



Fellowship of Christian Athletes Events



Camden Military Academy is committed to developing the "whole man". One important aspect of man is his spiritual side. I'm thankful that CMA's leadership sees the importance of developing these young men spiritually. CMA helps foster spiritual growth in these young men's lives in a variety of ways... Sunday Morning chapel services every Sunday, volunteer Bible study on Monday nights, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Rally, Fellowship of Christian Athletes weekend retreats where the cadets get away for the weekend and attend a big Rally at Myrtle Beach, provide opportunities for the cadets to go off campus and participate in church youth groups, and the school has a full-time chaplain who is available for the cadets. CMA also has a monthly FCA breakfast that cadets can attend. The cadets are taken off campus for a delicious breakfast, usually to a restaurant called New Horizons located in downtown Camden. We rent the facility out so that it is only CMA. They serve us a delicious breakfast including all you can eat eggs, grits, hash browns, bacon, sausage, toast, juice, milk, and coffee. After the breakfast, a speaker gives a challenging, motivating, and encouraging speech. All kinds of issues/subjects/topics are addressed as we talk about God, Jesus Christ, the Bible, life, our purpose in life, the church, values and morals, behavior, temptations, making good and healthy decisions, leadership, etc. The cadets pay close attention with their eyes and ears fixed on the speaker. You can tell they are really engaged in the speaker and listening to every word he says. Some of the cadets have written a short paper or blog about the FCA breakfasts and the positive impact they have had on the guys. This is one of the activities many of the cadets look forward to every month.



BIBLE STUDY/BREAKFAST AT NEW HORIZONS
 About 35 cadets and teachers started their Wednesday morning by loading a bus at 7:00 am and headed for New Horizons Restaurant in Camden. They were fed a delicious breakfast and had the opportunity to hear a message from Pastor Bryan Plyler. Thank you Rev Bell, owner of New Horizons restaurant, for the delicious food and great service. Thank you Pastor Bryan for an encouraging and challenging message. Here is a brief excerpt from Pastor Bryan's message... 1 Cor. 15:8-10 ESVS Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Paul would have a pity party and say "I am what I am, and that's all that is." But the Apostle Paul's "by the grace of God, I am what I am" was not an excuse or pity party. It was an exclamation of gratitude that God had made him into something he neither deserved nor was capable of becoming without God's grace! Of course, the Apostle Paul went from hating and persecuting Christians and the Christian church to becoming one of the greatest missionaries, church planters, and one of the most influential men in history. God would use him to write most of the New Testament of the Bible, the world's most read book. Even though he lived some 2000 years ago, the Apostle Paul is still talked about today! By the grace of God, Paul became an incredible man who achieved great success because he allowed God to work in his life and lived his life in obedience to His word and faith in Jesus Christ. God was at work in Paul's life, but Paul also worked for His God. It took both God and Paul...working together. You CAN'T do God's part; He WON'T do yours. --or-- I CAN'T do God's part; He WON'T do mine. Pastor Bryan closed by saying how excited he was to see a group full of young men with incredible potential to do some amazing things. He challenged them to live for God and attempt to do great things for Him. Commandant Lt COL Armstrong closed our time with prayer for God's blessing on each cadet!



Pastor Thomas Bell of Camden visited Camden Military Academy to speak to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The FCA challenges coaches and athletes to impact the world for Jesus Christ. It focuses on encouraging young athletes to make a difference in all that they do. The FCA Values states that "Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence."

