

# The Heart and Soul

# SPORTS



For over 50 years, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has believed that sports are much more than a game or pastime. Sports impact our culture and our world. More and more, the playing field is where young people discover what it means to be a man or woman. An astounding 38 million kids between the ages of 8 and 18 play competitive sports. That's why, as the largest Christian sports ministry in the world, we remain passionately committed to our vision "to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches."



With the enormous pressures our youth and coaches face today, we believe that FCA is needed now more than ever. *Give 110%. Win at all costs. Do what it takes.* These are all expressions that can encourage going beyond the bounds of good sportsmanship. What about playing with heart – teamwork, hard work and integrity? But to develop athletes and coaches who play with heart, you've got to first feed their soul.

To reach and teach a nation what it means to play with heart and soul is a goal that we can achieve together. In 2007, thanks to you, our teammates, a record 2,002,664 people were impacted by FCA. That is 700,000 more than the previous year—an over 50% increase! We also saw 44,015 decisions for Christ, a growth of almost 10,000 people. Our efforts focused on our "4 C's" of Ministry: Coaches, Campus, Camp and Community. With your greatly valued support, we are indeed putting the heart and soul in sports.

## "Fields of Faith"



Students gathered recently at John F. Kennedy High School to participate in the national "Fields of Faith" event to hear testimonies and challenge each other to read God's word and have faith in Christ. Over 100,000 students in 35 states participated. New Covenant Bible Church Pastor Mick Schultz (center; black shirt) shared a message of God's hope and love.

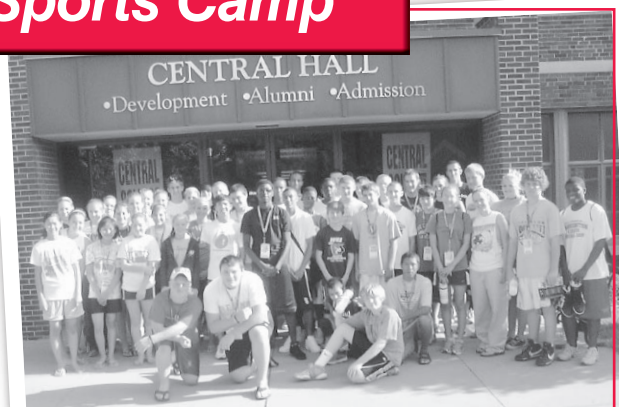
## Ministries

The FCA Ministries encourage, equip and empower coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of sports to impact their world for Jesus Christ.

The FCA Ministries are:

- Coaches
- Campus
- Camp
- Community

## Sports Camp



Last summer Eastern Iowa FCA dedicated over \$9,000 in scholarships to bless young people to attend a sports camp or leadership camp. Pictured here are Eastern Iowa students who attended the FCA Sports Camp at Central College (Pella, IA) in July. Over 300 kids in eight different sports took part in this life-changing week of "inspiration and perspiration."

## Community Service



Eastern Iowa FCA presented a check in the amount of \$7,000 in support of the recent "Eight Days of Hope" project that helped families affected by the summer floods. The gift included 10% of the local FCA Golf Day proceeds, plus a matching gift from FCA National Office. Pictured here (l to r) are: Ken Kolek (FCA board member & Serve The City Flood Relief Fund trustee); Pastor Charles Daugherty (Serve The City facilitator); Carl Gonder (Eastern Iowa FCA Area Director); Randy McCright (FCA Leadership Board chairman).

## Our Vision

To see Eastern Iowa impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches.

## Our Values

Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Serving, Teamwork, Integrity and Excellence.

## Fellowship & Fun



Eastern Iowa FCA Area Director Carl Gonder with "superheroes" at Marion High School's FCA Huddle meeting.

## Campus Ministry



Hall of Famer and former Linn-Mar coach Bob Landis (back left) is pictured here after speaking to the Linn-Mar High School FCA Huddle group recently. Students, parents and coaches are working together to impact the school community.

## Special Events



Tanya Crevier, the world's greatest basketball handler, shared her powerful testimony and performed at several area schools earlier this year. Here she spins 10 basketballs at one time!

## Leadership



The Eastern Iowa FCA Leadership Board of Directors visited the FCA National Office in Kansas City recently to work with national staff. Pictured here (back row left to right): Mick Schultz; Gregg Bosch, Carl Gonder, Jim Anderson, Ken Kolek. Front row: Dr Leonard Ranson, Bart Woods, John Rodriguez, Mitch McElree. Not pictured: Randy McCright, Tim Gassmann, Ted Garnett, Scot Warder.

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## Teamwork



Student-led FCA Huddle groups throughout Eastern Iowa display the FCA core values of: teamwork, integrity, serving and excellence. A new FCA Huddle was started this fall at Cedar Valley Christian School. Pictured here are student leaders with FCA Huddle Coaches Craig Foote and Von Kennedy.