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### UT'S KEN RUCKER SPEAKS TO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

FCA's Coaches Breakfast took place Wednesday morning, July 22, at the Austin Hilton with over 400 high school coaches from the state of Texas in attendance to enjoy the fellowship time, and to hear from the keynote speaker, Ken Rucker, who is the Director of High School Relations and Player Development for the University of Texas Football Team. Coach Rucker has been an Assistant Football Coach for over 30 years and has been involved with FCA since 1967. It was at FCA's Black Mountain North Carolina summer camp that Coach Rucker "became a 'Daddy' again." "It has been the heart and soul of my family," said Coach Rucker. He emphasized that in coaching "our job is to be a surrogate Mom and Dad and letting them know about their Father in Heaven." Gem after gem came from Coach Rucker's mouth as he spoke about the importance of having a vision, mission, and core values such as integrity, teamwork, serving, excellence, and commitment. He also spoke about the "rocky roads that happen" to describe being diagnosed with Type II diabetes in 1994 and prostate cancer last year. Through it all Coach Rucker said "you gotta have faith, family (his guardian angel is his wife, Nancy), and friends that pray for you as they did for me". Coach encouraged the young coaches in the audience to find their "Abrahams."...the elder statesman at their school who can be their mentor guiding them as they develop. Most of all, Coach Rucker reminded us all to "keep our eyes on Jesus".



### EARLY SIGNS OF AN AWESOME AUCTION LINEUP!

The "For the Kids" Dinner Auction is shaping up to be packed with irresistible auction items to bid on:

- Texas Season Tickets (Football, Baseball, and Basketball)
- Golf with PGA Tour Professional Bob Estes
- Dinner with Mack and Sally Brown
- Fishing Trip to Baffin Bay (Corpus Christi)
- Bed and Breakfast Get-Aways
- Autographed sports memorabilia from such stars as Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Peyton Manning

**When:** Thursday evening September 3rd

**Where:** Texas Star Meeting & Event Center

Sponsorship of tables of ten are only \$150. Individual tickets are just \$15. Please email Reagan Lambert (rl@fcaustin.org) for more details.

## TEEN AT RISK BEHAVIOR FACTS

- Every 10 minutes, a teen in Texas gets pregnant
- Every 48 minutes a teen has an abortion
- In 2008 12.7% grades 7-12 reported using Xanax nonmedically in their lifetime
- In 2008 binge drinking, defined as having five or more drinks at one time in the past month, was reported by 20.6% of students in grades 7-12

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **“For the Kids” Dinner Auction**

Thursday, September 3

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Live Auction 7:15 p.m.

Texas Star Meeting & Event Center

### **Tom Landry Memorial FCA Golf Tournament**

Monday, October 12

Onion Creek C.C.

Morning Shotgun Start

Lunch and Awards

## PRAISES

- Volunteers coming forward to assist with our new event: FCA “For the Kids” Dinner Auction
- For the auction items that have been donated.
- For the impact of Coach Ken Rucker on the 400+ high school coaches at the FCA Texas High School Coaches Assoc. breakfast event.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For God to bless us with Dinner Auction table hosts and guests
- For our financial health during this economy
- For God to bring new donors to us
- For our Area Ministry Reps who are preparing for a new school year.