

CRU at UNC

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Pray for the Smiths

-Pray for our team and student leaders as we **follow up** with students we've met doing surveys.

-Pray staff and students would connect with non-believers this semester. With so many feeling anxious and isolated, pray we can shine the **light of the Gospel** to a hurting campus.

-Pray for **Winter Conference** which Cru will be doing nationally this year. Pray it would be a significant place for UNC students to grow in their faith.

-Pray for our **family** to endure well through this long season of virtual school. Pray we would enjoy one another and have hearts of gratitude for this extra time together.

-**Thank you** for partnering with us. I'm so grateful to serve at UNC and couldn't be here without you!

Carolina, Lately

Happy New Year! We have started up another semester on campus and more students have returned. UNC has (hopefully!) better protocols in place so dorms have been opened again. Here are some recent highlights:

-we set up survey tables (like in August) to connect with new students. So far we have met 60 people who want to talk more about God or are interested in a Bible study.

-I had the opportunity to speak at a prayer event (right) where I shared about dependence on the Lord. I was able to share about Harrison's birth and some things we learned during that season.

-Winter Conference is happening, albeit virtually. Students will hear from speakers, like Jennie Allen, and join others all over the country for worship. There will be breakout sessions on topics like dealing with anxiety, handling the isolation of this year and navigating doubts.



Discipling seniors

Over my time with Cru I've had the privilege of discipling many girls in their last year of college. This year, all the students I meet with are seniors (including Sam and Sydney, pictured right.) That year of college is so pivotal, as they discern what is next and take a big step into adulthood. Some of these women will be teachers, some will go to grad school, one will probably work with Cru, some are still deciding! Pray for our times each week as we talk about how to walk with God and what that looks like after college.

