

# CRU at UNC

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## Fall has arrived at UNC

The 2019-2020 school year is officially underway. We have been busy on campus reconnecting with former students and meeting lots of new faces. We kicked things off in Wrightsville Beach with 100 student leaders. It was a great time of training them and praying for the upcoming year. I helped lead the students who were 2<sup>nd</sup> year leaders (meaning they led groups last year). These seniors and I had the chance to reflect on what they learned last year and dream together about what God might do in their groups this year.

Then we jumped into all the beginning of year activities! Here are some highlights:

-250 students at our welcome pizza picnic. I brought along two very cute helpers (see picture)

-a great start to our large group Cru meetings on Thursdays. We are studying the book of Genesis this semester.

-Bible studies kicking off in every dorm on campus

-Fall Retreat in September with 130 students getting to know one another and learning about walking with God in our doubting

### Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for our continued transition as a family- the kids to their new school year (Allie in school for the first time) and Josh with his new job. (He's really enjoying it, we're so thankful!)

- Pray for the junior and senior girls I meet with. Pray our discipleship times would be rich and that Jesus would be exalted.

- Pray for "Go-vember." Next month we will be casting vision for summer missions (both stateside and overseas). Pray UNC students would go and grow by being there!

- Pray our leaders develop relationships with nonbelievers.

**- Thank you for your faithful support to make our ministry possible.**



## Living out a Genuine Faith

This year we have been trying out a different format for our women's upperclassmen Bible studies. All juniors and seniors are joining together for one large study. Each week we have a teaching time followed by discussion in small groups. Our hope is that this will get momentum going, as well as give these women across campus the chance to know one another better. It has been a highlight for me so far this semester! We're studying the book of James and talking about how to live out our faith in a genuine way. Our staff women are taking turns leading the teaching time and I had the privilege of doing the first two weeks. (See the picture above of me talking too much with my hands!) It's been such a joy to talk with these girls about how to rely on Christ as we walk with Him!