

# GLORY

## 2 COR 3:18



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### MULTI-AREA DIRECTOR



*"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporary; but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

2 Corinthians 4:18 KJV

Hello Home Team Partners,

As our summer season comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the past two months with a deep sense of awe and gratitude for God's amazing handiwork. Through our camps and 7on7 tournaments, we had the incredible opportunity to share God's word with over 3,200 students and coaches. Even more humbling, we witnessed God move in mighty ways--more than 200 students made decisions for Christ this summer!

We are still actively following up and having meaningful conversations with many more students. There is



truly nothing more fulfilling than seeing lives transformed through faith in Jesus Christ. I am so thankful for our FCA Team and all our Ministry Partners (YOU). Our Team gave countless hours this summer and God did what only He can do. We give God all the praise and all the GLORY!

While this summer was filled with incredible ministry moments, there was also a major void—our dear friend and teammate, David. There were so many firsts without him, and man, did we miss him. Time and time again, we found ourselves saying "David always took care of that" and had to figure out what he did or where he got something.

David left a lasting impression on many and our Team will always cherish the time we had with him. David loved Coaches and he was constantly looking for ways to serve, encourage, and pour into them.

One of David's ideas was to start a 7on7 football tournament that included lunch where we could share the Gospel. What began as his vision has grown into one of our most impactful and staple events.

This year, we renamed the 7on7 tournament in his honor. It is now the FCA David Mote 7on7. Many of David's family members joined us at the event this year, and it was a powerful time of remembrance and celebration of his life.

Please continue to pray for David's family. His wife Amanda, their four daughters, his brother and brother's family, his parents, his in-laws, and the entire extended family. We cannot imagine how much they miss him every minute of every day. We love them all deeply and think of them often!

Please also continue to pray for us as we serve the coaches and students across all of North/Northwest AL this next school year. We are expecting GREAT THINGS this year because our GOD is the GOD of GREAT and AMAZING THINGS!

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO BE A PART OF TEAM FCA!!

Serving Him,

*Scott Tarver*



## AREA DIRECTOR



*"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."  
John 1:14*

This summer has been one that has left me overwhelmed with the goodness of our God. Last summer we hosted our first FCA UNA Team Camp with UNA Softball and this summer that Camp continued, and we added Northwest Shoals to the partnership. We also added our first FCA UNA Volleyball Team Camp.

We feared the rain was going to wash out the Softball Team Camp, but our God held the rain. We beheld His glory as the rain stopped every time His Word was being taught or proclaimed. Whether in the Coaches and Athletes Huddles during Camp or the Worship Night, when it was time for His Word the pouring rain stopped.

We experienced the same miracle during the Team Volleyball Camp. It was once again threatened by weather, but God calmed the storm. He held back the rain for all the teams to get their shaved ice and safely gather in the Bank for our Worship Night.

Between these two Team Camps we had the opportunity to minister to at least 775 Coaches and Athletes. It was so special to look around and see the UNA and Northwest Shoals collegiate athletes leading the high school athletes in Bible Study while we met with their Coaches.

These Team Camps would not have been possible without you. We needed

your support and your showing up and you did! Because of you we were able to provide Bibles, Bible studies, and more for everyone attending. We were able to say yes to more teams because you said yes to providing your church buses and even opening the doors to your church gym. Every yes mattered!

We already have confirmation for plans for next year's Team Camps and have also spoken to Women's Basketball as they want to have a FCA UNA Team Camp as well. The LORD has opened a door of opportunity and because of you, we have been able to walk through it!

Serving Christ and you,  
*Nicole Love Holbrook Vaughn*



## AREA REPRESENTATIVE



I wanted to highlight some of our FCA International moments this summer. At Power Camp in June our campers had the chance to hear directly from

Francis Muema, an FCA teammate in Kenya, who zoomed in to share how God is using sports to reach athletes across East Africa just like He is here.

