# CRU at UNC

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## Dating / Relationships

Over the past several years Erin and I have developed a talk to help students understand dating relationships primarily from our experience and what God has taught us over the years. It is incredible the demand for this topic. We had a 60 min talk and did 20 min of Q&A in Craige dorm around Valentine's Day. The next day another study asked if we could do it at their group in Eringhaus dorm. Among so many messages pulling for the desires and attention of their hearts, we've been really encouraged to be one of the voices to push students toward health and goodness in this area of life. Pray for follow up conversations as a result of these talks!

#### Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for the Sweden spring break trip Josh is leading next week.
- Pray for our upcoming Women's Beach Retreat (April 7-9) in Wrightsville Beach. Erin is excited to go this year! Pray girls attend and for life change for them!
- The next few weeks are always big on campus as we begin challenging leaders for next year. Students are applying for servant team and Bible study leader roles this week. Pray for the Lord to raise up leaders that love him and have a heart to serve younger students.

Thank you for your partnership at UNC. We love getting to pour into students at this great university and couldn't do it without you!!

## Sweden Spring Break Launch Trip

March 11-18 Josh is leading a spring break trip to Linkoping, Sweden. Nine students and three staff are joining with a long-term STINT team of nine in Lund, Sweden. 21 of us will spend 4 days in Linkoping to start a ministry where nothing exists in this part of the country. UNC has had a partnership with Sweden and have been sending students and staff there for 8 years. Erin and I went in 2009

(for a week-long vision trip) and 2010 (for a summer). The first city Cru launched a ministry in was Uppsala in 2005. The second city was Lund in 2012. Linkoping will, prayerfully, be next and we look forward to pioneering things there next week! Pray for our safety, for unity and for many to hear the gospel as we share our faith on this new campus.



### Annual Men's Retreat

54 UNC men joined us the weekend of Feb 24-26 to connect. Our third year in a at a mountain cabin in Butler, TN was restful, meaningful and incredibly fun.



How rare for 50 student men to pull away from distractions and want to connect with each other and God. The highlight for the weekend was Worley's Cave. A 4.5 mile cave system that was a crazy experience of darkness, mud and adventure. Josh's primary role was feeding everyone breakfast casserole, chicken tortilla soup, pulled pork, biscuits and 18# of bacon.