

Burkey Beacon

Helping Reach Campuses in the USA

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Dear Friend,

Adam and I pray that you are doing well and enjoying what the Lord has for you this Fall. With all the political tension, foreign conflicts, and natural disasters, I am so grateful that God is sovereign over it all. We live in a broken world and there is a lot of pain and suffering, but praise God that one day, all things will be made right! All suffering, pain, and crying will cease! Justice will prevail and grace will reign through Jesus Christ. I cannot wait until that day, but while we still have breath, may we be faithful to proclaim the name of Jesus and point others to Him, His amazing grace, and His unconditional love. He is our Rock, He is our Peace, and He is our Hope! This is why we continue in campus ministry, this is why we continue with Cru. We desire to make Him known on college campuses and to equip new believers of this younger generation in order that they will become lifelong laborers for Him, disciples going wherever He takes them after their 3-5 years in college. Thank you for partnering with us to this end. May His name be glorified, may lives be transformed, and may generations be impacted as a result!

Circle Summit

Praise God that our 2nd annual Circle Summit at the end of July was a huge success! With over 100 students attending from around the country, we shared God's heart to reach college students and provided encouragement and equipping to these students to participate in evangelism and discipleship back on their campus. Semmon and Mia, two student leaders from Ferris State University in Michigan, were so motivated by the weekend that during our fun afternoon on Sunday



out at the beach, they spent most of their time engaging in conversations about God with strangers as they walked the beach. They were so motivated to try out what they had learned that they didn't want to wait until they got back to campus! This is them right after initiating spiritual conversations with 5 different individuals or groups and being able to share the Good News of Jesus with a few of them. They were so encouraged!



Other students were stepping out in faith that afternoon as well, so we saw how God had used the Summit to light a fire in these student leaders to put into action what they had learned.

Please pray that students would continue to apply what they learned as they lead their movements back on their campuses.

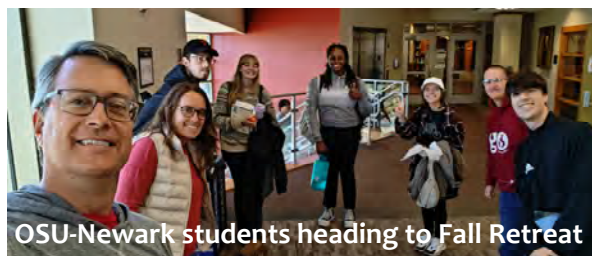
Answered prayer Praise the Lord Amy's talk went very well and we saw many students taking notes and engaged in what she had to share.

Please pray that our student leaders would continue in the process to become more like Jesus, being filled with His Spirit and displaying both grace and truth in their relationships and the movements they lead. (John 1:14,17)

Start of Fall Semester

As soon as we returned from the Circle Summit, we hit the ground running, preparing to help start a number of ministries back up again this new school year, as well as working to launch 5 new ministries. We have been going non-stop these past 2 months planning, scheduling, communicating, networking, meeting with student leadership teams, hosting tables at activity fairs, recruiting to Fall Retreats, and equipping students to plan and lead their Bible studies each week. It has been full and we really appreciate your prayers for God to carry us through this busy season. We work hard to get ministries up and running and to get freshmen connected at the beginning of the school year so that we can encourage as many students as possible to attend a Fall Retreat in the month of October.

Flo, a student leader from Ferris State, sent this to encourage his friends to go, ***“Hey everyone, Fall Retreat is this weekend... there are fun activities like kayaking, zip-lining, axe throwing and more. This is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and grow with God.”*** Pray with us that students have amazing times, and that they grow in their walks with God, in their love for one another, and their love for the lost back on campus.



OSU-Newark students heading to Fall Retreat

Cru at Northridge High School

Nathan's influence is growing at Northridge and we hear many things from people at school. A teacher said to us, ***“You guys I just got to get a glimpse of Nate's Bible study earlier today. He is allowing God to do amazing things through his love for our Lord. An average of 20 a week! One student I saw doesn't go to church and I'm guessing that for many, that is their church.”***

His Cru HS coach said to us, ***“How wonderful to see Nate really growing in his leadership skills. I think of him as the reluctant leader and now God is growing those seeds he painfully planted in the past! He is rising to the challenge and becoming an even better version of himself for taking on this ministry role. My heart is so full! I pray for Nate every Monday morning and I enjoy our conversations so much. Thank you for loving and supporting him so he can become this fruitful spiritual leader.”***



We praise God for His work in High Schools. Amy and I keep our focus on colleges. Below is a list of campuses we are coaching. We would love for you to pray over each campus and each student leader. **Pray** that the student leaders would be growing in their faith and standing strong on His truth. **Please ask God** to work in and through Cru on each campus to draw more students to Himself, for His Glory and their good! Thank you so much!

Cleary University (MI) - New launch this Fall with 12-15 involved, 3 student leaders, two churches looking to help.

Denison University - we've been on campus a few times, but still praying for God to open doors.

Earlham College (IN) - We are in contact with a few female students to try and launch here.

Ferris State (MI) - New launch last January with 30-35 students attending, 4 student leaders.

Indiana University Northwest (IN) - 8-10 students attending, 3 student leaders & 1 volunteer

Lake Erie College (OH) - 8-10 students attending with 2 student leaders and one volunteer

Ohio State University - Newark/ COTC (OH) - 7 students attending with 2 student leaders

OU - Zanesville/Zane State (OH) - launched Oct 10 with 4 student volunteers and 1 faculty

Penn State Behrend (PA) - 12 students attending with 5 student leaders and 1 volunteer.

Rio Grande University (OH) - New campus that hasn't launched yet. 3 student volunteers

Southwestern Michigan College (MI) - 25-30 students attending, 4 student leaders & 1 faculty

Univ. of Cincinnati Clermont (OH) - 5-7 students attending, 2 student leaders, 2 volunteers

West Liberty University (WV) - 20-25 students attending, 3 student leaders

Wilmington College (OH) - new launch just this week. 11 attended, 2 student leaders

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey