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Campus Vision for VSU FCA

Love God. Love Our Campus. Love Our World.

The VSU FCA exists to love God, love our campus, and love our world. We believe that we are the answer to the call that Jesus was referring to when He said:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

-Matthew 22:37-38

We must remember that our first and foremost focus is to love God. We cannot love others without loving and seeking Him first. Thus, our actions must be completely motivated by our relationship with God.

Secondly, out of our relationship with God we move into our call as believers. Jesus describes this call to his disciples in his final message at the Last Supper.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

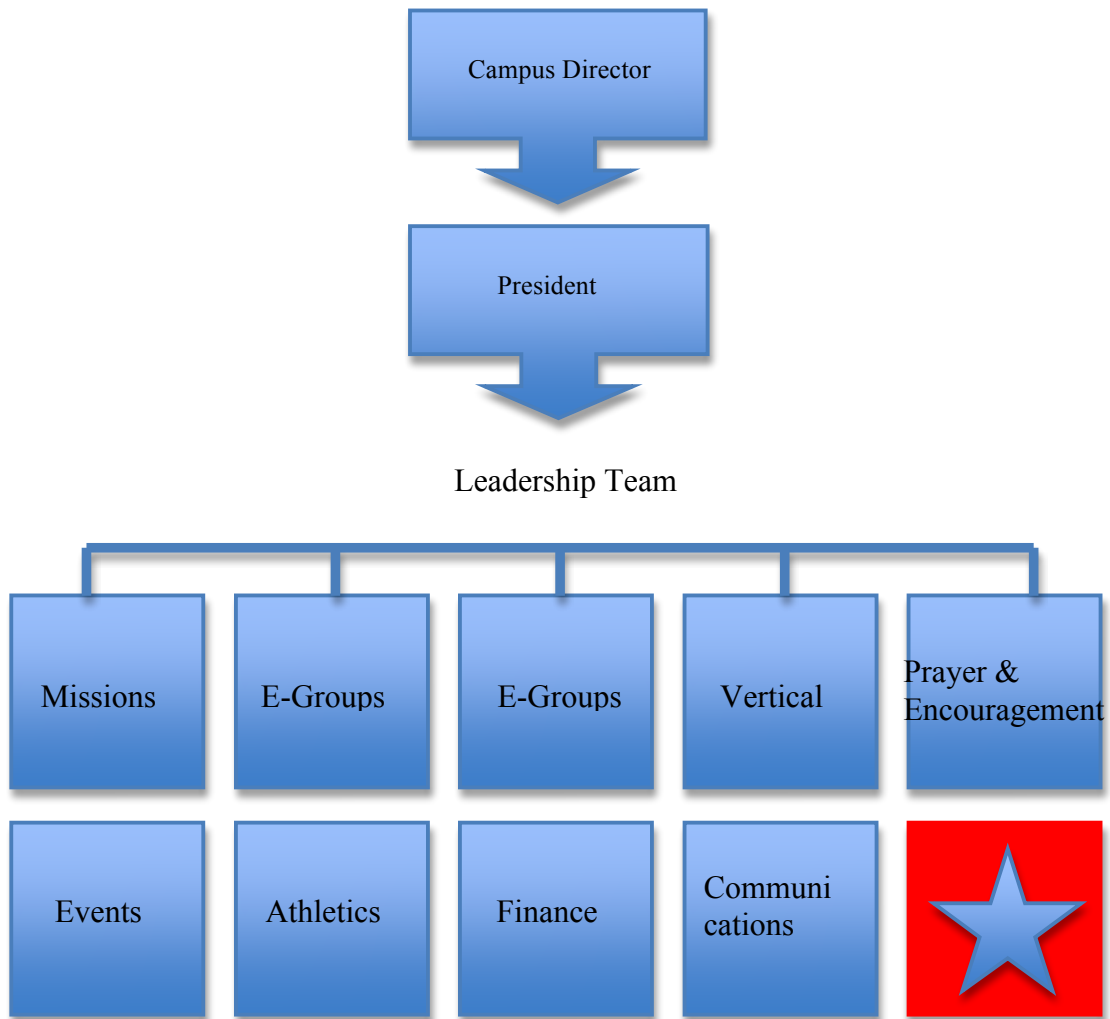
-John 13:34-35

Since we have received the Holy Spirit through grace, we are called to be a light in this world so that others may come to believe. At all times our thoughts, behavior, and service points are empowered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

VSU FCA Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
3. We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (Deity-John 1:1) (Atonement-Hebrews 9:15-22) (Virgin Birth-Matthew 1:18, 25) (Bodily Resurrection-1 Corinthians 15:1-8) (Sinless Life-Hebrews 4:15) (Personal Return-Hebrews 9:27-28)
4. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful men and women. (John 3:16; John 5:24; Titus 3:3-7)
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (John 14:15-26; John 16:5-16; Ephesians 1:13,14)
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Matthew 25:31-46, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:1-4)

VSU FCA Leadership Structure



Servant Team

Servant Team exists to serve the ministry needs of VSU FCA. They are simply people who desire to be involved and are willing to invest their time and efforts into doing the work of the ministry. This is the most important part of the entire ministry- for if this group does not exist then nothing will get done. They are committed followers who reflect their love for God, love for our campus, and love for our world by action and deed. *They are the hands behind the plow!

