



CAMP EXALTED



Texas

A church camp is where many people first dedicate their lives to Christ.

Camp Exalted is a summer church camp, hosted by Texas Baptists African American Ministries, for seventh-graders through college students. The camp was started in 2005. Last year, 380 students participated, and 64 dedicated their lives to Christ.

Camp participants attend breakout sessions, participate in worship time and are enlightened, encouraged and taught how to grow in their relationship with Christ.

Camp Director Carlos Francis, who is also a youth minister at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield, said that when his kids come back from camp, they are on fire for God and excited about their faith. The time following camp is full of testimonies of God moving in the lives of the kids and seeing evidence of the Holy Spirit at work.

Carlos shared a testimony about a group of kids who, one day at camp, decided to use their free time to meditate on a specific scripture rather than going out to activities. That evening, without any planning, the lesson turned out to focus on the same verse the students had been meditating on earlier.

“It affirmed to the kids that quiet time is valuable,” Carlos said. “It was very encouraging.”

When we make a gift to the Cooperative Program, we help make camps like this possible in the lives of young people. Let’s pray for all of the students who participated in camp, particularly the new Christians, that God would grow them in their faith and help them stay connected to a community of believers.