

Gratitude to the F.C.A. ①

- From Ball - Billy Wade - Bob Greenlee
- The Huddle - The Harris Fellowship
- Richard Lyall

Love and Gratitude for John & Betty Ender

- Keeping to the Center

- Harry Rubin Carole Ken - Ilene

Ender
Daniel
Enders

The Swedish Song - The Couple!

You are the Spiritual Center - Prayer

- Your Commitment - Prayer - Life Style

Involvement - Crucial

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The Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

Great Cloud of Witnesses

- The Coliseum - At Night - Overwhelming
 - The Game - Boston Celtics
- The Heroes of Faith / Home Crowd!
- We Are Surrounded
 - The F.C.B. - The Back of the Program
- The New Transcendent Reality
 - The Eternal Family
 - Mr. Dad - Mr. Mother
 - Joe Aronson - Andrew Martin
 - Don Albrecht

(2)

Throw off Every thing then binders

And the Air that so easily entangles

(1) In Sports

- The Gear

- Good Physical Condition

- Good Studies The Playbook - The Film

- Am Mentally Ready

(2) In Life

- Honesty Are Our Greatest Strength

- Much Trust - Divides Loyalties

- False Acts - We keep at it.

(3) Call to Holmes

- Unpretentious - Simple Undeveloped

- Consecration - Dedication

- All on the Altar - Brotherhood

- Unid - Life style

Millard Fuller

Carte Muevets

and others -

(14)

Run with Perseverance - the Race Marked
Out for Us.

(1) In Sports

- The Early Starters - These First Runners
- All their physical ability - then for

(2) In the Spiritual Realm

- Demas - In Love with this World

Discipline

Discipline

(3) Two Illustrations

Truth and Grace
Barred before we
- Demas is

God's Plan - When He Has Marked Out for Us.

Fix Our Eyes on Jesus

John 14:6 - I am the Light
- the Light

(1) The Author and Perfector of Our Faith

- In the Counsel of Elements - He is finished

(2) Who for the Joy See Before Him Endure the
Cross - Accounting it honour

(3) Sit Down at the Right Hand of the Throne
of God - His Power - His Spine

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“Run to Finish”

*“. . .let us run with perseverance the
race marked out for us.”*

Hebrews 12:1

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FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1986

3:00 PM	Board Meeting - Session I	DeSoto Room
4:00 PM	Committee Meetings	Cortez Room
		Sierra Room
6:30 PM	Buses leave for Royals Stadium	
7:15 PM	Dinner and Baseball Game - Royals Stadium	
	Kansas City Royals (World Champions)	
	vs. California Angels	

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1986

7:30 AM	Breakfast	Balboa Room
	“Around The Coffee Cup”	
	Dr. Roger Fredrikson - Wichita, Kansas	
10:30 AM	Board Meeting - Session II	DeSoto Room
11:15 AM	Committee Meetings	Cortez Room
		Sierra Room
12:30 PM	Lunch	Balboa Room
2:00 PM	Board Meeting - Session III	DeSoto Room
3:30 PM	Free Time	
6:30 PM	Buses leave for National Headquarters	
7:00 PM	Tour of National Offices	
7:30 PM	Dinner and Special Program - Fellowship Center	
	FCA National Headquarters	

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1986

7:45 AM	Buses leave for Second Presbyterian Church
8:00 AM	Coffee, juice and rolls
8:45 AM	Church Worship - Second Presbyterian Church
10:15 AM	Brunch Balboa Room
	Departure following

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**1986
National
Camp and
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"Run To Finish"

"... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us"—Hebrews 12:1

Welcome!

This week you'll be **challenged**:

- To develop your skills in the clinics;
- To test your abilities in competition;
- To be a part of a team (huddle) both on and off the playing fields;
- To explore your relationship with Jesus Christ with some of our nation's finest high school, college and professional athletes and coaches.

When you leave at the end of this week, the **adventure** will hopefully continue as you'll:

- Have higher expectations of your capabilities as an athlete and person;
- Be more in touch with who you are and who God created you to be;
- Understand more clearly what it means and takes to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Lace up your shoes and let's hit the starting blocks!

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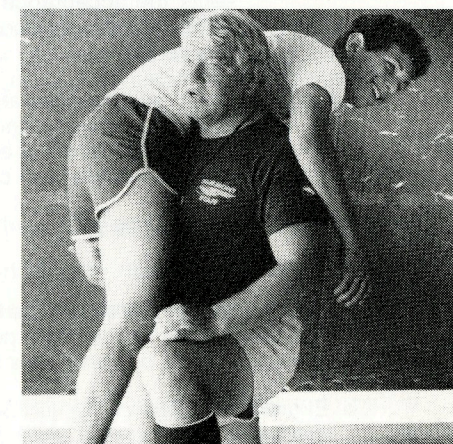
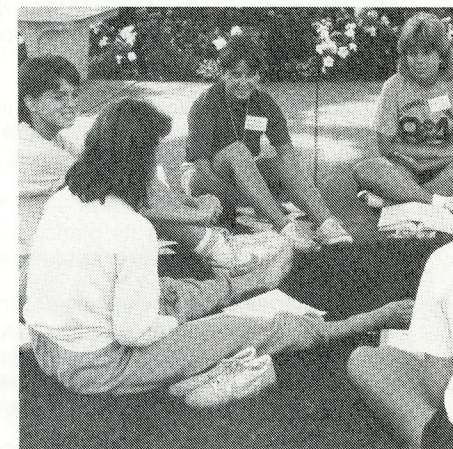
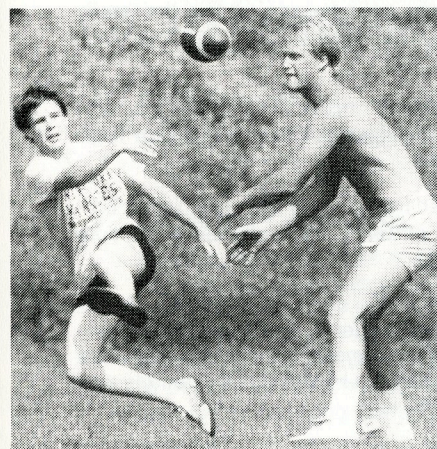
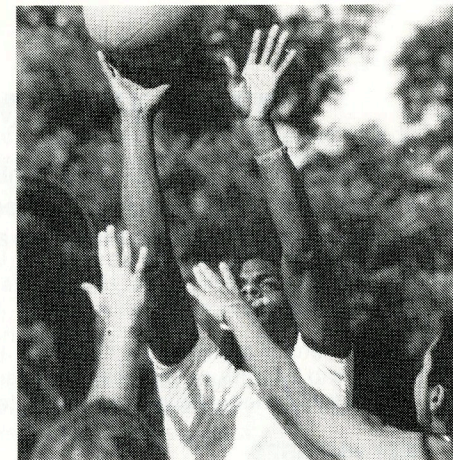
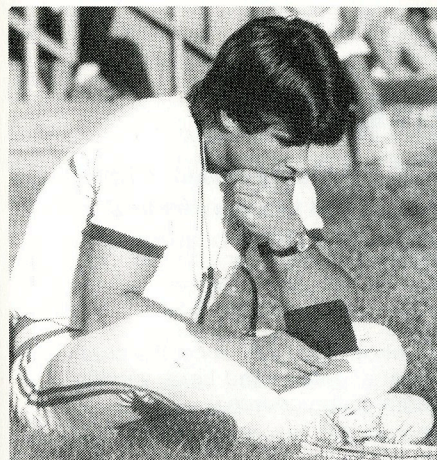
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Boys and Girls National Sports Camps and Conferences



THE FCA MINISTRY

(The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a **Bibically-based, Christ-centered movement**. It is volunteer oriented and those in leadership are Catholics and Protestants who actively support their local church).

FCA PURPOSE

"To present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church."

KEY PHRASES

"to **present**"—FCA is a **presenting** ministry, acknowledging that the **family** and **church** are the primary institutions for Christian growth and discipleship.

"to **athletes and coaches**"—FCA is an **athletic** ministry, its primary constituency being **athletes** and **coaches** from the **junior high** through **professional** levels.

"and all whom they **influence**"—FCA is an **influencing** ministry, using athletics as its platform and **athletes** and **coaches** as its role models and spokespersons.

"the **challenge** of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord"—FCA presents a complete gospel in which athletes and coaches are encouraged to count its cost and make thoughtful decisions for Christ in the **fellowship** of the Huddle group locally and at Camps and Conferences.

"and **adventure** of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord"—FCA presents the acceptance of Christ as a continuing journey in which athletes and coaches grow in **knowledge** of and **service** to Christ.

"serving him in their **relationships** and in the **fellowship** of the church"—FCA aids athletes and coaches in maintaining and/or restoring relationships and directing athletes and coaches toward the **family** and **church**.

STATEMENTS OF MINISTRY

1. **Huddles** (Junior High, High School, College)

- The purpose of FCA's Huddle Program is to provide an environment for developing fellowship, personal Christian commitment and growth, service opportunities and involvement in the church.
- Eligible participants for junior high and high school Huddles are members of recognized school athletic teams.