Position Details:

- **Trea Brinson** is the VSU FCA Campus Director who is here to offer insight and direction. He is also a communication tool between FCA and the VSU campus.
- **President:** We believe the President is the sole individual who has been called and qualified by God (appointed by the previous president or Campus Director) to carry on the vision of FCA for the year to come. His main responsibility is to mentor the leadership team and inspire them to improve FCA through the action of the Spirit.
- **Leadership:** Leadership's role in FCA is to seek God on His desires for their specific area and to oversee the administration of that call by their servant team. Their goal is to manage and direct their servant team in a way that allows them to be open to the Spirit's direction. They have been qualified by God and therefore have a God-given authority over the decisions involving their area.
- **Servant Teams:** We believe the servant team's role is to constantly be a reflection of Leadership's God-given vision for FCA. They have been designated by God to be fed directly by Leadership but remain in the body, partnering with others (support teams) to execute God's will for His ministry. Their goal is not only to execute the duties of their position but to involve others in the process so that more may have a hand in what God is doing on the campus. They attend weekly meetings in order to discuss and define the ways in which God has directed the specific area they serve.
- **Support Teams:** We believe in order for the body to be actively involved in God's ministry through FCA, servant teams must seek out others in the body who can serve alongside them. Support teams do not have to be constant (or formally appointed), instead the main goal is that they are inspired to then go out and serve in whatever way God has called them.

****We believe that each and every position is ordained by the Spirit and that our sole responsibility is to be receptive to His leading****

VSU FCA Staff Charge

- **He has called us to this ministry by special revelation. School, work, and other responsibilities are important, but each one of us has been appointed and called by God to this ministry.** *“Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.” II Peter 1:10*
- **We desire to glorify the Lord in all circumstances.** *“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” I Corinthians 10:31*
- **We are His bondservants.** *“So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.” I Corinthians 4:1*
- **We recognize that we are only at Valdosta State University for a short period of time and want to glorify God with the resources He has given us here.** *“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6*
- **We desire to be led by the Holy Spirit.** *“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.” I Corinthians 2:12*
- **We recognize that we are part of a greater body of believers and are being cheered on by a crowd of witnesses. This is God’s work that He is allowing us to be a part of. We have been given the privilege of getting to be a part of the story of history God is writing.** *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Hebrews 12:1*
- **We desire to live out the sh’mya- the prayer Christ prayed several times daily-which are the first and second greatest commandments.** *“He answered: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Luke 10:27*
- **We desire to be the hands and feet of Christ daily. We each play a different role in the body-each is necessary, needed, and cannot function without the other parts. No role is greater than another.** *I Corinthians 12:12, 25 “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts, and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ...so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.*

- **We ultimately submit to the Father. We are more concerned with what God thinks of us than making the popular or easy decision.** *“On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.” I Thessalonians 2:4*
- **We desire to be men and women of prayer.** *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” Ephesians 6:18*
- **We desire to be men and women who seek after the heart of God.** *“Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God.” I Chronicles 22:19*
- **We will not participate in anything that could potentially cause another to stumble.** *“Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.” I Corinthians 8:9*
- **We will be known by our love and serving one another.** *“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.” Romans 12:10*
- **Our aim is for others to see the heart of God through us.** *“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.” II Corinthians 4:6*
- **We will be unified and support one another.** *“May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” John 17:23*

Leadership Position Details

EVENTS

As events coordinator of FCA, you handle all the events for FCA—anything along the lines of Welcome Week, to Autumn Shag, to a Barn Party, etc. You are in charge of creating events that inspire the body to pursue or take part in what God has put into action through FCA. Events should be fun. Events should also cultivate more interest in following the Lord and maybe get someone who doesn't normally come to a Christian or FCA event to attend something. Events require a lot of planning and coordinating.

MISSIONS

It's simple: the focus and passion of Campus Missions is serving our campus for one reason and one reason only: for HIS GLORY. Going across the world on a mission trip is not the only way to serve our Heavenly Father; there is no better opportunity to tell of His name than now, sharing it with our fellow students. Campus Missions must have the heart to serve, love, and to build relationships with the student body. What better way to serve and to be a light for Him than to serve right here and right now, using the resources God has blessed us with.

