

# CRU at UNC

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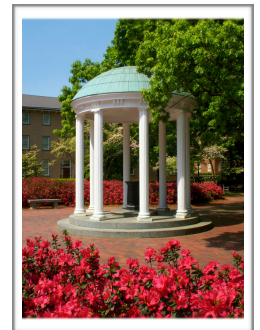


## Freshman / Sophomore Overnight

Earlier in January, 60 freshmen and sophomores traveled with us to the beach to connect and learn more about CRU at UNC. In recent years, this quick overnight has proved worthwhile to help align students to our vision and values as a group on campus. I (Josh) led a devotional from Mark 4 and talked about God's heart for the lost and how He wants students to have that heart for those they are around. It was a rich time of connection and fun!

## Asking God for More

There are nearly 19,000 UNC undergrads. We estimate there are about 10% of students involved in a Christian community on campus. What about the other 90% of campus? Our staff team has been led to pray for pockets of the ENTIRE campus specifically. We brainstormed 50 areas of campus we want to see God move in. Would you pray for these areas with us? Four areas Erin and I are praying for are Carolina Union Activities Board, off Campus Juniors and Seniors, Craige Dorm and Carmichael Dorm. Who knows what God might do if we trust him for more? ***In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Mt 5:16***



### Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for annual **Mens Retreat** FEB 23-25.
- Pray for our **male leaders at UNC** to connect the gospel of grace to real life around them. Pray for men to encourage and build up others around them with a vision of cultivating hope in the world.
- Pray for 2 **new staff**, Peyton and Jaycee, who are raising support to join our team at UNC.
- Pray for our recruiting efforts and planning for **Charleston Summer Mission**. We are praying for 40 students to join us there this summer.

***As we start another year, we are so thankful for God's kindness to provide for all our needs in 2017. Our goal of one time gifts in December was met! Thank you for being a part of our of it!!***

## Greensboro Winter Conference

Every year, students from NC, SC, TN, KY and WV gather in Greensboro for a four-day conference. During this conference each year, we are reminded of just how much the Lord is moving in the lives of students. This year, over 800 students were in attendance and heard from the word, prayed, worshiped, and were trained together. During the Day of Faith (our service/outreach focus) students started 701 Spiritual Conversations, 192 Gospel Conversations, and 23 people to trusted in Christ. Speaker Paul David Tripp was a highlight for many students as well!

A senior from UNC described her time there: "One of the things that stood out to me most was the emphasis placed on having a heart for the nations. This made a huge impact on me as I begin looking for what to do after college. It's really made me think more about how my work, whether it be in 'corporate America' or directly missions focused, should be done to glorify the Lord and not just my own skills and abilities. I am excited to look for jobs that will allow me this opportunity."