



GREATER



North/Northwest Alabama FCA - nwalfca.org - @NWALFCA. - 256.765.0313 - Summer 2023

MULTI-AREA DIRECTOR



Hello FCA
Teammates,

We have had an amazing start to the 2023/2024 school year. Words cannot explain the work

God is doing on the campuses of our schools and in our communities. We have had 309 decisions for Christ since August. PRAISE THE LORD!!

We are seeing God's Spirit move in a mighty way and I am so excited you are a part of this movement. In Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV), Jesus tells us *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest."* We have been praying and our God has been providing. We are so excited to see our staff grow. We currently have 11 staff serving North/Northwest AL. With these added Soldiers for Christ, we are making a GREATER impact for His glory!



This is only possible with your prayers and support. Thank you for all you do to see the Gospel advanced through FCA. We are watching the world be transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes before our very eyes.

Our Coaches and Campus Ministries have been hitting record numbers. We had 16 Coaches at one of our UNA Coaches Bible Studies and Muscle Shoals Middle School had over 230 students at one huddle in September.

Our Team is so excited to serve God through this unique ministry. You will read some stories from a few of our staff, but know it's just the tip of the

iceberg. We are getting to see a glimpse of what John meant when he wrote, *"And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which, if every one of them were written down, I suppose not even the world itself could contain the books that would be written."* (John 21:25, CSB).

We not only are having record attendance within our current Coaches and Campus Ministries, but we have new ministries beginning every week! Moulton Middle School is kicking off their new Campus FCA with a Kick Off Night for the entire community. Please be praying for this event and for our other upcoming FCA events. We have two Fields of Faith in October as well as a 3v3 Soccer Tournament and our Iron Bowl Breakfast in November.

I am so thankful for the calling God has placed on my life to serve through FCA. I am also very thankful for you and your desire to partner with us. Whether you volunteer your time or give of your resources, YOU make a difference in reaching this generation. Thank you for your faithful support.



Serving Him,

Scott Tarver

NORTH AL FCA



Another event filled summer season for FCA has passed and we are now in full swing on all of our local school campus ministries.

This summer held many events where we served our coaches and student athletes. One of these events, which I love planning and hosting, is our annual 7on7 football tournament.

We had 23 area high school teams from 16 schools competing with over 700 players and coaches in attendance. It was a great day of competition for all the teams.

During the lunch break, former Alabama lineman, Charlie Dare, talked



with all the guys and we had many decisions for Christ. We started following up with the coaches to help those with these decisions.

One of my biggest highlights of this event is the 20 men helping on the fields to make this event what it is. These guys keep the score and timer for each game. But most importantly they pray with each team before and after every game.

My goal for this event is for coaches and athletes to come to saving faith in

Christ and for each player and coach that comes to play, to leave knowing that it's ok for a man to pray, and it's okay to have multiple men pray for them.

We couldn't do this event without the food, resources, and laborers that many of you provide. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray, give, and serve!

In Christ,
David Mote

FCA AMBASSADOR



We had 203 Huddle Leaders and Campers this summer at our Power Sports Camp. Every year I look forward to Camp week and being able to serve and invest in the Huddle Leaders

and Campers by showing them God's love.

In 2019, God called me into the ministry, so I reached out to Scott and Nicole about helping as a Huddle Leader at the Camp. I had the opportunity to serve as a Huddle Leader for Camp. I had a group of six 10-year-old girls. While I was serving, I knew I was doing what God had planned for me and affirmed for me as I taught His word and helped coach basketball.

This year one of those girls, Olivia Thomas, was able to serve as a Huddle Leader helping with a group of eight



7-year-old girls and she also helped with baseball.

I asked Olivia, "Can you tell me what it was like being a Camper and then this year being a Huddle Leader?"



Olivia responded, "Being a Camper at FCA was good. You get to learn about God and what God has done for you in the past few years, and being a Huddle Leader, you get to spread the Word and inspire the kids to come back, and when they get older be a Huddle Leader. Being part of FCA is like the best because a lot of kids don't really go to church and coming here you help them learn about God and you just become one of their friends. But overall I feel like being a Huddle Leader and a Camper really showed me something like reading the Bible and memorizing these verses."

All Glory to God,
Aimee Breland

NORTHWEST AL



We have had an amazing start to the new school year. We have had, and will hopefully continue to have, extremely high turnouts.

We reached a record number of two hundred and thirty three at our Campus Huddle at Muscle Shoals Middle School. We have started a weekly Huddle at Colbert County High School where numbers are increasing with each meeting.

We had a great time at FCA Summer Camps but now we are tuning into the school year with smaller more personal Huddle Devotionals. This is where the width of our ministry becomes depth.

We have been doing a weekly devotional with Sheffield's football team and with Muscle Shoals' basketball team since early this year. We have also been invited regularly to speak at Tharptown High School. This



year I have also partnered with our Northwest AL Ambassador, Parker Nichols, on the Campus of Florence High School.

I'm super excited to share that we are beginning plans to host a 3v3 Soccer Tournament in the Florence area on 11-11-23 which will have a Veterans Day theme to honor our service members. More info will come out soon. We will need help spreading the word and gathering sponsors (2 Timothy 2:3-4)!

As I closed out the writing of this article, just thinking on all that our God is doing in the hearts and minds of those on the Campuses I have been blessed to serve, my heart was filled

with gratitude for the support that is given so that I can go. The Spirit of God brought a passage of Scripture to my mind that I want to leave with you.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6, ESV)

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Craig Farris

FCA AREA DIRECTOR



Our FCA summer ministry officially ends when we set up for our August Night of Champions.

The Night of Champions is our first event of each new school

year. This event allows hundreds to thousands to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and have an opportunity to respond.

This year between our North and Northwest areas over 1700 of our local Coaches and Athletes attended this event as teams. Darryl Strawberry did a tremendous job of connecting with those attending and the sincerity in his



message was felt and received as hundreds came forward for prayer and to commit their lives to Jesus.

We invited our local area Pastors to attend this event as well, and the results of one of our attending Pastors was the opportunity to immediately follow up with students that were members of his local body with believer's baptism and discipleship.

This is fulfilling the mission of FCA, "To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church."

Thank you for giving and partnering with us in the ministry of the Gospel.

To Christ be the glory,

Nicole Vaughn

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>

or connect via the QR Code to the right

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

FCA STAFF

Scott Tarver, Muti-Area Director - 256.503.7025

Nicole Vaughn, Area Director - 256.318.6936

David Mote, NAL Area Rep. - 256.445.0604

Craig Farris, NWAL Area Rep. - 256.335.8264

Lucia Claborn, Admin. Assistant - 256.765.0313

Roger Tarver, Volunteer - 337.581.0787

Matt Daniels, UNA Campus Minister - 334.685.2963

Aimee Breland, North AL Ambassador- 256.303.0291

Parker Nichols, Northwest AL Ambassador- 256.565.7093

Dustin Lorange, North AL Ambassador - 256.612.0910

Cody Hyde, North AL Ambassador - 256.710.5125

Emma Morris, Northwest AL Ambassador - 256.702.8999

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 28	Moulton Middle FCA Kick-off Night
Oct 4	Marion County Fields of Faith
Oct 12	Red Bay High Fields of Faith
Nov 11	3v3 Soccer Tournament
Nov 14	Iron Bowl Breakfast



Social Media: @nwalfca
North/Northwest Alabama FCA

North AL FCA
PO Box 5628, Decatur, AL 35601
Northwest AL FCA
PO Box 159, Florence, AL 35631