Team United exists to ignite a movement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the athletic community at the University of Georgia by winning, building and sending athletes, coaches and all whom they influence.

Team United is a coalition of staff representatives from Athletes In Action (AIA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Georgia Athletes Outreach (GAO).

These campus ministries have formed a partnership called “Team United” to minister to, and serve the athletic community at the University of Georgia.

Team United Staff
Left to Right: Jill Perry, Alli Townsend, Thomas Settles, Scott Shepherd, Ray Lawrence, Jason Camp, Jonathan Irby and Kevin (Chappy) Hynes

What We Value:

Ministry of Presence - Attending practices and competition, providing pregame chapels & helping to serve the players, coaches, and support staff, as well as monthly meetings for worship and teaching from a Biblical perspective.

Ministry of Reconciliation - Preaching the Gospel to the athletes, coaches and athletic community. Helping athletes to go into the community to serve and share their testimony, while equipping them to be ambassadors for Christ.

Ministry of Discipleship - Teaching God’s Word to athletes and coaches through Bible studies, one-on-one meetings; in addition to weekly leadership meetings to equip athletes for ministry to their teams and communities; training them to use their platform for God’s glory.

We are eternally grateful for your prayers, support and investment in the lives of the student-athletes at UGA. We sincerely hope that this newsletter will bring you great encouragement and motivation as you read how God is working in and through the lives of the ministry staff, student-athletes and athletic community as a whole at UGA.
**FOOTBALL**

Thomas (Above) delivering the pre-game chapel before the game against Auburn! (Right) ~The Chapel card handed out to the players.

**TRACK**

Jonathan Irby (Above) attending track practice and serving the coaches and staff by raking the sand pit!

Scott Shepherd (left) at Stegeman Coliseum, which just celebrated its’ 50th anniversary. Scott is the Chaplain of men’s basketball and has a weekly bible study with some guys on the team.

**Women’s Gymnastics**

Jill (left), overlooking the Gym Dawgs practice facility as Sarah works on the balance beam below. Attending various practices around campus demonstrates the ministry of presence, which allows Team United staff the opportunity to interact with the athletes and coaches on a weekly basis.

**Women’s Track**

Alli Townsend (above left) at Women’s Track practice watching the girls as sprinter Taylor runs by. Taylor, a student leader, regularly meets with Alli to learn how to utilize her platform to influence her teammates for Christ.

**Georgia Men’s and Women’s Swim Team Practice**

Jonathan Irby (Left, with Coach Humphries on his right) at swim team practice recently. Irby has been discipling a current swim team member, Will (right), who recently stated, about Team United; “Team United has definitely had a tangible and positive impact on my life, my current walk with Christ and my athletic career while at UGA ...and I often thank God for placing me with Irby; a mentor and a friend who provides me with vital teaching, wisdom, leadership and accountability in these turbulent college years as I strive to continue and mature in my walk with Christ.”
Pictured above: Alli (left) with Kate from the Equestrian team. Kate was baptized this past spring.

Irby with pole vaulters, Michael (left) and Caleb (right). Caleb is on our Leadership team, and Michael was recently baptized and has been meeting weekly with Irby.

**Athletes In Community**
Sprinter Sarah A. (above), speaking at a local high school FCA meeting.

Jill (left) alongside Sarah P. from the Gym Dawgs on a night of fun and fellowship with the student leadership.

**Winter Retreat**
(Above) Students and Ministry staff praying for revival to take place on our campus.

Big T.U. (Team United) happens once a month on a Sunday night bringing together student-athletes from many sports. It gives the athletes a chance to grow, learn from and encourage each other while worshiping together and hearing the Word.

Sunday night brings the student leaders together to build them in their faith and prepare them to lead their team Bible studies each week.

**MINISTRY OF: RECONCILIATION**

“Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Cor. 5:18-20
A major focus is training student leaders to reach their team for the Lord. We began with just a couple of student leaders a few years ago and now there are 30 leaders representing 16 teams. Our goal is to have at least one student leader from each team; including the Redcoat band, Cheerleaders and Dance Dawgs.

