

CRU at UNC

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Fall Retreat 2017



Our Fall Retreat was a big success with over 220 students attending the weekend. Our friend and lead pastor at the Chapel Hill Bible Church, Jay Thomas, spent the weekend unpacking the book of Ecclesiastes and looking at Success, Pleasure, Suffering and Mortality. Many students were encouraged and processed faith issues that weekend. Here are a few students thoughts:

-God showed me my own identity and that's been something I've been searching for for years now.

-I was especially encouraged by what Jay said about faith being more like a marathon than a series of sprints - I too often look around at other people in Cru or people at my home church and assume they all have strong faith and think that that's where I need to be, forgetting that I need to be rest in God and enjoy Him more than anything as I take steps of faith.

Pray for the Smiths!

- Pray for freshman to become connected and get involved in relationships that encourage their faith.

- Pray for Bible studies to be a safe place to process doubt and experience connection and encouragement.

- Pray for 100 students to go to Winter Conference in Greensboro in January.

- Pray for students to be challenged to go to the world this summer thru GO-VEEMBER (a push in November to be sent to the nations).

Thank you for helping us take the gospel to deeper places in students hearts and around the world. We are really grateful for you.



The VERITAS FORUM

The Veritas Forum creates courageous conversations by attempting to answer hard questions in life. October 12 the Veritas Forum held a lecture and Q&A at UNC called ***Is there truth beyond Science?*** Dr. Ian Hutchinson of MIT discussed how truth does exist outside of the knowledge science. The conversation was helpful in describing how the bible can encourage motives for good science. Over 450 people were in attendance. It was a great conversation starter! Many non-believers were in attendance and stayed to dialogue

Completed the Move!

We moved in October 5. Everything made it safely and went rather smoothly. It just was a lot of work and energy boxing up our lives. We had some help from friends and family along the way. Random boxes are straggling around and the garage is a mess, but we are functional and have completed the process.

Thanks for praying for us! Address: 365 Beacon Ridge Blvd Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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