## The Riedy Reader















You may remember that in April of this year Steve Douglass announced his plans to step aside as president of Cru<sup>®</sup>. Steve has been in that role since 2001, making him only the second person to hold this

role (Bill Bright was founder and president until stepping down in 2001). Then in May of this year I shared some of his thoughts on COVID-19 and asked that you pray along with us that God would provide wisdom to the Cru Board of Directors as they searched to fill that role. After a six month search, the decision has been made. The Cru Board of Directors announced that Steve Sellers has been selected to serve as the new president of Cru / Campus Crusade for Christ International<sup>®</sup>. He will step into the role in early October.



Steve & Christy Sellers

As part of the selection process, the Cru board conducted a review of current global realities and the organization's needs and priorities in the coming years.

In his comments to the media, Chairman of the Board, Barry Cannada explained, "The next president of Cru faces a unique combination of challenges both in the U.S. and around the world. Steve Sellers demonstrates a deep and humble dependence on God along with a track record of building a broad coalition of leaders. Therefore we are confident that he will lead our global ministry solidly into the future."

This may have seemed like an obvious choice, considering that Sellers currently serves as Executive Vice President and U.S. National Director of Cru. Personally, though, I am glad that they took the time to investigate and pray about several candidates. This gives Steve a stronger starting point as the one chosen for the role rather than just an easy default of who was 'next in line'.

We have seen Steve step up in amazing ways in these past few months in his role of U.S Director, guiding us through this difficult to navigate COVID-19 time. Before this, the most common place that Eric and I have seen Steve's heart on display has been at the bi-annual Cru Staff Conference. You may remember a few years back when we shared this picture of Steve. We still clearly remember the moment when he kneeled on stage, praying for Cru to more completely embrace its ethnic diversity. After this



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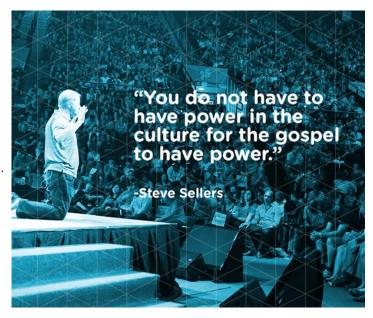
When we began the FamilyLife 'notcanceled' page back in March, I don't think anyone really pictured it continuing into the Fall—after all, we would be kneedeep in the Weekend to Remember<sup>®</sup> season by then, right?!? Though I am sad

to say that current plans for those weekends are on hold, I am glad that we continue to populate our website with relevant, hopeful, Biblical content for families. We have FLTV episodes, free downloadable pdf's, along with fantastic articles. If you are looking for support and/or answers, or if you are looking for resources to pass along to others be sure to check it out!

moment he stood and asked for others to link arms with him in a pledge to share the gospel together. Though we were too far away to join the link physically, it was a blessing to feel a part of this human chain of passion for the Lord.

We are excited to see how God will use Steve and Christy Sellers in the future of Cru, and FamilyLife.

In Him,





## Announcing... Baby Girl Vandiver!

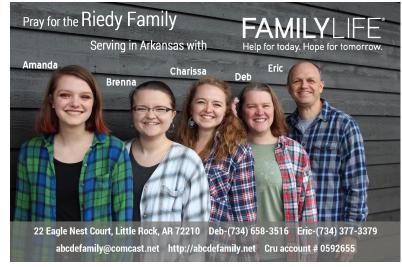
These cute little ultrasound feet will be filling those little baby shoes right at the end of 2020 or early 2021. We are thankful to still be living only 4 hours

away for a while longer! Pray with us for Charissa, Jon, and baby!

Fun Fact: Jon's older brother was also recently married and they are having a little boy right around the same time-sweet!



Tear & Prayer



Pray for wisdom as we consider what home improvements we should do to prepare our house for sale, & what we should leave to the future owners Pray for both younger girls doing school online at home & my adjustment from teacher to advisor Pray for FamilyLife content department as they look for creative ideas in COVID times

Pray for the upcoming Summit on Stepfamily Ministry Livestream Oct. 1-2 <a href="mailto:summitonstepfamilies.com">summitonstepfamilies.com</a>

Praise for a our virtual Staff Conference Sept 9-10,though we were unable to be together, it was a great time of vision and encouragement for us

Praise for a new season of Unfavorable Odds podcast—great stuff, be sure to check it out!