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### ...PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD...

“The Messiah is coming!” could be the way to paraphrase this prophecy proclaimed by Isaiah: *“A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.”* Isaiah 40:3. We wait this month to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. As we all prepare and wait for Christmas Day, we at FCA encourage you to communicate the true meaning of Christmas, the “reason for the season.” God came in flesh to this earth so that we might know Him. We sing “Immanuel” ( meaning “God with us”) to affirm the love God poured out by the birth of His Son. Make it your goal to spread the joy to be found in the art of giving which was so magnificently shown to us by the King of Kings! Merry Christmas!



Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Was Born

### NEW AREA REP. JAKE RIDLEY SAYS “THANK YOU!”

There is a glow coming from Jake Ridley’s face. Our new Area Representative Jake Ridley is energized by how he is seeing God at work in his life and in the lives of others. Jake has been with FCA for just a few short weeks but in that time he has visited 14 out of the 71 schools in his territory. He’s helping to start up a new Huddle in the small town of Fayetteville where the parents of 15 year old Sarah Peevler have gone above and beyond to take all the necessary steps to see the new Huddle coach and student leaders get off to a successful start. Jake has also participated in a community outreach event over the Thanksgiving holiday working with Tribe Consolidated Christian School in Bastrop. Their Huddle Coach, Billy Helm, and several of the Huddle members delivered Thanksgiving dinners to four needy families. One visit in particular stands out for Jake. They had the opportunity to share with the parents of a special needs child the love Christ has for them and their child. According to Jake, it was the first time that they had heard the gospel and typically “didn’t like to talk about God.” They were given a Bible, and Jake read Psalm 1. Coach Helm intends to go back and spend more time with the parents to more fully share the Good News. Jake is energized, and he thanks you for your prayers. They’re working!

### PRAISES

- For the new Huddles starting at Murchison, Hutto, Wiley, Burnet, and Llano Middle Schools
- For the confirmation that former NFL lineman/UT ex. Doug Dawson will be the MC at our banquet
- For the 2010 AT&T corporate sponsorship
- For the faithful men and women who give of their time, talents

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- To be blessed by year-end giving
- For table sponsorships for the Feb. 18th banquet
- For new coaches to come forward to sponsor new Huddles
- For existing Huddle groups
- For a smooth transition for Jake Ridley our new Area Representative