- Eligible participants for junior college, college and university Huddles are past and present members of recognized school athletic teams. Effort should be made to meet the needs of both former interscholastic and current intercollegiate athletes.
- National Membership for all Huddle participants is an essential ingredient of FCA's ministry, allowing FCA to communicate directly and regularly to the individual, and providing the individual a means to demonstrate his or her commitment to FCA.
- Separate boys or girls Huddles are preferred, but whether coed or separate Huddles are formed, effort should be made to provide some activities and discussion together and some separately.
- While student leadership is encouraged and nurtured, adult supervision of Huddles is absolutely necessary. Coaches (men for boys groups and women for girls groups) are preferred in this role.

2. **Adult Chapters**

The Adult Chapter Program is an important organizational unit of FCA and its significance will be reflected in the priorities of time and budget.

3. **Camps and Conferences**

As indicated in its PURPOSE, the FCA desires that athletes and coaches come to the knowledge and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. This process generally begins through fellowship and need not necessarily include a formal demonstration such as a raising of hands or coming forward as an indication of acceptance. Every effort is made to provide a personal, loving and instructive atmosphere so that the total joy of receiving Christ may be understood and warmly experienced.

4. **Church**

To emphasize its commitment to the church and in recognition of the variance in belief as to the proper administration of the sacraments of the church, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes does not include the observance of the Lord's Supper or Baptism as a part of its program on a local, state, regional or national level.

PROGRAM EMPHASES

- Huddles (Junior High, High School, College)
- Adult Chapters
- Camps/Conferences (local through national)

1986 OUTREACH

Alcohol Abuse and how to make FCA Huddles more effective and positive peer group influences in their schools. ■

The Challenge . . .

Receiving Christ as Savior

"God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to all who believe in Christ, because there is no difference at all: every-one has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence."

—Romans 3:22-24

Athletes and coaches love a challenge. Most of the time we like the chal-lenges a coach puts us through in practice and the challenge in a game to give the opponent our best shot.

The challenge FCA issues you this week is to hear and respond to the mes-sage of Jesus Christ.

But first we need to realize we've made a mess of things. Ever said "No-body's perfect" when you messed up in a game, on a test, or at home? Well, we've all messed up in our relationship with God by not carrying out the as-signment he gave us in his creation: to worship and **serve only him** (Revela-tion 4:11). This means putting no other gods (persons, objects) before him, thanking him for all we have and are, and giving him the credit for anything we accomplish.

God, our Creator, is both just and merciful.

His **justice** has been revealed throughout history in the punishment of people who disobeyed his will by making pride, possessions and prestige their gods.

Some events in history may seem too horrible to have been caused by a lov-ing God, yet they confirm that he isn't pleased when we live contrary to his plans.

God's **mercy** has also been revealed throughout history by his sparing judgment on people in whom the Holy Spirit has worked to cause genuine re-pentance.

In the New Testament, God's mercy is shown most dramatically by his sending his own son to die once and for all to pay for the sins of all people (Romans 5:6-10). If we believe this, we will not suffer his wrath. So it isn't just fear of God's judgment but an awe of his mercy that lead us to repentance.

Jesus challenges us in Matthew 4:17 to "repent for the kingdom of God is at hand."

Repentance means turning away—not only being sorry for our past but turning our backs on wrong behavior.

Repentance only begins when we admit our sins before God—a process in which the Holy Spirit causes us to **own up to our shortcomings** and **grow up in faith and character.**

Only faith can save us (Hebrews 11:6). And only by faith can we turn from wrong behavior to a life of worshipping and serving God.

Jesus also challenges us to "come follow me." He set an example for how we are to live once we've repented of our sins. Through the Holy Spirit we have power to live in obedience to Christ's example and teachings.

The evidence of the changes in our lives is seen in what we think about and how we act. To see changes that reflect Christ's character and love assure us that our repentance and commitment to following Christ are real and lasting.

The Apostle Paul said in Philippians 2:12-13: ". . . continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." Feel free to discuss all this with the plat-form speaker, a FCA staff person, or with your pastor or priest back home.

. . . And Adventure

Serving Christ as Lord

"So then, my brothers, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his ser-vice and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect."—Romans 12:1-2

Receiving Jesus Christ as Savior is the kick-off to the only game that really counts in life: serving Christ as Lord of our lives. If the evidence of our repent-ance doesn't become obvious to ourselves and others, perhaps we need to question our conversion.

It is less important we remember what day and hour we first claimed Christ as Savior than it is to demonstrate **today** that Christ is our Lord and at work in our lives.

Romans 12 provides one of the finest game plans of Christian duties. Read it, practice it and suit up daily in the armor described in Ephesians 6:10-18.

1) Bible reading/study/memory

These should be to the committed Christian what proper workouts and diet are to the dedicated athlete. This is how we learn God's game plan.

2) Prayer

Talk to and listen to God during a daily Quiet Time. This is when we get the right signals for each day's plays.

3) Fellowship

A team can accomplish things an individual can't. For all Christians the local church is the team Christ expects us to join and be active in. For Christian athletes and coaches, FCA is a team which shouldn't replace the local church but rather provide a place to talk about applying what we learn at church to the situations we confront in athletics.

4) Sharing

Our faith in Christ isn't something to hoard but a gift to share. Being sen-sitive to the needs of our friends, let's make it a point to invite them to wor-ship with us at church. To others, we might tactfully and humbly describe the changes we've seen God make in our lives.

We're on a new team with a new Coach who's installing a new system. It takes time to learn it. We'll make some mistakes and learn from them. Even-tually we'll begin to execute the Coach's plays automatically. Not flawlessly but effectively enough that we know we'll outscore our opponents if we trust our Coach and keep running his plays.

Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!" We cannot claim to be a Christian and live the same as we did before.

Boys and Girls Camps

DAILY SCHEDULE

Opening Day (MONDAY)

9:00-2:30	Registration
	Lunch—On Your Own Off Campus
3:30	Orientation Assembly
4:00	Competition
6:00	Supper
6:30	Huddle Leaders Training
7:30	Evening Assembly
9:00	Huddle Time
11:00	Lights Out

Through the Week

6:15	Awake—Up and At 'Em!
6:45	Exercises (Report by Huddles)
6:55 - 7:15	Quiet Time
7:20	Breakfast
8:30	Morning Assembly
9:30	Competition
10:45	Huddle Time
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Huddle Leaders Training
1:30	Afternoon Assembly
2:00	Sports Clinics
6:00	Supper
6:30	Huddle Leaders Training
7:30	Evening Assembly
9:00	Buzz Groups
10:00	Huddle Time
11:00	Lights Out

Last Day (FRIDAY)

6:15	Awake—Prepare for Departure
6:45	Exercises
6:55	Quiet Time
7:20	Breakfast
8:15	Closing Assembly
9:00	Departure

Boys/Girls/Coaches

QUIET TIME

Each morning after exercises a Quiet Time is set aside for you to talk to God, read the Bible and allow God to talk to you.

Here are some guidelines for your Quiet Time. Remember, "Let us **press** on to acknowledge him . . ." (Hosea 6:3). Some have found this PRESS method helpful. You may want to use it with one of the passages listed below for each day of the Conference.

Pray Psalm 119:18 says, "Open my eyes that I may see." Ask God to help you learn from what you read and to be quiet before the activity of the day begins. (See Psalm 46:10)

Read the passage through without stopping. Then read it again verse by verse, stopping to understand what it's saying.

Examine what the verses are trying to tell you. What's the main point? What does it tell you about God? About yourself? About the Christian life? (See Timothy 2:7)

Summarize . . . Do **one** of the following: 1) Rewrite the verses in your own words. 2) Outline what each verse is saying. 3) Give each verse a one word title which summarizes what it's saying.

Share Talk with God about what you've learned from the Bible today. Also take time each day to share with someone from your huddle what you learned in Quiet Time.

These verses will help prepare you for your huddle times each morning. Choose only **one** passage for each day.

Hebrews 11:1-6

Romans 15:1-6

Matthew 22:37-39

Ephesians 6:10-18

Colossians 3:1-4

Philippians 3:13-14

Psalm 1

There are many ways to have a Quiet Time. **The most important thing is to do it daily.** When you return home you might want to start in the book of Mark and read the section under each heading (i.e. Mark 1:1-8, John the Baptist Prepares the Way) each day, using the PRESS method. Start by setting aside 7-10 minutes. A daily Quiet Time is an essential part of running a strong race.

'RUN TO FINISH'

Hebrews 12:1-3

Tuesday—TRAVEL LIGHT

"Let us throw off everything that hinders"—Heb. 12:1b

WARM-UP—10 Minutes

"I got extremely excited in reading the Bible and learned a lot about sportsmanship," said a FCA conferee from Virginia. Your week may not be as dramatic but hopefully you'll gain a deeper appreciation of how fellowship, athletics and faith can fit together and make you a stronger "runner."

