



# THE PENTONS' PROGRESS

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The school year is in full swing and traveling is at an all new high!

## Spielman Gridiron Classic II



Chris addresses the winning team

In the late Summer months, Joel and I worked on an event called the Spielman Gridiron Classic II. This event is a fundraiser for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research. The Spielman Classic presents two premier High School football games in Central Ohio. We had large crowds at both the Dublin Jerome vs. Hilliard Darby game on Friday, and the Glenville vs. Reynoldsburg game on Saturday. Both games featured a halftime speech by Chris Spielman, where he shared his faith. We were also blessed this year to partner with presenting sponsor, Buffalo Wild Wings. The net proceeds this year more than doubled last year's total and it looks like the Classic should only get bigger and better in years ahead.

## Wantagh, NY

In mid-September Joel made his furthest trip yet for a speaking engagement when he drove to Wantagh High School on

Long Island, NY. The trip took 10 hours each way, but proved to be worth the investment. About a dozen other local school administrators were in attendance to view the presentation for the possibility of bringing Joel to their schools. Please pray for this assembly to yield several other opportunities, especially evening comeback events in Long Island, NY.

## Introducing Jay Schultz



Jay teaching at a sports camp

We are excited to announce that Central Ohio FCA has a new Executive Director: Jay Schultz. God certainly answered our prayers and provided 'immeasurably more' (Eph 3:20) than we even imagined in Jay. Jay, a former college football player, is moving here from Arkansas with many years of ministry experience. He brings fresh ideas and new energy to our goals for reaching students all over Central Ohio. Unfortunately, Jay's family won't be able to make the move and join him here in Ohio for a few months. Please pray for Jay and his family (Wife—Kathryn and kids Jake and Ella) during this time of major change.

Until next month ,

*-Bethany Penton*

## Please Pray For...

- Safe Travel
- Comeback event bookings
- Gospel-centeredness (see below)

## Message From Joel

Teammates,

Traveling and speaking so frequently can get physically and emotionally tiresome. It is always so initially exciting when we head out on the road for a three day, eight event trip, but setting up, speaking, and tearing down a few times a day with very little rest can really zap your enthusiasm. In those times when I feel so physically and emotionally drained, I try to re-center my mind on the most important piece of information in all the world, The Gospel. 1 Corinthians 15 says that The Gospel is the historical fact that Jesus died for our sins, was buried and rose from the dead. The greatest news in all the world is that our Creator stepped into our place to endure the punishment of our crimes against Him. After dying our death, He rose in victory and now sits in Heaven on a throne where He rules over everyone and everything. The privilege of being able to proclaim this message is more than enough to keep us energized. Sometimes when we are praying before an outreach event and I know that Ryan and I both are running on empty. I say, "Let's pretend it's the first and last time that we get to share the Gospel." That thought is all we need.

Thank you so much for your persistent prayers and support.

God Bless,

*- Joel*

