



# THE PENTONS' PROGRESS

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April was kind of crazy with 24 assemblies and 10 other ministry events!

## Fairfield Christian Academy

Joel and I had the privilege to share an evening with the students and parents at Fairfield Christian Academy this month. The event was a fundraiser for the athletic program in this small school. Improving their athletic program will bring more students to their school and hopefully, more students closer to Christ. We met the principal of the school and were very impressed with their operation that evening. Joel was able to share the gospel and have a time of recommitment to Jesus. Numerous people indicated decisions and we praise God for this awesome opportunity.

which is called FCA. The talk plays off of Joel's first talk about commitments. The F stands for Faith, C for Contend, and A for Accountability. This new assembly was presented six times and now Joel and Ryan feel comfortable and confident offering it to schools all across the state and country.



Students at Willoughby Middle School

## Circleville Evening event

On April 20th, Joel and Ryan traveled to Circleville for a HS assembly (Joel had been to the MS last year) and one of our special "Comeback" events. There is a strong FCA group at this school and they served as our "Home Team." The Home Team is a group of students committed to making the event as effective as possible by inviting all their friends and getting the word out to the whole school. This is all part of the "Game Plan" which is a strategy created by Joel and Ryan to have a more successful event (I have spoken of the Game Plan in other issues). Many kids came and many decisions were made. One comment written on a response card at the event is below.

*"This really inspired me and I rededicated my life to Jesus!"*

Until next month ,

*-Bethany Penton*

## Please Pray For...

- A Strong Finish to This School Year
- Fall Bookings
- Support for "The Main Event" (below)

## Message From Joel

Teammates,

I have been keeping in close contact with Chris Maragos, the senior defensive back from Wisconsin who is spearheading The Main Event in Madison this fall. Things are progressing really well and God is opening up doors in an amazing way. Some of the stories Chris has been sharing with me remind me so much of the first time we put on The Main Event my senior year in 2006. Please pray for Chris and the team he has put together for the outreach. They are so passionate about using the platform God has given them through football to see others come to Christ. They should be finalizing the date and venue very soon and they have already begun forming a church partnership. Please pray also that I can raise some support on our end to fund a small team to come along side Chris and help him this fall. I would love to involve some of our leadership team here and assist in any way possible, especially with the follow-up effort. We will need some added support to make it possible. Hopefully we can raise enough to help not only Wisconsin, but also other schools across country that want to put on their own Main Event. Thanks so much for your prayers and support.

God Bless,

*- Joel*



Joel rides in on a Harley and then has fun with a Michigan fan at Fairfield Christian

## Lorain County

Joel and Ryan spent 6 days up in Lorain county this month for the second year in a row. This year we partnered with a small business and a local church to maximize the amount of schools that were hit with Joel and Ryan's awesome assemblies. For a few schools, the new school presentation was used

