

MAUPIN MESSAGE

Sharing the Gospel To and Through Coaches

Ministry Update

Well, this has been quite a summer for Susie and I. And quite a year, too! It was last August 28 that FamilyLife announced that it was moving its headquarters to Orlando, FL (Lake Hart) to merge with Cru headquarters. Since then, we've been seeking direction through Scripture and by talking with people who know and care about us and by listening to the Holy Spirit as we pray for God to reveal His plan for us. Ultimately, the opportunity to join Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a unique privilege that redeems the 20 years of ministry we've enjoyed, the years of volunteer opportunities we've embraced and matches the heart God gave us to be a part of His plan to seek and save the lost through proclaiming the Gospel. Because it is the Gospel that unites all of us—you and your family and Susie and I and our family—I am thankful to have you join us on this next chapter in our journey. We thank God for you. You are a part of the great work of God to change lives. We are blessed by you and it is a joy to serve Christ with you.

I am delighted to be accepted on staff with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)! To God be the glory. However, we cannot follow His plan without partners in ministry and we give thanks and praise to Him for you. On a personal note, I could not courageously pursue Him—especially when I don't understand His methodology—without the encouragement you provided as I reached out to you, sharing what I see and asking for your insight as we sought God's direction for Susie and I going forward.



Last week, I had my first visit with a high school athletic director, meeting with someone familiar with our son, Joey, (who spent his junior and senior year attending that high school). What a privilege it is to link arms with others who desire to impact the next generation for Christ.

One of the ideas we have going forward and we will try to flesh out as we progress in the ministry, is to utilize some of the marriage resources we are familiar with to encourage the coaching staffs we serve. Our son, Brian, is a defensive coordinator at one of the high schools I have been assigned, so I will have a direct pathway to get to know his staff—and Susie and I know most of them, already—and we're exploring ways we can host a marriage event for those coaches. We don't know what the corona virus restrictions will be—but we'll flex and obey and trust God to make

Giving

In the previous Maupin Message, shared my heartfelt appreciation for those of you who have shifted your giving from FamilyLife to Pure Adventure to Global Service Network over the past few months. At this time, once again, Susie and I need to have your giving shift—now to FCA. Please shift your giving as soon as possible. We need to be fully supported to serve at FCA.

To give, log into [FCA.org](https://www.fca.org); click DONATE; scroll down to search for staff; type Rick Maupin; click on the link.

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<https://my.fca.org/donation?id=eeb9dcd7-0a21-41b4-b4af-238a88912dc2&title=Rick%20Maupin>:

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and conditioning workouts but at 7 p.m. you are delving into vices that compromise your strength and conditioning workouts, what have you gained? That's where including an emphasis on character and integrity makes a difference.

I'm excited to see what God will do and so thankful you are with us on this journey. If you have ideas or suggestions and to share any prayer requests, please contact me (email, phone or text). Your partnership makes everything God wants to accomplish in us and through us a reality and you are a vital part of all the life-change that happens. Thanks for standing with us and for giving your prayers and finances toward FCA's Gospel-centered, biblically based movement.

things happen. We have ideas and I have a partner on staff with FCA, Lance Kauffman, whom I've know for 20 years (he also served with FamilyLife—he was my first supervisor 20 years ago). Lance is like-minded and like-hearted with a desire to see God use Him to make a difference and he brings a wealth of relationship experience as he's been a community pastor as well as a missionary over his years of ministry in Little Rock since 1996.

What we hope to accomplish is to be conduits to the Gospel as we minister to and through coaches to reach student-athletes for Christ. Our premise and message is built on this foundation: A coach likely has a greater influence on a student-athlete than anyone else—more influence than most parents. They have a desire and passion to lead well. With FCA, I can engage, equip and empower coaches to use their trusted platform for God's glory, their own good—and for the good of the student athlete.

One of the encouraging messages I hope will resonate with coaches is something which with I've encouraged my sons and daughters but especially Brian as he played football in high school and at the Division II college level. Strength and conditioning is important for every student-athlete to excel. I believe that in addition and in equal measure of importance is character and integrity. You are who you are when no one is looking. God is always watching and God is always encouraging each of us to live lives of character and integrity. Whatever the outcome of what we pursue—as I told Brian often—ask yourself: did you do your job? If yes, there are no regrets. If you show up at 5:30 a.m. for strength