



DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

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SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE. No matter what the size, God gets the glory

As a ministry, we are gathering in different sizes for different things. Though varying sizes a few things are certain: they almost always involve fellowship with food, steps of faith, and they always give God glory! Here are a few snapshots:



SMALL: DISCIPLESHIP

Jena disciples five women weekly, and occasionally likes to pair teaching with pampering. Here, Jena is teaching on personal growth - in particular how to treat their bodies, minds, intellect, and relationships, while *treating* them for breakfast!

MEDIUM: GATHER 25 and serving at WORLD HELP

- World Help is an organization that delivers critical supplies related to clothing, medical supplies, etc, to places where those supplies are most needed. We spent the day packaging clothing for communities in El Salvador and then took everyone out to lunch at La Carreta!
- Gather 25 is a global Christian event that took place over every continent to worship God and see His work around the world. We had 18 students attend this four hour livestream at our home church, and we grew closer as a community as we worshipped, learned, and prayed together.



LARGE: LYNCHBURG CRU METRO MEETING SPRING 2025 (a historic moment!)



We have been at Sweet Briar College since 2019. The first few years we planted the few seeds we were able to, and prayed and hoped and asked God for the gospel to take root. There were several years where Cru was a meeting of Jena, one student, and one volunteer. We have had many ups and downs as students have shown little interest, and even been hostile to having a Christian group on campus. So it was a huge step of faith for Sweet Briar Cru to host the spring Metro Meeting, an all-campus worship meeting where we pray for one another and celebrate what God is doing at each campus. We began a month-long campaign to hype up the location. All the hard work paid

off as there were 73 in attendance! We were blown away by the student leaders taking initiative and the collaborative spirit of all the students involved with Cru. To God be the glory!

The following day, the Sweet Briar student leaders hosted an outreach called "What is Love?" where students stopped by their table and wrote down how they would define love, and gave out candy while engaging in conversation. We are truly inspired by the boldness of our SBC student leaders and their faithfulness to serve Christ in a Post-Christian setting!



PRAYER REQUESTS

We just returned from trips to the Dominican Republic, Orlando, Norway, and Panama City Beach. Please pray for the many lives changed through the Gospel and for our students to take the next step in their walks with God! We will have a full update on the trips (which were all amazing!!!) in a few weeks!

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