



To my dear Grace Family –

I am so excited to be writing this first FCA ministry update. Let me start by saying thank you to Grace and to the families and individuals who have stepped out in faith to join my support team. I can't even begin to express how blessed I am because of you.

I am excited to let you know some of the amazing things I have been privileged to be a part of since I started:

### **The Data:**

- As an FCA team, we have been able to start 6 new huddles since school started (our goal was 4 for the year), that means bringing Christ-centered ministry to 6 schools that didn't otherwise have it.
- I am responsible for and working on 6 campus huddles (all school Bible Clubs)
  - Sarasota Middle - started with over 40 kids attending
  - Heron Creek – networking to find participants
  - Woodlawn – networking to find participants
  - Sarasota High – started with around 6 kids attending
  - Imagine School North Port – started with around 12 attending
  - North Port High – negotiating launch date with staff and students; likely to start this month.
- I am also a Character Coach for the Venice Varsity Boys Soccer team

### **The Stories:**

I asked a couple of our huddle coaches (school staff /coach leaders for our huddles) the following question:

#### ***What is one thing you think others should know about FCA?***

“I think others should know that God truly shows up at the Huddles. As a kid, I wasn't really in-tune to the Holy Spirit's presence in my life. In fact, it wasn't until the past few years that God really revealed who He was to me (or rather that I opened my heart to accept the revelation). In our first Huddle, it was so very apparent that God was with us in that gathering. I remember thinking, "This is what it's all about. This is what matters. This is what God is calling us all to do. Serve and speak life into the next generation." FCA isn't just a place for students to play fun games, have donuts, and hang with friends (although, those things are awesome). It's a place where kids can be immersed into the presence of the Holy Spirit, even if they aren't able to truly recognize it, yet. “

*(Lindsay Marks, Sarasota Middle School).*



“I think others should know that FCA is there and it is an option for student athletes to plug into a faith-based group. Sometimes it can be difficult to be really involved with church if you are a high-level athlete due to your schedule (weekend tournaments out of town on a regular basis and all that) I feel FCA is an option that more people need to be aware of.”

*(Coach BJ Ivey, Riverview High School)*

I asked a couple of students recently what they love about FCA; this is what they said:

**Kaleigh Rice (Senior)** – “FCA is the best part of my week when I can go and praise Jesus with my fellow classmates right in the middle of my school day, as well as get my soul refreshed by spending time with the Lord.”

**Kellianne Aaron (Senior)** - "Out of all four years at Riverview I've been the most involved in this club. This is a place where students can come together in faith and Jesus and not feel alone. This camp has been a true blessing in my life and I'm so thankful I've had the chance to be a part of it."

**Kendall Braz (Senior)** - "FCA is most important to me because we each get an important message every day to help guide us throughout the week.”

**Avery Long (Junior)** - "I love the message FCA gives."

#### Events coming up:

- Golf Marathon Fundraiser – May 7th
  - Sponsor Todd as he plays 100 holes in 1 day!
- Giving Challenge
  - Your \$25 to \$100 donation will be DOUBLED when donated within a 24-hour period May 1 – 2. Save the date and watch for more information coming soon!

Thank you, Grace Community Bible Church Family, I can't do this without you!