

DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

Spectacular Semester Start!



August 2024

We are thrilled to be back in the swing of things! The start of August we hit the ground running to make ourselves accessible to students that want to learn more about Jesus, wherever they are on their spiritual journey. In chronological order, here are a few highlights:



STAFF. We began the year with a staff retreat where we stayed in a historic home in Buena Vista, VA, with the purpose of reconnecting and bonding as a team, making memories, and walking through the strategic planning process to accommodate our scope. **Highlight:** *We went to Virginia Safari Park and fed wild animals from our car!*

First Ever Liberty Leader's Retreat! Because we know and understand the value of spending time together, we have always dreamed of having a leader's retreat to plan for the year and pursue the Lord together, but up until this year we had not had the opportunity to gather everyone. This year was our first Leader's Retreat in six years!! We had a wonderful time praying, worshiping, and brainstorming ways to involve students in the work of the kingdom. **Highlight:** *taking our leaders to Maylinn's for ice cream!*



First Meetings! Our first Liberty Meeting saw a whopping 90 students come out -- our largest meeting in history! This is largely due to the faithful work of our staff and student leaders: spending hours prayer walking campuses, meeting new students, gathering contact info, and personally inviting hundreds of students to Cru. **Highlight:** *after first meetings, one student Nolvin met with from Randolph College placed his faith in Christ, and two students that heard the gospel at CVCC's first meeting indicated they would like to follow Jesus!*

We look forward to sharing many more ways that the Lord will move this semester -- stay tuned to hear about how things unfold at Liberty, Randolph College, CVCC, Sweet Briar College, and Lynchburg area high schools! Please know we are incredibly grateful for your encouragement, support, and prayers!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for students to connect with Cru and for our students to take bold steps of faith that will encourage them in their relationship with Jesus!
- Please continue to pray for the support of our team - there are several of us (ourselves, Nolvin, and Mason) who are continuing to raise support which, although a ministry unto itself, takes time away from being on campus. (If you would like to begin/increase your financial support or give a one time gift, you may do so at give.cru.org/0498095)
- Pray for peace at Sweet Briar. The school is receiving a lot of negative publicity (they have even been in the national news) regarding new admissions policies, and the atmosphere on campus is tense at best and hostile at worst.

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