CRU at UNC

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Prayer requests

-Pray for our **summer Bible study.** Josh and I
will host a Bible study for
students on Tuesdays at our
house. Pray students would
attend and experience the
Lord through the Word,
community and hospitality.

-Pray for **new** students next year.

Whether they're freshman or students that just haven't found a place of community yet, pray we would be a home for them and a place they could encounter Jesus.

-Pray for **graduating seniors.** Our prayer is that students would leave UNC and walk with God for a lifetime. Pray with us for that! And that whatever field they are called into, they would be a light for Christ there.

LDOC

What is the above acronym you may be wondering? That's what the college kids call "last day of class." And just like that, it was LDOC of Spring semester. We've had a busy last month wrapping things up on campus. Here are a few highlights!

Men's & Women's retreats: Josh and Harrison joined 30 students in the mountains for their retreat. Lots of hiking, food and talking about identity in Christ. Allie and I also went on a retreat (pictured below). We had 50 students and the theme of our retreat was "Supporting Character." We try

to be the main character of our lives but what would it look like to die to that and acknowledge God as the main character? We, after all, are supporting characters in God's bigger story. I had the privilege of giving a talk from Philippians 3!

Senior send-off: At the end of April we had a nice dinner and time to celebrate our seniors. What a sweet time to



reflect on what God has done in their lives over the past 4 years! (I'm pictured above left with Katelynn and Grace, seniors I've discipled)

New leaders: During the end of the year, we also gather student leaders for the upcoming year. Praise the Lord, there are 40 students that want to lead Bible studies and lead in other ways (planning socials, outreaches, etc)!

Planning for the Fall: While students were busy taking exams, our team gathered for planning meetings. We evaluated things from this year and prayed and planned for next year. Our team will be smaller next year (two families will be having babies; two of our interns will be going overseas) but we're excited for what God will do. Specifically, we are praying for more freshman and sophomores to be involved and, as always, that students throughout campus will "Encounter God and Respond to Him" (our CRU at UNC vision).