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We know that our culture's going to be changed by this."
- Asbury University senior

Hope that the Asbury Revival Will Grow to the Next Great Awakening
and bring attention to the importance of religious freedom worldwide.

"Attending the revival at Asbury was an unforgettable experience. We could literally feel the 'weighty' presence of God as soon as we walked into the building," said Jon Burdette of Dare 2 Share Ministries. ⁽¹⁾

A revival erupted on Feb. 8 at Asbury University, located in a small Kentucky town, after an evening chapel service didn't stop and transformed into a constant impromptu gathering that has since generated worldwide interest. Day and night, students and professors are passionately worshipping Christ. By Feb. 20th, an estimated 50,000 people had flocked to this Kentucky town with a total population of 6,000.

On Feb. 13th, Asbury Un. senior Alexandra Presta said, "Right now, I think we've reached over 120 hours of nonstop worship, praise, confession, testimony, Scripture, reading - you name it." ... "I was in chapel on Wednesday, and it was an ordinary chapel service ... we have them three times a week. But people just kept worshipping afterwards. It was a small group of students." ... "The Holy Spirit chose to just fall down and touch hearts. This is purely God moving and keeping people here and bringing more (who are) continuing to cross state lines and even across the country now." ⁽²⁾

"We just had some people arrive from Finland, from the Netherlands, they have been coming from all over the country," said Asbury's Communications Director. ⁽³⁾

There are reports that the revival has spread to Lee University in Tennessee, Cedarville University in Ohio, and at Samford University in Alabama. "Tonight, a large number of students gathered again to pray, read Scripture, testimonies, and to worship Jesus for about two hours! ...Keep praying for wisdom and a genuine movement of the Lord," said Cedarville Un. President Thomas White. "We don't know what to do next or what will happen next, but let's prepare our own hearts to be ready just in case God graciously moves in our country." ⁽⁴⁾

"...I can testify that the Holy Spirit is at work in and among our student body," said Samford Un. President Beck Taylor. "What's happened isn't contrived, programmed, or scripted. Students and others see it as an opportunity for the Samford campus ...to extend the love and grace of Jesus to everyone." ⁽⁵⁾

"I feel as though maybe we were the candle and now we are just passing that flame on to other churches and other schools." - Asbury University sophomore

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