

# A Week of Camp Turns into Revival—STUDENTZ CAMP 2010

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It started as a summer camp; it ended as a revival.

More than 700 students, youth ministers, chaperones, and staffers came to Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA July 12-16 for the annual SBC of Virginia Studentz Camp. This year's theme was *Wipeout*, based on Romans 8:13, "For if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

Evangelist Ken Freeman was the speaker for the week. Freeman wove his dramatic testimony through different themes each night. The first night's thought-provoking theme was, "The Biggest Loser," which focused on keeping one's life by losing it for Christ's sake (Matthew 16:24-28). During the invitation that very first night, more than 80 students came forward for salvation.

"I have seen first-hand the touch of God upon Studentz Camp," said Dr. Jeff Ginn, executive director of the SBCV. "The lives of students were changed for time and eternity. For its spiritual impact, quality of venue, and affordability, it is unsurpassed nationally. I encourage churches everywhere to commit now to be a part of next year's Studentz Camp."

Students were challenged throughout the week to make a commitment to Christ, and they responded to the Holy Spirit's leading in great numbers, with 109 praying to receive Christ for the first time. Almost 50 students made public rededications.

"When God moves, we are moved," said Jason Freer, youth pastor from Deep Creek Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA. "It's so amazing to see students when they have real God moments, not just camp moments, but a connection with the One who created them. It's those God moments that change the heart and direction of someone's life forever!"

Tory Doughty, a college staffer, said the week even had an effect on her. "It was humbling and so amazing to

see God's hand in such a mighty way. Having the opportunity to witness hundreds and hundreds of students praising the Lord and surrendering their lives to Him is something I will never ever forget!"

Bluetree, a contemporary Christian

band from Northern Ireland, led worship each night. Bluetree may be best known for writing the popular song, "God of This City."

Special guest artist, Humble

TIP, a Christian rap artist from Liberty University, performed a concert on Tuesday night.

Almost 100 additional participants attended Wednesday night for a special event called "Camp for an Evening." This is a time when students and youth groups not registered for the full week of camp can visit and enjoy camp for one night.

This year, churches had the option to select a missions track where their students assisted church plants in nearby Amherst and Bedford counties to do community service or provide neighborhood block parties.

During free time, students had the options of skiing on the artificial slopes, shooting at paintball field, ice skating at the campus rink, swimming in the indoor pool, or playing in the three-on-three basketball tournament. "You will not find another camp of this national quality at a more affordable price and at a better location. There is so much to do here," said Steve Maltempi, SBCV statewide Student Ministry strategist.

The 2011 SBCV Studentz Camp is open to all churches. It will again be held at Liberty University during the week of July 11-15, 2011. Special guests already confirmed include evangelist Tony Nolan, worship leader Andy Kirk, illusionist Harris III, and contemporary Christian band, BarlowGirl. The theme of next year's camp is *Echo*, based on Psalm 145:4-5, "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works."

For more pictures and videos about the 2010 SBCV Studentz Camp as well as additional 2011 SBCV Studentz Camp information as it becomes available, visit [www.sbcv.org/studentz](http://www.sbcv.org/studentz) or email [studentz@sbcv.org](mailto:studentz@sbcv.org).



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