

GLOBAL FOCUS WEEK

Twice a year, at Liberty University, a week called "Global Focus Week" (GFW) is organized. This week is an opportunity for missions organizations throughout the world to promote opportunities and invite Liberty students to join them in their endeavors through mission trips, internships and staffed positions. Andrew and several of our other staff represented Cru the other week, and engaged with a myriad of students interested in serving with us. Besides hosting a table where students could gather information and ask questions, we were also able to leverage opportunities to speak in classrooms and dorms. Through the hard work and tenacity of our staff, we were able to speak to approximately **3,500 students** in order to challenge them to serve with Cru and be sent ones to the world in order to fulfill the Great Commission. We praise God for this great opportunity and pray that the exposure will result in students serving with Cru, either here in Virginia or throughout the world!



Eric at our Cru table at GFW

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MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM

Now, more than ever, we live in confusing times in regards to gender, as students grapple with the idea of being created as male and female. This past month, we had retreats for both men and women where we celebrated the people that God created them to be in the image of God. The retreats were for the purpose of worshipping, educating, loving, and supporting our men and women of Cru.

The women's retreat revolved around Titus 2 and the exhortation Paul gives to older and younger women and requirements for godly living — not because those actions make them righteous, but because they reflect the glory of Christ. Fifty women from Central Virginia Cru attended—it was a fun, joyous weekend!

Likewise, the men's retreat was significant to the men in our movement. Pastor Keith Goad of Jefferson Park Baptist shared a message revolving around the passivity of men and the conflict it creates. We are grateful to be able to carve out spaces for these students to hear from the wisdom of Scripture in regards to what it is to be a man or a woman after God's own heart.

SPECIAL EVENTS

February is a month that provides normalcy and routine. Bible studies occur regularly, our Large Group weekly meetings continue, periodic trainings happen, and students continue to enjoy fellowship with one another through socials, meals out and connecting with one another. However, even our day to day events are special and cherished events. Below are some *routine* highlights: a bowling social, a training on relationships and singleness, and a dear PVCC leader, Ellie, getting baptized!



HOOS GOT QUESTIONS?

This month we also co-hosted a weeklong campus-wide outreach at the University of Virginia, the first of its kind in our six years on grounds! Along with area churches and groups like Navigators, Intervarsity, Chi Alpha and the Center for Christian Study, we hosted Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM), who in turn gave fifteen lectures with provocative titles such as "Can a Scientist Believe in the Resurrection?", "Does God Exist?", and the event Cru hosted, "Is Social Media Making Us Lonely?"

RZIM is known for their impeccable apologetics skills and ability to marry culture with the truth of the gospel. Our event was attended by over 400 people. The speaker, Michael Suderman, did a fantastic job engaging students with powerful statistics that spoke to our inherent desire to connect deeply and be deeply known. Our students did a fantastic job being bold and inviting friends to come to the various talks, and the result has been many follow up conversations for them with their non-believing and skeptical friends.



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for the great weekends of teaching and fellowship at the men's and women's retreats!
- Pray that students from Global Focus Week will go to the world for Christ with Cru!
- Pray for students' continued enjoyment of the routine of ministry.
- Pray for students to continue to be invitational and bold with their friends as they follow up from the Hoos Got Questions event.

So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them, male and female He created them. - Genesis 1:27

With love,

Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel