CRU at UNC

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UNC-CHAPEL HILL

SUMMER 2019

Summer in Chapel Hill

This summer has been a big change for our family. Typically we travel for summer mission projects, the last few in Charleston. With Josh taking on a new job we will no longer be doing that. But thankfully we have still gotten to be around students this summer!

Every Tuesday we have hosted students at our house for a meal and Bible study. We have consistently had 12-15 men and women joining us. It has been such a joy getting to know these students better and to see their community building with one another. (They have made dinner plans and ice cream runs without us even organizing it!) Since moving (2 years ago!) we haven't hosted students much and I have just loved cooking for these guys and having them in our home! (Our kids have too!)







We decided to study the book of I John. This is what we led students through during our summers in Charleston, so it has been neat to do that with this group as well. We have talked about what it means to abide, the importance of righteousness in our walk with Jesus and how to live out our calling to love others. We only have one more week left as summer school is about to come to a close. Pray for these students, that what we have read in I John will take root deeply in all of our hearts. We look forward to continuing to be around these men and women when the semester starts back in late August!



Pray for the Smiths

-Leadership Retreat (Aug 13-16) This annual retreat kicks off the school year. Around 100 Bible study leaders join us at the beach. Pray students would leave with a vision to reach students with the Gospel and feel equipped to take on leading others in studying the Bible.

-Pray for the **incoming** freshman class of UNC. Pray God would soften hearts of the freshmen we will meet at our beginning of year events.

- Pray for **our family** as we continue to transition to Josh's new job. He has loved it, but is very exhausted at the end of each day! We are learning new rhythms as a family as we transition.

-Pray for Erin's role on **campus**. I will be discipling upperclassmen women and leading a Bible study, among other things, in the fall.