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**CHRISTIAN
ATHLETES**

South Central Michigan Monthly Newsletter - May 2026

HIGHLIGHTS from CELEBRATION BANQUET



By the Numbers:

- 1 New Area Rep Links Arms to Help FCA SCMI!
- 100% Full Sports Camp!
- 2 New Huddles: Dundee HS and Ida MS

Save the Date:

- 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 summer months, we also step into a season full of choices.

In *PROVEN*, our next subtheme—Choose—calls us back to the words of Jesus in John 15:12: *“Love each other as I have loved you.”* This isn’t just a suggestion; it’s a daily decision. We all have a choice about what we spend our time on, how we spend it, and whom we give it to—especially during the less structured days of summer and the opportunities that come through camps. We’ve committed to God’s team. We’ve cultivated our faith. Now the question is simple but challenging: Will we choose to love like Jesus?

Summer brings travel, competition, training, and FCA camp experiences—but it also brings moments that matter. In the locker room, on the field, around the campfire, or in quiet conversations, God places people in our path on purpose. Your teammates, coaches, and even those you barely know are not there by accident. God has you where you are, with the people you’re with, so they can experience His love through you. So this summer, choose intentionally - Choose encouragement over criticism. Choose presence over distraction. Choose love—again and again.

Choose to support this ministry. Your investment of time, prayer, and resources directly impacts the lives of coaches and athletes. How will you choose to step into summer with us? Whether it’s sending a camper, volunteering, inviting others into the ministry, speaking highly of FCA, or giving financially, your partnership helps create spaces where lives are changed and the Gospel is shared.

Because being *PROVEN* isn’t just about what we believe—it’s about the choices we make every single day.

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

Important Information

MI Sports Camp is FULL!!! Don't miss out, make sure to get your students signed up for the other FCA camps, and adult couples register for CTO.

Did you know we have a store!?! You don't want to miss this great FCA gear; you don't have to be registered for camp, store closes on June 7! Click [here](#) to shop.

2026 MICHIGAN FCA CAMP STORE



T-SHIRTS

\$16



LONG SLEEVES

\$21



HOODIES

\$35



CREWNECKS

\$26



SHORTS

\$19-24



HATS

\$26-36



WORLD CUP SHIRT

\$21

**MORE COLORS AND DESIGNS IN
CAMP STORE**

**SIGNATURE SUMMER SHIRT
COMING IN MAY**



VISIT [MICHIGANFCA.ORG/SPORTS-CAMP](https://michiganfca.org/sports-camp) TO ORDER YOUR GEAR!

Join us for our 2026 Coaches Time Out. This is one of the best initiatives FAC offers. You don't want to miss this! 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](https://michiganfca.org/cto)

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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

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

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.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
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It's that time! We're ramping up for our 2nd Annual FCA Golf Outing! Mark your calendars for **August 8, 2026** and click [here](#) or use the QR code to register!

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REGISTER HERE

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

**ASK ABOUT
SPONSORSHIP!**

TICKETS INCLUDE:

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

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

LUNCH PROVIDED BY:



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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 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)

LAST CHANCE...We need you! Click [here](#) or the flyer to get started designing our camp shirt by May 10!



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:

We have added Chris Schaefer to our Home Team Report. Chris is an FCA Area Rep in Northeast Indiana and we have locked arms with him to start doing ministry together in Hillsdale County. We have an intro with some pictures below, please welcome Chris!

I've been in full-time ministry for 39 years, but only these last 2 1/2 with FCA (although I volunteered with FCA for many years before that). I am part-time with FCA and part-time as pastor of Chapel of the Lakes in Angola. My wife and I live on Ball Lake in Hamilton, IN. We have 5 sons, 4 daughters-in-law, and 14 grandchildren, with another coming in July.

My gifting and passion are to share the Gospel, reach teenagers for Jesus, and make sure every school district within an hour of where I live has at least one Gospel-sharing huddle. I love to start huddles and train coaches, teachers, and students to lead their huddles -- and to live

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County*

out the Great Commission and the Greatest Commandment as they lead.

Currently, I oversee 19 school districts in Indiana. This year, Eric and Dan (my IN supervisor) allowed me to start making connections in MI. God has blessed these connections. I have made initial contacts with 12 school districts in Hillsdale County (and surrounding). So far, 5 new huddles have started, with 2 more starting next fall. Also, some of the 8 school districts without huddles seem very open to starting huddles. Approximately 50 students have been attending the huddles so far.



Please find Chris's newsletter [here](#).

[Chris Schaefer](#) - NE Indiana & Hillsdale Area Rep

[Donate to Chris Schaefer's Ministry](#)



*MIS
Michigan
International
Speedway*

MIS ministry planning is still going strong. I just got follow up/why we are here cards in the mail. These cards will allow the fans to send prayer requests, ask about the ministry, or even ask for help finding a local church. I am excited to hand the cards out this year. We also are partnering with MRO and Raceway Ministries to host a church service in fan zone. I'm excited to be able to see every fan hear the Gospel not just those in the campgrounds.

I did have the privilege of presenting MIS ministry to FCA Motorsports staff and volunteers this month. I praise God people are excited to see fan ministry start in motorsports. People are wanting to help with the MIS ministry and shadow the ministry to see if they can get fan ministry started at their local track.

[Megan Barringer](#) - Ambassador



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FROM Eric Steinke, Area Director...

I'm incredibly proud of Damian Happ and the maturity he's showing in this season of life. While we're excited about his future with FCA, Damian has made the wise decision to press pause on coming on staff for a few months in order to prioritize what matters most right now.

This summer, he's preparing for marriage, finishing up school, and working long hours—a full plate, to say the least. Instead of rushing ahead, he's choosing to be

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fully present and faithful in each of these areas. That kind of intentionality and discernment says a lot about his character. I have no doubt that when Damian does step into a staff role, he will be an outstanding minister. His commitment to doing things the right way—not just the fast way—will serve him, and those he leads, incredibly well. We're grateful for him and excited for what's ahead, both personally & professionally.

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

[Donate to Damian Happ's Ministry](#)

Monroe County



Our schools had a blast celebrating what God has done at the Celebration Banquet & Huddles across the area are preparing for the end of the school year and trying to make the most of the opportunities left. Seniors are passing the baton in their Huddles, making sure underclassmen are equipped and ready to take over for years to come.

Please be praying for two new Huddles, Dundee HS & Ida MS, who are aiming to launch as the year is winding up, so that they can hit the ground running next fall.

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

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This past month, I praise God for all the things we were able to celebrate. Through our huddles in our schools, we were able to honor those who serve faithfully as student leaders, teachers, and coaches.

Our Celebration Banquet involved so many people throughout our region in a way that has been encouraging for the staff and everyone involved. I love how these students see that they are not alone in leading at school, and what they do makes a difference. As we encourage everyone to finish well, I am encouraged that God is moving bigger and further into the summer as well as into our camps.

Keep these students in your prayers as they face these challenges together and with the strength that God provides.

[Ryan Eddy - Area Rep](#)

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Lenawee County



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

www.scmifca.org

3 WAYS TO INVEST



AUTOMATIC OR ONLINE GIVING

Visit my.fca.org (*search name of staff) to give a recurring or one-time gift



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Eric Steinke



Ryan Eddy



Tony Alexander



Damian Happ

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