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TAYLOR, TX—MINISTRY IN ACTION

Trevor Larson the FCA Ministry Area Representative for the North area and 1st Baptist of Taylor teamed up on April 6 for a night of competition, fellowship, and inspiration that reached over 200 middle and high school students. The evening was filled with activity...3-on-3 basketball tournament, a volleyball tournament, and a Nintendo Wii tournament. The church had a smoker out there to serve up the barbeque, and then it was time for the main event of the evening. 5 UT football players came to share with the crowd. Starting center Chris Hall delivered his usual inspirational and challenging message by giving his testimony. Also there that evening were John Gold the starting punter for UT, backup QB Trevor Walker, Sam Walker CB, and Jamison Berryfield LB. Sam Walker asked the crowd, "What if someone was calling your name and there was a brick wall between you and that person? What means would you take to get to that person? Well Jesus is calling your name...how will you respond?"

Trevor Walker spoke about LeBron James coming to teach you how to shoot hoops and how quickly you would say sure show me. He told the crowd how for him it is therefore logical that if Jesus came to teach him, he would quickly fall under his authority.

John Gold read three scriptures and then spoke about how the punter has a limited role on the team in a game, but if he didn't show up when he needed to show up it could cost the team the game. He said that some people think this way about life and their Christian walk but it's actually bigger than you think. It was great to see the response. Many signed up to attend a six week devotional course called "Starting Line" (an FCA resource) which will be led by parents and coaches. God was at work that night as 33 young people made professions of faith.

It was a night where it was clear that the mission of FCA ("To present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.") was put into action...God working through Trevor, 1st Baptist, Taylor coaches, and UT players to bring glory to His name.



Chris Hall address the crowd

PRAISES

- Volunteers coming forward to assist with our new event: FCA "For the Kids" Dinner Auction
- For a weekend of inspiration and perspiration for UT, St. Edwards and Texas State college students at the Texas College Extreme Weekend Retreat.
- For the heartfelt testimonies given at our San Marcos FCA Night

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Auction item donations for our "For the Kids" Dinner Auction
- For our financial health during this economy
- For God to bring new donors to us
- Huddles getting student leaders signed up for Leadership Camp.