You,
[Damian Happ - Perspective Staff](#)

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*MIS
Michigan
International
Speedway*



MIS ministry planning is still ongoing. Teams are almost finalized, and supplies are being ordered. I was also contacted by another NASCAR ministry team, who asked if we would be willing to partner with them to do a church service in the Fan Zone. I am waiting to hear back from them, but I am excited to see a church service in the Fan Zone plaza outside the main gates. I have the opportunity to travel to Kansas for the FCA Motorsports Leadership Retreat this month. NASCAR is the motorsport connected to the retreat this year. I will get the opportunity to present on our ministry to all of FCA Motorsports during the retreat. Plus, I am praying for the opportunity to meet with a Christian driver who will be willing to create a driver testimony card with us.

Prayer requests for this month:

- Pray that the teams come together and find exciting ways to interact with the fans and show God's love to them.
- Pray that we can fill all the staffing requirements from the track.
- Pray for the FCA Motorsports leadership retreat. Pray that connections can be made to grow our ministry at MIS. Also, pray that the people at the retreat can get something from my presentation on fan ministry (presenting is way out of my comfort zone).

[Megan Barringer - Ambassador](#)

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This month, there is a lot to praise God for. Even though there have been fewer meetings because of Spring Break, our meetings are continuing to grow. Our students are stepping up to invite friends and lead the devotionals by themselves.

I wanted to highlight our Middle School huddles at Onsted. There has been a group of 4 girls who are on a rotation with sharing the lesson and leading students in prayer. They are committed to their huddle and want it to succeed the rest of this school year and when they move up to High School.

We are also praising God for our Sports Camp. We are finalizing details, and our registration is almost completely full. Thank you all for your support as we reach athletes and coaches for Christ.

[Ryan Eddy - Area Rep](#)

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The Lord has continued to give us opportunities in our schools and to connect with pastors in the area in hopes of growing our ministries, starting new Huddles, & connecting with the local church. Recently, I met with a pastor from the Flat Rock area who has relationships in multiple schools on the north side of our county. I am excited for the doors the Lord may open there.

I have also been working with Dundee's School Board President on launching a Huddle at Dundee HS with his son & friends. As we return from Spring Break, we will meet with a group of potential student leaders, parents, & the Cross Country coach to cast a vision for the Huddle & plan our launch. All of our Huddles are regularly meeting again. It is always incredible to see students leading the way in their faith & to share with them. One Huddle I'd like to share about is SMCC HS. They were averaging about 12 students during their morning Huddles, made the switch to lunch, & now they have 36 students on average showing up & discussing the Bible together. Praise God!

In Him,
[Tony Alexander - Area Rep](#)

[Donate to Tony Alexander's Ministry](#)

Visit our website to learn more about all the People, Places, and Programs such as Camps & Huddles, in each school.

www.scmifca.org

Cost to run a Huddle		
\$6,000 per year	\$500 per month	\$25 per student
Bibles, Devotionals, Resources - \$1680	Food, Games, Supplies, Activities - \$780	Staffing, Administrative, Training - \$3,540

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