

CAROLINA CONNECTION

JANUARY 2011



Prayer Requests

Pray for significant conversations with people seeking direction and hope this time of year.

Pray for students making summer plans to go on summer project. We are praying for 70 students to go on summer project!

Pray that our Bible studies throughout campus would be outward focussed (having the perspective of reaching the whole dorm with the Gospel).

Pray for the seniors that Erin and I lead. Pray for this last semester to be formative to send them well, to keep following Christ after college.

Pray that the gospel would continue to shape our hearts, keep us tender toward His leading, and hopeful ultimately in Him. .

We are so grateful for you! Thank you for being part of our ministry! This couldn't be possible without you.

Encounter Jesus

Every year over Christmas break life changing decisions are made at our annual Christmas conference, called Encounter. December 27- January 1 1200 students (30 from UNC) came to Greensboro, NC, to have time in community and to grow in their walks with the Lord. Although only there for 5 days, the conference can be very significant for students. Lordship decisions are made. Perspectives are lifted toward eternity. Heart transformation occurs. Kameron, a sophomore girl from UNC, shares a little about her experience:

"Going into Encounter, I was a complete mess. Toward the end of the semester I was completely burnt out and wishing each day away thinking that if only I could make it to Christmas, everything would be better. Despite my lack of pursuing God, He continued to pursue me, nudging at my heart and telling me to go to Encounter. Romans 8:29-31 is now the theme of my life thanks to Encounter. Knowing that God is always for me is not only something I tell myself everyday now but something I believe. Thanks to this opportunity, I look at God in a new dimension."

The Ehrman Project

One of the stronger voices speaking against the reliability of Scripture is that of Dr. Bart Ehrman who teaches right here at Chapel Hill. He is the head of the religion department and author of several books. He teaches a class on the New Testament, which many students we know have taken. His arguments are gaining traction across the country and cause many students to deeply wrestle with his claims that the Bible can't be trusted. He has an enormous amount of influence, especially at UNC. Our director Miles O'Neill spearheaded a project 2 years ago to create a website where views supporting the authority of Scripture could be presented. On the site, there are responses from numerous theologians to many of the questions he raises. Our prayer is that this website would promote an ongoing conversation that would shape students' worldview and allow them to see the truths about Scripture and Jesus.

Ehrman project.com

"Inerrancy"

"Evil" "400,000 errors"

"JESUS"

"PAIN AND SUFFERING"

"ALTERED TEXTS"

DR. BART EHRLMAN

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