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## **MULTI-AREA DIRECTOR**



"He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers

into his harvest field." Luke 10:2

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This may not be the passage you would expect during the Christmas season, but it is the one that best fits our current situation. God has answered our prayers for workers and will continue to answer it in the months and years to come. I am so excited about the blessings God has showered upon us this year and can't wait to see what next year brings.

God has added staff and volunteers to our FCA Team. He has allowed us to promote within to advance the



Gospel this year. I am so thankful for the time and effort our Team has put into seeing the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of Coaches and Athletes.

First, I'd like to share that we have promoted Nicole to Director. Nicole has done an amazing job leading our female ministry and serving Coaches and schools for seven years. I was excited to extend the Director position to Nicole to help me lead and grow our area.

Secondly, we have added a few new staff this year. We have hired Parker Nichols to help with campus ministry in Lauderdale County, Dustin Lorance to help with campus

ministry in Limestone County, Cody Hyde to help with campus ministry in Morgan County and Craig Farris to help lead Coaches and campus ministry in the Shoals.

We are so excited to see how God uses our team to reach more for His glory in the days to come. Thank you for your partnership in ministry, we are very honored you are a part of the Team.

I hope and pray you and yours experience the love and joy of Christ this Holiday Season.

Serving Him,











## **NORTH AL FCA**



The Fall 2022 school semester is coming to a close and it's been a good year. Although I don't go to as many

schools and teams as I used to, I am truly blessed to be a part of the many things we do through FCA.

On November 15th we held our 25th annual FCA Iron Bowl Breakfast with 300 Students, Coaches, Supporters, and Friends of FCA in attendance. A student-led worship band from Priceville led us in praise to kick things off. Former football players Trent Dean of Alabama, and Tyler Stovall of



Auburn, encouraged all to live for Christ. I was also blessed with the honor of sharing the Gospel of the grace of God. As a result of this event, twelve students made a decision for Christ! Their coaches are helping them get connected to a local church so they can get plugged in and grow in their faith.

We praise the LORD for these salvations, recommitments, and the

seeds that were planted in the hearts of all those attending!! Hallelujah!!!

On a personal note, my latest scan was clear and cancer free!! Hallelujah!! Thank you for your faithfulness to God which allows us to serve our area Coaches and Athletes!

Serving Him,

David Mote

## **FCA AMBASSADOR**



Central Park Baptist Church, my home church, has been hosting pre-game Prayer Breakfasts for the Austin High

athletic teams for about 14 years.

The purpose of this pre-game breakfast is to provide the Athletes and Coaches with a safe place, a meal, and dynamic speakers to motivate them for the games for which they are preparing. More importantly, it is to prepare them for the game of life and to speak about whose team they are on.

Since beginning with the FCA in Fall 2019, I have been going to these prayer breakfasts to represent



FCA. When the athletes see me, they call me "the FCA lady." I took the opportunity to be the first female to speak at this Prayer Breakfast for the sports teams last December, where I spoke to the basketball teams and cheerleaders.

This year I had the privilege to speak again, for the football team and cheerleaders. It was the morning of the Round 1 Playoff game on November 4th. I challenged the Athletes and

Coaches to give their all, because Jesus wants our all.

Takeaway: When we give our all to Jesus and trust Him with the results, we know that in the end He will use everything in our lives to make us more and more into His image. It is our ultimate goal in Christ—to be like Him!

All Glory to God,

Aimee Breland

### **NORTHWEST AL**



"I will place on His shoulder the key to the house of David; what He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can

open." Isaiah 22:22, NIV

After having surgery to remove a lime-sized brain tumor October 22, 2020; which was diagnosed as stage two brain cancer, I started to reevaluate my life. I knew I was going to heaven no matter the outcome. However, I prayed, "Lord, I know you've forgiven me, but I'm ashamed to come meet you yet." I felt as though my life was wasted, so I asked for more time to find and fulfill my purpose (2 Kings 20:5-6).

One of my favorite motivational speakers is Les Brown. He is quoted to say, "Live everyday like it's your last, then one day you will be right!" So I thought if today was my last day, what would I want to



do? All that came to mind was, I wanted to help the youth of today feel loved and valued.

I wanted to help them achieve their God given purpose so when they were on their deathbed they would have no regrets. That the graveyard would not be considered the richest place on earth any longer, dreams would be acted on, books would be written, businesses started, ideas shared, and dreams pursued.

This past year I have been able to mentor individual guys on a weekly basis, and serve as a weekly character coach to the Muscle Shoals Boys Basketball team and the Sheffield Football team. I'm getting to attend weekly and monthly huddles at Muscle Shoals

High and Middle School as well as Sheffield High and Middle School.

I have had opportunities to share the Word of God at several other schools and sports teams like Shoals Christian, Colbert Heights, Central, and Deshler. We also open our house to teens of all ages for a weekly devotion where we are discipling them to speak at local huddles.

It has been a blessing to be able to meet so many people and be given the chance to impact their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Restored and Healthy in Him!

Craig Farris

# **COLLEGIATE FCA**



We are so excited about what we see taking place on the College Campuses at UNA and Calhoun Community College. This Fall,

we had the opportunity to attend and share the Word with the UNA Athletic Director and every Athletic team's Head Coach at their monthly Athletics meeting. The UNA FCA Student Leadership team has also been faithfully leading weekly FCA Huddles in Flower's Hall. I was able to connect with the Beach Volleyball team's Head Coach and am looking forward to meeting with the team regularly when they resume practice in February. We

have had several opportunities to share with athletic teams at Calhoun. It has been a blessing to be a part of the growth of Calhoun's athletic department and to be given an open door to encourage the Coaches and Athletes in the Word of God.

> In His Service, Nicole Vaughn

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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

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec Year End Giving

Dec 16-18 Student Training Camp

Jan Power Camp Huddle Leader Recruiting

March Power Camp Registration Opens



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