In July, I also had the opportunity to return to Guatemala and reunite with my friend and FCA Regional Director Osmar Jimenez, who oversees ministry in all 22 departments of Guatemala, as well as Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Brazil. While there, I met Niki Jumique, a new Area Rep who's

discipling over 300 soccer players weekly in Antigua, Guatemala.

One of the most meaningful parts of this trip was bringing along another FCA student from Muscle Shoals, a senior who has completed our E3 Discipleship Training and been part of our weekly huddle for four years. He feels called to be a pastor, and it was a gift to walk alongside him.

As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 2:12, "When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me..." God continues to open doors through FCA across borders to encourage one another in this calling.

Whether it's Kenya, Guatemala, or here at home, we all face the same challenges in sports ministry, especially in fundraising and support—

but God is always faithful and always on time.

The heartbeat of FCA International is taking the gospel into all the world through sport. In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, "You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

In Christ,  
*Craig Farris*





## AREA REPRESENTATIVE



We hosted our 2025 Power Camp at Decatur Baptist on June 16th - 20th. Our theme this year was "GLORY," based on 2 Cor 3:18 which says, *"We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit."*

This verse reminds us how we can reflect God's glory in our lives. During camp God truly showed His glory in incredible ways. The energy was contagious as we welcomed a full house of 205 campers.

The Lord not only sent us campers but also an incredible team of huddle leaders, coaches, and volunteers. We had 56 high school and college-aged individuals dedicate their time and energy to teaching and guiding the campers. We are incredibly grateful for our Huddle Leaders who serve to lead. They showed flexibility, stepping into roles that might be new to them, and it's truly inspiring. Their dedication made a



significant impact, shining the light of Christ in the lives of everyone around them. It was amazing to see how they helped shape a positive experience for the campers!

In addition, at least 25 adult volunteers stepped up to serve in various capacities, from registration and lunch to competition and coaching. Together, they made sure everything ran smoothly, allowing campers to focus on experiencing God's love and glory throughout the week.

One of the highlights of our camp was witnessing the powerful response to the Gospel. We had 70 campers who responded to the message, and after meeting with them all, 46 of them stepped forward to say "Yes!" to Jesus. It was heartwarming to see their

excitement and commitment to begin a new journey of faith.

This week not only changed the campers' lives but also brought everyone closer to God, showing us all the incredible ways He displays His glory every day.

God truly worked through and in so many this summer and we are most grateful for all who made it possible. Thank you to all that have supported these efforts through your prayers and resources. Please pray for all these students impacted as they go back to their campuses "GLORIFYING" God and leading others this school year.

All glory to God,  
*Aimee Breland*

## FCA AMBASSADOR



Hello,

I'm Scottie Bolden from Hillsboro, AL. I graduated from East Lawrence High and Tennessee Valley College of Theology receiving a Masters Degree in Biblical Studies.

I have been married for 32 years with 3 young adult children. I enjoy fishing, hunting, and working with the youth. I have 20 years of experience as the full time Youth Pastor of Wheeler Chapel Church in Courtland, AL.

I believe I can bring long-term value to the team while staying aligned with



FCA's mission supporting student-athletes, coaches and their staff through discipleship, leadership development, and Gospel-centered outreach.

My experience so far with FCA has definitely been exciting, inspiring and empowering. It has been a joy to be a part of this year's Power Camp and the David Mote 7on7, seeing hundreds of students and athletes lives transformed through Jesus Christ.

I look forward to the upcoming school year with FCA and getting more involved in the FCA Campus ministry, engaging not only athletes, but the entire student body with opportunities that spark conversations about faith and identity in Christ.

All glory to God,  
*Scottie Bolden*

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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 2025 EVENTS

Aug 1st Coaches Night of Champions (Athens)

Aug 18th Calhoun All Athletes Team Building

Aug 19th Northwest Shoals All Athletes Team Building

Sep TBD Campus Huddle Coach Training

Nov 18th Iron Bowl Breakfast



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