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Asbury Revival Ends on Campus - But Its Spirit Lives On

After more than two weeks and worldwide headlines, spontaneous revival services at Asbury University in central Kentucky came to an end recently - but the revival goes on off campus. On Feb. 23, during the final service on campus, people prayed over college campuses, asking God to bring revival to the world.

The school decided to end the on-campus services after tens of thousands of visitors flooded the campus and the small town of Wilmore, Kentucky, overwhelming local facilities and blocking traffic for miles. Asbury President Kevin Brown said the school's leaders felt that Asbury's role was complete and hoped that revival continues in other spaces.

"I just met so many people who didn't get to Asbury who wanted to get there, people who were filled with much regret because 'God did something and I missed it," said evangelist Nick Hall from Minneapolis, who arranged to continue the services in Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky ⁽¹⁾ "We want to help people be able to feel confident to take this home, to reach their friends. And our prayer is that this will be unleashed in thousands of churches and schools from this place to the nations," Hall said. ⁽²⁾

"We came all the way here from Orlando," said Christian Gonzalez who came to Lexington with his grandmother and sister. "We're just hoping to feel relief coming out of here, feeling like all my worries are gone. It's like starting anew almost." ⁽³⁾

"Revival begins in our hearts," said Gary Lane from CBN News. "And we don't need to travel to Kentucky to experience the Holy Spirit. Still, many of us haven't seen revival like this since the Jesus movement of the 1970s. ... God is answering those prayers - those years of prayers for revival. So, let's embrace it. And go with God. And wait and see what God will do to transform America and the world." ⁽⁴⁾

''Lord, I have heard of your fame, I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known.'' Habakkuk 3:2

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