# TWENTY-FOUR/SEVEN 27



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# **MULTI-AREA DIRECTOR**



"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." Philippians 2:3 (NIV)

Dear FCA Team,

The first quarter of 2024 has been filled with so much exciting campus ministry activities. We have focused our energy and time on Winter and Spring Sports Teams as well as our School Campus Huddles.

We have been encouraging students to be examples for Christ in how they lead and treat others. We have seen a great response to these efforts from students and coaches alike. A few of our campuses have made some strong





movements in growth in number and depth in their impact with students and coaches taking the lead. We continue to give God glory as we see His transforming work in our students becoming godly leaders.

We learned this year that FCA is the second largest distributor of Bibles in the world. FCA distributed over 230,000 Bibles in 2023. This brings our recorded total to three MILLION Bibles distributed around the world in the past 15 years. This shows the world that we are committed to the Word of God!

Our North/Northwest AL FCA Staff has already distributed over 1,360 Bibles, Bible studies, and devotionals this school year alone! With our team growth over the last couple of years, we have seen greater impact on the campuses and a stronger FCA presence in the communities we serve.

Our God is doing a great work through this ministry, and I am so honored to serve Him in this capacity. Our prayer is that you will also be encouraged and challenged to be an example for Christ wherever He places you. We are all commissioned to be ambassadors representing the kingdom of God in our own areas of influence.

As the weather warms up so do our plans for an on-fire FCA summer! We will have two FCA Camps coming in June (Nicole will share more in her article about these), two Coaches Golf Outings, our Sam Rice Golf Scramble (register to play at <a href="mailto:nwalfca.org">nwalfca.org</a>) and also in July our FCA 7on7 Football Tournament.

We are so grateful YOU are a part of our Home Team. We are blessed to be given this great opportunity to minister through FCA. Thank you for your faithful prayers, time, and financial support!

YOU are a vital part of our team and we praise God for you!

Seeking Him,

Scott Tarver

# **AREA DIRECTOR**



Our FCA theme this year is Twenty-four Seven and is based on Romans 15:13, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you

believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." In 2024 our heart is to remind each and every soul that the Lord allows us to engage that we have HOPE because of Jesus.

We have a summer full of opportunity to equip those we engage with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to teach them all that He has commanded us. This summer we are so excited to again be offering our Power Camp that is open to all completed Kindergarten through 13 year olds.

Camp is one of my favorite aspects of FCA as it gives us the avenue to empower High School and College students and teach them how to share the Gospel and how to lead a Bible study. It allows us to disciple our Huddle Leaders who then in turn disciple their Campers. We always see spiritual growth at Power Camp!



Last summer, UNA Softball's Coach Cozart gave me the opportunity to speak at her Team Softball Camp. I asked about a future partnership camp and she was all for it! We met in January and the FCA UNA High School Team Softball Camp was put in motion.

We are excited to be hosting our first ever partnership camp with the University of North Alabama. This Camp will allow me to train the UNA Softball team to share the Gospel and lead a Bible study because they will be leading Team Huddles at this Camp with the attending High School Softball players.

Now, while the High School players are in Team Huddles with the UNA Softball players, FCA will be leading Coaches Huddles with all the attending High School teams Coaches. We will also be providing Bibles and FCA gear for all those attending.

Our FCA Summer gives churches, businesses, and individuals a beautiful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We need volunteers, attenders, and sponsors to reach the hundreds that will be a part of these summer events and the coming school year. You are making FCA happen by your faithful partnership!

Serving Him,







## **FCA AMBASSADOR**



I have been working with FCA for almost 9 months now. Over that time period I have seen God move in so many ways in so many places. The

Lord continues to show me His goodness through the students, teachers, coaches, and athletes that I talk with daily.

I have been honored and blessed with the opportunity to be involved with campus huddle meetings at Central High School and Deshler Middle School. The Lord has also been faithful in helping me start FCA back up at Waterloo and Lexington High Schools. Not only have I seen the Lord



move within these weekly huddle meetings, I have also seen how the Lord can work within different teams and different sports in the area.

I have grown so close with the students and athletes that I have been around for the last 9 months. The Lord is always showing up within these meetings and leading and guiding these students. I have seen students go from not speaking at all to speaking in front of over 215 of their peers. I am

so proud of our students and our leadership teams who are obedient to what the Lord is calling them to do.

I can't wait to see how the Lord will continue to use me to share His gospel. I am so eager to see what He will continue to do in the lives of these FCA students and athletes!

In His Service, Emma Cate Morris

# **FCA AMBASSADOR**



Our FCA team had been praying for an open door at Decatur Middle School as we were needing a new Huddle Coach for the Campus Huddle.

When we learned that the wife of one of our Board Members had become a part of the faculty at Decatur Middle we reached out.

God had already laid it on the heart of Misti Palmer to say yes when an opportunity to walk in the good works He had prepared for her occurred. So, of course, when we contacted her about serving as our Campus Huddle Coach, she immediately replied with her best yes! The blessing grew when our board member Weety Vickery volunteered her and her husband to



team up with Mrs. Palmer. With their vision in mind, Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Vickery started the new FCA Campus Huddle at Decatur Middle.

The Huddle meets weekly and their enthusiasm for the Word is contagious and encouraging. Our Huddle Coaches assist the student leaders to prepare for the Campus Huddle. Together we have helped provide the leadership team with FCA Bibles along with training on how to use them within their huddles. They have 20-30 students attending each week and its growing!

It has been a blessing to watch this Campus Huddle's growth from this January through March. The student leaders are always willing to ask for advice on how to lead better, even reaching out to see if I have any feedback after they speak.

It is amazing watching the student leaders eagerness and readiness to grow in their walk with God as they lead their peers.

All glory to God,

Aimee Breland

## **INVEST IN FCA**

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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**

April 28th Power Camp Huddle Leader Meeting
May 24th-25th Power Camp Huddle Leader Training
June 10th FCA Golf Scramble (Muscle Shoals)
Jun 17th-21st North AL Power Camp (Decatur)
June 18th-19th FCA UNA Softball Team Camp
July 8th DOC Coaches Golf Outing (Decatur)



July 9th

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