



Fellowship of Christian ATHLETES

SHELBY COUNTY



Shelby County FCA Faith in Full Bloom

The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever. – Isaiah 40:8

As winter fades and the snow melts, I'm reminded of the beauty of God's creation. Soon, the trees will begin to bud, flowers will bloom, and new life will surround us. Seasons change, but one thing remains the same—Jesus. Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." No matter what season of life we are in, His love, truth, and promises never fail.

In this newsletter, I pray you are encouraged with the exciting Shelby County FCA updates, highlights, and opportunities—we're excited for what's ahead! Thank you for being part of Shelby County FCA!

With Love,
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Ministry Highlights

DECEMBER '24 - MARCH '25

Collins FCA Sends the Gospel Worldwide

Martha Layne Collins FCA students raised funds and packed over 60 shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene products, and goodies to bless children in need around the world. Partnering with Operation Christmas Child, each box also includes the gospel of Jesus, spreading hope and love to those who receive them.

This mission was furthered through the generosity of Aaron Blakeman from Modern Woodmen of America, who matched the students' fundraising efforts.

A special thanks to Mrs. Canterbury for facilitating and organizing this life-changing opportunity for our students. Together, we made a global impact!



Celebrating Stronger Marriages: Coach's Timeout

Perfect weather, good swings, and even better company! On October 5, FCA Greater Louisville Southeast hosted a fantastic Golf Scramble at Weissinger, bringing together 13 competitive teams for a day filled with fun and purpose. With 8 event sponsors and 36 hole sponsors, everyone joined together to support our local FCA ministry.



2025 FCA Theme: Glory

This year's FCA theme, "Glory", is inspired by 2 Corinthians 3:18: "We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the who is the Spirit." Students & athletes looking to grow as a leader & in their walk with Jesus are invited to FCA Leadership Camp from June 27-30 at Western Kentucky University.



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Huddle Up: FCA Serving in Action!

Collins High School Bible Study – Every Thursday during “Titan Time”, students dive into God’s Word, engaging in discussion and growing in their faith together. A huge shoutout to Mrs. Canterbury for faithfully providing a space for students to lead and encourage one another in their walk with the Lord!

Marnel C. Moorman Middle School: Feeding Families – FCA student leaders partnered with the Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) to collect food donations and pack boxes for families in need. Special thanks to Mrs. Chesterfield for organizing and guiding students in this wonderful act of service!

Clear Creek Elementary: Sharing Love Through Valentines – Students spread joy by creating Valentine’s cards for the residents at Crescent Place Assisted Living. They also included Bible verses to encourage and share the love of Jesus with the residents. A big thank you to Mrs. Iceman for leading this impactful project and giving students a meaningful way to serve.

From elementary to high school, our FCA huddles are demonstrating what it means to serve like Jesus.



Shelby County is GEARing Up!

East Middle’s FCA student leaders have been hard at work designing custom Shelby Co. FCA gear in partnership with Splatter Inc.! This fundraiser is a great way to represent FCA while supporting their school’s huddle. The shop is open now through March 16, so don’t miss out!

All orders will be delivered to students and families at each school & shipped if out of state. You can support East Middle FCA by shopping at

FCA25.itemorder.com

Thank you for supporting our students as they lead in such a fun and meaningful way!



Character Coach Highlight: Karen Vermillion



The Shelby County High School Girls Basketball team has been blessed with the guidance and support of FCA Character Coach Karen Vermillion. More than just a mentor, Karen has played a crucial role in helping the team grow not only as athletes but in their walk with Christ.

A FCA Character Coach is someone who walks alongside a team, providing encouragement and biblical mentorship. Helping athletes navigate both the highs and lows of competition, reminding them that their identity is found in Christ. Karen Vermillion has embraced this role wholeheartedly, making a lasting impact on the lives of her players.

For freshman Leona Breckenridge, Karen's influence has been a powerful reminder of who they play for. "I feel like she's really just pushed us to do everything for Jesus and to show that it's for Him and not just about us."

Senior Abby Blanton echoes this sentiment, emphasizing the courage Karen has instilled in her. "She's really encouraged me to step outside of my comfort zone and to not be ashamed to show Jesus throughout my team."

Amelia Williams, also a senior, shares how Karen's presence has helped her open up. "She has helped me grow by helping me open up to my teammates about the struggles we went through and how God was always with us during them."

One of the most impactful lessons Karen has imparted is the true meaning of victory. Abby recalls, "She really taught us how to find our victory within Jesus and not just on the court or with our teammates. Basketball doesn't define us; it's not who we are—Jesus defines us."

Beyond the game, Karen has helped the team navigate challenges both on and off the court. Leona shares, "She just put a spiritual spin on everything and helped us talk about what we were going through, whether it was with our coaches or just bonding as a team."

The team is incredibly grateful for her dedication and the impact she has made. "We want to thank Mrs. Vermillion so much. Even though we got a late start, she jumped right in, kept up with us, stayed consistent, and really poured into us."

