

February 24, 2022 Southern Wisconsin Cru Ministry Update

Dear Partners,

We are heading into our 5th Friday night of special student gatherings.

The last weekend of January we gathered students from our campuses at a church for our Winter Overnight. There's something special about gathering people away from campus for a schedule filled with teaching, seminars, various games, prayer, good food, and impromptu worship. New students were welcomed into our caring community; all students were able to grow. The extra boost from retreats like this makes a short night of sleeping on a church floor worth it.

The last three Fridays have fallen in February, aptly called "Men's Month" or "Women's Month" because we've created space to offer specialized content and space to help our young adults thrive in the midst of conflicting messages inside and outside the church. It seems more important than ever to open scripture to paint a positive message about God's design. The three weeks had different team builders and teaching topics. For instance, this last Friday after our student men led everyone in a fun competition called the "BROlympics" I got to teach on the influence fathers have on their sons' lives. I opened up the Bible starting in Gen 3 comparing the first Adam to the second Adam (Christ) to challenge them to resist the tendency toward passivity, and instead embrace the call to step up and seize responsibility and lead where God would have them.



A few miles away the women had their final meeting at a local church. The staff and student women finished the three weeks by simultaneously crafting blankets for needy single mothers, while interacting with staff women who shared on a panel about accountability and healthy relationships.

This upcoming weekend the men will conclude Men's Month with an overnight in Madison while the women will travel out of town. We have entrusted the Men's Retreat to the junior men believing that they will grow in significant ways even as they lead and serve the others in the movement. We trust it will be another worthwhile night spent on a generous church's floor.

In Christ,

*Scott Roe*

**The Southern Wisconsin Cru Staff Team**



We hope you can join us for a wonderful event together as we tell more of the story of what God is doing on campus.

Join us at the Vine Church on April 8, 2022 for a 6:30 pm dessert reception followed by a celebration and vision

presentation at 7 pm. You'll be able to hear from students whose lives have been changed and worship with one of our student-led worship teams. We'll share some of our future plans and invite people to invest in this significant ministry.

Would you invite others from your church and friend group to learn and be encouraged how God is using campus ministries to transform lives and bring the gospel to the world?

Sign up at [WisconsinCru.com](http://WisconsinCru.com)

Pray for great Spring Break mission trips to Texas. Pray for all the right students to attend March 11-20 or March 19-27 and for God to work.

We have begun planning for a multifaceted outreach for the week leading up to Easter around "Why Easter Matters." Pray that thousands of students and faculty on our campus will pause and reflect on the reality and meaning of Christ's resurrection that week.

Pray for students to make wise choices with their summer. We'd love for many to participate in one of our state-side or international opportunities for part it.

