



Ministry Update for the Browns OCTOBER 2021

FAMILY DINNERS



There are a lot of events that happen in the fall: fall retreat, Global Focus Week, local group socials like apple picking and outdoor games at the park.

But what remains constant is our weekly dinners—a time of fun and fellowship for all students, volunteers, and staff to come together, eat, laugh, play games, worship. It is one of the highlights of our week, and a great way to build community.

On the menu is everything from baked chicken to tacos to breakfast for dinner (and I am always looking for ideas so please feel free to share!). We have an attendance of anywhere from 20-40 per week.

Below are some moments captured during our dinners. If you are ever in town on a Monday night at 6pm during the semester, please join us!



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OVERFLOWING WITH BLESSINGS

September and October are the busiest time of our year. However they are also the time when we feel the most blessed to be part of the many things God is doing. We reach out to hundreds of students to plug them into local ministries and international opportunities to them. Here are the main 3 things that have happened in the last few weeks.



GLOBAL FOCUS WEEK

GFW at Liberty was held in September this year. It is a time for missions organizations to present opportunities for LU students to go to the world. This year, we hosted Cru missionaries from Sweden and Orlando to share about everything from internships overseas to our Gap Year program to local groups like our high school ministry for students to participate in. Through talking in dorms, speaking in classrooms, and tabling in the student center, we were able to speak to over 1,500 students about what the Lord is doing through Cru locally and around the world! We have seen many students come to Liberty's weekly meeting and get involved, as well as had students apply for our international spring break trips. Our weekly meeting attendance has doubled as a result. We are grateful to Liberty's "LU Send" branch that oversees Global Focus Week and excited to have had such a great reach in scope!

FALL RETREAT

Praise God, we were able to have an incredible weekend long Fall Retreat at Eagle Eyrie this year. We had around 60 students from 6 schools join us to hear a series on Christian happiness based on the teachings of renowned pastor Jonathan Edwards. Our speaker was the incomparable Tim Henderson, director of Blue Ridge Fellows, and he gave our students and staff the reminder that our bad things turn out for good, our good things can never be taken from us, and the best is yet to come. It was a timely message for many of us and just the reminder we needed to continue to persevere in this precarious season.



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One incredible highlight is that one of our students from Randolph, Kiauna, gave her life to the Lord! We were able to present her with a Bible at the Randolph weekly meeting a few days later. We are excited to be a part of her spiritual journey!

A FOND FAREWELL



In the midst of all the activity that the beginning of the semester brings, we took some vacation time to drive Olivia up to Northwestern to move her in (Northwestern is on a quarter system so they began much later than other schools). We were able, as a family, to help her move her things in, meet her roommate, see where she would be attending classes, and even eat in her dining hall!

Northwestern hosts two events on the last move in day: March Through the Arch and Kiss and Bye. The March Through the Arch is a parade of all the freshmen and transfer students. Parents stand on the sidelines and cheer for their children while the marching band plays festive music. Kiss and Bye is held on a nearby activity field, where speeches are made by the president and others, and then you say goodbye to your child and leave. We were complete waterworks as we prayed for Olivia and wished her well!



PRAYERS FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise the Lord for the people we met at GFW. Pray that many of them will get involved with Cru locally and with our international opportunities.
- Praise the Lord for Kiauna and pray that her mind and heart are open as she continues to learn about Jesus!
- Pray for Olivia and her adjustment to Northwestern. Please pray that she will get plugged into Christian community quickly, and will pursue the Lord.
- Please pray for energy for our team! We are a little weary from all the activity. Pray Isaiah 40 over us!

We love and appreciate you!
In Christ, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel