

TREY



Building community: a group of our students take over Velocity Air Sports on a recent social. Connecting with students involves lots of time texting...Hadley helps daddy with work communications, below.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for Trey's new faith to be rooted and established. We've only been able to meet one other time after this appointment. Pray for our "thrive groups" to spiritually nourish students: we have about 75 CofC students meeting each week in these small group Bible studies!

"I really make a good first impression—I try to anyway. I know that's important. I love talking to people & feel that I would do a good job getting to know the visitors as we toured the campus." I was sitting in Starbucks on CofC's campus trying not to laugh as I just realized that for some reason, Trey thought I was a delegate from the prestigious campus tour guide team known as the "Charleston 40." It happens. Trey was just like any other freshman, getting tons of emails inviting them to check out various clubs on campus. I guess he got his appointments mixed up! I asked if he knew what Cru was & he admitted he wasn't quite sure. I explained that we are a community of students & staff who want to know Christ & influence the campus for Christ, but that I'd be happy to point him to the office of Admissions where he could find the actual tour guides. He sheepishly mentioned his appreciation but adamantly expressed his interest in wanting to hear more about Cru. I learned that he grew up in Fort Mill, SC, in a home devoid of any religious practice. But in high school, he & his sister took the initiative to start attending a local church & really enjoyed it. Once she left for college, however, Trey stopped going as often. He looked at his time at CofC to be an opportunity to re-involve himself in Christianity & indicated so on one of our Freshmen Surveys.

After talking about his beliefs, I gathered that Trey was spiritually interested but still unaware of the Gospel. I asked him if he had time for me to share something that God had used in a big way in my life. We read through Cru's "Knowing God Personally" booklet & as Trey digested Ephesians 2:8-9, he grew quiet & began smiling. Throughout our time I was praying for the Spirit to make known to Trey the truth of the Gospel—and He did just that. After assuring Trey that I didn't want him to feel pressured to make a decision for Christ right then, he insisted he do it immediately. We walked to the vast green lawn outside the library, & leaning up against a brick wall Trey thanked God for sending Jesus to die for his sin. With a big smile on his face & eyes brimming, he kept saying how weird he felt. Please join me in praying for Trey's follow up & spiritual growth, and that he'd get involved within the Cru community & a local church.

