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Ministry Update

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Walk By Faith

I was recently sitting in a coaches Bible study looking at the story of David and Goliath. Although this is a well known story, God revealed (or reminded me) something I had never seen or dwelled upon. Why would Saul allow David to fight Goliath? Goliath is a 9 foot plus giant, manly-man, filled with anger. David is younger than 12, small in size with no army experience. If David gets beat, the whole nation of Israel surrenders to the Philistine army and becomes an enslaved nation. Why would Saul allow David to fight Goliath? Saul is able to comprehend the facts, the visible truth, and yet he still allows David to fight! It doesn't make sense! But this is a good lesson on walking by faith, not by sight. Beyond the visible - lies the invisible, and there we discover the Living God who desires our obedience.

This economy is tough, giving is down, we did not meet our financial budget, we need to add staff and relocate into a larger office – the visible facts sit right in front of me and it looks like we are going to lose. Here's a bigger problem - there are thousands of students seeking help! The number one question among high school campers this summer: "Why did God give me this life?" Students are wondering about their purpose in life. Why are they here? They are seeking! Along with this truth is that students are turning away from the church and are seeking answers somewhere else. FCA gets to be that "somewhere else".

In spite of the visible giants that lie before us, we know there is a Living God that has asked us to be obedient and charge forward. As the director of this office and area FCA ministry, I ask you to please pray for this ministry as we share hope to the hurting, direction for the lost, and courage for the weak. We share the good news of Jesus Christ! I ask that you invite others to join you in prayer and giving to this ministry.

I want to thank you so much for what you are already doing in giving and praying! Don't stop now – we are running into battle and we need you to join us.

Walking...running by faith and not by sight! *Rex Stump, Area Director*



Bryan Middle School Kicks off the school year with Olympics!



Liberty Center Huddle plans to hold 5th Quarter

The Liberty Center Huddle is planning a 5th quarter after the LC/Wauseon football game on September 19. It will be held in the school after the game for High School age. **NO COST!** The night will include a live band and pizza! Pray for this event, as it brings together students from rival schools.



We held our first FCA meeting of 08-09 with the Olympics. Teams were made up from different places from the Bible and we started with a parade around the gym to the Olympic Theme Song. Then off to the "scoot the towel" race, "run the Kleenex to the basket" race, and "flip the towel" race. Closing ceremonies were held and the gold medal winners stood on the platform (gym mat) to receive their medal (donut on a string) and pose for pictures. There was a world record in the "flip the towel" race! It was a great first meeting!

Reported by: **Joy Richmond,**
BMS Huddle Leader

Community News



A Weekend To Remember With Jerry Lucas

NBA Superstar Jerry Lucas will be in NW Ohio on October 12-13, 2008, for "A Weekend To Remember." Former Ohio State Champion and NBA All-Star, Jerry Lucas will challenge, inspire, and encourage people of all ages during his presentations.

Jerry has devoted his life to cultivating ideas and methods for fun and easy memory-retention. The resulting methods are now known as *The Lucas Learning System* and have earned him the title of *Doctor Memory*. Jerry will also be sharing his faith at each session. **NO COST** to this event, but please come prepared for a free will offering.

Weekend Schedule

- **Sunday, October 12 • 10:00 am**
Improving Family Relationships
Location: True North Church, Wauseon (Hope Center)
- **Sunday, October 12 • 7:00 pm**
Family Learning Made Fun & Easy
Location: Pettisville Missionary Church
- **Monday, October 13 • 7:00 pm**
How To Remember Names & Faces
Location: Pettisville Missionary Church

Financial Status: In Need of Prayer!

Our fiscal year ended the end of August and we were short \$10,000. Pray that we will find new Home Team donors. Please pray that this upcoming year will be better—*the last thing we want to do is close the doors of this ministry.*

Daniel Vandock (Area Representative) still needs to raise another \$6,000, by October 1, 2008.

Josh Erd is in the process of raising his funds so that he can join our staff on January 1, 2009.

2008 Annual Fall Champions Dinner

The Buckeye Border FCA Office is excited about our 5th Annual Fall Champions Dinner! Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, November 2, 2008, at Founder's Hall in Archbold, Ohio for a night of celebration and excitement! This casual dinner begins at 6:30 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.



Awards will be given to students and coaches, as well as a few Huddles and Teams. The highlight of the night will be hearing from motivation speaker, Maurice Hall! Formerly a running back at the Ohio State University, Maurice now fires up the crowd with words of inspiration.

Tickets are \$30 for the evening and are available by contacting the Buckeye Border office—(419)335-4472 or by emailing Rex at rstamp@fca.org or Jenny at jstamp@fca.org. A limited number of tickets will be sold this year—order yours today!



Bryan High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team gathers for practice, competition, and a Team Time challenge!

New FCA Ministries!

We welcome these new FCA ministries:

- Defiance College Tennis Team Time
- Edgerton HS Huddle
- Montpelier HS Cross Country Team Time
- Montpelier Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball Team Time
- Wauseon HS Cross Country Team Time

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