Right now enjoy each other's company. Look for ways to build each other up in your competition and huddle sessions. Everyone take 30 seconds to share the most influential person in your life and why.

PRE-RACE POINTERS

The "race" in our Hebrews study passage is the Christian life—following and obeying Jesus. It's a marathon—not a 100-yard dash—and to enter this race you must first sign up (see pages 6-7). Choosing to live by God's racing strategy is probably the most important decision you'll ever make.

But remember: becoming a Christian is just the starting blocks. There's a long distance to cover and the key to running strongly and crossing the finish line is to stay focused on Jesus "on whom our faith depends from beginning to end."

Assuming you're already on God's team, learn to keep your eyes on him. In return, he'll give you strength to persevere when the going gets tough. And perseverance is essential to "run to finish."

WHAT A CROWD!—15 Minutes

"... we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses"—Heb. 12:1a

Not every athlete gets a chance to compete before a sold-out crowd. You do! The picture here is of a runner warming up for a grueling race that'll test him or her to the limit. The "great cloud of witnesses" may mean all previous Christians who've finished their race, handed over their baton to the next relay team and are cheering for their successors.

Skim Hebrews 11 and you'll find many well-known and unknown Old Testament believers who "by faith" ran the race to the finish. Be encouraged by their example! The victories they won are proof that God doesn't slap a number on you and shove you out on your own—he's with you the entire journey. *Who's your favorite Bible (or current Christian) hero and why?*

Also included in the crowd are fellow runners. Some of the strength you need to "run to finish" comes from sharing your life with Christian friends. *How has one of them helped you pick up your spirits or pace?*

Finally, a lot of neutral—even skeptical—teammates, classmates, coaches, etc. are watching you run and may be motivated to join the race depending on how well you do. This presents a great opportunity to show that God is at work in your life. *How would someone who doesn't believe in Christ know you're a Christian? Should they? See Matt. 5:13-16.*

SHED THAT SURPLUS!—15 Minutes

"Let us throw off everything that hinders"—Heb. 12:1b

Not only would a marathoner in a rubber sweatsuit and weighted shoes be laughed at, but it'd hurt his or her time and endanger their health. Talk about traveling light . . . the Greek runners ran naked in their games! And in their intense workouts, which began 10 months ahead of actual competition, they stuck to a strict diet and shed any extra weight that would hamper their endurance.

The "things" Christians are to "throw off" aren't sins but anything that prevents us from giving our best effort. Examples might be too much time watching TV instead of helping out around home . . . Judging someone by how they dress or talk instead of getting to really know them.

Everyone mention one hindrance you'd like to get rid of that'll make you a stronger runner for Christ.

CHUCK THOSE SINS!—15 Minutes

"Let us throw off . . . the sin that so easily entangles"—Heb. 12:1c

Picture a Greek runner trying to stride along in a robe but getting so tangled up he finally rips it off and runs free. God wants us to discard unnecessary baggage too.

Notice the author doesn't specify which "hindrances" or "sins" we're to throw off because one person's hindrance might seem innocent to them but destructive to someone else. Most of us already know our sins and weaknesses, those things we hang onto and which consume energy and space in our lives that God should occupy.

These sins could be anything from overeating or petting to swearing, gossip, pride and anger. *Read Colossians 3:5-10. Then discuss which sin or temptation trips young people up the most and one way to loosen its grip. Close with prayer for each other.*

'RUN TO FINISH' SUGGESTIONS (Do One Before Tomorrow)

- 1) Memorize Hebrews 12:1.
- 2) Reread the "Challenge" and "Adventure" on pages 6-7 and seek out the platform speaker, a staff member or your Huddle Leader if you have questions.
- 3) Eat a meal with a huddle member you don't know well. ■

Wednesday — KEEP UP THE FIGHT

"Let us run with perseverance"—Heb. 12:1d

WARM-UP—10 Minutes

Each person take one minute (use a watch) to report on the best thing to happen to you so far this week and one thing a speaker's said that's stuck with you.

RUN HARD—15 Minutes

"Let us run . . ."—Heb. 12:1d

You'd think that anyone entered in a race would run as hard as he could. But we're talking long distance—not a short dash. In every major marathon there are usually hundreds of people running for the first time. They're called novices and many of them do not finish. Some aren't properly conditioned and have to drop out; others start out too fast and burn out.

The author of Hebrews doesn't tell us to jog, sprint or stroll—but to run. Running hard doesn't necessarily mean running flat out but running with purpose, always moving forward.

The point here is that some persons accept Christ enthusiastically and are initially gungho to read their Bible, pray, attend church, witness, tithe, etc. But because the race is long and difficult, their spirits begin to sag, "hindrances" and "sins" begin to drag them down and before long they're lagging behind. "You were running a good race," the Apostle Paul exclaimed to the Christians at Galatia. "Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?" (Gal. 5:7).

Discuss the strategy that you or your coach devised for a game or race you knew would be hard fought. Did it work? Why or why not? Check out Rom. 12:1-2 and Col. 3:12-17. Then discuss the strategy necessary for successfully living the Christian life. What's kept you from running hard recently? What do you need to do more or less of to stay on an even keel as opposed to a roller coaster faith?

RUN STEADY—15 Minutes

"Let us run with perseverance . . ."—Heb. 12:1d

Perseverance is one of the least popular but most necessary qualities in following and obeying Jesus. The Bible relates numerous examples (Saul, Samson, Gideon, etc.) who burst off the starting blocks and were going great guns. Then they got sidetracked and eventually slowed to a careless saunter or quit.

To "run with perseverance" means to **endure** under pressure. To hang in

there. To scramble back up when you stumble or are spiked. To press on in spite of blisters, cramps, dehydration, headwinds, elbows, "the wall", whatever.

Another part of perseverance is **patience**: running within your capabilities, not getting uptight or jealous when other runners pass you, stopping at water and aid stations regularly instead of risking serious problems or injuries later on.

Skim Joseph's race in Genesis 37:17-28, 39:1-20 and 41:37-43. What kept him going despite severe and repeated setbacks? Share a time when you wanted to slow down or give up in athletics or your faith but were able to keep going. What sources (water/aid stations) sustain you spiritually and how can you use them more often?

RUN STRAIGHT—15 Minutes

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us"—Heb. 12:1d

Think how frustrating it'd be to compete in a race in which you had no idea where the end was or how to reach it. Most veteran distance runners check out a course well in advance, noting its surface, terrain, weather conditions, etc. Often they'll take a dry run over it.

Christians don't have the luxury of a practice run, but we do have the advantage of knowing in advance who the toughest opposition is (Satan) and the final race results (the Christians win!). In fact, much of the Bible contains surefire tips on how to run a strong and straight race. The Old Testament gives many instances of individuals and nations who either failed or succeeded in their respective races . . . we can learn a great deal from their mistakes and triumphs.

In the New Testament, Jesus offers much wisdom and encouragement. Paul's letters are full of specific pointers on how to stay on track. Most reassuring is that Jesus and many others have already pioneered the course and left blaze marks for us to follow. In fact, Jesus is praying and rooting for us this very minute!

List all the "running" tips you can find in 1 Peter 5:5-10. Then pinpoint the one ingredient you most need right now to help you "keep up the fight" and one way to make it more a part of your racing strategy. Close with short, specific prayers for each other.

'RUN TO FINISH' SUGGESTIONS (Do One Before Tomorrow)

- 1) Memorize Philippians 3:13-14.
- 2) Plan your schedule for the rest of the summer and fall, being sure to include a regular Quiet Time.
- 3) Spend a few minutes praying with someone for concerns back home.

EXTRA PLAY

The book of Proverbs features practical advice for runners, especially young people, on topics such as morality, loyalty, humility, self-control and wisdom. By reading a chapter a day you'll finish the whole book in a month. ■

Thursday—SET YOUR SIGHTS

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus"—Heb. 12:2a

WARM-UP—10 Minutes

Spotlight each huddle member for a minute. Tell them what you've appreciated about them this week. Then briefly mention one way you've increased your spiritual endurance this week and how you plan to run a stronger race for God back home.

FOCUS ON JESUS—15 Minutes

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith"—Heb. 12:2a

Sprinters are fortunate. They have assigned lanes and a visible target to shoot for. Distance runners have many more distractions along the way and must mentally discipline themselves to stay focused on their goal. Ultra-marathoners (50 and 100 milers) have to work even harder to keep their ultimate destination before them.

Same with Christians. The Bible says we're just strangers and pilgrims passing through this world, that Satan prowls around trying to divert us from who we are and what we're about to be about.

This doesn't mean you've got to think about Jesus 24 hours a day—that's impossible. But it does mean that as you progress in your race and get to know God, the Bible and yourself better, more of your decisions and actions should be based on loving God and others whether you feel like it or not.

Relate a time in sports when you or your team won because you were more determined than your opponent. Now share a recent time when you were tempted to look to someone or something besides God but managed to stay focused on him and do the right thing. What helped you pull it off? How can you make this a life pattern? Where do Phil. 1:6 and 1 Cor. 10:13 fit in?

