

CRU at UNC

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Fall Highlights

Ministry has been so full this semester and we've seen the Lord do so much. Here are some highlights:

- we have freshmen Bible studies throughout campus, studying Ephesians
- we had over 400 students fill out surveys indicating interest in talking about spiritual things and have been in the process of following up with them
- the upperclassmen Bible study I co-lead has had 25 students regularly attending, including some new transfer students and upperclassmen who had never done anything with Cru before this year
- we had 70 people at our annual Fall Retreat (the go-carts and canoes were highlights for my kids!)
- we brought in a counselor from Durham to talk with students about how to navigate trauma and loss (as a way to continue to care for our students still grappling with the start of the semester)

Prayer requests

-Thank you for praying for **our campus**! It seems like overall students are doing well and things feel back to normal.

-Pray students would consider giving part of their **summer** to go on a summer mission, whether that be to Prague, the Middle East or a stateside location.

-Pray **Harrison and Allie** would continue to adjust well to their school year. Pray for good friends and growing confidence. They've been enjoying some new things (band and cross country for Harrison and soccer for Allie.)

Going to the World

One vision of Cru is "that every college student would know someone who truly follows Christ." And that includes every student overseas! In Cru's structure, each US campus is given a "partnership" with a city overseas and commits to pray for and send students and staff there. For decades we had a partnership in East Asia but the pandemic shut all that down. We now have two partnerships at UNC- the Middle East and Prague. During the past few weeks we have highlighted how students can be part of bringing the Gospel going to these places.

One of the girls I discipled two years ago (Gabby, pictured above) went to Prague for a year with Cru. She was able to come share her experience of life and ministry overseas. It was so special to think back to conversations we had years ago as she wrestled with whether to go to Prague or not- and now to hear her share about all God had done in her life because of that step of faith!

