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## ENCOUNTER 2012

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### Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for students to go on summer project. We need men!
- Pray for students to be found through our dorm programs.
- Pray for our staff team as we align students to lead with us this year.

Thank God for:

-330 UNC students who attended a winter conference and were aligned to live for the gospel.

### Summer 2013

We will be in beautiful Charleston, SC for the Charleston Summer Project.

Josh is taking on a leadership role helping with Operations/Finances.

As long as you masquerade as a non-broken person, you will never know the joy of being accepted as the broken person you are." In a society that tells us to hide our brokenness, this is a profound statement. Students have learned that in their daily struggles with rebellion and self-centeredness, Jesus Christ loves and accepts them where they are.

Many students have come here this weekend doubting God's goodness and power, but are now pondering these thoughts and are coming to an understanding that God really is good. He is in control and His love for them is always present. It's exciting to see how the Lord has used this time to open the eyes of these students to something greater than themselves...an opportunity to give up their "plans" and truly seek His plan for their life.

Though they were only here for four days, students were challenged in many ways and stretched in their thinking of how the Lord may want to use them to bring His hope to the world.

## The Informant: Mark Whitacre

When Matt Damon tells your story in a movie, you have a story to tell. Mark Whitacre worked with the FBI for 3 years as an informant to help bring down a price-fixing scheme in one of the largest food producers in the world. While working closely with the FBI as a whistle blower he embezzled \$9M and ended up having to serve 8 1/2 years in prison. He came to faith while incarcerated and realizing the wreck his selfishness had created for he and his family. His story was made into a 2009 movie, *The Informant*.

A Raleigh businessman has a son who attends here at UNC and scheduled Mark to speak at the Business School as an ethics presentation. That same day he told his story with us at our weekly meeting. He is a great guy and off the charts brilliant. He has 9 different degrees, 3 doctorates and is a lawyer. He works as a consultant and travels to prisons to tell his story of redemption through Christ.



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- Pray for the 10 leaders I'm investing in regularly - Jordy, Nick, Clint, Jake, Ethan, Daniel, Clay, Mark, Timothy, John
- Pray for our student leaders that they would finish this semester well as they invest in relationships and opportunities to share their faith.
- Pray for wisdom as we take on new leaders for next year. It is always a crazy busy season that has significant implications in their lives and for our movement.
- Pray for our personal time in the Word. That we would fight for that time to be slow, reflective, thoughtful, and consistent and believe what he says is true about our identity.
- Pray for Charleston preparation. There is a lot of admin and details. Pray obstacles would be removed for students to be changed by His glory through our efforts!

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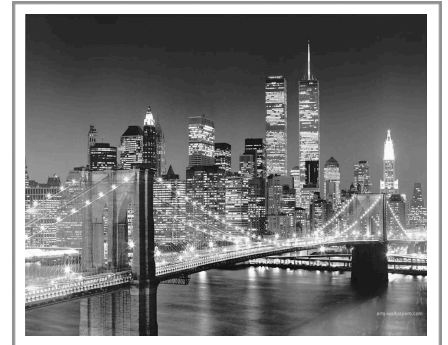
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## MMKR 2013

January 19-21, 30 guys came out to our annual men's retreat ManMaker to connect with each other and be challenged to live as God intended us to live. We shot guns, ate BBQ, got into the Word, and spurred each other on. Pray for these men to lead well and learn to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Spring Break 2013 - NYC and Memphis

March 9-15 We are sending out two trips from UNC this year. One to Memphis, TN to do housing projects with Service over Self. The other is a ministry trip to college campuses in NYC. 34 students are going to NYC and 80 are going to TN. Join us in praying for fruit to come from faith with both of these trips. Pray for protection and boldness. Josh is helping lead the UNC students on the NYC trip with 4 others.



## Movement vs. Fellowship

42 Freshmen and Sophomores came to a recent overnight on Feb 22 and were challenged to come with us. We talked about being a movement going somewhere to reach others, rather than being a fellowship that is there for each other. There was some great dreaming and processing about what this can look like in the future. Pray some of these students be a part of what we want to see happen on campus and around the world.

## A Rabbi, an Imam, and Josh Sat at a Table...

February 21 Josh got the opportunity to be a Christian representative on a panel discussion of the 3 monotheistic faiths alongside a Jew and a Muslim. The theme was Peace and the discussion was rich. There were about 75 students present for the discussion. The gospel was clearly communicated several times and the distinctions could not have been more clear when a student asked at the end, "How does you achieve salvation in your faith?" Put succinctly, "God has come to you in Christ", "I don't know", and "Try really hard were the 3 answers". Pray for relationships and God to pursue those that are lost.

