



# FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES EAST METRO

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### WHO WE SERVE



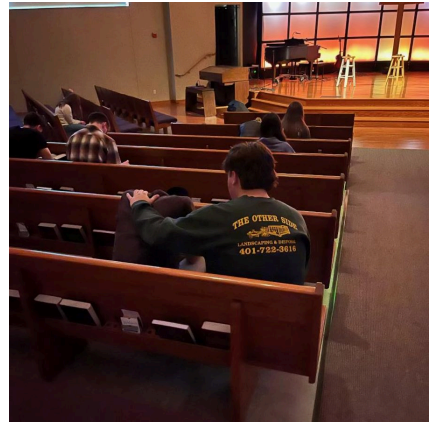
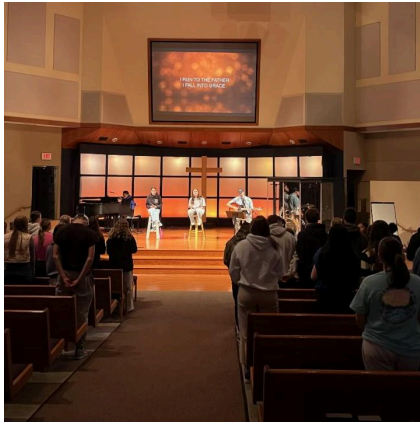
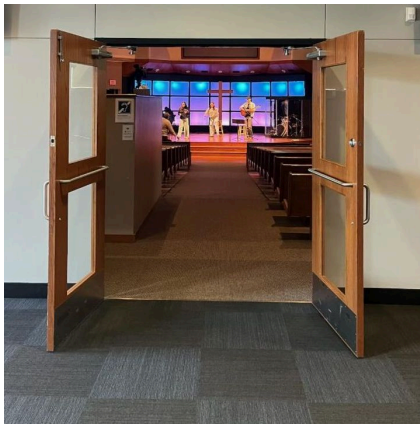
#### Worship Night At North Haven Church

**"Sing praise to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm."  
Psalm 47: 6-7**

Worship nights in the East Metro haven't been happening for very long. It was this time two springs ago that Brady decided to try it out with a church willing to share their space with us. The call was to give students a place to worship God, but also to do so in community with other huddles.

The desire was for them to physically see how not alone they are in following Jesus. These worship nights have become a regular invitation in the East Metro. Huddles hosting them on their own, inviting other huddles to join them, and inviting their friends who haven't tried out FCA yet. They are asking for space to worship, pray, and connect with the Lord together.

North Haven Church recently started asking how they could use their space as a place of invitation for students outside the church to come experience Jesus. And here was a beautiful partnership opportunity. Thank you, North Haven, for opening your doors to all of the East Metro huddles. For making yourselves available to this opportunity. Students are so hungry for the gospel.



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## Disaster to Harvest: The Making of the Mahtomedi Huddle



I touched on this story briefly in our last newsletter. But with the magnitude of the miracle, it just didn't do it justice. So I'm letting Gavin's words, so thoughtfully written, give you deeper insight into all that God has done in and through the Wyse family.

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**"I want to tell you a story."**

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**Devastation.**

**Loss.**

**Fire.**

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That's what struck the home of the Wyse family this past fall.

In the fall of 2025, Danielle and Craig Wyse (coaches at Mahtomedi High School) lost their home and all of their belongings in a sudden midnight fire. By God's grace, their family was unharmed physically, but the emotional weight and uncertainty that followed were immense. In the days after, their community showed up (church, friends, family), rallying around them in every way possible. And in the middle of the disruption,

**they chose to trust the Lord.**

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In the wake of this loss, they found themselves needing rides for themselves and their kids to and from both the high school and the middle school. It was in this season that something

**quiet, but significant,**

began to grow.

For some time, they had been planting a vision in their daughters' hearts:

**“What if there was FCA at the middle school?”**

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It hadn't taken root yet, but that was about to change thanks to a simple ride that Craig received from a middle school teacher.

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During the drive, she shared how impactful she believed the high school FCA was. She knew the Wyse family and mentioned their daughters. Then she said something unexpected. She began talking about the need for FCA at the middle school. Craig didn't even know she shared the same saving faith in Jesus Christ. But she continued, sharing that teachers and staff had been quietly praying for something like this...

**a space where students could gather around Jesus and the Word,  
just like at the high school.**

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Craig knew immediately that

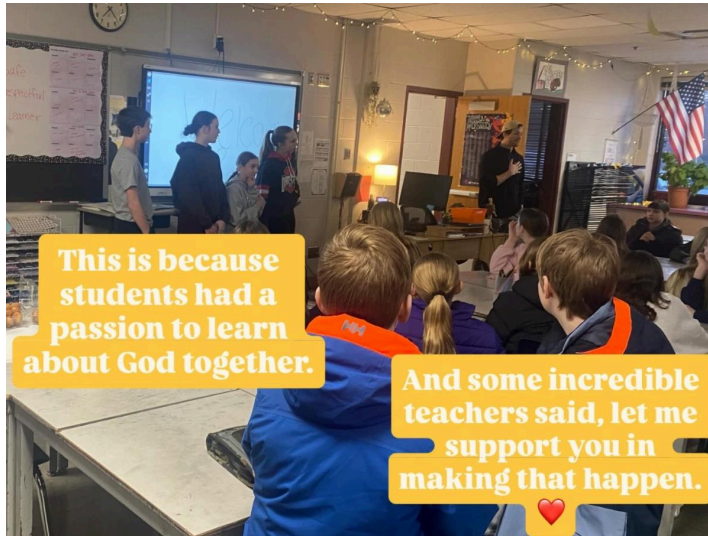
**this wasn't random.**

Soon after, they reached out to me and asked,

**“Is this possible?”**

My answer was simple:

**"YES."**



**What followed was something only God could orchestrate.**

Rachel Flatten, a youth leader to the Wyse girls and a middle school art teacher, stepped in. Laura Tussey, a middle school language arts teacher, joined her. The Wyse girls began inviting others to lead. And students stepped forward—middle schoolers with a genuine desire to see their peers know Jesus!

**And now...**



Every Tuesday morning at 7:15 AM, over 60 middle school students gather to open the Word of God together.



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**60+ students.**

Ages 11 to 14 years old.

7:15 in the morning, before school even starts.

They come hungry for Jesus.

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What started in loss has become something full of life.

The Holy Spirit is at work in this generation.

He brings purpose out of hardship.

## Harvest out of Disaster!



## POLAR PLUNGE-YEAR 2!

Last year at exactly this time, the White Bear Lake FCA Huddle was gearing up for their first-ever Polar Plunge event in partnership with the Special Olympics. The students had been looking for ways to serve others and their community and decided they wanted to host a Polar Plunge event at their school. This took an immense amount of planning and intentionality, not only on the part of the Huddle Leaders, Shannon Riebow and Hannah Lagus, but also the student huddle leaders. The event was INCREDIBLY well received, and the White Bear Huddle decided to host this event again this year and had an even grander turnout!



**Raising over \$23,000**, this event was all joy and celebration for a good cause. Even the White Bear Lake police department joined in the plunge! Huddles are encouraged to look for ways to serve the community around them. Whether that's helping to pray for their school administration, making "prayer lockers", cleaning up the bleachers after sporting events, or creating coffee and donut carts to thank teachers as they arrive at

school. There has seriously been no shortage of creativity when it comes to huddles pouring out love on their schools. We love to see it. And we love to see God glorified through it and because of it.

**"Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma." Ephesians 5:1-2**

[Check out more great photos!](#)

## WHY WE SERVE

### A Season of Invitation

Click on any of the opportunities below to find out more about the places we're inviting people into this summer.

These are spaces intentionally designed to connect people into a deeper relationship with Jesus or help empower them to introduce and disciple others in relationship with Jesus.



### Local and Regional Camps

Our local camps are a HUGE opportunity for us to introduce the gospel to hundreds of elementary-aged students. Additionally, it offers us the opportunity to get kids connected with FCA early.

Along with our local camps we also offer two FCA regional



### Coaches Timeout

Coaching can be tough. So can marriage. The two combined are sure to put your best game plan to the test. Sometimes, you need to take a timeout.



### Greater Impact Gathering

This event is strategically designed for the purpose of equipping FCA adult Huddle Leaders to Multiply Gospel Impact.

**Minnesota FCA is inviting FCA Adult Huddle Leaders and their spouses to a three day gathering for**

camps that happen right here in the Twin Cities! These camps are designed for middle and high school aged students to build foundations of faith while engaging in a competitive environment that is focused on teamwork, integrity, and excellence!

**Coaches TimeOut is FCA's coaches marriage ministry designed to help coaches and spouses win where it matters most – at home.**

If a timeout can change the outcome of a game, what can Coaches TimeOut do for your marriage?

**encouragement, fellowship, and biblical leadership development.**

Plus, attendees will have the opportunity to attend a portion of the Northland FCA LEADership Camp at the University of Northwestern!

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## WHAT WE NEED

### FUNDING UPDATE

CURRENT TEAM  
FUNDING NEED  
**\$4,400**



**Donate online at [my.fca.org](https://my.fca.org)  
and search "East Metro"**



#### Your Donations Will Help Us:

- 1. Run our four local camps this summer
- 2. Provide scholarships for our Northland LEADership Camp
- 3. Help us host an upcoming end-of-the-year-all-huddle bash for the entire East Metro!

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## PERSONAL FUNDING UPDATES



Brady would love to see his monthly donors increased by \$500.

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Gavin would love to see his monthly donors increased by \$700.

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Anna would love to see her monthly donors increased by \$600.

[DONATE TO ANNA](#)

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"Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause." - **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

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