



Andy sharing with Montgomery County High School_s weekly FCA Huddle

Two Powerful Words

For the past couple of months, in between visiting schools and working with students and coaches, I (Andy) have been taking an online class through FCA on working with coaches. One thing that has been said over and over through the course that I am in, is that in America today, the two most powerful words to students are, "Coach says."

Our students are looking to their coaches for not only coaching in their respective sports but as advisors and mentors in so many areas of life. With so many students coming from something other than a two parent home, now more than ever they are looking to coaches to be their mentors. So if a coach has so much sway and influence in the lives of our students is this something that we are using to move the Gospel forward on our campuses?

It's with this mindset that we have really been working this month to do so much ministry both to and through our coaches. In October I was blessed to speak to over 20 coaches at Madison Southern High School's monthly coaches breakfast. There I challenged them on how to handle failure in a way that honors Christ. I also challenged them that if their words hold so much power over the students, how they handle the athletes failure can either build up or totally crush the student.

I have also had the privilege of leading several more coaches

Praise

- For Madison, one of our EKU Athletes, recommitting her life to Christ and demonstrating that commitment through Baptism!

- For the opportunity to meet with several EKU students about how to grow in their faith and also share their testimonies!

- For a great FCA Power Lunch event where we were able to share with people in Madison County about FCA and how they can partner with us.

- Maeven and Judah are both doing well in their classes and also their verse memorization for AWANA.

- For some new support partners who have joined our monthly support home team.

Prayer

- For students who are coming to FCA at EKU and their team Bible studies to fully surrender their lives to Christ.

- For wisdom in preparing messages to speak to both athletes and coaches.

- That we will be able to get Maeven into the Juvenile Rheumatologist at UK to find out about possible arthritis.

- For safety traveling to schools as well as a trip to visit with supporters and friends in Chicago this month.

- For the development of an FCA Advisory Board here in Richmond, so that we can

Bible studies/devotions at ECU. One of my topics was actually on the power of words. Using James 4 and talking about the power of the tongue, we studied how we can either speak life words or death words to our athletes. If "Coach Says" really is that powerful, then we must be ultra careful with every word that Coach says. My goal is to point our coaches to a relationship with Christ and see each coach realize the platform Christ has given them to speak life words to their staff and athletes.

Please keep praying for us as we will be reaching even more coaches in November!

become our own FCA Area and recruit more staff.



Madison Southern HS Coaches Breakfast



Pastor Joe Wood sharing with ECU FCA Weekly Huddle

Family Update

October was a month full of trips to the pumpkin patch, going to volleyball games, and having lots of fun for our family.

Erin has had a good month of homeschooling Maeven and also helping out at the weekly homeschooling coop that Maeven goes to each Monday. It's been exciting to see the friendships she has been able to develop with the other moms.

Maeven has been doing really well in her studies and is excited that we have just signed her up for another season of Upward Basketball. As you know, Maeven has had many issues with her Celiac disease. One of the issues that she has been struggling with recently is severe joint pain. We are currently trying to get her in to see a juvenile rheumatologist at UK to see about possible juvenile RA or something else. There has been a delay in getting her into see the doctor, so please join with us in praying they will see her soon, that she will get some relief, and that this will be nothing serious.

Judah is loving Kindergarten and his favorite subjects are still lunch and recess! We have been really enjoying that he has been memorizing his AWANA verses and loving going to church each week, even though he is not in his sister's class. He has also been doing well in his speech and occupational therapies and might be able to remediate out of



Judah and Maeven at the Pumpkin Patch



The adults enjoy going to the pumpkin patch too!!!



Maeven and Judah ready to get some candy_

speech later this school year. Please pray for him, as all the school and therapies can really wear a little guy out.

As for me (Andy), one of the blessings I have had this past month is the opportunity to go to many of the EKU sporting events. Getting to hang out with students and coaches at their events has really opened up doors to have one on one meetings as well as invitations to do Bible studies and discipleship. I was even able to launch a weekly men's athletic department study on Wednesday nights at EKU where we are studying about what type of followers Christ wants.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support of our family. If you ever have any questions about our ministry or would like to come visit please let us know!

Getting Sooooo Close!

We are getting so close to our monthly support goal. We are currently only \$340 a month away from being at our fully funded goal! If you are already on our support home team we thank you so much for your partnership and prayers. If you have not yet joined our support team, would you please pray about helping us reach our support goal by the end of 2018?

We would love to have your partnership in the ministry of FCA as we reach student and coaches for Christ here in Central and Eastern Kentucky!

Join Our Home Team Today!

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