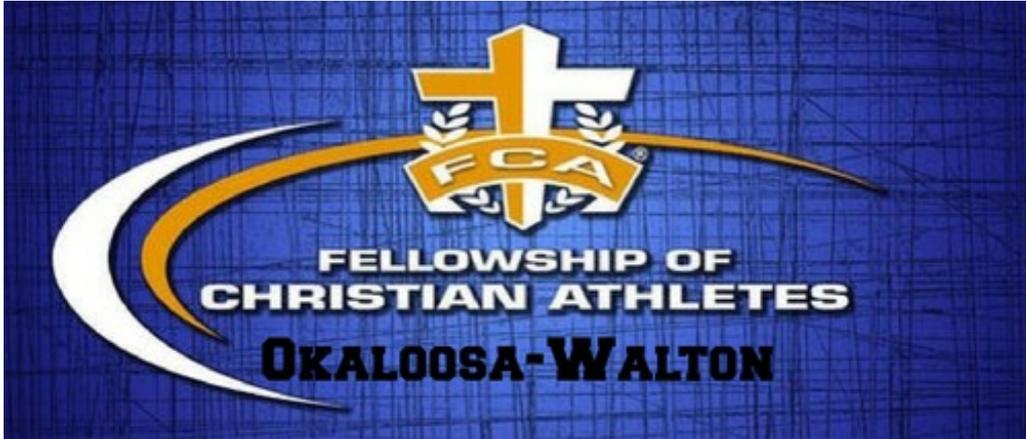




April 2016 - OWFCA Newsletter



Michelle's Message

Sidelines and Readiness

"All my days were written in Your book and planned before a single one of them began." -Psalm 139:16

March 12th, 2016 Okaloosa/Walton FCA celebrated their 3rd year of what started as a game plan for new beginnings in our two-county area. As much as we planned for the future of FCA, we continuously saw ourselves on the sidelines. But I can say it was an honor to stay in readiness when He equipped us with His plan on our daily journey. Looking back I'm amazed at how God worked through all the unexpected turns and struggles we went through with sideline events that could have set us on a path toward giving up, but believing in HIS plan kept us ready and reminded us that it's so important to trust the only One who does know what lies ahead and who has planned for it accordingly. When we understand that, we become free to walk in confidence and security knowing that nothing will come our way that, with our Father, we cannot handle. Here are a few reflections relating to how God's plan has unfolded in the past year with our 4 C's of Campus, Community, Coaches, Camps.

Campus and Community Movement:

Okaloosa/Walton celebrated partnerships with the Taylor Haugen Foundation supporting two huddles with grant opportunities to grow in their own personal relationships in their communities. South Walton Huddle celebrated 5th Quarters with Emerald Coast Middle School on two separate occasions. 5th Quarters were held in the school cafeteria after certain sporting events for middle schoolers to enjoy the activities, fellowship, and get to know what high school life is all about. Freeport High School formed relationships throughout the year with residents of area nursing homes. These relationships formed over multiple bingo games on several occasions, along with dinners and a Christmas celebration. Freeport FCA students

enjoyed being a part of their community and are still active in repainting and sprucing up the main garden with a dedicated bench displaying a Taylor Haugen Foundation plaque in appreciation of the financial support from the grant monies.

Buck Smith/All-Sports FCA Breakfast grew even more this year with 1,400 plus students celebrating the theme of RISE UP and BE UNDEFEATED. 2015-2016 celebrated the first ever completely planned and executed student-led Breakfast. What a Blessing it was to see students from 6th to 12th grade coming together as student leaders to run a huddle of over 1,400 students! We are closing out our school year with over 47 huddles from school, travel baseball, home school, elementary, and several teams.

Coaches Time:

Coaches Clinic: February, 2016 was our first ever Coaches Clinic. We had coaches from Southeast Georgia, North Alabama, South Florida, Tallahassee, Pensacola, and our two counties come listen to instructional and inspirational speeches and tutorials with coaches from FSU, Alabama, Clemson, UWF, University of Alabama, Auburn, Troy, and Ole Miss with guest host, Coach Tommy Bowden. This weekend clinic was described by many as the best clinic sharing the Xs and the Os, along with inspiration on how to live the Word of God through their actions in Coaching. 3D Coaching was introduced with our Multi-Area Regional Director, Jason Bernick.

Camp Season:

We are heading into our camp season with the blessing of God's plan for our next steps in growing our area. Okaloosa/Walton FCA will host our camp along with Camp Timpooshee on August 5th-7th. This will be our time to spend in fellowship with 34 students in our first Leadership Camp. We have great plans for fellowship, team building, and leadership building skills so each student will be equipped to head back to school to lead their teams, peers, and their schools in the right direction for 2016-2017.

Okaloosa/Walton FCA prays that when we do get sidelined with obstacles and struggles, that our great and mighty God has ordained each of our days - past, present, and future - and has equipped us to handle every challenge that comes our way. In the familiar verse, Jeremiah 29:11 the Lord says, "For I know the plans I have for you . . . plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Isn't it a relief to know that no matter what happens today, tomorrow, or even next year, God already knows about it and has a plan? He knows about our seasons, our wins, and losses. Before the beginning of time He foresaw us periodically being sidelined and He equips us for those periods through the strength He bestows on us for our dedication to HIM, to stay in HIS word and in prayer to be equipped and READY when he are called.

We hope that God has called you to join our Team and support OWFCA in 2016-2017 with your monthly or one-time donation. We have set our goal for the 2016-2017 year as calling for our team to grow by 15 to 100 monthly donors, giving at the level of commitment that God has called for you to give.

<http://owfca.org/donate>

Thank you for sharing God's plan with us. To minister to every coach, every student, every athlete, and every faculty member in our community. Encouraging him/her to influence their contact in such a way that points them to Christ. When we impact our campus and communities for Christ here, we can raise up the next generation of leaders to serve like Christ across our world.

Please feel free to call or email.
In Celebration of HIS Plan,

-Michelle Carmical

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NIGHT of INTEGRITY

Speaker – Mike Lutzenkirchen

Wednesday April 20, 2016 6:00 PM

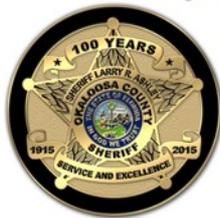
Northwest Florida State College Arena

This event is open to all students, tickets are free. Contact your School Resource Officer or FCA Huddle for tickets.



Attend this event to hear Mike Lutzenkirchen, father of Phillip Lutzenkirchen recount an honest and courageous discussion of Philip's life; "Live like Lutz, Love like Lutz, and Learn from Lutz," reflecting his desire to help others live out the many positive character attributes that Philip displayed, while learning from the circumstances that led to his death. The event will also feature worship music in an amazing concert atmosphere (Event program is 75 min.) Visit Lutzie43.org to learn more about this year's speaker. Event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/698504646918440/>

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