



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES EAST METRO

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WHO WE SERVE

LAST HUDDLES OF THE YEAR

Huddles are wrapping up all across the East Metro this week. It is a bittersweet time for all of us. The momentum this year has been HUGE. This is only a taste of all that God has done. His creativity, provision, sustenance, and miracles have been endless. Check out just a few of the many moments God created for us this year.



So many huddles are wrapping up the season together.



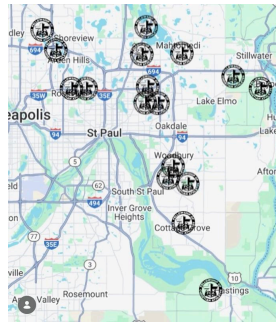
They're celebrating seniors who will be graduating.



And reflecting on all that has happened this year.



Hours and hours of time spent in prayer together.



The revival of so many students desiring to get to know who God is.



The regular collaboration of huddles from multiple schools serving or coming together for good.



We have loved seeing brand new huddles begin.



The beginning of multiple middle school huddles for the first time in our area.



And students getting excited for what God has in store next.



We've been so impressed by the outreaches huddles have led that have impacted their schools.



Outreaches that have impacted their friends and one another.



And outreaches that have impacted the world.



The Lord has astounded us over and over again. What a beautiful year of ministry it's been.

UPCOMING CAMPS



As middle and high school students shift into summer, FCA does NOT slow down in our involvement in their lives. We desire to be a part of their faith journey all along the way, and even add the addition of elementary-age campers into the mix!

We've been working for a long time to see middle school huddles happen in our area. To see families understand the impact of FCA in their child's life, not just in the summer season, **but 365 days a year!** As school huddles end, summer camp opportunities begin! Middle schoolers will be attending and volunteering at our local sports camps in partnership with our four East Metro partnership churches, **Shepherd of the Valley, East Immanuel, Five Oaks, and North Haven.**

High schoolers will also be volunteering to serve at our four local sports camps and helping disciple elementary-age campers in their faith. This is something that's been happening for a few years with the mission to pour even more intention into discipling volunteering students as they serve at our camps.

Some important ways we are pouring into our summer camp volunteers this season are:

- In-person training nights to build connection, instill mission/vision, and establish an even stronger serving team.
- Extended check-in time at the end of each camp day to allow volunteers to dive deeper into their own faith and growth.
- A post-camp party to celebrate their involvement, thank them for their efforts, and share other opportunities to continue connecting and faith-building!

There are additionally many middle and high schoolers who will be joining us at our Northland Regional Sports Camp. And Brady, Gavin, and I are extremely excited for the high school students who will be joining us at LEADership Camp this year. This is where future and current huddle leaders are inspired and prepared to pour into their in-school huddles for the upcoming year!

As this summer season is set to begin in just two weeks, would you pray over this season with us? Pray for hearts that are fertile to hear the life-changing message of the gospel. That families would be positively impacted by their students' involvement in FCA, and that Brady, Gavin, and I would be tenaciously focused on where God wants our energy and efforts.



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.



We are so excited to invite all East Metro Huddle Coaches and huddle students to attend our End of the Year Bash at the start of next week. This will be a time to collectively celebrate how God has provided for us in every way. That faith has deepened, community has grown, lives are being changed, and the gospel is being spread throughout our schools. We can't wait for the worship, the testimonials, the commissioning, and the prayer that will happen.



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 quipping FCA adult Huddle Leaders to Multiply Gospel Impact.

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

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?

gathering for 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

My husband lost his job a few months ago. It was unexpected and sent a shock through our little family of four, our marriage, and for both my husband and me personally. Things had been humming along. Well, as best you can when you're in that stage with young kiddos, where you're trying to find that constant state of balance. Both of our sons have been diagnosed with chronic diseases that require constant care and a consistent financial burden, so when this news came, our minds quickly began racing. I immediately started cancelling memberships and subscriptions and started selling items on Facebook Marketplace. For me, it's easy parting with conveniences and stuff. I told God right away, "I know you're going to show us the way through this." I kept throwing on worship music, giving my husband pep talks, and had a bake sale on the side to see a little extra income come in.

My husband was the breadwinner, no pun intended. I work part-time with FCA and have been the full-time caretaker in managing my sons' health needs. My reaction to the news of Brian's job loss was to try to play my part in successfully navigating the supporter role.

But when week two, three, and four came and went, and we weren't seeing jobs materialize, my role turned from a relentless doer and supporter to a weary and short-tempered doubter.

I learned that in times of crisis, I hit my knees and look to the Lord for help. But then, as time goes by without answers to my prayers, I fill the void with "doing" and trying to answer my own prayers, frustrated that my circumstances have not changed. In this process of being in the waiting, God has revealed so much to me.

- My desire to constantly know where my comfort will come from
- The idol of fear I have that my kids won't have what they need medically
- The longing to know the answers
- The great gift it's been to see even the smallest things as miracles (The kindness of our families and friends, the dog food that continues to fill our pup's bowl every day, the stories of people empathizing with their own stories of job loss. The list goes on endlessly.)
- And the Lord's voice over and over again speaking into the moments when I finally get still, "Anna, when have I not provided for your family's every need?"

I am so grateful for the ways the Lord has dismantled my need for control over and over again. He has been so gracious with me. So when I found myself sitting at my computer, today, stressing

like mad over the financial status of our East Metro fund, God again spoke to me,

"When have I not provided for every need?"

It is difficult for me to balance being a part-time admin of this East Metro team when we have a full-time list of tasks and financial needs. I have asked God hundreds of thousands of times to show me where He wants my energy. The ministry that has happened in the East Metro over the last year truly brings me to tears to think about.

The Lord has done EPIC things, changed countless lives, and has done much with very little financially. Which we've honestly needed as Brady, Gavin, and I figure out how to do this thing just the three of us.

We've got four camps happening this summer with over 350 young students and over 90 high school students who will be volunteering. And the Lord has faithfully brought about big plans. He has been hugely faithful to get us here. Currently, the financial need does not align with what we currently have available. This feels like a HUGE deal to me because I do not have the answer and I cannot solve the problem.

But much like how I've been learning to sit with a posture of hope as we wait for my husband's next job, I am reminded by God, He can and He will.

Brady, Gavin and I are operating with a high level of integrity, responsibility, faith, and focus. We have been frugal. We have been bold in the ministry work. And we have been honest as we've done this work. We are asking each of you, will you help us move ministry forward today?

If you've ever had a kid in camp, had a student in a huddle, or been impacted by a story we've shared here, would you help us financially move the ministry forward?

If every person that gets this newsletter gave \$10 we'd have over \$5,700. How amazing would that be!?

If you're currently giving to one of us individually, would you consider giving a special gift to our team? If there is someone you think I should talk to and share about what God's been doing in the East Metro would you let me know? I LOVE my job and I will faithfully walk into any room to see this ministry continue to move forward.

Thank you for walking with us on this journey. Your prayers, support, encouragement, and partnership brings us the utmost joy. We love you all.

"I was shown mercy...."

1 Tim 1:15-17

Grateful,
Anna Shoberg

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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 ensure all of our huddles are equipped and trained for the fall

PERSONAL FUNDING UPDATES



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

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

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Anna would love to see her monthly donors increased by \$1200.

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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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