

South Central Michigan Monthly Newsletter - March 2025



PRAISE REPORT: New Area Representative!

Hi there, my name is Jason Riker. My wife, Jill, and I have been married for 29 years and have seven amazing kids (the 4 youngest are 2 sets of twins!) I have always had a heart for ministry, helping with youth group, being an active part of a summer camp ministry, and just raising our own family which is kind of it's own youth group...lol. I always thought I could work hard enough to someday have the time and resources to do what we wanted to do and focus on ministry. Honestly, my priorities were off. I was seeking earthly goals to someday have time for God's plan for my life. We are flipping that around this year by accepting a position with FCA as the Jackson Area Representative sharing the gospel of Jesus with coaches and athletes in the education system. Jackson County has 14 school districts with over 22,000 students, and we hope to be able to share the love of Jesus with all of them.

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By the Numbers:

- 1 New Area Rep in Jackson County (Read about Jason Riker Below!)
- 3 New Huddles (Onsted, Springbrook, and another one in Addison)
- 3 Camps to Sign up for This Summer
- 40 Students Gathered in Whiteford for Game Night

Upcoming Events

Celebration Banquet April 28, 2025 RSVP

Michigan FCA Sports Camp June 23-26, 2025 <u>REGISTER</u>

Coaches Time Out June 11-13, 2025 <u>REGISTER</u>

Buckeye Border FCA Leadership Camp July 19-23, 2025 REGISTER

2025 Golf Fundraiser August 9, 2025



FROM THE DIRECTOR: Eric Steinke

I have been studying our 2025 ministry year theme GLORY. The other day I came across this verse in 1 Peter 4:11 - "If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." I found it interesting that Peter wrote this. If you know anything about Peter he is known for putting his foot in his mouth. Peter is a lot like us speaking before thinking, yet here he reminds us that our speech should glorify God.

The other interesting statement is about serving from God's strength. While Peter was a servant leader and a hard worker, there were many times when he relied on his own strength rather than trusting in God to provide. Imagine the glory if we pointed to God's strength being provided for us instead of focusing on our own.

Ultimately everything we have is a gift from God, so everything we say and do should be glorifying God - pointing back to His character. During our Celebration Banquet on April 28, we have the opportunity to give glory to God by celebrating all He has provided for us this year and celebrate FCA ministry servant leaders from your schools. Please take time to nominate a Huddle coach or student leader from your FCA group by clicking here: https://forms.office.com/r/e4K0rEuRMQ

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CAMPS

Don't forget to register for these amazing opportunities coming up!



PRICING:

\$375

- · 4-Day Camp
- All Meals and Lodging Included
- Early Bird Pricing, Scholarships and Financial Assistance Available!



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Outstanding Speakers
- · Safe and secure camp conditions
- Top High School/ College Coaches
- · Encouragement, hope, and inspiration
- · Growth in your sport and physical fitness

www.MICHIGANFCA.org/CAMP



Don't wait to sign up for this event. Already, 300 athletes have registered, meaning only 200 spots remain for registration, with some sports filling up! Watch this recap from last year's camp below:



2025 BUCKEYE BORDER FCA LEADERSHIP CAMP

GLORY

2 Corinthians 3:18

JOIN US AT FCA CAMP THIS SUMMER

Date: July 19-23, 2025

Location: Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale, MI 49242 Who: Boys and girls going into grades 6-12 (Fall 2025)

Cost: \$375.00 if registered by May 31, 2025

\$425.00 after May 31, 2025

Deposit/Fees: A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required upon

registration.

Register online at: www.bbfca.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.bbfca.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 Rex Stump, Area Director 419-583-7013 rstump@fca.org















Help Michigan FCA Support Coaches to WIN AT HOME!

Scholarship a coach and their spouse to attend the MIchigan FCA Coaches TimeOut (CTO) event from July 11-13, 2025 at "The Shack" in White Cloud, MI

Learn more at www.michiganfca.org/CTO

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. Michigan FCA seeks to provide an environment where couples can reinvest relationally, rest meaningfully and renew spiritually.

If a timeout can change the outcome of a game, what can Coaches TimeOut do for a marriage?

