Community

Bobcat Football Breakfast
On November 7th Brookings Area FCA, along with local parent volunteers, were privileged to host a breakfast for the Brookings Bobcats Football team, players, coaches and cheerleaders prior to their Semi Final Football game in Brookings. While there, they got to hear from a few of the Jackrabbits Football Players about their faith as an athlete, advice they would give themselves in High School and how they and their teammates spiritual connection plays into the dynamic of the Jacks.

Brookings Trunk or Treat
Our SDSU student athletes had the opportunity to serve the families in our community at Grace Point’s Annual Trunk or Treat. The weeks leading up to the event the students brought in bags of candy and then Halloween night they got to hand out the candy to the thousands of kids that came through. The kids loved the “huge” superheroes and were excited to get their pictures taken with them!

2014 Highlights
♦ We were blessed to start an internship program and had Cam Jones spend the summer working on camps and flag football
♦ We had a Brookings Power Camp and a Pine Ridge Camp and served over 200 kids between the two
♦ We were able to kick off a Flag Football program for 1st—5th grade and had over 100 kids
♦ Our area huddles have seen growth. Including our SDSU Wednesday night huddle seeing over 100 students and 9 different team and coaches weekly Bible Studies kicking off.
**How has FCA impacted you since coming to SDSU?**

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FCA has impacted my life in so many ways! It has given me a community to grow in and brothers and sisters in Christ to hold me accountable and build me up. Through my involvement in FCA I have gained a second family that serves as a support system rooted in the Lord and His love and grace.

FCA has helped me grow in my faith and live unashamed. Before coming to SDSU I didn’t think it was very “cool” to be a Christian, so I would only live for God in some areas of my life. When I came to FCA I realized that if being a Christian wasn’t “cool”, I didn’t want to be. Seeing people on fire in their walk with the Lord is what is cool to me.

FCA has introduced me to so many wonderful people that desire to strengthen their relationships with God. They have become some of my best friends and are always there to help me. FCA helps me view myself and situations differently. I went on my first mission trip through FCA and loved every minute of it. When I came to college I did not think I would go to church and worship God very often, but FCA has flamed my passion.

FCA has greatly impacted and positively influenced my life since I came to SDSU. Prior to college, I was not involved with my faith very much, and I struggled because of it. Since coming to SDSU, FCA has allowed me to first, learn about my faith, and second, grow and develop my faith. This has allowed me to develop a relationship with God and glorify Him by using my athletic platform to spread God’s word.
Celebrating Sixty Years…and Counting

“The question often asked is FCA as needed or relevant today as it was back then, and I would say more so. FCA is God’s amazing, miraculous dream being fulfilled still to this day.”

Don McClanen, FCA Founder

This year, 2014, marks the 60th anniversary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Join us in celebrating six decades of FCA’s influence, impact and legacy for Jesus Christ and praising God for the many blessings. As our founder Don McClanen said, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is “God’s amazing, miraculous dream being fulfilled still to this day.” We believe as God fulfills His plans, FCA is needed as much, if not more so, today as it was in 1954. We have more to do to fulfill our vision to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. Come join us in helping a sports-crazed generation find the real meaning of victory—in Jesus Christ.

“One generation will declare Your works to the next and will proclaim Your mighty acts.”
Psalm 145:4 HCSB

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CLOSING THOUGHT

Sing along... “Put me in, Coach - I am ready to play today; Look at me, I can be Centerfield.” What a great song written about a kid who just wants to get on the field and play baseball even if he has to play centerfield where there is little action. He’s saying, “Wherever you need me, I will play, wherever you need me, I will go.” This is a player every coach dreams of coaching: a player that would do anything, even play the undesired position, just to be a part of the team. God, our Head Coach, is looking for players to say, “Put me in, Coach, I am ready to play. I am ready to serve, give and live with a purpose.” In Isaiah 6:8 God asks the question, “Who should I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah answers, “Here I am. Send me!” He didn’t even know the position He would play, but because He knew the Purpose Maker, He was about to find His purpose.  
~ Sarah Roberts

Where is God sending you? Where do you see Him using you today?

FCA Vision: To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

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