

# Campus Crusade for Christ at USC

Turning lost students into Christ centered laborers

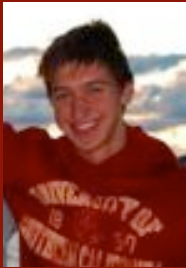
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## THE NEW FACES OF CRU

**The fall is such a crucial time in students' lives...** decisions are made in the first few weeks that set the tone for the rest of the school year. Priorities are set, relationships are built, and in the midst of it God is at work. During the first few weeks of the school year we have seen 6 students trust Christ and many others making Him priority #1 in their lives. Here are a few exciting stories of the ways that God is working in the lives of students as they get involved in Cru.



### Jesse

I first met Jesse on a warm Friday afternoon. I might have passed him off as just one of the many freshmen sitting on the quad that day if it wasn't for the fact that he had his Bible open and was spending time in God's Word. We struck up a conversation and as it turned out his parents are on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ in Indianapolis! He was looking for us but we (God) found him first. Not only is it encouraging to see freshmen actively pursuing God as their school year starts, but God is using guys like Jesse to have a personal ministry in the lives of other students. Students like Matt.

### Matt

When Jesse brought Matt to our freshman small group kickoff I was so encouraged. You see, God has been intensely pursuing Matt these first few weeks of the school year. Matt is from a Christian home, but between being a freshman on the SC baseball team and rushing a fraternity there were a lot of distractions in his life. After making a few bad decisions early on God brought a flood of believers along side of Matt. I met Matt through a spiritual interest survey he filled out, Jesse got connected with Matt because they live in the same dorm, and God even used Cru to connect Matt with Anthony, another believer on the baseball team. God pursues us because He wants us to have the very best...Himself. I'm praying for guys like Matt to have and experience the very best.



### Anthony

The first week of school Anthony showed up to the Cru weekly meeting for his first time...as a senior. As Anthony started his senior year and 4<sup>th</sup> year on the SC baseball team he was looking for something he hadn't experienced his previous 3 years, a growing relationship with God. This hunger for the Lord along with brokenness over a recent breakup drew him to Cru. I met Anthony that night and since then have seen him overflow with new life as God has been at work in him. Anthony summed up this new life recently by saying, "Anthony is...saved by grace, and has never felt better! You CAN'T do it without Him." This life now overflows to guys like Matt and others around him. Anthony is on fire for the Lord!

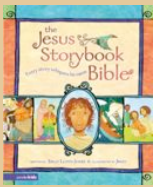
### Fall Retreat is Full of New Faces

The last weekend of September was a time of spiritual refreshment as 110 of us headed up to the mountains for our annual Fall Retreat. Over 40 of the students there were freshmen and transfer students brand new to USC and to Cru. As our speaker Bob Fuhs led us through the book of Colossians we were reminded of who we are in Christ, challenged to let the Holy Spirit be the wind in our sails, and commissioned to go back to our campus to share Christ with others. If the energy and excitement of this weekend is any indication God has great things in store for Cru this year!



## Recommendations

### Books



The Jesus Storybook Bible

Sally Lloyd Jones



Leaving a Legacy for Christ in Your Fraternity or Sorority

Isaac Jenkins

### Music

Coldplay



Viva la Vida

Leeland



Opposite Way

### Web Sites

[www.USCCru.com](http://www.USCCru.com)

[www.GreekLifeUSC.com](http://www.GreekLifeUSC.com)

[www.whatsafterdark.com](http://www.whatsafterdark.com)

[www.hundredpushups.com](http://www.hundredpushups.com)

[www.popvssoda.com](http://www.popvssoda.com)

## Praises & Prayer Requests



### Praise – Greek Life

85 students showed up to our first Greek Life meeting of the year! That's 30 more than we've ever had before. What's more encouraging than the numbers is the tremendous job our students are doing leading this ministry. They are trusting God for a Bible study in every greek house and changed lives among their greek peers. God's already answering their prayers. In attendance was a girl named Amanda who came to Christ in the Theta house just one night earlier. God is at work on the row. ☺

### Prayer Request – Λ X A Bible Study

On September 16<sup>th</sup> I was headed to Lambda Chi for our first Bible study of the year. As I got to the house all of the guys were outside and the fire alarm was going off. As it turned out a water pipe broke causing a roof to collapse and flood the entire house. Fortunately no one was hurt, but unfortunately our Bible study has been postponed and the guys had to move out of the house for three weeks. God has a plan for this but I'm not sure what it is just yet. Pray that God would bless our Bible study this semester, start it up strong at the right time, and transform the lives of men in Lambda Chi.



### Prayer Request – AFTERDark Outreach

Imagine 1,200 USC students hearing the Gospel, many for the first time. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be holding one of our largest outreaches of the year. We will be partnering with many other USC ministries to bring in artist Jon McLaughlin (who recently performed at the Academy Awards) and national speaker Joe White. As Joe shares the good news we are trusting that the Lord will bring many students into a relationship with Him.



### Praise & Prayer Request – Financial Support

This summer I was able to see \$860/mo raised in personal financial support. I also saw God provide \$5,000 to cover my summer expenses. Thank you so much to all of you who gave! As it stands I still have \$750/mo to raise to be at full support. We are trusting the Lord to have our entire staff team at 100% financial support by the time the Spring semester starts. In order to see this happen I will need to take the last 2 weeks of this semester off campus to focus on this goal. Please be praying for my team and me as we trust God for 100%.



So much is going on in the fall, so many fresh faces, and so many exciting things the Lord is doing. That's what it's all about really, God doing His work in the lives of students. After 4 years of directing the Cru movement at USC I am more convinced than ever that it's not my efforts that change lives, but it's all about partnering with the Lord as He does His work. As Philippians 1:6 says, "...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Laboring with Him until that day...

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