



June 2025

It continues to be such a blessing to regularly see and be a part of changed lives.

As I (Clay) have been reflecting on the 2024-25 school year, there are so many people and experiences to be grateful for. First and foremost, I had the privilege both of challenging new student leaders, young men who have pursued growing in their faith and making Christ known amongst their friends and classmates. I think of a guy like Christian, a freshman who attended my bible study. In 2025 alone, he has begun to read the Bible every day, been involved in our outreach academy on campus, and has invested in meeting regularly with others.



We also had to say goodbye to the class of 2025. These seniors were the first class that came back to campus in the fall of 2021 after Covid restrictions kept students off campus for nearly a year and a half. They were so much of the reason why the ministry relaunched and now has over 300 students involved on a regular basis every single week this past year. They sacrificed so much of their time and talent to seeing young men and women trust in Christ.

I think of Carson, who started a prayer ministry that has thrived unlike any I've ever seen on campus. I think of my disciple James, who faithfully played drums in our worship band, led bible studies, and discipled young guys growing in their faith. And I think of Mitchell, who started an outreach academy this last semester that led to even more regular evangelistic conversations among underclassmen. All of these guys will be serving in ministry upon graduation (two with Cru and one in a church internship), seeking to continue making disciples.

God continues to change lives on campus today that these students might share the hope of Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection tomorrow. By the grace of God, we are witnesses to this work. Thank you for being in it with us!

Yours in Christ,

Clay + Emily

FAMILY UPDATE

Our family is doing really well so far this spring! I will be spending my summer primarily helping onboard new Cru missionaries through their initial theological training and support raising, which I'm incredibly excited for! I've also had the privilege of helping my coworker Erin put together a summer class for our students on a virtual platform that we've already seen more 20 students regularly engage with. Meanwhile, Em has been working on either the printed material for campus this fall or the garden that she has started for the first time this year. Additionally, Wes turned 1 year old on May 3rd and Elliott turned 7 on May 11th! It's hard to believe that kids grow up so fast.

In Loving Memory

On a much more somber note, we did have to say goodbye to a student far too soon. Luke Brown was junior exercise physiology student that I led Bible study with for the last two years. He died unexpectedly on Saturday, April 26th. Luke was an excellent student who was a high school valedictorian and planned to study at OU's medical school upon graduation. Not only that, he was a good friend to all who knew him, always asking intentional questions of people and sharing Jesus with those he met on a regular basis. If you'd like to know more about Luke, Cru at OU hosted a sharing time on campus for those who knew him. You can find it on Cru at Ohio University Youtube page.

While his family and friends in the Cru community are grateful for his faith and immediate presence with Jesus, we would ask that you would pray for his family in what is an incredibly difficult time for all of them.

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4:7



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Luke's family and friends, as they grieve his loss. Pray that the presence and comfort of God would be close to them.
- For our family as we transition into our summer. In particular, pray for God's blessing on our work. It is a short time, but we hope to use this summer to raise the additional funds we need to cover a variety of increased expenses. Pray that He would both use and multiply our efforts.
- Pray for our children, in particular that they would come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.