ENJOY THE JOY—15 Minutes

"Who for the joy set before him endured the cross"—Heb. 12:2b

As a runner for Christ there are plenty of times you've got to bear down and keep the big picture in mind. Faith that God's long-range plans and dreams for your life, for example, aren't worth trading for short-term gratifications that weaken your character or cause you to lose sight of the goal.

Jesus didn't want to die a gruesome death on the cross. He begged God to come up with another plan but nevertheless went ahead and obeyed his Father. And he experienced a deep joy in knowing he was providing hope and salvation for people everywhere.

Contentment often follows doing something really difficult out of obedience. There are also times when God unexpectedly blesses you that call for celebration and thanksgiving, sort of like a runner who gets his second wind or sees a gorgeous sunset. Joy comes to the Christian who stays focused on

Jesus and obeys his will in regards to sexuality, money, ambitions, etc.

When are you the most joyful as an athlete? Christian? Read Heb. 11:25-26 then discuss why sometimes when you resist temptation you don't feel the sense of victory you'd expected. Look up Romans 5:3-5 and talk about this quote by former mile record holder Marty Liquori: "There's no satisfaction without struggle first."

FINISH WITH A FLOURISH—15 Minutes

"Consider him . . . so that you will not grow weary and lose heart"—Heb. 12:3

Jesus suffered opposition from sinful people, just like some Christians do today when people make fun of their beliefs and values. Don't feel sorry for yourself or think you're unique. And don't get over-confident so that you begin sprinting for the finish line too soon and stagger across it or pass out!

Remember when 1984 New York City Marathon winner Orlando Pizzalotta had to stop several times before breaking the tape because he'd misjudged the high humidity and barely had enough stamina left?

Christians, like trained runners, must not allow themselves to collapse from weariness. God wants us to persevere in the face of adversity, to pick up the pace when we're tempted to slow down and indulge ourselves. Learn to transfer your athletic disciplines to your faith life and your example will inspire others.

God doesn't call us to be the fastest, but to be faithful—especially when the going gets tough. Check out 2 Peter 1:5-9 and decide on the one character builder you're willing to add to your faith, starting now. How will you know if you're successful?

WRAP-UP—5 Minutes

God wants us to Travel Light, Keep Up The Fight and Set Our Sights. He calls us to a life of discipline and perseverance but promises it'll be worth it. "I've fought the good fight, I've finished the race and kept the faith. Now there's in store for me the crown of righteousness . . ."—Paul, 2 Tim. 4:7-8.

Never overestimate the intensity and frequency of trials and temptations you'll face in your race. But don't underestimate God's overcoming power either. He forgives, loves and renews your strength so you can "run to finish."

Close with a song or prayer or whatever seems appropriate. Consider writing a short letter to God, telling him where you want to be in the race six months from now. Give it to your Huddle Leader and have him or her mail it to you then as a checkpoint.

'RUN TO FINISH' SUGGESTIONS (Do Them All)

- 1) Write the names and addresses of your huddle members on page 34.
- 2) Invest \$12 in becoming a National FCA Member (see page 32.) If you're already one, sign up a friend.
- 3) Plan to start and/or strengthen a FCA Huddle on your campus or in your community.
- 4) Print Hebrews 12:1 on a card and put it where you'll see it daily. ■

SONGS

1) RUN TO FINISH

Since we are surrounded
By our brothers and our sisters,
We can share the confidence
To turn away from sin.
And run to follow Jesus,
Our Savior and our Brother,
Who endured the cross to set us free!

CHORUS

Let us run to finish
The race that's set before us.
Throwing off the sin that ties us down.
Let us run to finish.
Run with perseverance.
Keeping our eyes upon the Lord.

We will stand united.
We will share the struggle.
We will not grow weary.
We will not lose heart.
We are led by Jesus,
Our Author and Perfecter,
Who endured the cross to set us free!

CHORUS**2) TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

CHORUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you - He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

CHORUS**3) PLAYER'S PRAYER**

I don't want to be a whimperer, Lord
Or a quitter when the game gets rough
I don't want to be a slacker, Lord
When the playing's hard and the going's
tough.

I don't want to be a cheater, Lord
Or a loafer when the pressure's light
I don't want to be a winner, Lord
If I can't do the winning right.

I don't want to play for glory, Lord
Or retaliate for unfair play

I want to play it fair and clean, Lord
All the time and all the way.

I don't want to be an alibi, Lord
Or justify myself when I'm wrong
I only want to play it fair and clean, Lord
And in Thy strength alone, be strong, be
strong.

**4) HE HAS MADE ME GLAD
(PSALM 100:4)**

I will enter His gates with Thanksgiving in my
heart.

I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad. He has made me glad.
He has filled my heart with joy
This is the day the Lord has made
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

5) AS WE GATHER

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us,
As we gather may we glorify Your Name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to
worship
We'll be blessed because we came.

6) I WILL SERVE YOU

I will serve You because I love You,
You have given life to me;
I was nothing before You found me,
You have given life to me.
Heartaches, broken pieces,
Ruined lives are why You died on Calvary;
Your touch was what I longed for,
You have given life to me.

7) COME ON IN

Come on in, we're all in the family
Let's begin to sing a little harmony.
There's nothing to be worried about,
Together we can figure it out if we just,
Look to the Lord
Look to the Lord
Look to the Lord and sing along.

8) MICAH 6:8

He has shown thee, O man,
What is good and what the
Lord requires of thee. (repeat)

But to do justly,
and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with thy God.

**9) BEHOLD WHAT MANNER OF
LOVE**

Behold what manner of love
the Father has given unto us.
Behold what manner of love
the Father has given unto us.
That we should be called the sons of God.
That we should be called the sons of God.

10) SING ALLELUIA TO THE LORD

Sing alleluia to the Lord
Sing alleluia to the Lord
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

Jesus is Lord of heaven and earth . . .

Praise to the Father, Praise the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, Three-in-One . . .

11) KING OF KINGS

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory,
hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory,
hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

12) SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His
righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Knock and the door shall be opened unto
you, seek and ye shall find,

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Hallelu,
Hallelujah.

13) HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

Oh, Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your
name in all the earth (repeat)

Oh, Lord, we praise Your name
Oh Lord, we magnify Your name
Prince of Peace, Mighty God
Oh Lord, God almighty.

14) I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD

I will call upon the Lord (echo)
Who is worthy to be praised (echo).
Then shall I be saved from my enemies

CHORUS

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock
And may the God of my salvation be exalted.
(repeat)

15) AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me;

I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

16) TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory-great things He hath
done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His
Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

CHORUS

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory-great things He hath
done!

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done!

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we
see.

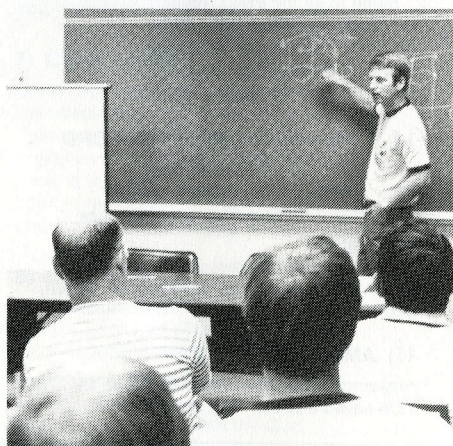
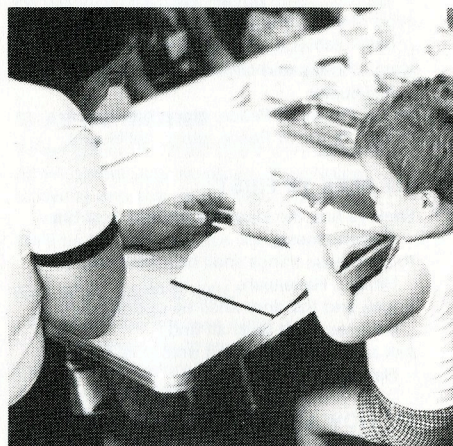
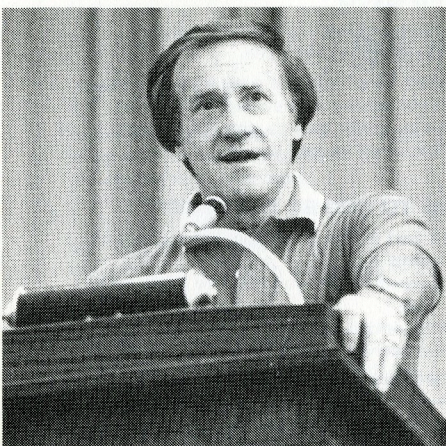
CHORUS**17) HE PAID A DEBT**

He paid a debt He did not owe,
I owed a debt I could not pay,
I needed someone to wash my sins away.
And now I sing a brand new song,
Amazing Grace.
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never
pay.

18) UNTO THEE O LORD

Unto thee O Lord,
Do I lift up my soul.
Unto thee O Lord,
Do I lift up my soul.
O my God, I trust in Thee.
Let me not be afraid,
Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait,
On Thee be ashamed.
Yea, let none that wait,
On Thee be ashamed.
O my God, I trust in Thee.
Let me not be afraid,
Let not my enemies triumph over me.

