

With our two oldest girls settled up at College of the Ozarks, and our whirlwind trip to Kentucky and Michigan complete I've finally got a moment to look back and reflect on July's Staff Conference—Cru19. It all began with an email from Cru...

We're excited to see you at Cru19



Join us at Cru19 to connect with God and one another. Our theme this year is **be•cause**. We want to celebrate together both the **cause** that God has called us to and the fact that God also wants us to **be...be** in His presence and be in love with Him.

My first thought was, "Will I even 'be' there?!?" You may remember that I had to have abdominal surgery at the beginning of June. The doctor found more damage than expected, and my recovery time was listed at six to eight weeks. As we entered July, the month of Cru19, I was still unsure that I would physically be able to handle the drive and multi-day conference spread out over the campus of Colorado State University. About a week before we were to head out, I was finally starting to feel normal again. I am blessed to report that I was not only able to handle the conference itself, but a bit of sightseeing besides. Maybe not mountain climbing, but the day before we left for home, we drove to the Alpine Visitors Center in Rocky Mountain National Park (11,796 ft above sea level) and I was able to handle this 250 stair path to some breathtaking views!

During the conference we had wonderful speakers, world-class music, and lots of learning opportunities. Guest speakers can be a treat, but Eric and I always appreciate hearing directly from Cru leadership about the heart and direction of the ministry to which



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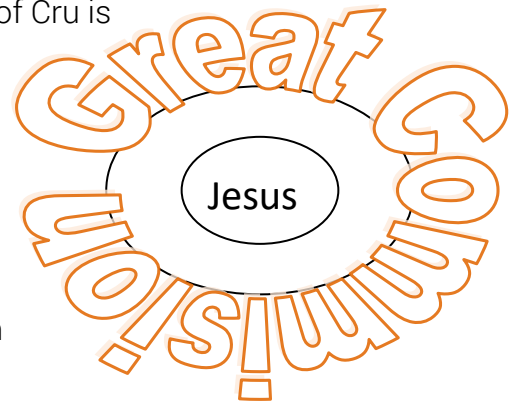
Go to weekendtoremember.com to find a location and register. Don't forget to add our Group Name, **abcdefamily** to save \$100/couple (\$50/person) on registration.

Remember, you can also purchase a gift card to give to someone else. What an excellent wedding gift or maybe for your engaged child. Note: to purchase the gift you may need to call 1-800-FL-TODAY (1-800-358-6329), and give them our group name (**abcdefamily**).

Contact us if you have questions or need more information.

we are called. My favorite speaker this year was Steve Sellers, Executive VP of Cru. Alone, without notes or a podium, on the round stage in the midst of several thousand staff, Steve used the circle he was standing on to illustrate Cru. The outer defining boundary of Cru is the Great Commission. We are called to:

**Help fulfill the Great Commission (our purpose),
through win-build-send (our process),
in the power of the Holy Spirit (our power).**



Steve then moved to the center of the stage and stated that the very center of the circle has always been and remains our passion for Jesus.

Each ministry that is a part of Cru (FamilyLife, Athletes in Action, Campus, etc.) is seeking to fill the circle with love for the lost, but must also have the Great Commission as it's 'reason for being' and Jesus at the center. In a organization of this size, there can often be rumors or concerns that maybe things are drifting away from foundational, Biblical truths. It was an encouragement to hear directly from leadership that the heart of the ministry has not changed!



Breaking NEWS: FamilyLife® is On the Move

In the summer of 2020, FamilyLife will be relocating its headquarters from Little Rock, AR to Cru's world headquarters in Orlando, FL. There are so many reasons for this decision. But ultimately, it is all about how can we increase FamilyLife's capacity to fulfill our vision of "every home a godly home," and help even more families move from isolation to impact. FamilyLife considers our role in Donor Development as 'mission critical' to the ministry. As such, we will be taking some extra time to evaluate our best move—Orlando or another field location. This will most likely take place in 2021. Please pray with us as we make important decisions related to the logistics, family, and financial implications of relocating. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. We would welcome the opportunity to talk with you!

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Pray for all FamilyLife staff (including us) as we make decisions & begin the move process
Pray for the leadership of Cru & FamilyLife as they seek to care for staff during transition
Pray for Oct.3-6 Donor Getaway in Charleston, SC that Eric & I will be helping staff-that guests will get a vision for how God is using FamilyLife
Praise for a GREAT time in KY & MI-we are thankful for each person we were able to connect with, & all those who prayed for our trip!
Praise for a positive start of the college semester for both Charissa & Brenna
Praise for great feedback on our new FamilyLife Today radio hosts-Dave & Ann Wilson