

Dear Partner,

Part of our ministry of evangelism and discipleship is removing intellectual barriers to faith. Christians and non-Christians alike are often troubled when science is portrayed as being in conflict with biblical teaching. People are asking if biology made belief in God obsolete, if science is sufficient to explain everything, and if Christianity is reasonable.

I invited Professor Jeff Hardin to address this topic and answer these questions. As a Christ-follower who is chair of the University of Wisconsin Department of Integrative Biology, he was an ideal presenter to show it is quite reasonable, even as a scientist, to be Christian and follow Jesus.



Dr. Hardin highlighted world-class scientists over the centuries from Michael Faraday to Francis Collins who maintained a strong, integrated faith. He challenged popular ideas from influential atheists like Lawrence Krause and Richard Dawkins. He weaved in aspects of his own journey of integrating passions for faith and inquiry of God's world. As he seamlessly walked the audience through the natural conclusions of believing in God, he explained why we need his saving grace. While sensitive to the audience of mixed beliefs, he clearly shared the gospel and invited people to pray to express their faith in Christ. During the Q & A, he answered questions that were texted in about biology and Christianity. Afterward, he patiently stayed and talked with a line of people who wanted to falk more.



## Celebrating 10 UW Graduates Joining Cru

We encourage all of our graduates to follow Jesus wherever God calls them after graduation, and are happy whether nurse, pastor, etc., but there is something special when our beloved students decide to serve with our organization.

This summer 10 of our students are raising support to serve with Cru for the next year or two in campus ministry in the states and internationally.

Peru: Elise

France: Cassandra

Twin Cities Metro: Megan and Michelle

Our Madison/Southern Wisconsin Cru Team!: Aaron, Ben, Curran, Hannah, Janessa, and Mariah

These new grads joining our team will help fill the vacancy left by Everett and Ella (also UVV alumna) who will soon move to East Asia after a couple years serving on our team.

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! ~Romans: 10:14





This was such a success on a variety of levels. Christian students were really encouraged to see a sensible professor stand up for Jesus. Jeff's presentation helped those who've struggled with the science question and gave atheists and agnostics things to consider.

On the comment cards, students requested information about getting involved with Cru and/or local churches. A bunch requested materials giving evidence for the Christian faith. A dozen people checked the box "I made a decision to place my faith in Jesus Christ tonight."

There are lots of people who work to make events like this happen, but they wouldn't happen without aenerous people like vou praying and giving. Thank you!

\*You can watch the Science and Faith presentation here: youtu.be/uOHbgg2puak

## • Please pray for those who came to the Science and Faith event. Staff and students began following up people who expressed interest, but with finals, the end of the semester, and summer, it hasn't worked well for reaching out to everyone yet.

- Please pray for Bonnie's still healing elbow. She and the surgeon have discussed possible surgery again this summer. But now she is set to have an MRI next week as a strange growth has appeared in the forearm.
- Pray for the 10 new Cru interns to develop the needed support teams to report to their assignments in August.
- Pray also for us as we use the slower, more flexible schedule of summer to locate additional support needed to serve and lead the team undistracted.
- Pray our family lives and loves like lesus.

If you have something you'd like us to lift up in prayer, send it our way.