**DAILY SCHEDULE*****MONDAY**

Check In	Afternoon
Supper	6:00 p.m.
Orientation & Evening Program	7:30 p.m.
Couples/Singles	9:00 p.m.
Social	10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY

Devotions/Quiet Time (see page 9)	6:45 a.m.
Breakfast	7:15 a.m.
Morning Assembly	8:30 a.m.
Clinics	9:30 a.m.
Spouses Sessions	9:30 a.m.
Coaches Competition	10:45 a.m.
Coaches Huddle Meetings	11:30 a.m.
Lunch	12:15 p.m.
Clinics	1:30 p.m.
Spouses Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
Recreation/Family Time	2:45 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Evening Assembly	7:30 p.m.
Couples/Singles	9:00 p.m.
Social Hour	10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Devotions/Quiet Time	7:00 a.m.
Breakfast	7:45 a.m.
Morning Assembly	9:00 a.m.

*Conferees at Weekend Conferences should refer to the posted schedule on site and to the schedule in their clinic notebook.

THE COACH APPROACH

A coach wears many hats: teacher, judge, politician, psychologist, fundraiser, parent, breadwinner, etc. He or she is usually a multi-gifted individual playing a crucial role in the lives of young people.

FCA recognizes this significant role in a culture where a coach's worth is often unfortunately determined by his won/loss record—and is committed to assisting coaches in the successful development of their programs and personal lives.

FCA seeks to provide opportunities for personal, professional and spiritual growth in an environment where coaches and their families can both serve and be served.

The coach is a key spokesperson in effectively presenting the message of Jesus Christ to the athletic community. He or she is also the best vehicle for enabling such FCA programs as Huddles and Camp and Conference ministry with the goal of healthy church involvement by athletes and coaches.

The following reflects FCA's commitment to coaches:

National Membership. For \$12 you receive:

- A year's subscription to FCA's official publication *Sharing The Victory*—a bimonthly magazine in which athletes and coaches share the joys and struggles of athletics and faith. Also a great tool for personal growth, for passing on to other coaches and athletes, and as a springboard for Huddle discussions;
- A National Member T-Shirt;
- A Membership card;
- "FCA Prayer Adventure"—a 48-page, sports-filled booklet on how to enjoy a more meaningful Quiet Time.

National Camps and Conferences

- **Coaches Conferences** are tailored for coaches and their families. Coaches receive the latest techniques in sports from outstanding clinicians, enjoy competition and family recreation, and discuss topics such as motivation and player-coach relationships. Family programs also are geared for spouses and children.
- **Boys and Girls Camps, Sports Camps and Leadership Conferences** offer a great opportunity for coaches to serve as clinicians and speakers and receive leadership skills as well. Your athletes, in turn, receive intensive athletic training, are challenged by Christian athletic speakers and trained for Huddle leadership in their schools.

Other FCA Ministry Opportunities

- Adult Chapters (See page 26).
- Breakfast and Coffee "Fellowship Rooms" at national championships and coaches conventions.
- Coaches Postcard. Monthly mailings of encouragement and challenge.
- Locally sponsored Coaches and Spouses Nite Out; Faith/Family/Finance Weekend, etc. ■

COACHES HUDDLE—Session #1

WARM-UP—Briefly share the most influential person in your life and why.

If you've coached very long, you already know that perseverance is a quality you need lots of . . . the ability to hang tough when your team doesn't have much talent, your star athlete gets injured, or the fans and administration are on your back.

Maybe you're struggling personally. You've put your ego and career ahead of your players, fudged on some rules, let your faith and family languish . . . The good news this week is that even though you may be dragging, there's plenty of power available to either get or stay on track and run a strong race.

WHAT A CROWD!—Hebrews 12:1a

Fans show up to watch your athletes perform—and sometimes you! Also scrutinizing you to see if your "walk" squares with your "talk" are your players, officials, colleagues, family members, etc. What a tremendous opportunity to be a positive and consistent role model!

Discuss ways that the onlookers at a game would know if a coach was a follower of Jesus Christ. Should they? See Matthew 5:16.

SHED THAT SURPLUS!—Heb. 12:1b

No doubt a lot of coaches would feel and look better by disciplining themselves to maintain a regular exercise program. *How do you feel about a coach who insists his or her athletes stay in top shape while neglecting their own fitness? What are some "hindrances" that keep coaches from giving their best effort on and off the field or court? What are some ways to get rid of these hindrances or lessen their influence? Discuss.*

CHUCK THOSE SINS!—Heb. 12:1c

God wants us to discard unnecessary baggage so we can live freer lives and run our "race of faith" with a faster stride. "Sins" are heavier weights than "hindrances" because they slow us down more quickly and are usually more difficult to get rid of.

Most of us already know our weaknesses—those things which consume energy and space in our lives that God should occupy. They could be anything from overeating or lust to swearing or pride. *Check out the list in Colossians 3:5-10, then discuss which sin or temptation is most likely to trip up coaches and one way to avoid its grasp or loosen its grip.* ■

COACHES HUDDLE—Session #2

RUN HARD—“Let us run . . .”—Heb. 12:1d

Few, if any, coaches keep an athlete on their squad who doesn't practice hard or at least play hard during the games. Similarly, any coach worth his or her whistle will seek to improve their knowledge of their sport by outside reading, attending clinics, picking the brains of successful peers, etc.

Briefly share the strategy that you devised for a contest you knew would be hard fought. Did it work? Why or why not? Check out Colossians 3:12-17. Then discuss the strategy necessary for living the Christian life. What's kept you from entering the Christian race or running hard? What would it take for you to either join up or else pick up the pace?

RUN STEADY—“Let us run with perseverance . . .”—Heb. 12:1d

As already noted, perseverance is a crucial quality in coaching. Perseverance is the ability to endure under pressure. It's also patience: coaching within your capabilities at the right level for you, not getting uptight or jealous when other coaches get a more prestigious job. (As Frosty Westering of Pacific Lutheran University has observed, “The big time is where you are.”)

Relate a time in athletics (as a coach or athlete) when you wanted to slow down or quit. What kept you going? What sources sustained you? How do your tough times compare with Paul's in 2 Cor. 11:22-29? What enabled him to “run steady”? (See Phil. 3:13-14; 4:12-13).

RUN STRAIGHT—“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”—Heb. 12:1d

As a coach your “race” or goal is pretty well set: to get your athletes to maximize their abilities and bring out the best in each other. If they have exceptional talent, it may lead to a league title and, in rare instances, a state or national championship. Even if your team finishes below .500 you can consider it a “winning” season if your players performed to their capabilities, increased their skill levels and were taught good character qualities from your example.

Just as scouting your opponent is so important to your game preparation, so is knowing as a Christian who the toughest opposition is and ways to build endurance so you can stay on course and not get sidetracked. *Name all the “running” tips you can find in 1 Peter 5:5-10 then pinpoint the one ingredient you most need now to run a straighter course. How can you use it to improve or strengthen your relationships with a*

- 1) spouse
- 2) child
- 3) colleague
- 4) player?

COACHES HUDDLE—Session #3

WARM-UP—*Tell each huddle member what you've most appreciated about them this week and share one specific way you hope to be a better coach back home.*

FOCUS ON JESUS—Heb. 12:a

“Anytime your whole life focuses around the fortunes of an athletic team it's wrong,” claims Nebraska assistant football coach George Darlington. “But any activity—whether it's hunting, bowling, TV or gardening—is wrong if God isn't given his rightful place.”

A number of coaches have found that life has less anxiety and is more fulfilling when they focus on the Lord instead of their won-loss record.

What would giving God “his rightful place” look like for you? Share a time when your athletes quit focusing on your game plan for them. What were the results? Now share a time when you were tempted to look to someone or something besides God but managed to stay on track. Why did you choose to follow him and how can you make this a habit? Where do Philippians 1:6 and 1 Cor. 10:13 fit in?

ENJOY THE JOY—Heb. 12:2b

“I like to impress upon people,” says former Harvard basketball coach Frank McLaughlin, now AD at Fordham, “the tremendous joy and happiness in trying to lead the Christian life. Not that you become perfect, but that you're striving for it.”

Reflects University of Washington assistant football coach Skip Hall: “My coaching highlights have been seeing players come through our program and pull things together totally in all aspects of their lives.”

Discuss these two quotes. What's been your most joyful or satisfying experience as a coach? As someone seeking to follow Christ? How can Romans 5:3-5 help you better endure adversity?

FINISH WITH A FLOURISH—Heb. 12:3

How many times have you seen a team or individual athlete start out strong, grab a big lead and then let down, lose momentum and get beat? Good teams and athletes know better than to ease up or set such a blistering pace they run out of gas when it counts.

