

# 2010 Unidiversity Seminars

**Please pick your top four choices for seminars and send them to Gina by Thursday, June 16.** Youth will be assigned one seminar for day 1 & 2 of camp and another for days 3 & 4. The seminar guru who sent these out says, "The seminar assignments will be first come first serve. Please make sure that your youth know that only giving you two choices does not mean that they will definitely get those two choices. What it does mean is that if one of their choices is already full another seminar will be chosen for them." Thank you!

## **1. Movie Guide for Morons -- Danny Fairchild (Goldsboro)**

This seminar is for students to learn how to make smart movie choices. Let's take a closer look at how to view the content of today's blockbusters through a Christian perspective. Come with your best movie critiquing abilities and be prepared for a lot of fun interaction.

## **2. Sex, Dru\_s, and R\_ck an\_Roll -- John Callaway and Lesley-Ann Hix (Elkin)**

Come check out the hottest tunes of yesterday and today. This seminar will be listening to, and discussing, the lyrics of Billboard Top 100 songs. What is missing? When did it start? What do we do about it?

## **3. Serpent Handling 101 -- Stuart Jones (Fernwood)**

**Snakes are one of the most interesting, diverse and maligned animals on the planet.** Unfortunately, ignorance and irrational fear lead to the persecution of these reptiles. Many species are threatened or on endangered lists because of over development of land, habitat destruction and human persecution. SERPENT HANDLING 101 will dispel many myths, help identify species, explain what to do if you encounter a snake in the wild and even handle a few indigenous specimens (non venomous) from my personal collection. Snakes are an important part of God's creation and play an important role in human well being. Join us for a power point presentation and a 1 on 1 encounter with these wonderful reptiles. **(Handling is not required. If you can only stand to watch or just touch that is ok. I understand that some people have phobias related to snakes and I am sensitive to this. I do not use my collection to scare or tease, but to educate and introduce them in a non threatening manner.)**

## **4. Social Justice and Activism -- Phillip Reynolds (Oakland) and Judith Meyers (Park Road)**

Last year we worked together to raise over \$3,000 for the International Justice Mission's fight against worldwide slavery. Come learn how you can impact your world with ONE voice to end slavery, poverty, hunger, and preventable disease. We'll write

letters to our congressmen, learn about issues folks are facing around the world, and also watch several short movies about these issues. There will be freebies and a chance to be on a national activism blog at [www.one.org](http://www.one.org)!

**5. How to deal when life stinks... -- Bridget Kokolis (Greenlawn)**

Many of us have experienced a painful loss: maybe a loved one has passed... maybe a friendship has ended. If you need a place to share your story and then learn how to move forward, then this is the seminar for you!

**6. Joe Kendrick (Hatcher) -- A Five Act Story**

A different way of looking at the Christian in life in the form of a five-act drama. We'll explore the parable of the Prodigal Son, Rich Fool, and the Good Samaritan and learn what it means to be a part of the story God is writing. We'll also encounter real life experiences that teach us how to live faithfully to the Gospel message.

**7. Press On Toward the Goal -- Jackson and Jack Glasgow (Zebulon)**

Talk with a Unidiversity alum, recent college grad, and soon to be high school math teacher and football and tennis coach about setting the right academic, extracurricular, vocational, relational and spiritual goals for your life. Also discuss the idea of encouraging your parents to aim their parenting at helping you accomplish your life goals.

**8. What Would Jesus Drive? -- Roger Thomas (Jeff Street)**

How should Christians address the environmental issues of our world? Are we proactive or reactive? This seminar will examine arguments from history, the Bible and science as we explore our relationships with God, others and our world

**9. "Can You Hear Me Now? -- Listening for God in Our Lives" -- Barry Johnson (Oakland)**

Some Christians talk about hearing God's voice or knowing clearly God's will for their lives. While others struggle to have any sense of God's presence at all. The biblical story is full of people encountering God in a variety of different ways. In this seminar, we will look at some of these encounters and learn how we can listen for God in our own lives.

### **10. Where is God When...? -- David Brown (Oakland)**

Where is God when millions of people are dying of starvation? Where is God when terrorists attack? Where is God when my mom is diagnosed with cancer? Where is God when my world is falling apart? For thousands of years, people have struggled to explain the presence of evil in the world and the role that God plays in bringing about good. We will explore this subject in a broad sense (in the world at large) and in a narrow sense (in our own lives).

### **11. Hot Topics -- Michael Kellet (Park Road)**

- Parts of the Bible seem to suggest that God went to war with the Israelites and smote their enemies. Does this give us permission to go to war? What is the Christian response to war? Is there just one response to war? Is war ever justified?
- Does the pursuit of happiness also have to involve the pursuit of money and wealth? Is money really the root of all evil? Is having a little bit of “bling bling” all that bad? What does it matter that we pursue wealth – is it really hurting anybody? We’ll have a conversation surrounding money, the good and evil it can cause, and what God might have to say to us about all of this.

### **12. “That’s what she said!/That’s what he said!” -- Steve Cothran (Greensboro)**

### **13. Storytelling -- Bill Johnson (Elkin)**

Come experience some almost-true stories with the pastor of First Baptist Elkin, Bill Johnson. Listen, and learn to tell your own stories.

### **14. “Western Politics and Christianity” -- Will Wooten (Greensboro)**

Christianity has played an undeniable role in Western politics. In this seminar, we will objectively explore the history of how faith has shaped politics, and how it continues to do so today both implicitly and explicitly. While much attention will be paid to the American political arena, we will also look across the pond to examine European politics.

### **15. For Seniors Only! – Going Deeper - For the Class of 2010 only!**

Graduation is an incredible accomplishment! Heading off to college is an even more exciting and amazing venture! But it can also be a time of questions and uncertainty.

Come join two caring leaders as they help you journey towards the coming year ahead for you. Bring your questions, your excitement and your dreams. Class will meet during the first seminar session on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**16. For Juniors Only! – Going Deeper - For the Class of 2011 only!**

School is out for the summer and you are gearing up to be the Big Ones on Campus next year – SENIORS! 12<sup>th</sup> grade brings a lot of excitement, but it can also bring a lot of decisions and questions. Where do I want to go to school? How do I apply for college? What do I want to “be when I grow up?” Join us for a time of looking at all it means to be a senior. Class will meet during the second seminar session on Thursday and Friday.

**17. A New Kind Of Christianity - Tim Hasty (Aiken)**

Brian McLaren, author, speaker and former pastor, has raised ten questions that are transforming faith in a recent book of the same title. We will have engaging conversation on the Bible narrative, the authority of the Bible, is God violent, Jesus, the Gospels, what do we do about church, human sexuality, is there a better way to view the future, how should followers of Jesus relate to peoples of other religions, and how do we move into action. Tuesday and Wednesday will be for high school students and Thursday and Friday for middle school students.

**18. “Happiness 101” – Bootie Cothran (Greenville)**

“Finding free happiness and joy in a world that says you have to buy it.”  
If you know Bootie at all, you will know that he is a person who tries to find fun, happiness, and the best in every situation. Join him and take a look at what God has to say about true happiness. You will be happy that you did!