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HUNDRED
PERCENT



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AREA DIRECTOR



Hello FCA
Teammates in
Christ,

“Love must be
sincere. Hate what
is evil; cling to

what is good. Be devoted to one
another in love. Honor one another
above yourselves. Never be lacking
in zeal, but keep your spiritual
fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful
in hope, patient in affliction, faithful
in prayer. Share with the Lord’s
people who are in need. Practice
hospitality. (Romans 12:9-13, NIV)

The last three months have been
interesting to say the least. In the
FCA world we have gone from full
steam ahead to pumping the brakes.
This time of year, our ministry
normally revolves around school
activities and camps. With our
current situation, we had to call an



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audible. As the Great Peyton
Manning would say, “Omaha,
Omaha”.

In calling this audible, we weren’t
sure what the next steps might look
like, but God did! We have been
amazed at what God has done over
the last three months through FCA.
God gave us a plan and tools to
reach more people during this crisis
than we normally would by doing
our usual activities.

In March we started sharing God’s
word through testimonies and
devotionals from local Coaches,
Students, Ministry Partners, and
Staff. In March there were 11,023
touches through video, April with
45,054 touches, and May 17,677
touches. God is so good!

We also launched Virtual Coaches
Bible Studies, Virtual Student
Huddles, and expanded on existing
online ministry. We also had our
first ever FCA Virtual Coach/
Spouse Camp and Virtual Student
Leadership Camp. We will be
hosting more local virtual camps

this summer. You will
hear more about these camps from
David and Nicole.

God has shown us new ways to
spread the Gospel and make
disciples. We are so honored and
humbled to be used by God in this
amazing ministry. Please continue
to pray for us as we look for ways
to minister to coaches, students, and
families during this challenging
time. We know God has called us to
a time such as this.

As you reflect on the scripture, I
pray you will look for ways to show
God’s love and practice hospitality.
God has called us (His children) to
be difference makers. Let’s make a
positive difference and honor Him!

Thank you for choosing to be a part
of TEAM FCA! Thank you for your
prayers and support.

Serving Him,
Scott Tarver

NORTH AL FCA



The Spring of 2020 has definitely been different than normal. Just as the spring sports were under way, they were shut down due to COVID-19. Although that kept us from meeting coaches and athletes on the field, it didn't keep us from meeting with them.

One thing that began during this time was our first FCA Virtual Coach/Spouse Camp. It was a great time as we heard from top coaches, Jeff Scott (South Florida), Patti Gasso (OU), Tony Dungy, and Mark and Katherine Richt. It was a regional event with coaches from all over the southeast joining in. There were 1,000 coaches total with 17 of them from our North/Northwest FCA area.



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We had 3 coaches in our area make a decision for Christ and we are following up with them to help them grow in their walk with the LORD. AMEN!! I had the privilege of having 2 of our coaches in the breakout Huddle after the main speaker of the day. Being able to connect with them on a deeper spiritual level was big. Most of the coaches did not like the shut downs for various reasons, but were thankful for the slow down so they

could spend more time with God in His word and prayer, and with their families.

Though this season of life was not planned, I believe it's been a great time to slow down, seek the Lord, and really hone in on the things that really matter and set aside those things we thought were important. Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and with the resources God has given to you as we continue to minister to our North/Northwest AL coaches and athletes.

In Christ,
David Mote

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Neelie Miller attended Decatur High School. Her coach described her as an exceptional young lady. Who has led in her campus FCA ministry for the past two years, organized a clothing drive for Clothe our Kids, and helped create the Homecoming King tradition at Decatur High which raises funds for CASA of North Alabama. She shared that Neelie was an exemplary leader within her school saying, "her character and sincerity shines throughout the way she carries herself and the way she treats others. Her drive to give glory to God in all situations is one of her many extraordinary qualities." She went on to say that "Neelie is one who is welcoming, authentic, genuine, forgiving, kind, and one who has the heart of a true follower of Jesus Christ." On behalf of the family of Wayne Halbrooks and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes we are excited to award Neelie as one of our 2020 recipients of the FCA Wayne Halbrooks Memorial Scholarship.



Jillian Gillum attended Phillips High School. Her coach shared that she is "an outstanding young woman with exceptional moral character, phenomenal grades, and an unmatched work ethic." She shares that she is "a person of outstanding character." On top of being a multi-sport athlete and great student, her coach went on to share that she still finds time to hold a part-time job, volunteers reading to and tutoring elementary students as well as volunteering four days a week at the Russellville Veterinary Clinic. On behalf of the family of Wayne Halbrooks and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes we are excited to award Jillian as one of our 2020 recipients of the FCA Wayne Halbrooks Memorial Scholarship.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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The month of March began with us looking forward to starting new campus huddles, jumping into spring sports teams popsicle blasts, and preparing for the ministry of summer. We could not have imagined that within this same month schools would be closed, sports would be canceled, and we would be quarantined to our homes. Many of us thought, *how much worse can it get than a global pandemic*, then before our eyes we watched worse develop.

Our nation is in a place it has never been before in history, but at the same time this, never been

before place, has brought up to the forefront things that always have been, but desperately need to be changed. Our God is at work. Let us never doubt that for one moment. Let us also never forget that neither a pandemic nor a nation in disarray dismisses us from the great commission.

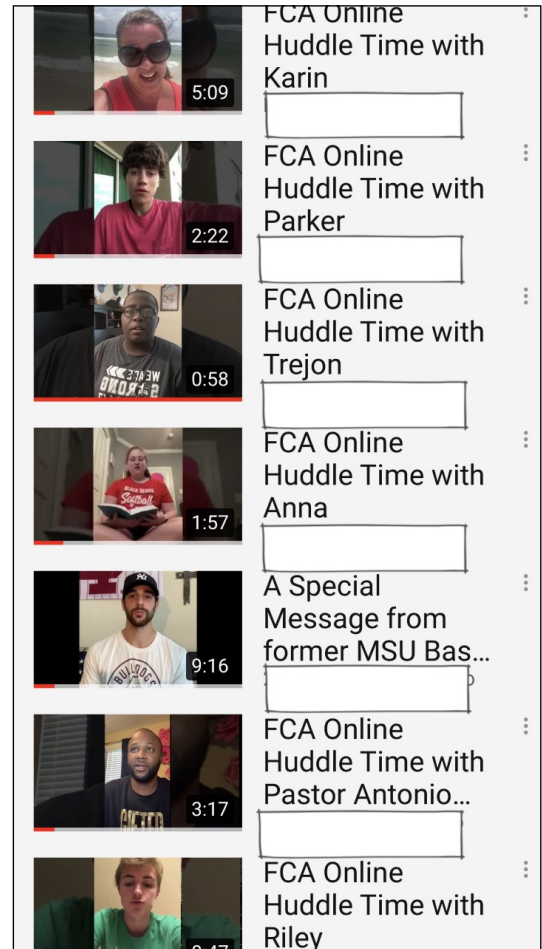
Ministry isn't cancelled.

When the schools closed we didn't want our students or our coaches platforms to share the gospel to close with them, so we began FCA Online Huddle Time. Since the month of March we have had 45 of our Coaches, Students, Coaches Wives, and Pastors share their hearts with us through video to be posted on all of our social media platforms.

Our online reach has spanned into the hearts of thousands in these past several months.

I encourage you to go to our social media sites and listen to the Word of God being shared. These are just a few of those that have been impacted by and through the ministry of FCA and have been given a platform through this ministry to engage, equip, and empower others and your partnership has helped to make it happen. Thank you! Thank you for faithfulness. Our students and coaches and community need us more now than ever.

In Christ's Service and yours,
Nicole Vaughn



Virtual Leadership Camp

July 9th - 11th

For upcoming 7th - 12th Graders

Register @nwal.fca.org



Virtual Campus Huddle Coach Workshop

July 30th - 31st

Register @nwal.fca.org

THANK YOU LUCIA!

After sixteen years of faithful service to the Lord through FCA, Lucia Claborn will be retiring June 30th. Lucia has been the glue that has kept our team focused and on track for a long time. I cannot begin to tell you the amount of work she has put in to the FCA ministry. She has been a prayer warrior, number cruncher, editor, communications manager, event planner, office manager, website pro, listener, encourager, and the list goes on....

Lucia's dedication and love for the Lord is evident every day. She has been a tremendous blessing to so many people over her years of service and I cannot thank her enough for all her efforts. I am confident she will never stop working on the things she loves to do. Thankfully FCA is one of those so we know she won't be far away. Thank you, Lucia, for your dedication, commitment, and love for the ministry. You are a BLESSING.

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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 coaches and athletes 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 9-11	Virtual Leadership Camp
July 27	Sam Rice Memorial Golf Outing
July 30-31	Campus Huddle Coach Virtual Workshop

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