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In Memory of Don McClanen

It's with a heavy heart, overwhelmed by a tremendous sense of gratitude and respect for a man who has influenced so many, that I pass on the news that our FCA founder Don McClanen went home to be with our Lord Jesus early this morning. Don's family has decided to celebrate his life with a memorial service to be held this summer. Once we have details, we will certainly pass that information on to all of you. In the meantime, if you would like to send your condolences to his wife, Gloria and their family, you can do so by sending to Pat Woods' attention at the National Support Center, 8701 Leeds Road, Kansas City, MO 64129 and we will then forward it on to the family.

If you've ever wondered what God can do with a life totally surrendered, called, and risking all to follow His vision, remember this young basketball coach from Oklahoma who in 1954 saw the potential of athletes and coaches to share the gospel with the world. Sixty-two years later that vision, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is alive and well, influencing lives for Christ across the globe... an amazing legacy.

Praise God for the life of Don McClanen.

-Coach Les Steckel

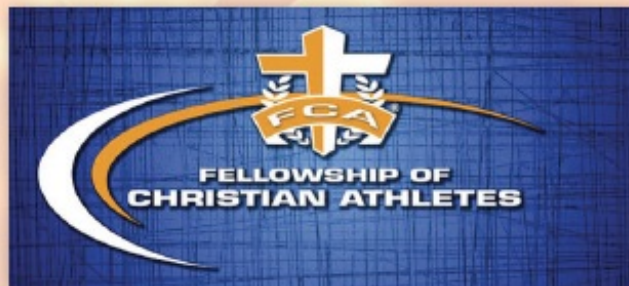
Upcoming Events

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Coaches Clinic by
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2016 OWFCA LEGACY COACHES CLINIC



Thursday, February 18, 2016

Early Arrival Date

Friday, February 19, 2016

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Michelle's Message

Rise up living and knowing that you are not alone....

What is the plan for us on and off our campus, in the
community, at home, and in our church families?

We ask these questions constantly, not understanding what our days bring. Asking questions like "why do certain things happen?" and "how do we know what God expects of us?" When we do get to make decisions, do we make the right decisions, how do we have confidence that we are living in Christ through our day?

But God hasn't left the future totally untold. He gives us the basics to help give us hope and increase our faith. In John, chapter 13, Jesus speaks to His disciples about His coming betrayal and Peter's denial. Then, He starts the next chapter by saying, "Your heart must not be troubled," before He goes on to explain that He is leaving but will be returning. In verse 27, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must



not be troubled or fearful." Not only does Jesus tell the disciples of future events, He offers comfort and encouragement. The future wasn't going to be pleasant, and they weren't going to understand why it had to happen, but they were to maintain their peace trusting Him and knowing that one day it would all make sense.

Today, do not be frustrated by not knowing your future. Don't wish your struggles would never come. Instead, find peace in the One who holds your future and focus on being the best you can be.

FCA Huddles (students) have been very busy finding comfort, encouragement and peace with their peers and team-mates. Praying before games, giving thanks to Christ after the games, meeting weekly with the strength in HIS word to equip them with hope and to have faith for their day.

In mid-January, Walton County came together with over 50 student leaders to be part of the Leadership Training Clinic hosted at Freeport High School. What a great time of year, student leaders of the class of 2015/16 welcoming the incoming 2016/17 leaders, past leaders sharing and new leaders learning to lead. I had the pleasure of training these leaders to be equipped to lead for the next school year along with the class of 2015/16 Leaders encouraging and sharing their past experiences in their respective leadership roles. During our training time we were equipped with materials and huddle times on how to be strong leaders of FCA and in all that we do.

February 12, 2016, we formed our first ever 2016 Huddle Student Leadership Committee. These leaders represented Okaloosa/Walton FCA at the All Sports/Buck Smith FCA Breakfast as the Student Huddle Leaders. These students were from area middle schools and high schools and came together to form a leadership team which would create a platform for what will be an annual event at the breakfast and leading in the celebration at the biggest Okaloosa/Walton Huddle in FCA's southeast region. What a great blessing to see strong leaders sharing testimonials and scripture with the 2016 theme "RISE UP and be UNDEFEATED."

As they were leaving the breakfast, students were called to action to be sons and daughters of Christ. To go and be the leaders of tomorrow TODAY, to have faith, peace and confidence in the ONE that holds their future and that can keep you focused on the best you can be.

Joshua 1:9 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB):

"Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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McCafe with a Cause

Don't forget February is the month for a great FCA fundraiser! Every Monday, purchase any size hot or iced Fresh Brewed McCafe from a Costa McDonald's. They will donate 50% of the net proceeds to FCA! Be sure to stop and thank the staff for helping raise monies for FCA. If you take a quick photo, email it to Michelle for advertising on social media: mcarmical@fca.org.

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