



CATCH THE SPIRIT! STORIES FROM CAMPS

Camp Summary

We had a successful summer with our FCA summer cheerleading camps -- 572 campers in 5 camps in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and California. We had 50 recorded decisions for Christ! And 205 rededications! That is a 45% decision rate! YOU are the reason 255 girls are starting their year

on middle and high school campuses as leaders for Christ. You provided the Bibles, journals, t-shirts, gasoline, travel meals, speakers, praise and worships leaders, and salaries, for this ministry. Without you and your financial support, this would not be possible. An eternal thank you! This is quite a TEAM serving the Lord!

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

One small candle shone like a lighthouse in our "This Little Light of Mine" skit at camp in Alabama. The huddle leaders walked into the room carrying candles and singing "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine". Stephanie, one of the huddle leaders, had the task of playing Satan and approaching each of the singers. The huddle leaders were lined up on stage singing about God's light in their lives as our Satan yelled at them.



Satan told them of their inadequacies, their weaknesses, their imperfections. She tempted them with sin. She encouraged and instructed each huddle leader to blow out her candle since no singer was good enough to carry God's light. One by one, each singer succumbed to the attacks, stopped singing, and blew out her candle. With heads held low, the huddle leaders admitted their defeat and stood in darkness where once a candle had shone.

There remained one final candle, one lone voice. Haley stood in solitude. With her flickering candle, her single angelic voice softly sang "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine". Satan had but one more victim; then all would be dark and quiet.

Satan yelled louder. Satan grew stronger, encouraged by her conquests over the others, and Haley's voice grew weaker. The room was motionless as we waited to see if Haley could withstand the attacks.

Surprising everyone, a few voices joined in the song. Quickly, the entire camp was singing and strengthening the one lone candle. Satan was stunned! She only had one left! How could there be so much singing?

With the strength of a hundred voices, Haley gave her flame to each huddle leader on stage. The room was filled with light . . . and hope and strength.

As Marilou closed with the invitation, she glowed as she encouraged them to take that same song home. Just as they had supported Haley and brightened the room with light and love, they could stand strong together as Satan tossed temptations toward them at home and school. By supporting each other, they would keep their lights shining and bring the light of God into the lives of their families, friends, and schools.

Graci is here!

Marilou is now a grandmother! Caroline Grace Nelson was born on September 13 weighing 9 pounds, 13 ounces and was 22 inches long. From Marilou: "We are proud of her, and the miracle of birth was amazing once more."



SPEAKING THE TRUTH

The speaker in Tennessee was **Rhonda Paulson**, a southern lady who invites all girls to the table by saying, "Let's do lunch". She is loud and funny and real. She tells them if they are coming to lunch, be real. Her theme throughout is Matthew 5:37, "simply let your yes be yes and your no be no." She talks about choices and consequences while she emphasizes 1 Samuel 16:7 "Man sees things from an outward appearance, but God only sees the heart." She encourages the girls to put their mirrors down. God loves them as they are, they are beautiful to Him, and He has a purpose for their lives.



Carrie Horner with her huddle group

FROM COACH MARILOU

On August 23, the Paulding County FCA had a back to school rally with about 400 people in attendance. **Carrie Horner**, from the FCA staff who worked at cheer camps this summer, invited the cheerleaders from each school to do the "extreme routine" they learned at camp. **Danny Buggs**, a former

professional football player and an FCA staff member from the Atlanta inner city, brought a message that led about 75 kids down the aisle to accept Jesus as their Lord. As **Kim Boyce** shared with the new believers that night, she asked if anyone needed a Bible. A 9th grade cheerleader, Nicole, quickly raised her hand. I asked her to see me when she left because I had a Bible for her in my car.

you, that in me you might have peace. In this world you will have tribulations, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." John 16:33

I now see God's purpose more clearly than I ever imagined. I am on a journey to give out a lot of Bibles to a lot of Nicole's. YOU provide those Bibles, honorariums for the speakers, gas for my car, pizza and drinks, skit props, and so much more.

We are partners, and I thank you. I hope you can join me at some events to see what an impact you are having in this world for Jesus! I'm looking forward to seeing what God will do in the next four years!



Quiet time at camp

As we walked to my car and talked about her new life in Christ, I became overwhelmed. That date, August 23rd, 4 years earlier, I had lost my job as the University of Georgia cheerleading coach. I claimed my life verse that day, "These things, I have spoken unto

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