

HOME TEAM SCOUTING REPORT

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We hope that you all have had a great summer! We have enjoyed being in a different season and figuring out what all it entails. This summer has been full of camps and fundraising. We also had a time at the end of May where we were able to invest in the coaches by bringing in Dr. Jeff Duke who teaches "3 Dimensional Coaching." His curriculum teaches how to coach biblically as demonstrated by Christ coaching his disciples. A lot of coaches are great at coaching the fundamentals, but when it comes to the psychology of coaching and coaching the heart of an athlete they seem to have a harder time. **We hope to help them implement these new techniques into their programs.** We are excited about the upcoming year and how these new ideas will shape their programs and make them even better.



After the coaches' training, we worked FCA Leadership Camp at Belhaven University in Jackson. We taught a leadership session on teamwork. The game the students played represented the urgency we should have when reaching others for Christ. We learned a lot and hope they did too! The theme for all summer camps was, "Game Changer." **Our challenge to all FCA student leaders is to be a game changer at their school.** It was our first Mississippi camp to be a part of and we had a blast!



Justin spoke to Vicksburg area summer baseball players.

I then participated in our women's basketball camps at MC. I had so much fun helping the coaching staff, teaching basketball, sharing a devotion in the mornings, and meeting all the new players coming in next year. I shared about purpose and how God has a plan and purpose for all of our lives. **I loved everything about the camp, but most of all, I loved meeting all the new players.** Having already met them will make the transition easier for me when they start basketball season.

Justin also had the opportunity to speak at a local event to young athletes. He was invited to Vicksburg to speak at a summer baseball kickoff hosted by FBC Vicksburg. **He shared his testimony and about how we should all take the initiative to invest in others.**

Our next trip of the summer was to Memphis, Tenn. We traveled with two of our students and one of our athletic trainers to work in the Orange Mound area with a ministry called, "Orange Mound Outreach Ministries." **The area is one of the worst neighborhoods in Memphis. The ministry we worked with provides a safe haven for kids to hangout every afternoon and be taught the Word of God.** It was a great experience and reminded all of us that there are so many people hurting and every bit we can do to serve others is worth it.



Me, Justin, Jeremy Bertrand (football player), Andy McElyea (cross country runner), and Nicole McMorris (trainer) all participated in the Memphis trip.

Our final endeavor of the summer was our trip to Black Mountain, N.C., to work an FCA All Girls' Multi-Sport Camp. We took three of our female leaders with us and they were huddle leaders for the first time! It was so exciting to see them ministering to middle school and high school girls. We were so proud! My official job was the huddle leader coordinator assistant and Justin was the hospitality director. I think he had the harder of our two jobs since he was basically the "go-to" guy for any need! He was great and **we all had a great time meeting other FCA staff from across the country and serving with them.**

We have another HUGE announcement and that is that we have hired an intern for the next school year! Our intern is Hollye Henderson, (pictured right) former soccer player at MC. Hollye is a natural leader and has a passion for reaching athletes with the Gospel of Christ. We are so excited that she will be a part of our team next year.



(L-R): Lindsey Scallan (volleyball player), Courtney Creamer (volleyball player), Hollye Henderson (FCA Intern), Me, and Justin.

Thank you so much for your support! We are believing and standing on God's Word that says, **"Whatever God does will remain forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing can be taken from it. God does it so that men will revere Him."** (Ecc. 3:14) We are following His lead at MC and know that we can not go wrong when we do because whatever he does will remain forever!

I also want to give a fundraising update. We are currently in the process of raising \$30,000 to stabilize our budget before the school year begins. We are hosting power lunches (meetings with a lunch/dinner setting) where we present the vision of FCA and offer those that come the chance to invest in what God is doing at MC through FCA. We are also beginning a campaign to recruit 100 people to give \$25/month and are asking for a 1-3 year commitment. This is a feasible task and we want you to be a part of the 100 if you do not already give. We hope that you will see all that God is doing and want to be a part of His movement at MC and the Clinton community.

Personally, Justin and I are training for a half-marathon and are close to race day! We will be seeing my family in Texas in about a week and half and will run our race in Arlington while we are there (July 23). If you think about us, you can send up a prayer for our race. It will be HOT!!

May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you,