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## Fall Retreat 2013

September 20-22 we had 195 students join us on our annual retreat. Jay Thomas, lead pastor from Chapel Hill Bible Church, spoke 4 times and challenged students to consider what they add to the gospel. The Bible's message that Jesus+Nothing=Everything is life changing. The content was great and we are excited about the conversations that continue to shape decisions on campus now. Seeing Christ alone as our hope is exactly what many needed to see in the charged performance and believe for the first time. Every year students hear something more clearly and make decisions off this experience that we believe puts their life on a new trajectory.

## Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for our small groups to continue to cultivate outward influence and become great sources of life to those around them.
- Pray for students to believe Jesus is Better, (our fall series title) as they bump up against cultural influences and make significant life choices.
- International Friends: Pray for relationships and faith that would help international students overcome cultural obstacles to embrace the reality of Christ.
- Pray for more conversations revolving the reliability of Scripture and that it would be seen as a life source against the reality of life.
- Pray for students thinking about what to do with their summer next year to consider a summer project. Check out our summer projects!

[gosummerproject.com](http://gosummerproject.com)



## Dr. Peter Williams


Cambridge Professor Peter Williams stopped by UNC for an evening lecture September 24. He is a New Testament Professor has recently become more recognized in academia for his work in the historical reliability of Scriptures. While on a speaking circuit in the area he wanted to make it a point to be available. In light of his area of scholarship he wanted to share his thoughts before students that are hearing opposing views. The question and answer time was particularly helpful for many of the students taking Bart Ehrman's class. His presentation was insightful and encouraging to those seeking more thought on their convictions of God's Authority in scripture.

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**DR. PETER WILLIAMS (CAMBRIDGE)**

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Peter J. Williams is the Warden (CEO) of Tyndale House and a member of the Faculty of Divinity in the University of Cambridge. He received his MA, MPhil and PhD, in the study of ancient languages related to the Bible from Cambridge University. In July 2007 he became the youngest Warden in the history of Tyndale House. He also holds his position as an honorary Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at the University of Aberdeen.

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## Weekly Meeting

This fall Josh has had the privilege to oversee and plan our Large group weekly meeting. It is the face of the ministry where people from all over campus get connected to opportunities to join our movement, worship God and hear teaching. This year we have been going through a series titled, “**Jesus is Better**” as we walk through the book of Hebrews. We meet in the largest lecture hall on campus that seats 425. Pray for this meeting to raise up disciples that will follow Him to the ends of the earth. Check out more about our ministry at our website.

[unccornerstone.org](http://unccornerstone.org)

## Pray for the Smiths

–Pray for our leaders to lean into the challenges of ministry and not shrink back from difficulty or setbacks.

–Pray for 50 students to attend our Winter Conference and Encounter God and want to see the campus changed. [happycruyear.com](http://happycruyear.com)

–Pray for our move and transition into this new home. Lord willing, Oct 30 our new address will be:

Josh and Erin Smith  
204 Education Ave  
Durham, NC 27713

*If you're on a college campus, you're on the culture's cutting edge. [The campus] is our best leadership development pipeline. By exposing people to the cutting edge of culture where they have to deal with the modern mindset, where they have to deal with non-Christians — that is the best way to develop pastors and lay leaders.*

*- Tim Keller, 2013*

Thank you for making our ministry possible.



## Moving to Durham!

Over the past 6 weeks we have made some significant decisions on the housing front. Some of you may know we have been trying to get into a larger space to accommodate our family. We are in the process of buying a home in Durham, about 3 miles away from campus from where we are currently. Our neighbors below us will be particularly pleased I'm sure to not hear Harrison's toys and running feet boom up and down the hall.

Its been a bit stressful at times, but been amazing to see the Lord provide at each place where we've needed Him to work. We found an available renter in October!? We found a great house that we love. Our lives are in boxes currently, and we are excited about the potential of a new chapter as well sad to say good bye to our first home. October 12 we moved out, October 30 we close and move in. Pray for God's continued provision and hand on this process.

