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WHO WE SERVE



GATHERING FOR GOOD: COMPASS EDUCATORS BREAKFAST

The last 30 days have been all about pouring out love and celebrating educators and those doing the work of this ministry.

Brady, Gavin, and I recently had the opportunity to attend the East Metro Compass Educator's Breakfast.

Compass is a ministry designed to encourage and inspire educators in their faith as they live out their faith within the halls of schools. Educators from around the east metro come to enjoy a delicious breakfast, a time to stand in worship together, and to be inspired by their peers and the students they are impacting.

All three students who stood in front of that room full of teachers spoke eloquently about the impact their faith-filled teachers have had on them. They also happened to share that they attend an East Metro FCA huddle. What a gift it was for our team to hear from these students as they reflected on the impact their huddle coaches have had on them. **To witness a room full of people hearing about the FCA legacy without us saying a word.** In fact, out of the six people who spoke on the platform, five of them spoke about FCA. And while it may sound like a brag about FCA, it was in fact simply a moment of awe to recognize how vast God is truly moving in this

ministry to make an impact in our schools. How far and wide and deep His name has gone.

LISTEN TO ESTEN SHARE ABOUT STARTING THE PARK HUDDLE!



We listened as students expressed that their FCA huddle is a place where their peers are able to come and learn about who God is. We listened as educators shared that FCA is giving teachers and coaches the opportunity to open their classrooms for students to meet in safe spaces. We heard stories about the source of encouragement and inspiration that these FCA huddles are in their schools, and the curiosity for the Gospel that they are cultivating.

This year has been hard for many educators. We heard that loud and clear in that room. But we were also reminded that we are all doing this work together, carrying the light of Christ within us. It was a moment to look around and remember that God is the Author of it all. Thanks be to God.

WHY WE SERVE

2026 EAST METRO HUDDLE COACH APPRECIATION

(A visual story of God's goodness)



We just had the BEST night celebrating the 2026 East Metro Huddle Coach Appreciation!



This is a time to pause, connect, and share the stories of God's goodness



To listen to student testimonies sharing the impact of their huddles and Huddle Coaches in their lives.



And remember that we do not do this work alone.



Hundreds of people have said "yes" to participating in this work God is doing in schools. And it was SO EVIDENT the impact that it is making all across the East Metro.



To sit shoulder to shoulder and witness the fruit of all of this labor...

We just had our favorite night of the year wrap up on Sunday. We celebrated the Huddle Coach Appreciation event. And let me tell you what. It is impossible to be around these people and not be fired up about all that God is doing.

These people could and DO so many other things with their lives. Their time is beyond precious as it is for each of us. And yet, they choose to say "yes" to the Lord and this work. They come in early to open their classrooms, they are mentors, they help create structure, safety, and opportunity for students to practice outreach and community-building/participation. They are hosting worship nights, prayer events, coaches bible studies, the list goes on and on. It is SO MUCH more than the 30-40 minutes of time the huddle physically happens. The fruit and the ripple effect are astounding.

These Huddle Coaches have health challenges, they've lost loved ones, they've lost homes, they are met with extreme challenges of every kind. And yet, huddles are growing all across the East Metro. Because students are begging for the gospel. For the Jesus that they're seeing in huddles across schools.

ALEX'S BRAVERY

Alex is a senior and student who came to share about the adversity that he has faced in seeing students gather to learn about Jesus at Mounds Park Academy. He bravely shared at the Huddle Coach Appreciation about God's pursuit of him to see this huddle begin after years of prayer. Alex has terrets syndrome. A condition that even kept him out of school for an extended period of time last year. And God used this as an opportunity to cultivate more student leaders to step in and keep the huddle going. To show Alex that he is not alone in this work and that the huddle will continue far after he graduates.

BEAUTY FROM ASHES

One of the spouses, from one of our newest huddles, took time to share, in front of the entire group, that God can move through the impossibly painful to bring to life something beautiful. Their family home and all of their belongings had recently been lost in a fire. He shared with us that, after attending a school meeting one evening, he found himself in need of a ride back to his

parents' home, where his family had been living since the fire. During this car ride, with someone who was simply an acquaintance, a conversation emerged about what it might look like to see an FCA huddle started in his kids' school. He reflected that, without the need for this person's kindness because of a deeply painful event, this conversation may never have happened. A few weeks ago, this brand new huddle had over 60 kids at their very first gathering. God will do GREAT things when we say "yes" and enter into His promises with Him.

Gavin, Brady, and I could go on and on about how much we love and appreciate these Huddle Coaches. We know them by name, we pray for them, and are so grateful to do this ministry alongside them. They deserve all the support and prayer in this work. For every lost soul who has come to know Jesus this last year, we pray ten more would come to receive this same gift in 2026. **Would you pray with us for this?**



LOCAL EAST METRO CAMPS: REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE?

PROVEN
JOHN 15:8



We are just about to dive into the full camp swing. But before we do, we want to bring you up to speed about all things camp so you have all the resources at your fingertips for the summer!

Camp theme:

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE?

We're all trying to prove something: our spot on the team; being accepted by our peers; earning success and accolades; even love. We put time and energy into doing all we can to fit into these spaces, but it leaves us exhausted and unfulfilled.

But we don't have to keep striving to prove our worth; God has **PROVEN** everything for us through His Son Jesus Christ. You don't need to prove anything; Jesus has proven it all. **FROM PROVING MY WORTH TO PROVEN IN HIM.**

Theme verse:

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:8

This summer, we will be hosting four East Metro Sports camps in partnership with:

- **Shepherd of the Valley Church in Afton**
- **Five Oaks Church in Woodbury**
- **East Emmanuel Church in St. Paul**
- **North Haven/Community of Grace Churches in North St. Paul**

These camps are designed to provide outreach within these communities to see younger students transformed by the gospel message. We desire to build foundations of faith in partnership with these churches so that these younger students are engaged in the FCA way by the time they are old enough to attend a huddle and are active disciples in their spheres of influence!

Below are the four local camps we will be offered this summer.

Registrations are open for campers to attend and for people to volunteer!

AFTON CAMP: Shepherd of the Valley Church

June 15-18

9:00-12:00

Grades 4 – 8 (2025/2026 school year)

[Register Here!](#)

WOODBURY CAMP: Five Oaks Church

July 6-9

9:00-12:00

Grades 4 - 6 (2025/2026 school year)

[Register Here!](#)

EAST EMMANUEL CAMP: East Emmanuel Church

TBD

This camp is designed as an outreach opportunity to serve the East Emmanuel community specifically.

Be looking out for the volunteer signup to help!

NORTH ST. PAUL CAMP: North Haven Church (in partnership with CGLC)

July 20-23

TBD

Grades TBD (2025-2026 school year)

Registration Coming Soon!

WHAT WE NEED

SUPPORT THE EAST METRO'S GROWING NEEDS

CURRENT TEAM
FUNDING NEED

\$6,700



Donate online at my.fca.org
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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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How FCA Values Its People

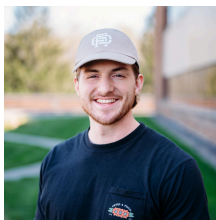
Hear from one of the East Metro team's favorite people, Kaycee Toninato as she joins us for this episode. Kaycee is an integral part of MN State team and she chats with us about FCA's continued pursuit of excellence when it comes to valuing not only its employees but everyone invested in this ministry. She's smart but she's also a good hang!

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Gavin would love to see his monthly donors increased by \$800.

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

[DONATE TO ANNA](#)

"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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