

I sincerely appreciate all of you who prayed for the SHINE '09 Youth Rally hosted at Calvary Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC. Jonathan Beebe and the fine folks at Calvary did an incredible job in preparation for the rally. The decorations were impressive, the music stirring, the skits professional, and the attendance outstanding (over 200 teens in attendance). What a thrill it was to watch the teens fill up the middle section of the auditorium, and wait with anticipation for the rally to begin. By the time I stood up to preach (about 11:20 PM--this was an all nighter), the young people were definitely ready to listen. When I extended the invitation, 13 young people responded to the gospel and were gloriously saved (most of them young men). The altar was full of Christian teens making additional decisions for Christ, as well.



I have heard reports from Pastor David Frye (Senior Pastor at Calvary), that the youth directors, from the other churches who brought teens, said, "Our teen have needed something like this for a long time." The cooperation and participation displayed is a model for how all pastors/youth pastors should cooperate. Pray for these new believers that they will grow to the fullest potential and realize the joy of complete surrender.



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