

# CRU at UNC

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## Fall Retreat 2016

Our annual Fall Retreat Sept 16-18 was an opportunity for students to hear the bible, understand what a relationship with God looks like and connect deeply with one another. 165 students spent a weekend at Camp Dixie with us to take a step of faith. We are praying that students would align themselves with our movement on campus and be a resource to a campus that needs hope. There were several unbelievers there that were honest about their faith situation and appreciated the content.

Our speaker, Cole McLaughlin, is a local pastor from Cary, NC who helped us all think about **how to journey with Jesus**. He emphasized how the power of grace can save anyone and change anyone, and important friendships is to our walk with God.

### Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for Craig dorm community Josh. Pray for the **9 freshman** who are around to get connected and involved.

- Pray for the **gospel to be clearly understood** at our 31 Bible Studies.

- Pray for leaders to have **opportunities to share** the gospel in conversations.

- **Thank God** for 9 new monthly supporters or increases in giving for us in the last 2 months!

### Update on Patrick:

I've given him a copy of Reason for God and a Bible. Pray for more time to be available and opportunities to discuss core gospel issues as he processes his faith. Pray for him to initiate with the scriptures to consider the uniqueness of Jesus and wrestle with implications of his convictions.



Here are a few quotes from some feedback on the weekend:

***-I think I learned that I tend to give up the quickest on the people closest to me including myself. I see strangers sometimes as more deserving of Gods love than the people I'm close to that don't know Christ and I think that's a powerful change that God is making in my heart to not ignore my non believing friends***

***-I'm so darn broken, but he loves me more than I can fathom. Because of his great love, he has mercy and a mission to use me!! How wonderful!!!!***

## Servant Teams

20+ Sophomores and Juniors are shaping the campus by giving leadership to committees who plan events and shape details to engage every corner of campus. These are the hands and feet of our ministry to the campus.

Prayer Team cultivates dependance on God. (Josh is coaching this team this year)  
Outreach Team- thinks how to create meaningful interaction to communicate the gospel  
Publicity Team - social media and graphic design to promote events and information  
Sending Team - promotes international partnerships around the world to help students go!  
Weekly Meeting Team - plans our Lg Group weekly meeting every week.  
Community - creates fun opportunities and events for anyone to get involved  
Men's / Women's Team- brings men and women together...separately. :)

Pray for God to use these teams to cause influence for the greatness of Christ at UNC.