

# Burkey Beacon

Helping Reach Campuses in the USA

November 14, 2024



Dear Friend,

We hope you are enjoying all the Lord has for you this Fall. Outside of our Cru ministry, we enjoyed watching Nathan play his final season in soccer, visiting Seth during Homecoming weekend at Cedarville, volunteering at Glory Reins with Lauren, singing in a Men's Barbershop Chorus, helping lead our young adults group at church, and hosting a Life Group at our house most Friday nights. This past weekend we were privileged to host 28 International students from Denison at our home for a bonfire with s'mores. Those students are involved with Bridges, a ministry under Cru geared toward international students. It was eye opening to hear their stories of life in their home countries. Lets be happy for the freedoms we have in the USA.



Also at our house this coming weekend we will host a gathering of 20+ high school students involved in Nathan's Bible study at Northridge.

The weeks are full but so are our weekends, and our hearts. We love our work and the opportunities we have to share the love of Christ with everyone! Sundays are our Sabbaths! We are so grateful for your prayers and support that enable us to do what we do. We are also grateful for Christ's love that compels us and His Spirit who sustains us as we delight in Him and His Word!

Praise God that we had around 35 students attend Fall Retreats this year from the campuses we coach. Since October, a number of these ministries have taken steps of faith to share the gospel with their peers! **Ferris State University** recently hosted a Free Apple Cider and Donuts table where they shared the love of Jesus with students and invited them to Cru. Cru at **Indiana University Northwest** was invited as a student club to take part in their campus-wide Halloween event. Since Halloween is a dark holiday the Cru student leaders decided to host a table where they encouraged



discussion with students about the darkness and evil in our world and how Jesus came to bring light, life, and freedom from sin, evil, and death. Each Wednesday, **West Liberty University** students host a prayer table from 11-1 pm in the student center where they offer to pray for students and their concerns as well as take opportunities to share the Good news of Jesus with them. These are all ways in which our students are making themselves available to be used by God to plant seeds in the hearts of the students on their campus. Please pray those seeds would begin to grow and that lives would be changed as a result.

A few weeks ago, a student-athlete named Ryan, who was on the Wrestling team at **Cleary University** in Michigan was unfortunately killed in a car accident. This rocked the campus student body and all those who knew him. Conner and Amelia, the two student leaders with Cru, decided to host a vigil one night in Ryan's honor. They saw over 30 students attend and grieve together. Conner shared a clear message of how Jesus died for our sins and invited students to ask Jesus into their hearts so that they could begin a relationship with Him and experience His comfort and peace. Students were so thankful for the chance to honor their friend in this way and to hear from fellow students about faith in Jesus. Praise God for the opportunity Conner and Amelia took to comfort their classmates with the love of Jesus, but also the step of faith it was to share Jesus with them, the only One in whom they can find that peace and comfort they seek.



### Prayer Requests

We have the opportunity to share vision and prayer needs with our fellow staff in our area at our staff gathering happening Nov 22nd-24th. Pray the Lord enables us to form partnerships with more staff teams to reach campuses that still have no gospel presence.

We are currently recruiting students to prayerfully consider attending this year's Winter Conference happening Dec 28th-Jan 1st. This is a wonderful time for students to grow in their faith, to grow in community with other young believers, and also to gain a vision of God's heart for the whole world and how they can be a part of His mission. Please pray many students will decide to say yes and join us at this life-changing event.

We were asked to lead the prayer team at the Winter Conference this year. Please pray that the Lord would lead us as we lead our staff in this privilege of praying with and for students.

**Thank you for praying and partnering with us!!! We make a great team!!!**

Below is an excerpt from an email to all Cru campus staff in our geographic area. It featured us!!

***Did you know*** that Cru receives emails or Instagram messages from students all over the country from smaller campuses asking if we have Cru (or can start Cru) on their campus?

*"What do we do when this happens?"* you might ask. Great question!

We have a 'Coaching Center' with staff spread across the country distance-coaching students on various campuses where our local teams are not able to launch or go in person. **We are blessed to have two excellent coaching who serve on the Coaching Center living right in Ohio - Adam and Amy Burkey.** [They go on to list our campuses]

***WE APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey***