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Summer Newsletter

FCA Santa Cruz



Hello FCA Santa Cruz supporters! First of all, I just want to say thank you so much for all of your prayers, feedback, and for your encouragement. It truly means so much to me. I have been reminded of the humbling truth that God doesn't need us, but he loves to use us in our obedience to Him to accomplish His plans and purposes.

This summer we stayed busy hosting camps and planning for the school year ahead. This newsletter will give you a recap of our awesome summer and a glimpse of how the school year has kicked off!

Speed and Agility Camp



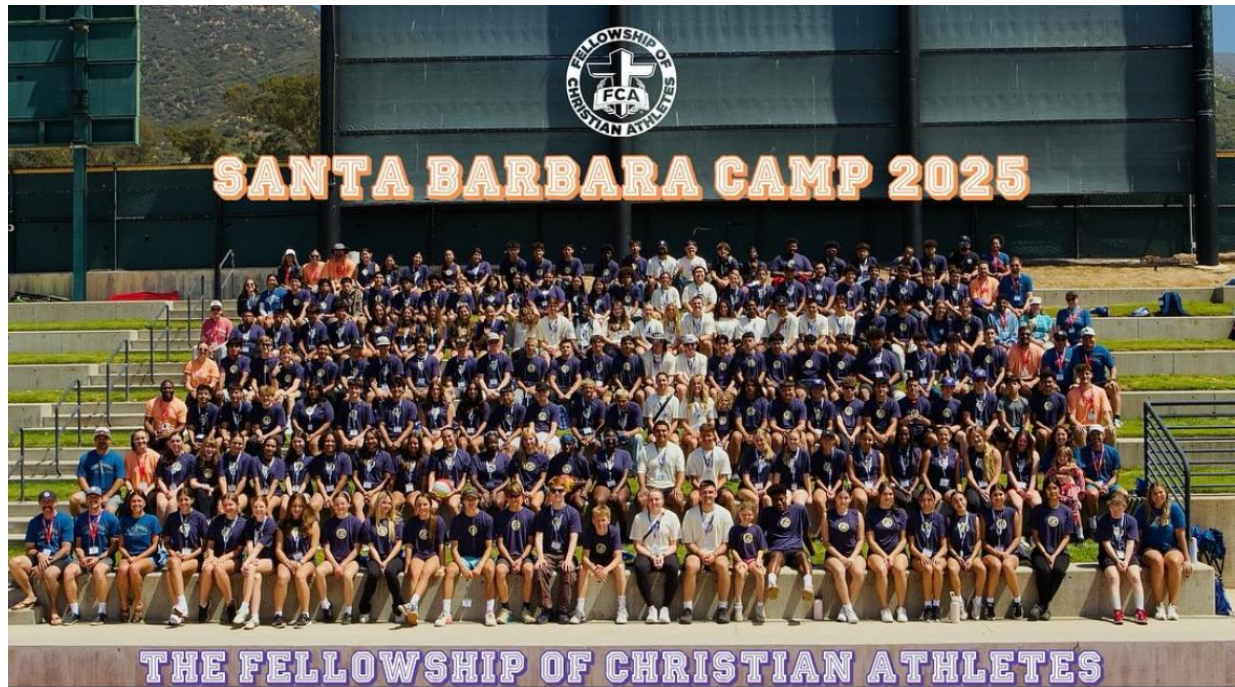
This year we hosted our second ever Speed and Agility Camp for 5th-8th graders! The theme of the camp was Glory (pretty epic theme)! We talked about how we are designed for God's glory and that if we chase our own glory in sports and in life we will never be satisfied and we will fall into sin. Instead, we are to live to glorify God in all that we do on and off the field. We also competed in lots of games, had former college and professional athletes

come and lead the workouts, and held our second annual FCA Olympics (which is a huge hit with the kids)!

"The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever!"

Overall, it was an awesome week of camp where God was glorified, middle schoolers got to compete, receive Bibles, and hear the gospel. I really don't think it gets much better than that!

FCA High School Performance Camp in Santa Barbara



In July, I had the amazing opportunity to serve at the FCA Performance Camp for high schoolers in Santa Barbara (my old stomping grounds) at my alma mater, Westmont College. This camp was a multi-sport camp that hosted about 200 high schoolers from across California.

I was privileged to get to coach soccer at the camp with one of my old teammates and dear friends. This was very special for me personally as I got to coach and minister to girls on the field that I used to play on.

Personally, it was a beautiful week of reflecting on how faithful and kind the Lord has been to me over the years. Did I ever think I'd be staying in my old dorm room with my CHILD?! No chance, but it was so special :)

Over the course of the week, kids heard the gospel and gave their lives to the Lord! I also had a chance to share my testimony with my group of players. They were so receptive and desiring to go deeper in their relationship with the Lord.

Please pray for all the seeds that were sown and scattered at the camp!

Spending Time With Students and Sending Them Off



"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still

proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come." Psalm 71:17-18

Left: Saying good bye to our senior leader, Cassidy, from Soquel High School. She started FCA 2 years ago and now they are on their third year as a club on campus. Because of her courage to start FCA there have been many students at Soquel High who have come to Christ.

Center: Spending time with two of our leaders from San Lorenzo Valley High School.

Right: Sending off and celebrating our senior leader, Jack, from Aptos High School at his graduation party. Jack was a steadfast leader at Aptos High who held firm to the truth of the gospel.

CTO: Coaches Time Out Marriage Retreat



Coaches and spouses from across California came together for a marriage retreat in Monterey. This weekend was full of encouraging couples to seek the Lord and love one another well. The divorce rate for coaches is tragically high, which is why this weekend is so special and necessary.

Please pray for us as we work towards coming alongside coaches in our area with bible studies and coaches date nights!

Looking Towards Fall: A Sneak Peek!



Pictured above are the Soquel High student leaders and their first huddle this year. There were about **80 students** who attended the first huddle!!

Campus Updates

We are currently on 7 campuses: Watsonville High School, Anzar High School, Monte Vista Christian School, Aptos High School, Soquel High School, San Lorenzo Valley High School, and Scotts Valley High School.

Ways to pray for each high school

Watsonville High School: Pray for courage for our student leader as he is a newer believer stepping out in faith because he wants FCA on his campus. Also, pray that many kids will come to FCA and that the word will spread about FCA, despite some faculty push back.

Anzar High School: This is a brand-new huddle that started up this year. Pray for them as they prepare and plan for their first huddle this semester!

Monte Vista Christian School: Pray for a true revival of love for God's word to stir up on their campus. Also, pray for our leaders as we have a whole new leadership team this year!

Aptos High School: Please pray for a teacher who is willing to be the club advisor. Right now there are no teachers who are willingly to step up to advise the club. As of right now they have an advisor from the office supervising out of necessity, not desire. Pray also for our leaders to not lose heart and to continue to charge forward with bold hearts ready to stand on the truth of God's word.

Soquel High School: Pray for a continued spark of revival to spread on their campus! There are kids who are HUNGRY for God's word on their campus. Pray for us as we are planning to start a co-ed bible study before school on Friday mornings.

San Lorenzo Valley High School: Pray for our student leaders to be bold and courageous and for many new faces to join FCA this year! Pray for their first huddle TODAY at lunch.

Scotts Valley High School: We are praising God for the many answered prayers surrounding SV High. We are so excited to be back on campus and that there were no issues with the administration this year. Pray for lots of kids to come to FCA and that many would come to Christ! Pray for their first huddle TODAY at lunch.

Odegaard Family Updates

After being on staff with FCA for 5 years (3 in Santa Barbara and 2 in Santa Cruz), I was blessed with a sabbatical in the month of August. This was the biggest blessing for me! I was able to spend intentional time with Dane, Titus, my family, friends, and the Lord. Also, Titus is now 6 and a half months old which feels crazyyy! It has been the most wonderful gift from God to be able to be his mama. Dane and I are both soaking it all in and thanking the Lord for His good gifts.

Ways you can be praying for our little family this fall:

- Please pray that the Lord will help me balance my time well as a wife, mom, and FCA staff.
- Please pray for me as I plan and prepare to lead bible studies for students and coaches. Pray for the Lord's leading and that he will bring the people who need to be there.
- Please pray for continued connections to be made with potential donors and supporters.
- Please pray for the safety and protection of our family both spiritually and physically as we seek to boldly proclaim God's word in our county.



Thank you all again for your support, prayers, and encouragement! All of this would not be possible without you. May God bless each of you as you rest in Him!



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