

PURSUE

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AREA DIRECTOR



*Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year!*

*"And the angel said
unto them, 'Fear
not: for, behold, I*

*bring you good tidings of great joy
which shall be to all people.'" Luke
2:10*

This time of year is filled with excitement and anticipation. I am so thankful for all that God has done and is doing through the ministry of the Fellowship of Christians Athletes. I am honored and grateful for your partnership which allows us to continue to touch the lives of coaches and students throughout our area.

Over the last couple of months, we have seen God's hand stirring the hearts of many students and coaches. We are thankful to say that we have been able to get almost all of our pre-COVID activities going again this school year with great results.

We are excited to share that we had a great turnout for our Iron Bowl Prayer Breakfast with thirteen making decisions to follow Christ! We changed things up a little this



year and gave more time for students to share testimonies with their peers. It is always so powerful for students to hear from students about how God is working in their lives. Our Auburn and Alabama speakers, Malik Miller and Tanner Bowles, also did a great job sharing how God has impacted their lives. They challenged us all to live for Christ.

Every year we award at least one male and one female student the FCA Littlejohn-Eyster Student Leadership Award. This year we



also added a \$500.00 college scholarship to this award. We are excited to share that Riley Pyron of Marion Co High School and Callie Gilliland of Addison High School were the recipients of the Award and Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year.

As we wrap up the first half of the school year, we have seen great traction on the campuses and many responding to the Gospel message. We give God praise for His power and might. Our God is doing a great work on the campuses we serve, and we can't wait to see what He does in 2022!

Thank you for helping us communicate the life changing message of Jesus Christ, through the ministry of FCA. I hope and pray you and yours experience the love and joy of Christ this Christmas Season.

Serving Him,
Scott Tarver

NORTH AL FCA



"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, [being] of one accord, of one mind." Phil 2:2

Over the last year and a half, we were unable to host our in-person team and huddle events. We typically host our Night of Champions in Muscle Shoals, Decatur, and Athens. This event brings in over 2,000 players and coaches to hear the Gospel with many choosing to follow Christ.

However, being unable to host these this year we partnered with our local churches in October and helped with Fields of Faith events in Marion Co and at Red Bay. We also hosted our very first North AL FCA Fields of Faith event in Decatur at Austin High School's football field.

Fields of Faith is a student led event where students from across the area come together on a field to



praise and worship God, share testimonies, hear the Gospel preached, make decisions to follow Christ, and encourage each other to go back to their schools and share Christ with others.

Marion County High and Red Bay High both hosted well over 200 students and volunteers on their campuses. There were over 600 students and volunteers in attendance at Austin High.

We were blown away with all the students that led in this event. Each student that prayed, introduced, shared testimonies, and brought the Word did an amazing job.

Many area churches stepped up with resources for food as well as volunteers. These volunteers

helped cook, bag food, provided friendly faces to welcome students, and served as prayer warriors praying for souls during the event. We know of several students at each of these events that made life changing decisions for Christ

It was definitely a blessing to see so many students sharing their faith with their peers, as well as to see our many ministry partners on site being the hands and feet of Jesus. How wonderful it is to serve our mighty God with you! Thank you for allowing God to use you in reaching our campuses and communities with the Gospel of the grace of God!

In Christ,
David Mote

CALHOUN MINISTRY

We were so excited to be included in the announcement this Fall that Calhoun Community College would be expanding their athletic department. This season Calhoun added a Cross Country Team. Then the October media announcement shared that next Fall Calhoun will be adding Men and Women's Basketball, as well as Women's

Volleyball. This news is exciting for Calhoun and for our community! We already have a great relationship with the CCC Warhawks. December 1st we partnered with Lindsay Lane to provide a Holiday meal for the entire athletic department. We look forward to more opportunities to minister on this Campus in the future.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you."
John 13:34

Under our FCA Pursue theme the concept to Pursue Team was one of our quarterly focuses. Therefore this Fall the Lord placed on my heart to share the importance of developing a good team.

As I prayed about what to share the Lord helped me relate a message by using the word THINK as an acronym. To develop a good team we have to build a culture of mutual respect based on truth and love for



one another. To do this we need to THINK before we say it or before we do it.

We need to ask is it (T) true? Is it (H) honorable? What will it say about my (I) integrity? Is it (N) necessary? Is it (K) kind?

Blessings in Christ,
Nicole Vaughn



UNA MINISTRY



Habakkuk 2:1 says, *"I will stand at my guard post and station myself on the lookout tower. I will watch to see what he will say to me and what I should reply about my complaint."*

At UNA, we have been using this verse as a focus for our coaches. It is vastly important that coaches understand their identity, stay faithful to God, and be committed to lead their homes and athletes. We have had 8 men faithful to attend every Monday at lunch to dive into

the word together. We have studied Moses, Caleb, Proverbs, and writings from Paul based on the thought of being committed to God and watching for him in all aspects. It has been an incredible journey with these men to watch them go deeper in their faith and increase their understanding of their identity in the



gospel and how that affects their athletes.

I cannot thank you enough for your support and generosity so that we can take the gospel to our coaches and athletes. Without you, this would be a difficult task. Please know that your faithful stewardship is being put to use for the work of the kingdom. Lastly, I will finish with this, two of these coaches have committed to a local church because of our study efforts and realizing their need to be committed to the local body of believers.

In Christ,
Matt Daniels

YEAR END GIVING

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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

Dec 17-19	Student Training Camp
March	Registration Opens for Power Camp
May 6-7	Huddle Leader Training Weekend

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