

Before you Begin

- 1. **Pray.** Ask the Lord to prepare your FCA start-up.
- 2. **Contact your FCA Staff.** They will give you a better understanding of FCA's purpose, philosophy and programs. To find information on your local FCA office call toll free (800) 289-0909.
- 3. **Seek the Administration's blessing.** FCA should be student-initiated and student-led. Students should meet with school administrators to obtain approval, and provide them with information regarding the FCA ministry.
- 4. **Certify your Campus.** Use the Campus Ministry Certification Form in this brochure to sanction your campus.
- 5. **Complete the Ministry Leader Application.** This can be obtained through your local FCA staff, or by logging on to the FCA website.
- 6. **Identify Student Leaders/Huddle Coaches.** Identify the students who are most likely to be leaders in your FCA, and ask Christian adults to be Huddle Coaches. (It is ideal if the adults are coaches at your school.)
- 7. **Surround yourself with volunteers.** Adult Ministries are designed to support the FCA. These adults can meet together, raise funds and assist in activities.
- 8. **Determine the impact.** There are many ways you can impact your campus. Decide if you want to start a Huddle, lead a team Bible study or develop a team chaplain program.
- 9. **Hold a Leadership meeting.** Have a meeting with the Leadership Team and you FCA staff to learn about the great resources in the Campus Ministry Kit. Discuss meeting schedule, FCA-provided materials, and the impact that FCA will have on your campus.
- 10. **Complete Basic Training.** In your Campus Ministry Kit you will find our *Huddle Playbook*. In the *Playbook* are five leadership training sessions called: Basic Training. Take time to complete these lessons with your leadership team.
- 11. **Build a Plan.** In the Basic Training lessons you will learn how to utilize FCA's resources to do ministry on your campus. Use the Planning Sheets found in the Resource section of the *Huddle Playbook* to build two months worth of ministry plans. Then regularly meet with your leadership team to put the plan in motion and to continue the planning process.
- 12. **Evaluate.** FCA has provided a great tool to help you lead the best campus ministry possible. The Huddle Scouting Report will help you evaluate all the important areas of your ministry. It is found in the *Huddle Playbook*, on the *Campus eEquipment CD* and on the web in our Campus eEquipment.
- 13. **Ongoing Leadership Training.** All great teams have that extra advantage – The X factor. FCA's ongoing training for our leaders is that extra advantage. Leadership teams should meet regularly to pray, plan their campus ministry and further develop their leadership abilities by working through all 15 of our X factor lessons found on the *Campus eEquipment CD*.

Chapter 1: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), a Christ-centered, Bible-based ministry, was an idea born in Don McClanen's heart in 1947 when he was a student at what is now Oklahoma State University. Later, as a college coach, he envisioned athletes and coaches presenting Christ throughout the nation. McClanen's vision officially became FCA in November 1954.

Today, FCA is touching millions of lives...one heart at a time. FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest Christian sports ministry in the world. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.

As an inter-denominational ministry, FCA is **Christ-centered** (focusing of our message); **Kingdom-minded** (serving the purpose of the Church); **Bible-based** (source of our authority); **athletically focused** (ministering to coaches and athletes); **spiritually nurturing** (helping people to know and grow in Christ); **fellowship-oriented** (connecting people through the love of Christ); **volunteer-intensive** (mobilizing adults to accomplish the mission); **culturally adaptive** (meeting the diverse needs of people); and **faith-financed** (funded through people moved by God to give).

The FCA Vision is, **"To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches."** We accomplish this through our Mission, **"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."** Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through **Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.**

The Ministries of FCA are **Coaches Ministry, Campus Ministry, Camp Ministry and Community Ministry.** Through these ministries, FCA impacts over 1,000,000 people every year through the Huddles (on-campus clubs), summer camps, rallies, retreats, clinics, banquets, coaches outreach events and other programs.

We encourage you to become a part of TeamFCA. Contact us to find out how to get involved.