

Ministry Update for the Browns  
September 2015

## CRU AT PVCC

The Lord is doing an incredible work at Piedmont Virginia Community College. This semester we launched Cru and while we were hoping for big things we didn't quite know what to expect. Most college ministries experience a bulge at the start of the semester and then rescind a bit to a lesser number of regular attendees. Not so with PVCC — each week, the number of students attending the weekly meeting has GROWN — currently there are 33 students per week coming out! 1/2 of those students attended our Fall Retreat and said the following things to Andrew while there:

Can we have small group bible studies at PVCC?

How do I share the gospel with my classmates?

Let's get a big group of students to go to Radaite!

We want to go on summer mission this summer with Cru!

All this growth is exciting and a huge encouragement especially for our interns. Please pray that we allocate resources wisely while still serving the needs of these spiritually hungry students!



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## FALL RETREAT 2015



Fall Retreat 2015 was a huge success! Held at Camp Watermarks in Scottsville, VA, we saw a record-breaking 102 UVA and PVCC students attend!

This was the first time that Cru at PVCC was officially part of the Fall Retreat. Our main speaker was Dr. Keith Johnson, the director of theological education for Cru and a guest professor of systematic theology at Reformed Theological Seminary. Dr. Johnson gave a message series about the "Music of the Gospel" — the premise being that as believers we are often doing the "dance steps" of the Christian life without experiencing the music that is meant to motivate the dance steps, the good news of Jesus Christ. Students were truly challenged by their own tendency to go on autopilot in terms of loving and serving God. As an academic, Dr. Johnson spoke the heart language of the majority of our students and was able to have a platform to challenge them on a level that spoke to their culture. Though it rained the ENTIRE weekend, our students and staff managed to have a great time playing slip and slide kickball, a Color Me Rad capture the flag game in a corn maze, flying off waterslides into the lake and being propelled off a blob into the lake. One of the highlights for all was the Friday night variety show, kicked off by the staff men singing as a Boy Band. Students sang, told stories, danced and broke bricks with their bare hands — who knew that our student body was so talented!!



On Saturday night we had a corn hole tournament where each student had a partner and dressed up in costumes. It was a lot of fun!

Upon returning from the retreat we saw many inspired Facebook profile statuses that spoke to the degree to which the Lord moved in the hearts of the students this weekend:

*This is a complete understatement, but Fall Retreat was pretty terrific. — **Stephanie, UVA***

*I cannot explain how much of a blessing this weekend was. I felt so much love from God and from the people of PVCC and UVA Cru. I cannot wait for many more adventures with everyone that was there, it was a rockin' weekend! — **Sarah-Elizabeth, PVCC***



## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

• Please pray for our students at UVA to consider how they may deeply experience the music of the gospel.

• Please pray for wisdom and direction as we help students process how to continue to walk with God passionately beyond Fall Retreat.

• UVA is going international! We just received confirmation that the Teichmans will be leading a trip this summer to East Asia, and we will be leading a trip to the Dominican Republic. Pray that we would be able to encourage our students to take steps of faith to join us at each location and that we would prepare well to lead!

*"Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, sing and make melody to the Lord with your heart" — Ephesians 5:21*

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel