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AREA DIRECTOR



Dear Teammates in Christ,

It is with great encouragement that I write you. As we launch into the 2021/2022 school

year, we anticipate God doing a great work on the campuses across North/Northwest AL. With COVID in the rearview mirror, we are looking to give God 100%. Our 100% Camp Theme was taken from Mark 12:30 *"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."* It is so inspiring to see the ministry of FCA in our area reflect this verse. In order for this to happen, it takes a team. I am so thankful for you playing a vital role on the FCA ministry TEAM.

We were able to re-launch our Power Sports Camp for 6-13 year old's this summer and had the opportunity to assist with a couple of UNA camps. Whether it's an FCA camp or helping at UNA, seeing the youngsters' energy and excitement is powerful. The campers love coming in each day seeing their huddle leaders. The high school and college leaders are the reason the campers keep coming back. I am so thankful for all our huddle leaders and the great job they did leading our campers. We



had 30 campers make faith decisions this summer and I know many others grew in their understanding of God's love for them.

Another summer activity I love is the FCA Golf Outings. We combined our Legacy Impact Golf Scramble and Northwest AL Coaches Golf Outing a couple of years ago in Muscle Shoals with great success. This year we honored the memory of a former Board Member by changing our Northwest Golf outing to "The Sam Rice Memorial Golf Scramble." Mr. Sam was a great man who loved the Lord and people. He was always very involved in our golf tournaments and all our ministry activities. Mr. Sam made a huge impact on my life and many others as well. I will always have fond memories of Mr. Sam and this is a small way to honor his legacy.

Our North AL DOC (Decatur Orthopedic Center) Coaches Golf Outing was also a big hit. We had

21 Coaches' Teams in Decatur this year and almost had 18 holes of dry play. God was good and allowed us to make it through 16 holes before the rain came. Both Golf Outing events allowed us to express our thanks and appreciation to the Coaches for all they do. You can also see many pictures from these events on our website and social media sites.

We are thrilled to get back to our normal activities this school year and see how God is going to change lives for HIS GLORY! Keep reading to hear more from the rest of our Team. To stay up to date with the many happenings of FCA, follow us on social media and on our website. You will be blessed to see how your partnership is impacting Coaches and students across North and Northwest AL every day. Thank you for being a part of TEAM FCA!

Serving Him,

Scott Tarver

NORTH AL FCA



James 1:2 says, “Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.”

What a blessing of great joy it has been to be able to serve our area athletes and coaches this summer. I say that for two reasons. First, Covid limited the number of personal visits we could make on campuses and second, I was limited because of cancer and chemo treatments.

Now that treatments are finished and I am feeling great, I am back on the ground running. I was blessed to serve at Power Camp and both of our coaches golf outings. I was able to interact with several coaches that I had been unable to see over the past few months and was given the opportunity to share the gospel through sharing my testimony.



This July we also partnered with Austin Dupper for his first annual Alabama Man Camp. It exists to combine faith and athletics by looking at the perfect man of Jesus Christ. Austin is a coach and former football player from Decatur who has a heart for ministry and the players he serves.



We challenged middle and high school age guys to know Christ and be a Christ-like example on their campus. We had sessions to instruct them on what a real man looks like and how they act by looking at the life of Christ as well as sport specific training to help them grow as an athlete.

Through this camp we had 3 decisions for Christ and 1 student is currently being disciplined right now. Praise the Lord! I am truly blessed for God’s healing of my body and for partners like you who support us and lift us up in prayer as we serve the Lord!

In Christ,

David Mote

NORTH/NORTHWEST AL FCA CAMPUS MINISTRY

We are looking forward to our school campuses opening back up and re-launching their FCA Huddles this year.

We were blessed to be on campus serving our athletic teams through Popsicle Blasts this past year, but we missed interacting with the administration, faculty, and students.

We are thankful to be making plans to be back on campus for the 2021/2022 school year!

“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.” (Heb 10:23-24)



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



This past May I had the honor of presenting a female athlete in the North/Northwest AL FCA area with the FCA Wayne

Halbrooks Memorial Scholarship for the third year in a row. This year's recipient was a student of Haleyville High School. As I considered the Scripture verse to share at the schools Award Ceremony the Lord led me to the book of James.

James 2:14-17 says: "What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, 'Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."

Every year as we consider the recipient of this scholarship we lean on the values we saw lived out in my father and the values of FCA. These values are integrity, service, teamwork, and excellence. These values always put feet to our faith.

As we looked at Ashton's application one of her Coaches shared, "She is a special young lady that holds herself to a high standard both



on and off the court. She has been a wonderful role model for her teammates and has consistently displayed compassion for those around her. She demonstrates a level of maturity and leadership that is beyond her years."

She went on to say, "She is a leader by example. She expects perfection from herself and sets a wonderful example to motivate others around her to do the same. She is a multi-sport athlete with a lot to offer to each program that she is a part of. I know that I can always depend on her to give everything she has while still having the ability to lift those up around her."

Therefore we were excited to recognize Ashton McCullar as the recipient of our 2021 FCA Wayne Halbrooks Memorial Scholarship.

As we step into the 2021-2022 school year we do so with much hope for a return to our campus ministries. We have heard from most of our Campus Huddle Coaches and they are making plans for FCA activities and ministry on their campuses. We have already began our ministries to teams through our Popsicle Blasts and have been invited on school campuses for Coaches meetings in order to meet and greet everyone for this new season. I am also excited to begin a new online study with my Coaches Wives and Female Coaches the middle of August and have plans for a Coaches Wives lunch this coming Fall. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store!

Blessings in Christ,

Nicole Vaughn



2020/2021 IMPACT

- We had **37 decisions for Christ**
- An average of **2,215** students/athletes attending monthly Huddles
- We touched **13,475** coaches/students hearing the Word of God through sport specific and coaches' events
- **272** Bibles given to coaches and students
- We had **85,544** touches through our social media efforts



FCA Vision:

To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

FCA Mission:

To lead every coach and athlete into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

FCA Values:

Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

Integrity

We will demonstrate Christ-like wholeness, privately, and publicly. (Proverbs 11:3)

Serving

We will model Jesus' example of serving. (John 13:1-17)

Teamwork

We will express our unity in Christ in all our relationships. (Philippians 2:1-4)

Excellence

We will honor and glorify God in all we do. (Colossians 3:23-24)



Three E's of Ministry:

Engage - Equip - Empower

Four C's of Ministry:

Coaches - Campus - Camp - Community

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug	Popsicle Blasts Kick-off
TBD	Night of Champions
Nov 16	Iron Bowl Breakfast

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