Since 1954, FCA has been serving coaches, knowing that they have profound impact on the lives of their athletes and in their schools and communities. A coach whose life has been transformed by Jesus Christ and is modeling God's Love in their marriage can be a GAME CHANGER!

Thank you in advance for praying about how you can support this event - to God be the glory!

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Email: _			
Phone: _			

- Yes, we will sponsor ___ couples to this CTO event (\$400/couple)
- We would like to help FCA select the coach and spouse to attend
- Please send more information about volunteer roles and additional needs

A check can be enclosed and sent to the address below, or donations can be made online using the QR code shown!



Return response to: Matt Diener (mdiener@fca.org): Michigan FCA | 519 Park Place Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341

Sharing God's Ministry Through FCA

South Central Area Director Eric Steinke interviewed with MCNN (Monroe County News Network) and MCSN (Monroe County Sports Network), great Godly men highlighting students in local schools, please click the video below to watch!



EVENTS

Be sure to join us as we have our annual Celebration Banquet. RSVP by clicking the picture below or go to the event website. https://www.scmifca.org/banquet Also, nominate a leader and get more information on our website.

Please check out our flyer for our Golf Outing Fundraiser coming in August, you won't want to miss this! For more information going to our website https://www.scmifca.org/golfouting
To Register or Sign-Up to be a Sponsor for the event go to https://fca.regfox.com/2025scmigolfouting







South Central MI FCA Invites you to...

CELEBRATION BANQUET

Mon, April 28th, 2025 | 6:30-8PM

elem3nt church 220 E Jefferson St, Blissfield, MI 49228



Join us as we celebrate what God has done in our ministry this past year and look forward to another year of impact! Celebrate nominated Impact Award student leaders and Huddle coaches. Speaker, Noah Beaudrie from Monroe is a college quarterback and founder of Jesus & Football Camps. FREE to everyone, food, gifts, & inspiration provided.

To nominate a student leader or Huddle coach scan the QR code: https://forms.office.com/r/e4K0 rEuRMQ

For event information & RSVP, go to: <u>scmifca.org/banquet</u> SCMI FCA - Student Leader / Huddle Coach Impact Award Nomination



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES



HOME TEAM REPORT

Be sure to join us as we have our annual Celebration Banquet on April 28, Hosted at elem3nt church in Blissfield. Celebrate all that God has done this year in FCA, food-provided, awards & gifts for leaders, and vision of ministry in our area moving forward. We'll provide more of a report at our Celebration Banquet you don't want to miss out, go to https://www.scmifca.org/banquet Sneak peek of our report, celebrate with us we are up to 29 Huddles now!!!

MIS Michigan International Speedway



everything will work out as God's timing is perfect. While the campground volunteers are coming together to plan this year, we are also finding volunteers to help with a Christian booth in Fan Zone. FCA has the opportunity to partner with Joe Gibbs (NASCAR team owner), Motor Racing Outreach, and Raceway Ministries at this booth. I am excited to see God work through the ministry in Fan Zone. Please pray for the entire ministry as we are planning, organizing, and getting our teams ready to show Gods love to those at the track. June will be here soon!

Megan

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This past month we were able to support and grow some of our existing huddles and show support to 2 new huddles that started in the past 2 weeks. Onsted was able to launch a new High School huddle and Addison was able to start a second Middle School huddle that the students requested for a deeper look into God's Word. We are looking forward to the Celebration Banquet and summer camp. Please continue to pray for support for our staff with these growing opportunities. We know God is good and provides what He has promised.

Area Rep. Ryan Eddy

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in numbers but in the depth and ownership from the students. Whiteford students put together a game night so they could reach their friends who would normally not come to their morning Huddles. Nearly 40 students came to play games together and hear former college football player, Jerry Harris, share his testimony and a message. This past month we've had pastors, a former middle weight boxing champion, a former collegiate track and cross country athlete, and a former collegiate football player all come share with students. While we always love to see our student leaders owning and leading their peers through the Bible, we are very thankful for the incredible adults who are willing to invest their time sharing with students. We also had the opportunity to get the word out about FCA through an interview on Monroe County Sports Network which will be online soon. Please

God continues to make connections and grow this area, not only

In Him, Tony

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continue to pray for open doors in Monroe County.



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