The same tactic applies to Christians. God wants us to persevere when the going gets tough . . . wants us to maintain a steady pace when we're tempted to slow down and indulge ourselves. Observes Colorado football coach Bill McCartney: “Football takes so much time. It's been my experience that if I don't give the first part of each day to the Lord it doesn't have the direction it needs. I've discovered that if I give one hour to God every morning, I'm able to meet the demands of my profession.”

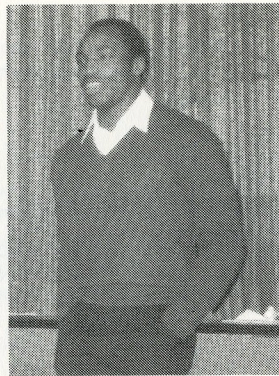
Decide on the one character builder from 2 Peter 1:5-9 you most need to add to your life right now. How will you know if you're successful?

FCA YEAR-ROUND

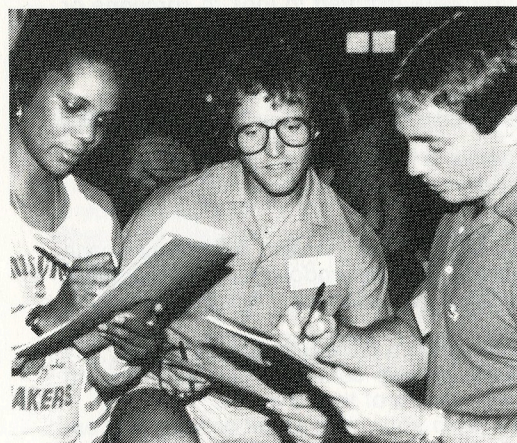
HUDDLES



Service projects



Pro involvement



State conventions



Church participation



Retreats and rallies



Reaching out



The largest single constituency in FCA is the school-age athlete. Following a decade of National Conferences, the desire to continue the Conference-experienced fellowship on a year-round basis led to the formation in 1966 of campus Huddles for senior high and college male athletes.

In 1974, the Huddle concept expanded to include junior high athletes and junior, senior high and college female athletes. Today there are some 4,400 official junior high, senior high and college Huddles across the country.

Organizationally, the groups follow a flexible structure. Boys and girls meet separately. Any campus athlete is welcome. (*Junior and senior high participants are to be members of recognized school athletic teams; college participants are to be past or present members of recognized school athletic teams.*) Meetings are held regularly on or off campus. Coaches and laypersons assist as advisors and sponsors, now referred to as *Huddle Coaches*. Official groups are nationally affiliated and participants are encouraged to become National FCA Members.

The purpose of the Huddle program is fourfold. **First, the ministry to the athlete.** In the Huddle, athletes meet to pray, share their hurts and hopes, affirm and strengthen each other, and enjoy Bible studies, special speakers, films, etc.

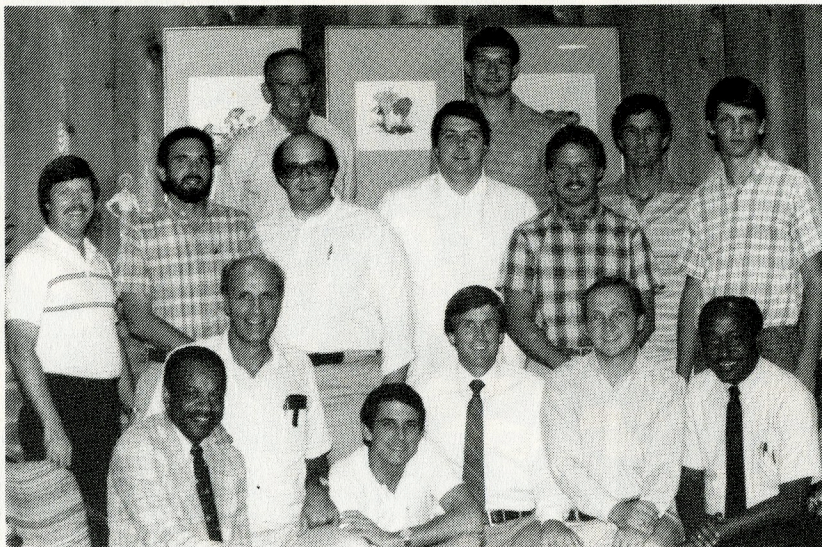
Secondly, FCA's "evangelism through fellowship" is not kept a secret. The athletes find multiple ways to verbalize their faith at rallies, banquets, churches, service clubs, etc.

Third, service projects include everything from "big brother" and "sister" programs, to providing for needy families at holidays, to playing checkers with residents of senior citizens homes, to walking for March of Dimes, helping with Special Olympics, etc.

And **fourth, FCA encourages and facilitates athlete and coach involvement in their local church.** Do get involved in the Huddle in your school. If you don't have one, talk to your coaches and local FCA staff person about starting one.

Through FCA, thousands of young athletes are finding that Jesus' lifestyle can be as natural a part of their sports world as the letter jacket and the locker room. ■

ADULT CHAPTERS



- Coaches, clergy, businessmen, former athletes, sports lovers, people of faith . . .
- Meeting, praying, serving, facilitating, giving, sharing, growing . . .
- Thousands of men and women involved as "helpers" who comprise FCA's Adult Chapters from New York to California, North Dakota to Texas . . .
- Volunteer structure undergirding the diverse and widespread FCA movement.

Implemented, trained and encouraged by full-time FCA Staff in key metropolitan, state and regional locations since the program's inception in 1964, the Adult Chapter is a grass roots level program with the purposes of:

- 1) Providing Christ-centered fellowship for its members and local coaches.
- 2) Giving program and financial stability to local Huddles.
- 3) Providing opportunities for athletes and coaches to attend national, state and local Camps and Conferences through promotion, travel and scholarship assistance.

- 4) Participating in the financial support of FCA's national ministry.

- 5) Reinforcing the role of the local church in the community.

The functional Adult Chapter is usually comprised of eight or more adults who meet regularly (at least once a month), is nationally chartered, and seeks representation from all walks of life and denominational preferences.

A typical meeting should last one hour and include prayer, a devotional (3-5 minutes), a short sharing time or testimony from a coach, athlete or member (3-5 minutes), and a business meeting (15 minutes) followed by general sharing, fellowship and a closing prayer (15 minutes).

Get involved in the Adult Chapter in your community. If you don't have one, contact your nearest staff person or write to FCA's National Headquarters for organizational details, Officer guidelines and membership information.

The Adult Chapter is the best service vehicle for those men and women interested in the sport/faith ministry. ■

'The Right Stuff' (for choosing a good church)

by Stephen Crotts

Christianity is a team sport ("And all who believed were together"—Acts 2:44) but the question is often asked, "How do I choose a good church?"

1) The Word—Look for a church where the Bible is taken seriously, taught clearly and applied practically (2 Tim. 3:14-17).

2) The People—Look for people who're responsive to the claims Christ makes upon them in his word. Our religion shouldn't be something we put on and take off with our Sunday coat.

Ask yourself if the people in this church live in continuous repentance and faith and are busy maturing in character. Most of all, do they love one another? (John 14:15).

3) The Ministry—Look for a church that'll train you to serve. "If I attend this church will I improve as a student, coach, servant, friend, example, family member?" A good church should treat you as a responsible person capable of ministering—and it should hold you accountable for that ministry (1 Tim. 4:7-8).

4) The Mission—Look for a church that's not only a taker but a giver. Some fellowships become ingrown; people come to get a blessing but give no thought to leaving to be one. Ask yourself, "Do people here give of themselves? Do they sacrifice their time, money and talents to see that others at home and abroad experience the gospel?" (Matt. 28:18-20).

5) The Cults—Beware the ever-present cults. These false churches take from or add to the Bible. Their focus is upon an earthly leader who sets himself up as a dictator. Converts are turned away from family and friends. They teach that salva-

tion isn't by faith alone, grace alone or Christ alone, and often they deny the trinity and the deity of Christ. Members are made more into robots than loving, free people who trust God (Matt. 7:15-29).

6) The Nonessentials—Don't be turned off by a church because all your expectations aren't met. Things like buildings, order of worship, age of pastor, denominational tags and style of music are nonessentials (1 Tim. 4:12). Our church's motto is: "In Essentials—Unity, In Nonessentials—Freedom, In All Things—Love."

7) The Demonstration—Find a church that's a "house of prayer for all people" (Mark 11:17). The early church brought together in one community the young and old, rich and poor, black and white, new convert and aged saint. And what a witness it was to the world! People had no explanation for such a living community of love except in terms of the divine. Such churches today also demonstrate the kingdom of God among us (Matt. 5:13-16).

Finally, there's no such thing as a perfect church. If you do find one, stay away or you'll mess it up! Consider it enough to find an encouraging group of Christians who huddle together regularly and try to faithfully move in the direction Christ leads. With you in there working together with them you can put points on the board for the cause of Christ. ■

Stephen played football at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., has served as a Huddle Leader and platform speaker at FCA National Conferences/Camps and is a frequent contributor to FCA publications. He now pastors Christ Church in Burlington, N.C.

1986 FCA Ministry Outreach: Alcohol Abuse

Why is FCA involved?

