

Bold Faith ON CAMPUS

How God Used His Word to Transform Students at Bluefield University

AS the Fall 2025 semester began across Virginia, one campus in the southwest corner of the Commonwealth was preparing for more than move-in days, class schedules, and student orientations. At Bluefield University, the new academic year launched with something far more eternal—placing the Word of God in the hands of every incoming freshman and transfer student.

Students Given Access to God's Word

This moment began months earlier. In spring 2025, a group of pastors and SBC of Virginia staff met with Corey Mullins, Bluefield's Vice President for Student Development & Athletics. During that conversation, a significant need emerged: many new students were arriving on campus without a Bible of their own. In a cultural moment when young adults are



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Students display their newly received CSB Everyday Student Bibles.

searching for meaning, identity, and truth, Bluefield’s leadership longed to ensure that every student had access to the eternal, unchanging Word of God.

The SBCV quickly responded by providing each new student with a CSB Everyday Student Bible. Romans 15:4 captures the heart of this partnership, “For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.”

The prayer was simple—that God’s Word would take root in students’ lives, awakening hope, conviction, and faith.

Holy Spirit Moved Among Student Body

That prayer did not take long to bear fruit.

In September, Bluefield hosted its annual Spiritual Emphasis gathering, themed “Bold Week,” drawn from 2 Corinthians 3:12, “Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness.”

Over several days of preaching, teaching, and intentional ministry, the Holy Spirit moved powerfully among the student body. The Scriptures they had received only weeks earlier were now being opened, explained, and applied—and students were listening.

By the end of the week, dozens of students responded in repentance and faith, publicly professing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Conversations continued in dorm rooms, hallways, cafeterias, and athletic facilities as students wrestled with the Gospel and surrendered their lives to Christ.

But God wasn’t finished.

Following Bold Week, at least 27 students took the next step of obedience through baptism, publicly declaring the new life they had found in Jesus. For many, these were their first steps on a lifelong journey of discipleship. For the campus community, these baptisms served as a vivid reminder: when the Word of God is placed in open hands and open hearts, transformation follows.

A Campus-Wide Movement

What began as a simple desire to give students Bibles became a campus-wide movement of salvation, boldness, and spiritual renewal. As these students continue to grow in Christ, the SBCV and Bluefield University remain committed to walking alongside them—trusting that the same Word that stirred revival this fall will continue to bear fruit for years to come. ●

(left) Students pray at the altar during Bluefield University's Spiritual Emphasis, "Bold Week."