Ministry Update of Buckeye Border FCA

HEART AND SOUL

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A Letter From A Camper's Mom

She struggles. We struggle with her. Big time. For a long time. Counseling, meds, more counseling, wondering if she'll even pass Jr. High, can she make it at school...rough friendship, all the things. She has a huge heart. We've been told by teachers and friends that they see growth in her relationship with Christ and her desire for learning more about Him and His word. But her struggles are real and at times overwhelming for her and for us, as parents. We've been at our wits end so many times in the last year. I must be honest and confess, I've lost hope and picked it back up so many times with her. When you texted me about camp, I didn't think she'd want to go. Even though she is great at whatever she does, she typically doesn't want to do anything that requires activity. She'd pick TV, electronics and staying home talking to no one here over anything else. When she said "yes" I was shocked.

Last night after work and supper and things calmed down, she came out to find me on the front porch. She began to share with me how God revealed Himself to her at camp. She began weeping and telling me about how she'd been in her Bible all day long. Every time she'd go to watch a show she'd normally watch, she'd think, "This isn't honoring to Him." Then she'd go to listen to a song she'd normally listen to and think, "I can't listen to this." I can't tell you how many conversations and limitations we had put on those things over the last several years. She'd always find a way to sneak them or lie about what she was watching. Then she shared how she thought she knew God before she went to camp, but the way He spoke to her and showed her His love changed her.

I'm telling you I haven't had a conversation like that with her in years. She was her. She was there, real. It's like chains were broken. Absolutely amazing. She shared the verses she felt God spoke to her, the parts of the messages that stuck out to her (without notes!?) and wept as she talked about the lost people in our world and the desire she saw for them. She shared about the fun things, the challenging things, the friends she made that she is so excited about. She shared how she was challenged to start school up and be a leader in our school, standing up for what is right, not cool. The friends she typically hangs with are not like those she met at camp. Her sister told her on the way, "no offense, but the friends you'll meet here are nothing like your friends." Boy was she right. She is so excited to have a group of friends she can talk to about what she's reading, be encouraged by and challenged. She even ended things with a boy she's been "talking to."

She stayed downstairs and visited for most of the night which is a breath of fresh air...she typically pushes me away and avoids any kind of connection. She even went to the extent to ask if we could get coffee once a week and talk about a devotion or something... I'm telling you, it's amazing. God is just like that isn't He!? I love you guys...again, thank you for reaching out!! Please thank whoever made it financially possible for her to go.I am so extremely thankful. Thankful actually doesn't even express it!?!?

To all those who prayed for camp...thank you! Keep praying! To all who gave financially towards scholarships and camp expenses...thank you! Your investment mattered! We are so thankful for our Home Team – your monthly, annual, and special gifts, and your prayers continue to encourage and support us, as we serve our victorious Savior!

Rex Stump, Area Director

2021 FCA Golf Scramble

Saturday, September 11, 2021
Eagle Rock Golf Club • Defiance, OH

Join us for our annual Buckeye Border FCA Golf Scramble. This year, we will again use the proceeds to cover the expenses of our FCA Leadership Camp held on July 17-21, 2021. Register you or your team today. There are only 24 foursomes available. Incredible prizes, competition, and celebrations will be part of this special day!

Register your Team or become a Sponsor online at:
www.bbfca.org/golf-event

2021 FCA LEADERSHIP CAMP

Our 2021 FCA Camp was once again a week of life transformation! Words cannot express, pictures don't tell the whole story, nor will the testimonies give justice to the impact of God's power at camp! We praise God for transformed lives, beautiful weather, an incredible camp staff, and a week to remember!

Spiritually speaking, some of the campers experienced God in a way they have never experienced Him before! We know for sure 23 said, "For the first time ever, I prayed and asked Jesus to be the Lord of my life." Another 58 said, "I have already prayed and asked Jesus to be the Lord of my life, but now I'm praying and I'm recommitting my life to Him."

When asked what the most meaningful part of camp was, the number one answer was chapel (42 of 88 said this!) The other top answers included - last night of chapel, bonfire sharing, new friends, and my Huddle. Our speaker, Bay Forrest, was incredible as he spoke with passion and genuineness, in a story-telling fashion.

When asked, "How can we improve camp?" the replies were unanimous... "Nothing!" "It was perfect" "It's the best!" "You can't!" (32 of 88) The next two answers included more worship and make camp longer!

What The Campers Had To Say

"When Bay was speaking at chapel, he really hit hard in the heart, and he gave me the chance to have Jesus in my heart."

"Thank you for helping me grow my faith with God!"

"Keep doing what you are doing. You helped change my life and so many others. Thank you. I cannot wait to be a Huddle leader; I'm counting down the days!"

"The last night of chapel and bonfire was so meaningful. I truly saw and felt the love of God and the Holy Spirit through everyone in the room. I feel like I truly got to know God in a way I never have before."

"The first and last chapel were special. I prayed the prayer at the first chapel, and I am ready to continue my walk with Christ. At the last chapel, it all hit me at once and I felt God's unconditional love."

"Best camp I've been to, I can't wait until next year! I found Jesus at this camp!"

What The Huddle Leaders Had To Say

"Sometimes at school I struggle to find good Christian peers to bounce off and connect with, but here at camp these Huddle Leaders were awesome! I felt strengthened from the speakers and activities. Sometimes, I thought this camp was more for me, than the campers because I was so encouraged!"

"I love being in this environment and at this camp. It is so well done, and God has moved each and every time. I'm so grateful for each and every one of you, and it is such an honor and privilege to serve with you all."

"There's something special about this camp. It's not like anything I've ever been to before. The love the staff showed towards the Huddle Leaders was unreal. Not once did I ever feel deserted."

"This is such a special place that welcomes anyone and everyone. I came here trying not to have expectations, and I have been blown away."

"I wanted to say that this was an amazing five days and that you all did a great job motivating and training everyone to pursue Jesus while they are away from camp! Truth was taught with courage, belief, and boldness. And people responded. Continue to pursue!"

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