

CRU at UNC

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Kingdom Come

Every student we encounter is on a spiritual journey. Some are newly considering God; others are closely walking with Him. Encounter, Cru's annual winter conference, is uniquely valuable because it serves students wherever they are on their journey! "Kingdom Come," this year's theme, invited 1,000 college students (70 from UNC) to allow God's kingdom to come into their hearts, lives, and world.



It's a full week, with teaching, worship, prayer, fun, and more. Despite the pace, students filed into auditoriums to learn about everything from God's word, spiritual growth, and relationships, to issues of race, gender, and how to answer difficult spiritual questions. We were so excited for the UNC students that got to experience Encounter and pray that their time there would continue to bear fruit in their lives.

Pray for the Smiths

The Maze outreach.

Pray for our staff team as we meet with students that wanted to talk more- pray for soft hearts and that these conversations would lead to belief in Christ!

-Pray for us as we continue to recruit to **Charleston summer project**. We have 5 students interested from UNC. Pray they would join us! We are praying for 40 total students this summer and would love for you to specifically pray for guys!

-Praise God for a healthy 3 month old girl. We are so thankful she is growing big and strong. And that she has been such a great sleeper!

-Pray for us as we continue to learn how to be a family of 4!, that we would love each other and our kids well each day.

For more on his story...
Google: "Jim Munroe I am second"

The Maze @ UNC

Around 1050 students attended The Maze on Feb 2. The Maze shares the gospel in a really powerful and unique way through the story of Jim Munroe and the entertainment of illusions. Jim is a cancer survivor and was saved through a blood donor- another person's blood literally gave him a new life. The parallels to the gospel are really vivid through his story, which he wove in throughout the night. It was a really fun day on campus inviting students and watching Jim perform magic tricks all over campus from the pit to the football dining hall.

The evening was filled with really great illusions and mind bending tricks to push up against the common worldview that what we see is all that there is. What if there actually is purpose and intention behind what we see? 22 people indicated a decision to trust God or recommit to their faith and 16 wanted to follow up with someone to talk more. As well, nearly 300 signed up with Be The Match (a bone marrow registry) to potentially get to donate to someone in need in the future. Thank you for praying for this event- praise God for the many students he brought there!



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