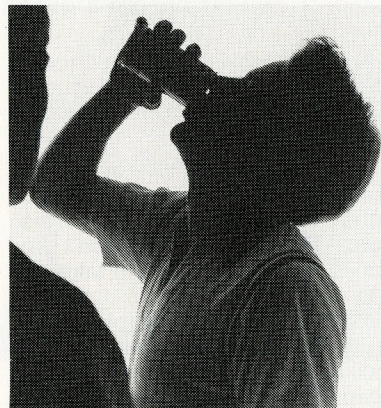
There are 12 to 15 million alcoholics in America, 3.5 million of whom are adolescents. Alcohol abuse is the third leading, fastest growing health problem in the U.S. today.

FCA is also involved because the alcohol abuse problem is getting worse each year. In 1974 a Gallup Poll indicated that **one in eight** families was directly affected by alcohol abuse. In 1982, the Gallup Poll reported that **one in three** families was directly affected by alcohol abuse.

FCA is also involved because the problem is starting younger. The same percentage of alcohol abuse that applied to college students in the 1950's applied to high school students in the 60's, junior high school students in the 70's, and now elementary students in the 80's.

FCA is involved in the campaign against alcohol abuse because the problem is deadly. Fifty thousand people will die from alcohol-related accidents in the U. S. this year. Two hundred thousand people will die from all alcohol-related deaths, including sickness and suicide.

FCA is involved in this area because it is most devastating to young people—the heart of FCA's program. It takes 10 to 13 years in the normal course to alcoholism for an adult but just 18 to 24 months for that same course for a teenager. Alcohol abuse is the most disruptive factor in young lives . . . it is the cause of seven out of every 10 discipline problems in schools and the cause of six out of every 10 academic failures in colleges. Alcohol-related accidents are the largest killer of 15 to 24 year olds.



What is FCA's role?

From all evidence peer pressure is the main reason young people begin to drink. Thus FCA's unique contribution to the fight against alcohol abuse may be that FCA groups—particularly local Huddles—exert **positive** peer pressure. In Huddle meetings young people learn about alternative activities, values and definitions of fun leading to an alternative lifestyle that can be alcohol-free.

We've already seen FCA groups counteract vandalism, poor sportsmanship and negative school spirit. We believe FCA can also be at the center of reversing students' attitudes regarding alcohol. Huddles in several schools have been the rallying point for replacing the traditional senior "kegger" with a "no kegger" that's as attractive and fun.

So what is FCA's role? To take on one of the most devastating problems of society in general and young people in particular by focusing on the local FCA Huddle and making it increasingly effective as a positive peer group influence. ■

NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER

Conferences have been held at FCA's 450-acre National Conference Center in Indiana since the summer of 1974, including the first sessions for junior high athletes. Five summers ago the NCC hosted FCA's inaugural Sports Camps. Eight Camps will be held here this year in addition to a Coaches Weekend Conference, one National Conference and one Leadership Training Conference.

The NCC also hosts retreats, leadership training workshops, etc., for churches, athletic teams and other groups besides FCA.

The secluded site has first-class facilities for up to 250 persons and features 22 acres of athletic fields, a lighted pavilion covering four full-size basketball courts, a lake with a swimming area, a lighted four-court tennis complex, and the attractive 255-seat Kresge Chapel.

The NCC offers ten separate and spacious living quarters with both private units and dormitory housing available. Contact:

Rich Green
National Conference Center
Rt. 1, Box 81-A
Marshall, IN 47859
(317) 597-2323

NATIONAL GOLF MINISTRY

FCA's National Golf Ministry was launched in 1977 under the leadership of Capt. Bill Lewis, a former East-Northeast FCA Regional Director.

Since then, Lewis has assisted staff members with local pro-am tournaments and conducted Junior Golf Days in Clearwater, Ft. Myers and West Palm Beach, Fla. The year's highlight is the annual Junior Golf Camp at Pine Needles Lodges

and Country Club in Southern Pines, N.C. (Two new sites have been added this year.)

This summer marks the eighth camp where golfers from around the country enjoy a week of quality instruction, competition and fellowship. The Junior Golf Camps are for boys and girls, ages 13-18. Adults may apply and attend if there is space.

1983 U.S. Open champion Larry Nelson has been a clinician at all previous camps. For more information contact:

Capt. Bill Lewis
16 Lake Julia Drive-Sawgrass
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
(904) 285-3025

NATIONAL WATERSKI MINISTRY

A second specialized FCA ministry was launched in October 1984 when Mike Botti, former world barefoot waterski champion, was named Director of the FCA National Waterski Ministry.

The challenge of this ministry is to provide an outreach to the nation's 18 million waterskiers, particularly those of school and college age, and involve them in the traditional ministry of FCA for their own growth and the influence they have on others. There are Bible studies at local, regional and national waterski shows and competitions, and Botti works with FCA Staff to use waterskiing as an enhancement of junior high, high school and college retreats.

A bimonthly newsletter containing skiers' testimonies and skiing tips is published. National FCA Membership is also encouraged for waterskiers and a videotape titled "Living Waters" is available for purchase.

For more information contact:

Mike Botti, Director
FCA National Waterski Ministry
4717 S. Orange Ave.
Orlando, FL 32809
(305) 857-8759 ■

1986 CAMPS and CONFERENCES

High School and College BOYS Camps

June 2-6	#1 Black Mountain, N.C. (Blue Ridge Assembly)
June 9-13	Estes Park, Colo. (YMCA of the Rockies)
	#2 Black Mountain, N.C. (Blue Ridge Assembly)
June 16-20	#1 College Station, Texas (Texas A&M University)
June 23-27	Grantham, Pa. (Messiah College)
	#1 Stillwater, Okla. (Oklahoma State University)
July 7-11	Mars Hill, N.C. (Mars Hill College)
	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (California Lutheran)
July 14-18	Albion, Mich. (Albion College)
July 28-Aug. 1	#1 Northfield, Minn. (St. Olaf College)

High School and College GIRLS Camps

June 9-13	Fort Collins, Colo. (Colorado State University)
June 23-27	Gettysburg, Pa. (Gettysburg College)
	#2 Stillwater, Okla. (Oklahoma State University)
July 7-11	#2 College Station, Texas (Texas A&M University)
	#4 Black Mountain, N.C. (Blue Ridge Assembly)
July 14-18	Spring Arbor, Mich. (Spring Arbor College)
July 21-25	Santa Barbara, Calif. (Westmont College)
July 28-Aug. 1	#2 Northfield, Minn. (Carleton College)

COACHES CONFERENCES

June 9-13	Granby, Colo. (Snow Mountain Ranch)
June 20-22	*Santa Barbara, Calif. (Westmont College)
June 27-29	*Leesburg, Fla. (Methodist Life Enrichment Center)
	*Salem, Ore. (Willamette University)
June 30-July 4	Lake George, N.Y. (Silver Bay Association)
	#3 Black Mountain, N.C. (Blue Ridge Assembly)
July 18-20	*Marshall, Ind. (FCA's National Conference Center)
	*Weekend Coaches Conferences for Couples and Single Coaches Only.

SPORTS CAMPS (FCA's National Conference Center, Marshall, Ind.)

June 9-13	#1 Girls Basketball
June 16-20	#2 Girls Basketball
June 23-27	#1 Boys Football
June 30-July 4	#2 Boys Football
July 7-11	#1 Boys Basketball
July 14-18	#2 Boys Basketball
July 21-25	Girls Volleyball/Tennis
July 28-Aug. 1	Boys/Girls Running Camp

WEEKEND WRESTLING CAMP

July 11-13	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Augustana College)
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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

June 16-20	Officer Sponsor Leadership #1
	St. Simons Island, Ga. (Epworth by the Sea)
July 14-18	Officer/Sponsor Leadership #2
	Abilene, Texas (Hardin-Simmons University)
August 4-8	Officer/Sponsor Leadership #3
	FCA's National Conference Center (Marshall, Ind.)

JUNIOR

GOLF CAMPS

June 16-21	New Palestine, Ind.
	(Hoosier Links)
July 28-Aug. 2	Pine Needles, N.C.
August 18-23	Tucson, Ariz.
	(Westin LaPloma)

FCA RESOURCES

- 1) **Sharing the Victory**—FCA's official bimonthly publication seeks to introduce athletes and coaches to the Christian faith and enable them to grow stronger in their faith. Each issue features a full-color cover, profiles on well-known and unsung coaches and athletes, small group Bible study helps and resources, significant FCA news, tear-out posters, the popular Bulletin Board, and much more. **Sharing the Victory** is included in a National FCA Membership or you can subscribe separately or give a gift subscription for \$9.00 (bulk rates are also available).
- 2) **Tapes**—FCA's 1985-86 cassette tape series is available for purchase and features such speakers as Joe Gibbs, Mary-alyce Jeremiah, Bob Lilly, Ken Hatfield and Bill Curry. The 1986-87 series will be available Sept. 1, 1986.
- 3) **Merchandise**—FCA offers a full line of athletic and sports wear in addition to a number of gift items—all with the attractive FCA logo.
- 4) **Other Publications**—*Three*

Cheers for Discipline (This 128-page book with a full-color cover features 35 specially-selected columns and free verse. Geared for athletes, coaches and anyone who enjoys sports and faith, it covers topics like Anger, Awards, Courage, Hero Worship, Humor, Loyalty, Pride, Temptation, Talents and Winning. A full-page photo illustrates each piece. Ideal for personal inspiration or group discussion. Available at \$5.95 a copy or \$5.00 each for quantities of 5 or more). *Youth Ministry Encyclopedia* (The best of Lyman Coleman's popular Serendipity materials, this 238-page book contains 450 photos and 250 exercises for starting meetings, building relationships, and facilitating Bible study groups and special events. Retail at \$24.95 but available to FCAers for \$12.50.) Other brochures explaining FCA's various programs are also available.