Women’s Equestrian Bible Study
The Equestrian team meets for Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Megans’ apartment near campus.

Women’s Night
This event occurs once a month and is sponsored by the women’s ministry at Briarwood Baptist Church in Watkinsville. Many of the female athletes, including coaches, attend this event of food, fellowship and biblical teaching.

Redcoats (above)
Being a former band member himself, Irby has a wonderful bond with the Redcoat Marching Band students who attend bible study. They are currently studying Romans.

Track & Cross Country
Former UGA distance runner Summer (above far left) returns to lead the Women’s Track and Cross Country bible study.

Men’s Golf
(Below): The Men’s Golf Team Bible Study (facilitated by Scott Shepherd, 2nd from left) has been great this semester. We are thankful for Mookie’s leadership, while praising God for Michael (far left) and Keith’s (2nd from right) decisions to follow Christ this semester.

Track & Field
Former UGA distance runner Summer (above far left) returns to lead the Women’s Track and Cross Country bible study.

Ministry of Discipleship

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19,20

Men’s Basketball
“We thank God for bringing Houston to UGA this semester and look forward to Marcus having a big year spiritually as well as on the court.” - Scott Shepherd (Basketball Team Chaplain)
What Kind of IMPRINT will you leave?

Despite denominational differences, many of the Christian evangelical ministries at the University of Georgia are working together to ignite a campus-wide movement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. IMPRINT 3-4-5 was a collective effort with these ministries during the 3rd, 4th and 5th weeks of school (August 26-Sept. 19), in which every participating ministry spent one week emphasizing each of these themes respectively: Praying, Serving and Telling (sharing the Gospel) with others. All of the students, staff and faculty were challenged to pick five people to pray for, serve and share the Gospel with. This was designed to be simple and loose enough allow the respective ministries to carry out the themes in their own distinct ways; but unified enough to enable us to share a common focus while calling students and faculty to participate in concrete ways. The goal was two-fold: 1. To encourage, equip and empower students to practice being a witness for Christ, and 2. To provide a public witness to the campus from the Body of Christ as a whole.

By coming together we were acknowledging that there is POWER in uniting as ONE body to love our University. We believe that students reach students best and transformation will come through the believers on campus living out the witness of the church. Our prayer is to see the students at UGA transformed by the power of God.

Each week, various ministries gathered together in clusters to fill that week’s specific theme. For example, during the week of prayer, Team United, Intervarsity, Navigators and Wesley ministry got together for a night of prayer and worship for the campus, while other ministries did a prayer walk together on campus. During “Serve” week, all ministries gave out free popsicles on campus. The last week, Tell week, began with a day of evangelism outside the student center. Everything concluded with one large event, in which students and faculty from many ministries gathered together for prayer, worship and an evangelistic message from Louie Giglio, who, among other things, leads the Passion Conference for college students and pastors Passion City Church in Atlanta.

Below are some of the tangible fruit from IMPRINT:

- Approximately 200 people stood to say “No more” to lukewarm Christianity.
- Approximately 400 people stood asking for the Holy Spirit to “clothe” them with power to be a witness.
- Many put their faces to the ground in surrender to the Lord.
- The leaders from the Equestrian, Track and Cross Country teams have seen God move in the hearts of their “Five.” A number of their “Five” began coming to Bible study and have had many opportunities to be engaged in spiritual conversations.

“Our goal is for God to be glorified through the ministry of Team United at the University of Georgia! Our hope is that God would draw all within the athletic community to Himself! Our prayer is that coaches, student athletes, managers, trainers, support staff and even Dawg fans would see the supremacy of Jesus Christ, humble themselves and follow hard after Him! Our purpose is to ignite a movement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! For the last 10 years, we sincerely believe that God has uniquely brought together all of our ministries for His glory! We are grateful for God’s grace and your partnership in the Gospel. “

Kevin “Chappy” Hynes