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## MULTI-AREA DIRECTOR



Dear FCA Team,

As the end of 2023 quickly approaches I am reminded of God's love, of His power, and how humbling it is for us

to be allowed to call ourselves children of God. We have been so blessed this year to serve God through FCA.

As our friend and partner in ministry your fingerprints are on the lives of all those we have touched in 2023, both **locally** and **around the world**. We are honored to have you on our TEAM.

In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus said *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*



When I say "around the world," I mean AROUND THE WORD. This September Aimee, Craig, and I had the privilege to take FCA to East Africa. We were a part of the planning and taking of the first ever Alabama FCA INTERNATIONAL Mission Trip.

As a part of this ten person FCA team from Alabama, we were able to share God's love and saving message of grace with hundreds while working alongside FCA Staff in Kenya. The FCA Staff in Kenya is formed from local Kenyan sports ministry leaders. It was a privilege to watch, and work with them to build relationships and share the Gospel through the avenue of basketball,

soccer (their football), and lacrosse ministries just as we do here in Alabama.

Our hope was to be a blessing and help to them, but I assure you we were even more blessed by them. It was truly amazing to see what God is doing around the world through FCA Sports Ministry. We were welcomed by the African people and were so well received. They were hungry to hear God's word and it was amazing to see the response.

Our desire is to take a team back in 2024 to do camps and proclaim the life changing message of Jesus Christ with more people of East Africa. There is so much more to share from this trip so please when you see Aimee, Craig, or myself, ask us about the trip. We would love to share more!

Thank you for choosing to be a part of TEAM FCA. I hope and pray you and your family experience Christ like never before this Christmas. Praying God's peace, love, and joy fills your home this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas,

*Scott Tarver*





## AREA DIRECTOR



We are excited to introduce to you our newest Northwest AL Ambassador on staff, Miss Emma Cate Morris. We are blessed to have her join our FCA Team.

Emma Cate came to Christ through an FCA Camp and faithfully attended FCA on her school campus. After graduation Emma spent her summers volunteering at as many FCA Camps as she could. She has accepted the Lord's call to ministry and knows that FCA is the avenue through which He is calling her to serve Him.

Emma Cate has come on staff as an Ambassador with the intentions of fundraising in order to serve as a full time Field Representative. Our FCA



Ambassador Aimee Breland also desires to step up into the full time role of Field Representative as does our Staff Prospective, Bridgette Guest. You can learn more about these ladies through our NWALFCA website on our donate page.

You can be a vital part of bringing them on staff by supporting our Year End Giving Drive as well as marking your calendars for Friday, March 15th to attend our first ever North AL FCA area fundraising dinner with

Meteorologist Grace Anello as our main guest speaker.

We look forward to the opportunity to personally introduce these ladies, their hearts, as well as to share what the ministry of FCA looks like in our area. So mark those 2024 calendars and plan to invite friends!

Serving Him,  
*Nicole Vaughn*

## FCA AMBASSADOR



On November 14th, we held our 26th annual FCA Iron Bowl Prayer Breakfast, which was attended by over 300 students, coaches, and friends. It was a morning filled with worship in the Lord and great fellowship together.

To begin, a student filled worship band from Priceville High led us in praise. The band did an excellent job of moving our hearts into a state of worship. We heard testimonies from Nathan Marchan, a student at West Morgan High and Emma Jean Cornelius, a softball player from Calhoun College. This year we awarded our Littlejohn/Eyster FCA Leadership Scholarship to John Hulsizer of Central High and Ryann Moore of Muscle Shoals High.

Our speakers did an excellent job of communicating the life-changing impact of a connection with Jesus



Christ, and the Gospel was clearly conveyed to all. Former Alabama football player, Taylor Morton and former Auburn football player, Joshua Marsh encouraged everyone to live for Christ. I was also given

the privilege of sharing the Gospel of God's grace.

As a result of the event we received 23 commitment cards with decisions for Christ and we have followed up with them through their FCA Huddle Coaches making sure they get connected with a local church to grow in their faith. It was a beautiful morning, and our God was exalted. We thank the LORD for the seeds planted in the hearts of all those who attended!! Hallelujah!!!



All Glory to God,  
*Aimee Breland*



## NORTHWEST AL



Hello everyone!

We had a FCA tent at the 2023 AHSAA State Cross Country Meet. Scott, Nicole and I got to watch some of the State's best, marked by

several inspiring performances, with athletes pushing past their normal limits to set new personal records, and clinch titles, while creating moments that will last a lifetime.

This was my second year to witness this event and every time my love for this sport grows. Although I've never ran cross country, I could instantly see the comparison with it and my own life. Many times the conditions aren't favorable for these runners, and they experience extreme pain and fatigue, but somehow find the strength to keep pushing. I've always heard your mind will tell you to stop long before your body makes you. I have learned these are some of the most disciplined athletes around.

At this meet we had so many coaches and athletes stop by our tent and take Bible studies for their



whole team. Some runners came by to share about their faith or lack of, and we gave away over 430 Bibles, 300 team Bible studies, devotionals, and hundreds of our The FOUR bracelets to encourage the sharing of the gospel.

The LORD even opened up an opportunity of connection with a family that had walked through a cancer journey and is now walking though it again. We were able to share our stories of Jehovah Rapha, (the LORD Who Heals) and pray together. In that moment I thought to myself, there was no place I would rather be than at this meet.

I thank God for the daily reminders that He is not finished with me. I am reminded of the words of Paul in Acts 20:24 and I proclaim with him

that I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of His grace and power!

Thankful and Rejoicing in Him,

*Craig Farris*



## NORTH AL



This fall we were privileged with many opportunities to pour into the Coaches and Athletes at Calhoun College. We have been able to start a FCA Huddle on the Campus that meets

every week. We have also been able to host team building and team bonding activities with several of the teams.

I was blessed with the opportunity to spend the day with the Calhoun Men's Basketball team. We had originally planned for a day at GoFar Park, but



the weather did not allow it. However, being flexible is a part of ministry! We simply came up with a new plan and brought several competitive games to the Calhoun's Kelley gymnasium, and the team bonding day went on as scheduled.

It was a great day for building relationships, as well as for fellowship in the Word with the team.

To Christ be the glory,

*David Mote*



## INVEST IN FCA

Choose to invest in North/Northwest AL FCA by our serving areas or by individual FCA Staff online at

<https://nwalfca.org/donate>

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Send donations by check made out to FCA to our PO Box address below and include a note if you would like to designate your investment to Area, Staff, or an Event.



### **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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 15th-17th

Greater Training Camp

Jan 12th-14th

College FCA Getaway

Mar 8th-10th

Coaches Time Out

Mar 11th

Power Camp Registration Opens

Mar 15th

FCA Staff Fundraiser Event

Jun 17th-21st

Power Camp



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