The heart of FCA missions is to spread the gospel in parts of our country and world that are lost and dark. In response to this we hope that students will learn that they do not have to go to far away places to spread the gospel. They can go as far as across the hall to their roommates or to their classmates. We hope that through missions students will be given opportunities to see different groups of people and religions. Through these interactions our prayer is that some will feel the call to missions and live out ACTS 1:8. This also teaches students to share in the world outside of VSU when they graduate. We hope to equip them with knowledge and confidence to share when they do not have the FCA security blanket and cloud of witnesses around them. Mission work is not something to do so that you can say you've been to a dozen different places and seen the world. It is our job and responsibility to go if we are able. Our love for God should be so intimate that we cannot help but share.

FINANCE/FUNDS

The finance team is currently responsible for the following (subject to change due to God's calling):

- Tracking expenses and categorizing them into the divisions within FCA
- Estimating budgets and keeping an up-to-date record of the current situation
- Providing reports to insure accountability
- Income statement
- Balance sheets
- Charts
- Maintain an accurate list of the donors with e-mail and physical addresses

- Manage the current funds in a manner that reflects God's vision for FCA and seek ways to use it for God's glory
- Send out a newsletter highlighting the ministry throughout the semester to FCA donors with pictures and stories.
- Generously provide to other ministries and organizations to promote the love of Christ.
- Collecting and recording money obtained for mission trips and fundraisers

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications is very important because it is responsible of making sure that the Gospel of Christ and his call for our ministry is continually presented through every form of the communication. Leadership can plan as much as we want, but the most important call at all times is that our Lord, Jesus Christ is preached. We want to communicate our vision, that FCA is a body meant to teach and encourage its believers towards a deeper love for Christ and a love for this campus. Communications lets people know what FCA is doing, what upcoming events there are, how people can get involved, producing all flyers and printed material for FCA, the weekly email, the lobby, the weekly announcements, the FCA website, photographers, videographers, graphics and sheet signs.

PRAYER and ENCOURAGEMENT

The vision for prayer and encouragement comes directly from Acts 6:4. "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." We believe that this ministry is the Lord's, and therefore prayer should be the backbone of the ministry. Each part of the ministry of FCA and the Valdosta State University campus is being prayed for by a team of committed prayer warriors who meet weekly. We also believe the best form of encouragement is the Word of God, which is the source of truth. Therefore, we desire to encourage others through praying God's word over believers and writing notes containing scripture, and by performing other acts of service.

VERTICAL

The heart of Vertical is to 'Love God, Love Campus. Love our world' We are here, first and foremost, to love our heavenly Father. This can only be done through a life of true worship and honor unto Him. Vertical strives to reflect this by creating an atmosphere of true worship and response unto God in our weekly meetings. It is our desire to love God through praise and worship unto Him and, in turn, show this love to others. Worship unto God is also demonstrated through the presentation of the Word. Vertical serves as a platform for the pure, unadulterated, infallible Word of God. It is only through the Word that people are impacted and encouraged, and lives are changed.

In addition to loving God--but just as important--we are here to love the campus of VSU. In doing so, Vertical serves as a source of strength and encouragement to each individual as well as provides a place of fellowship and community for all. We strive to create an atmosphere where individuals have the opportunity to be encouraged and built up

amongst the college lifestyle. It is the desire of Vertical to worship God in Spirit and Truth and, in turn, share this truth with the VSU campus.

E-GROUPS

The heart of E-Groups is to provide an authentic environment of fellowship in which a believer might grow in their walk with Christ, and do so along with other believers. We believe that life change happens when a group of men or women decide to pursue the Lord together, pushing one another and holding each other accountable (Proverbs 27:17.) We recognize that we as Christians are built to live in community with one another, as members of the body of Christ. Therefore, the role of E-GROUPS is to provide an environment within the much larger FCA body, in which men or women can "do life together," all while focusing on and pursuing Jesus Christ. Acts 2:42-47 provides a Biblical example of the type of community we expect our E-GROUPS to pursue: One devoted to diving into the word and to prayer, and to serving others, but also to simpler things. We want our E-GROUPS to go through life together, studying the Word of God, praying, praising and serving together; but also going through the many experiences of life together. Our prayer is that in this, the body may be built up, and that the Lord would add "to their number daily, those who were being saved."

Athletic Leadership

This team exists to reach out to ALL of the teams on campus. The servant team consists of athletes spanning the entire spectrum, and its goal is to present the gospel to athletes in a creative way that speaks directly to them. It also exists to provide opportunities for athletes to share the gospel with their teammates through Vertical, E_GROUPS, dinners, or other events that the leadership team feels led to pursue. This ministry is the connection between FCA and the body of athletes on Valdosta State's campus.

FCA Structural History

Leadership Additions:

Ministry Additions:

**** With most additions a three year “cut-protection” is set up so the event or idea is given enough time to develop, and not continually cut and retried. However, as with every area of FCA, all areas are subject to change if the Spirit leads****