



DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

Making it Count

Sept 2026

The summer disappeared like a vapor and though we are sad to see it go, we are **THRILLED** to get back into the swing of things. So far we have experienced record numbers on every front! Though we know that numbers don't mean everything, we recognize they mean something - **each number is a precious soul that God loves** and fervently pursues! **We want to endeavor to make this year count** - so that, in Lynchburg and beyond, everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus.

COUNTING THE LARGEST STAFF TEAM. We are a team of 14 this year: 2 Team Leaders, 3 full time staff, 5 full time interns, and 4 part time staff! To begin the year we had a three day retreat and spent time fellowshiping, learning from one another, and soaking in the book of Hebrews, which is our focus at Liberty this year. We read the **ENTIRE BOOK** together, and came away feeling ready to "run with endurance the race that is set before us (Hebrews 12:1b)."



COUNTING THE LEADERSHIP RETREAT. This year **we have a whopping TWENTY FOUR leaders** representing Liberty, CVCC, Sweet Briar, and Randolph College. We host an annual overnight retreat for them to plan and prepare for the semester. For me (Jena), a highlight was spending time in spontaneous prayer and worship. These students are so tenderhearted towards the Lord. They inspire us to be that way, too!

COUNTING OUR FIRST LIBERTY WEEKLY MEETING. For the first week of classes, we tabled for Cru all week leading up to our first weekly meeting, and the result was that **ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE people came to our weekly meeting!** That is definitely a record for us. We praise God for the incredible opportunity to influence students to grow in their faith and be sent ones, both locally and abroad!



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS! This September has us counting our blessings as **we praise God for Samuel having the opportunity to attend Liberty Christian Academy.** He has done great adjusting from being homeschooled to a larger school. Please join us in praying for him to enjoy learning about God and making new friends!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for the **increase in numbers on every front**, and the influence the Lord has allowed us to have at Liberty and throughout Lynchburg.
- Pray for our upcoming Global Focus Week. This is where **we have the opportunity to highlight our 6 spring break trips** to France, Dominican Republic (TWO TRIPS THERE!), South Asia, Tampa, and Panama City Beach, FL!
- Monday Night Dinners have resumed, also with record numbers: **60 people came** the first week for dinner, games, and fellowship! Pray that the time would be fruitful as well as a good witness to our neighbors.

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