

# MAUPIN MESSAGE

## Disciples Making Disciples: Time to Step Up

On November 7, a guest speaker at our church, Christ Community Church here in Little Rock, found himself as the “next man up.” Because illness forced a change of plans, a missionary from the Bible-teaching ministry, Downline, openly considered himself 3rd-string yet delivered a 1st-rate message from Matthew on God’s calling (Matthew 4, He chose us, just as Jesus called on fishermen and tax collectors); our confession (Matthew 16, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God); and God’s commissioning (Matt. 28, go and make disciples). You can view it online at [www.c3lr.org](http://www.c3lr.org). Disciples making disciples is God’s mission for all believers, and FCA does so by leading coaches and athletes into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Your support makes that happen. From high school to the NFL, stepping up when called on matters.

Last year, when I shared with you God’s call on me to serve with FCA, you responded and made it possible. You stepped up. Your prayers and your giving provide encouragement and the needed resources to allow me to serve in this vital ministry. At FCA, we engage, equip, and empower coaches to maintain a platform of faith in Christ as they use their influence in their athlete’s lives to give the next generation a picture of how disciples are called to step up and make disciples.

Your partnership makes opportunities like the recent **Fields of Faith** possible. On October 13, FCA hosted 425 students at the students-leading-students, Gospel-centered event on the Little Rock Christian Academy football field. Three student-athletes from three area schools shared with the attending students a meaningful Scripture, why it’s important to them, and how they apply it to their lives. At that event’s closing, 153 of the 425 returned cards indicating they made a 1st-time or recommitment to Christ. To God be the glory! Check out the brief video on our Maupin Family Prayer and Support Facebook group page or on my personal Facebook page.

**Now is a great opportunity** for you to consider increasing your financial partnership. From now until Thanksgiving, your new gift or increased giving from current partners is **matched up to \$6000**. We are asking God to meet the match and increase our support so we can enter 2022 fully supported. At this year’s end, would you consider beginning or increasing your partnership? Your gifts go toward coaches getting the engagement, equipping and empowering they need to use their influence for God’s glory. Getting to serve with our son, Brian, at one school and one of his former teammates at Harding University at another school, is an extra-special blessing. You make it possible. You can give online at <https://myfca.org/rickmaupin>. We appreciate you!

