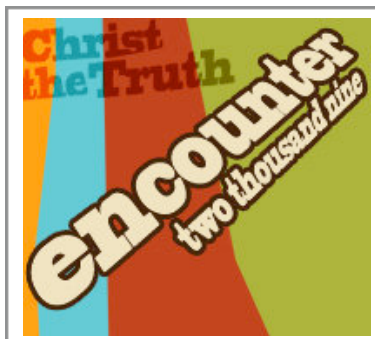


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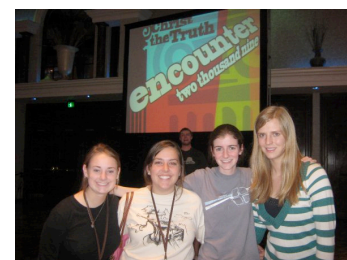
JANUARY 2010



“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

Christ the Truth

Happy 2010! That still sounds so weird to say! We hope you had a great Christmas and New Years. We were able to spend two weeks in Kansas with Josh's family, which was so nice. We headed back to NC the day after Christmas (quite the adventure, actually!). And on Dec. 27th we repacked and headed to Greensboro, NC, for our annual Christmas Conference.



UNC girls (2 juniors and 2 freshmen) at Encounter

PRAYERS and PRAISES:

-Praise God for our first year of marriage! January 17th is our anniversary. Praise God for the sweet blessing of marriage and for all that he has taught us this year.

-Praise God for the 1,100 students that came to Christmas Conference this year! Praise him for the many lives he transformed there.

-Pray for the Spring semester at UNC. Pray for our staff team that we would truly be enamored with Christ. And that ministry would flow from that.

-Pray for students still deciding about summer project. Pray that some UNC students would consider going to Sweden with us this summer.

-Pray that God would soften the hearts of non-believers on campus and open their eyes to see the reality of who He is. Pray that many UNC students would come to know Jesus this semester.

The theme this year was Encounter: Christ the Truth. Each year the conference focuses on one aspect of Christ, last year centering on him as King. A professor from Southeastern Seminary spoke about the importance of finding truth in Christ not from the culture around us.

The main talks helped students think about the truth of their past, the truth of our present walk with Christ, and the truth of what is to come in the future. Over 1,100 students came to the conference this year! In addition to hearing challenging talks, students also engaged the Lord through great worship, community and through outreach to the Greensboro area. 50 students from UNC came and many said it was very influential on their walk with God. Here's what a few of them had to say:

-I think the main thing I learned was my need to rely on God and seek His will, in my past, present, and future. Since I already know what He has done for me in the past, I can fully trust that He will provide and that He has a plan for me in the future!

-The past semester I felt had been spiritually dry and Encounter reminded me of the importance of God's Word and the need to spend time in it daily.



2010 Summer Assignment: Sweden

We will be going to Sweden this summer! In recent history, it has been a spiritually dark place. But God is at work in the hearts of students there, causing them to wrestle with their beliefs. Please join us in praying that God would be changing hearts in Sweden, and that many UNC students would want to be part of what God is doing there.