Write FCA's National Headquarters for free tape and merchandise brochures.

BE A FIRST-STRINGER ON FCA'S TEAM

By putting on the FCA uniform you become a player—not just a spectator.

Becoming a National Member for \$12.00 qualifies you as a First-Stringer on FCA's team. It shows you're committed to FCA's purpose, helps you take a stand for your Christian beliefs, and enables FCA to stay in touch with you regularly on a year-round basis.

Your National Membership includes:

- 1) A FCA Membership Card.

- 2) A specially-designed, high-quality "National Member" T-Shirt.
- 3) A one-year subscription to *Sharing the Victory* magazine.
- 4) A brand-new, 48-page booklet titled "FCA Prayer Adventure"—A practical guide to a more meaningful Quiet Time filled with sports stories.

Fill out the Membership Application on the next page and mail it today to: FCA, 8701 Leeds Road, Kansas City, MO 64129.

FCA ATHLETE/COACH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FOR FCA USE ONLY

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NAME
LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COLLEGE ADDRESS (if applicable)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

My T-Shirt size is:

Medium (38-40) _____
Large (42-44) _____
X-Large (46) _____

College Students: **Sharing the Victory** magazine will be mailed to your college address during the school year and to your home during the summer.

I AM A _____ JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETE _____
_____ HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE _____
_____ COLLEGE ATHLETE _____
_____ COACH (sport _____) _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____
MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

school _____
city _____ state _____

Rev. 6/85 PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR \$12.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE. Checks should be made payable to FCA. Thank you for your support.

FCA's HERITAGE

For over 32 years FCA has sought to serve the athletic community, undergirded by God's spirit operating in the lives of available persons.

The first available person was Don McClanen, a student at Oklahoma State in whose mind the FCA concept germinated in 1947. Don spoke three minutes in a program on "Making My Vocation Christian" and got an idea: Why not utilize the hero worship of the athlete to spotlight the greatest product of all—Christianity?

McClanen's dream was nurtured between 1947 and 1950 while at

OSU. Upon graduation he became basketball coach and athletic director at Eastern Oklahoma State College. During those years his vision took further root as he prayed and contacted individuals such as Branch Rickey, Dan Towler, Roe Johnston, Donn Moomaw, Carl Erskine and others who possessed the ability to make his dream a reality.

It all came together November 12, 1954, at Norman, Okla., when the original incorporators and directors adopted FCA's bylaws. Don's dream has grown since. Highlights include:

- 1954 • FCA incorporated by its founder, Don McClanen. Paul Benedum, Branch Rickey and other Pittsburgh businessmen underwrote the first year's budget.
- 1956 • First National Conference at Estes Park, Colo.
- 1959 • *The Christian Athlete Magazine* published.
- 1964 • Adult Chapter program begun.
- 1966 • Huddle program established.
- 1968 • National Coaches Conferences initiated.
- 1972 • John Erickson named National President.
- 1974 • National Conference Center opened near Marshall, Ind.
- 1975 • Girls Ministry begun; Junior High Ministry started.
- 1977 • National Golf Ministry launched.
- 1979 • National Headquarters Building and Chapel dedicated.
- 1981 • Emphasis on drug/alcohol abuse begun.
- 1982 • *Sharing the Victory* magazine published, replacing *The Christian Athlete*.
- 1983 • National Television Special aired.
- 1984 • National Waterski Ministry begun.
- 1985 • 4,400 official Huddles and 220 FCA employees.

Applying muscle and action to the Christian faith over 32 years.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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John Erickson
National President

May 22, 1986

Dear Roger,

Thank you for being a friend -- my friend -- our friend. Polly and I look forward to seeing you and Ruth here in Kansas City for the FCA meetings on June 20-21.

I have enclosed a copy of the schedule for your review. Hopefully you can come up on Friday and join us for the evening's activities at the Royals Stadium. I'll have accommodations for you at the Alameda Hotel on the Plaza. If you are flying we can pick you up. I assume you will be driving however.

On Saturday morning following breakfast I would like you to speak to the group -- Board, officers and spouses (around 50 I think). Our conference theme this year is "Run To Finish." I've enclosed a 1986 guidebook for you to look through.

It seems to me that few of us are equipped to "run the race" of life. We all want to be "sprinters." Running and persevering from wire to wire seems almost impossible. I believe somewhere in this thought would be the area for your leadership on Saturday morning.

I would like you to include a time of prayer which we could all somehow have a chance to participate in. This seems vital for all of us, particularly the FCA Board.

Feel free to take at least an hour or even more if you want. We can even include some table sharing if you would like. I'll call you on all of this shortly.

Love in Christ, dear friend,

John Erickson

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
First Baptist Church
216 East Second Street
Wichita, Kansas 67202

Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
June 20, 21, 22, 1986
Alameda Plaza Hotel
Kansas City, MO

Friday, June 20, 1986

3:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Session I DeSoto Room
4:00 p.m. Committee Meetings Cortez Room
Sierra Room
6:30 p.m. Buses leave for Royals Stadium
7:15 p.m. Dinner and Baseball Game - Royals Stadium
Kansas City Royals (World Champions) vs. California Angels

Saturday, June 21, 1986

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Balboa Room
"Around The Coffee Cup"
Dr. Roger Frederikson - Wichita, Kansas
10:30 a.m. Board Meeting - Session II DeSoto Room
11:15 a.m. Committee Meetings Cortez Room
Sierra Room
12:30 p.m. Lunch Balboa Room
2:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Session III DeSoto Room
3:30 p.m. Free Time
6:30 p.m. Buses leave for National Headquarters
7:00 p.m. Tour of National Offices
7:30 p.m. Dinner and Special Program - Fellowship Center
FCA National Headquarters

Sunday, June 22, 1986

8:00 a.m. Coffee, juice and rolls Balboa Room
8:40 a.m. Buses leave for Church
9:00 a.m. Church Worship
10:30 a.m. Brunch Balboa Room

Departure following

Friday, June 20

Lv Wichita
Ar K.C.

4:00 p.m. Eastern 3539
4:55 p.m.

Saturday, June 21

Lv K.C.
Ar Wichita

1:25 p.m. Eastern 3627
2:23 p.m.

TO: John Erickson

FROM:

Dr. Fredrikson

In preparation for the June, 1986 National Board of Trustees
meetings my scheduled arrival in Kansas City is _____ p.m. on
June _____ via _____ airlines with departure scheduled for
June _____ at _____ p.m.

We are lifting in our prayers the proceedings of the upcoming
meetings.

Thanks!
Karen
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Signed



Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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John Erickson
National President

June 11, 1986

Dear Dr. Fredrikson:

We're delighted you'll be joining the FCA Board members and officers during their annual meeting in Kansas City this year. A printed program is enclosed for your use and information.

Mr. Erickson wanted you to know he'll be calling to touch base within the next day or so to answer any questions you may have and bring you up to date.

God's best to you and yours.

Warmly,

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John Erickson

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
First Baptist Church
216 E. Second Street
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John Erickson
National President

TO: FCA National Board of Trustees

FROM: John Erickson 

DATE: June 10, 1986

SUBJECT: Board Meetings June 20-22
Kansas City, Missouri

We are anxiously awaiting the Board Meetings here in Kansas City and I thought the enclosed information would be helpful to you.

~~If you desire to be picked up at the airport please let either my secretary Karen Titus or Randy St. Clair know prior to June 19.~~

For your convenience, there is a KCI Express Bus which leaves from Gate 63 in Terminal "C" every half hour commencing at 6:30 a.m. through 11:30 p.m. daily. This "express bus" stops at the Alameda Hotel and the charge is \$8.50 per person.

~~Several have asked about dress for the various occasions. All meetings are informal but you will need at least a sport coat and tie for the Royals Stadium Club Friday evening~~ although we hope to have an outdoor buffet on the Stadium Club patio. Casual sport wear around the hotel and the Plaza area is always acceptable. Saturday's breakfast time will be informal. Tennis and swimming at the hotel are available.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to call. Remember our first session is 3 p.m. on Friday, June 20. Our time together will close with brunch following church on Sunday morning.

Please pray about the meetings. We have several concerns and opportunities which must be prayed over.

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