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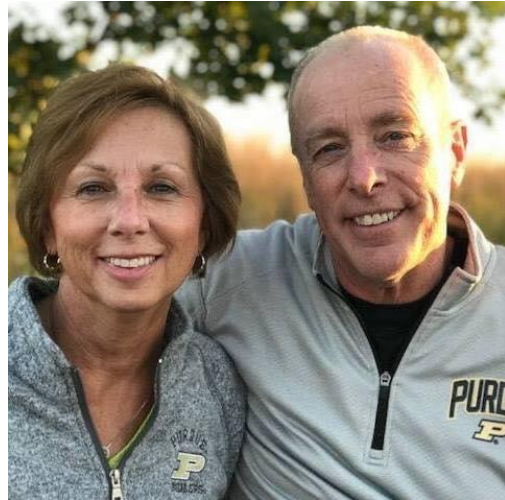
Marty and Brenda Dittmar

Purdue University FCA

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you and your family!
With 2024 gone, we want to take a moment to reflect on the past year, look ahead to the NEW YEAR, and be thankful for the prayer warriors and loyal supporters of the ministry of FCA at Purdue.

We wouldn't be here without you!



Our goal is to continue to share the Love of God and His life changing Gospel of Grace with Coaches and Athletes in 2025.

As we thank the Lord for you, we also pray that He will prosper you and your family in HUGE ways in the coming year!

With much love,

Marty and Brenda Dittmar

"God forbid that I should glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Galatians 6:14

My Story

-Jackson Dannelley-

Purdue Athlete



Growing up, I went to church most Sundays, but that was the extent of my Christianity. I never read the Word of God, I never vowed to apply the teachings I learned to my everyday life, heck, most of those Sundays, I would even fall asleep in those comfy church chairs! As I got in to my college years, I definitely grew a bit closer to God in the sense that I was recognizing His existence a little more.

Now I'll be the first to tell you, my college career was anything but glamorous, I would go from the highest of highs, ride it for a couple weeks, then find myself in my lowest of lows. I dealt with injuries, blowing games that were close, random hate comments from "fans", and everything in between. I never understood why I couldn't have the consistent success I felt I was so deserving of. It was during these low times that I started to lose myself. I was going out to bars on every single off-day and just absolutely SHOWERING myself in materialistic things, and meaningless relationships. I realize now, that I was trying to fill an emptiness I didn't know I had.

Then came the best day of my life, the day Christ flipped a metaphoric switch inside of my heart. I remember it SO vividly, my chest was burning, my stomach had felt like I just got to the top of a roller coaster and plummeted straight down, I remember feeling like all I wanted to do was cry my eyes out. It was towards the later months of my college career, we were at Purdue for a home baseball game. Chaplain Marty, from FCA, was hosting our chapel, as he often did. I am truly thankful our Coach allows for these chapels. I had attended every chapel before, but this one was different. I recall making eye contact with Marty enough to the point where I noticed it. I thought he was talking right to me. Now to Marty, he was probably just looking at everyone, teaching the Word to a room full of goofy baseball players, as he often did. But to me, he was talking directly to me, and God put that verse on his heart to hand deliver to me. It was the exact words I needed to hear to open my eyes to Christ that day. The verse he brought with him that day was 2 Corinthians 5:15 "He died for everyone so that those who receive His new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them". He explained how we often fail in this game of baseball, just as we will in life, and the easiest thing to do is to fill the void with temporary "joy" and fulfillment through alcohol, relationships, and materialistic items,

