



2015 In Review

1. One of the joys of being in a college town during lacrosse season is being able to see guys who have been part of FCA in the past and are in town for a game against Duke or North Carolina. I was able to spend a little bit of time with Ryan LaPlante and Trevor Baptiste from 2015 NCAA Champion Denver Pioneers back in February. Ryan and Trevor both were members of the FCA U-19 team prior to their freshman years at Denver.
2. Lanier and I had the privilege of hosting a dinner for Grove City's Men's Lacrosse team while they were in town for their spring break trip. All 23 players joined us for what else – North Carolina BBQ from a local favorite.
3. The Palm Beach Atlantic men's team joined in on the fun while in North Carolina and we were able to spend time with them after their game at Elon College. Thanks to partners like you, FCA blessed the players and coaches with food and fellowship from Lanier's favorite BBQ spot in her hometown of Lexington – Lexington Barbecue.
4. It's been 10 seasons now since I was able to coach from the sidelines at Ohio State, but my love for the program still runs deep as I try to get out and see the team when possible. Just last week I was able to spend time in Columbus, Ohio with Luc Bailey (pictured here) and 10 of his teammates at their weekly bible study. I've known Luc who is a current junior since he was in 5th grade. It's so fun to see some of these boys become men.
5. It will always be tough saying goodbye to graduating seniors but that doesn't mean it's not important to help celebrate their accomplishments. High Point does an amazing job sending their seniors off and it's one thing Lanier and I look forward to being part of for years to come.
6. It is no secret that I look forward to U-19 Vail almost more than any other event. The way the tournament is structured provides an opportunity to really get to know these young men prior to them heading off to college. This year we had four guys who are now playing college lacrosse in North Carolina.
7. This year saw another amazing Gettysburg Camp with over 400 campers. I was able to bring 33 boys from North Carolina and hoping to possibly double that number next year.
8. I've come to realize that the greatest resource available to helping out with FCA is the current students at the schools in the area. In August eight UNC players joined me in putting on a clinic for local boys who have never played lacrosse before. I'm still not sure who had more fun, the college kids or the newbies!
9. The second week of October saw thousands of high school students across the country join in FCA's Fields of Faith. Locally we had over 1,000 students gather at local high schools to pray together to see their campuses to be impacted for Jesus Christ.
10. In May, we had the honor of hosting UNC's senior class for dinner at our house prior to them leaving Chapel Hill and heading out into the real world. Each class is special in their own way, this was the class that God used in Lanier's and my life to bring us to Chapel Hill. We miss them terribly.
11. Our local North Carolina club team had a great year competing in six tournaments over the summer and fall. It's been so enjoyable to see these 20+ boys really grow both as players as well as young men over the past 15 months coaching them.
12. Baby Hodgson is eager to kick her way into the world in March 2016. We can't wait to share her with all of you who have shared your lives with us.