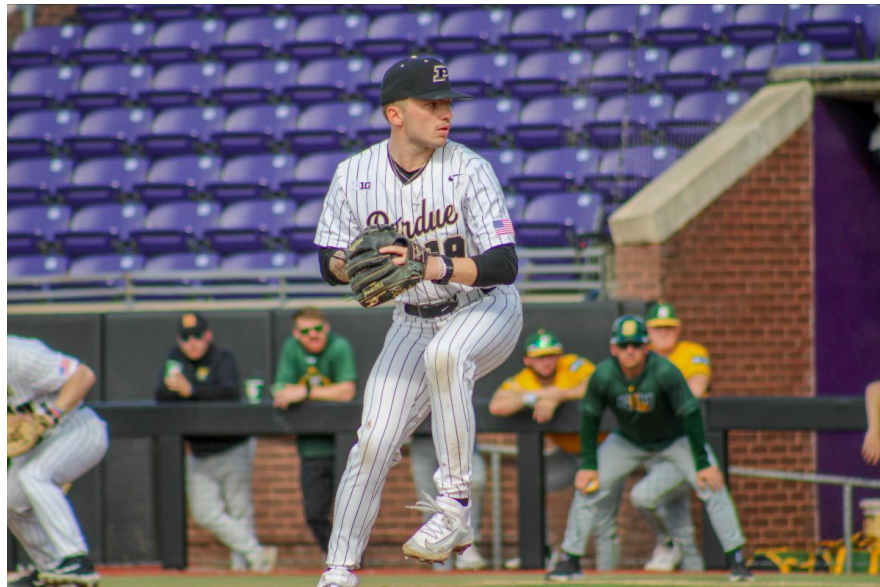
but until we fill that void with the eternal Christ and the Word of God, it will remain just that, a void we are struggling to fill.

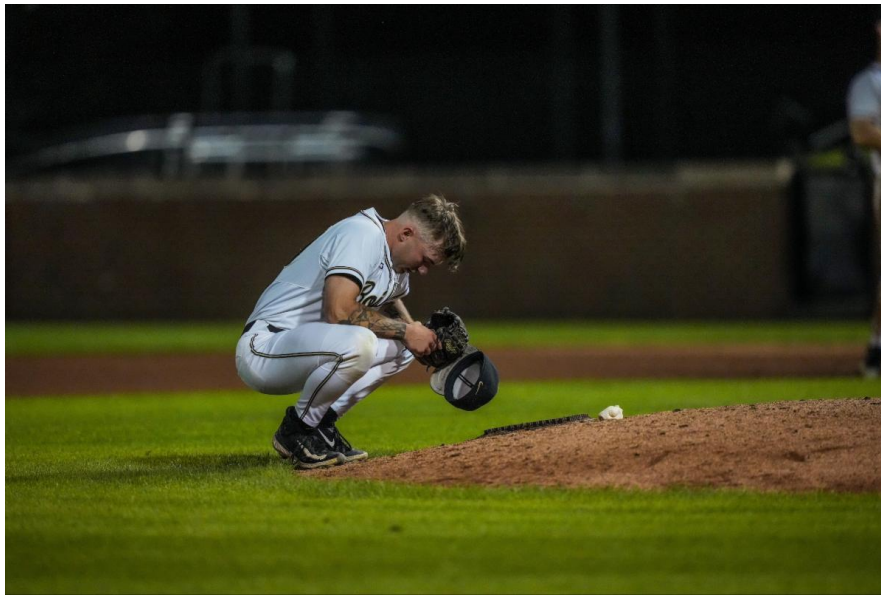
From that day on, I fully recognized Christ and submitted my soul, my plans, my future, and my life to Jesus. It was the greatest decision I ever made. I have begun reading the Word of God almost daily, and have seen my life transformed first hand. Recently I was also blessed to sign with the **Atlanta Braves**. Trust me, that entire road and process has been a WHOLE testimony, and indication of God, all on its own. I will save that story for another time! Jesus is King! He is my King! I am so blessed to serve such a powerful and loving God!

Stay blessed!

Jackson Dannelley

Purdue Baseball Alumnus



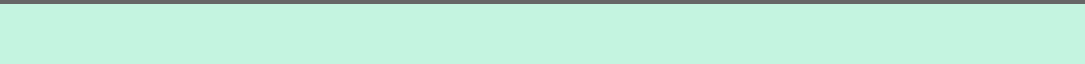


WELCOME to our new Purdue FCA staff!

Josh and Lauren McKenzie

Pray for them as they begin at Purdue. We are very thankful for the dedication of this couple and the love for the Lord they show. Josh and Lauren have servant hearts and great love for Jesus and Purdue athletes!





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