

FFWPU USA: The Power of Small Family Groups

Demian Dunkley
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"I am so moved by the topics and warmth of this group," K.M. says. "It's not just our faith that brings us together; we can share about anything and support each other. It's easy to [get lost in] what's happening with work, school, child care, and other things. But our small group is a break from all of that."

As a mom, it's been important for K.M. and her family to be involved in their church community beyond, well, church. It's why she initiated a small family group that now includes four families from the Chicago area who gather twice a month.

K.M.'s group takes time to discuss Unification scripture, including passages from the Divine Principle and True Mother's memoir, applying those messages to their personal experiences. The group also engages in different activities like board games and cooking. "It's a meaningful time that is inspiring for us," K.M. says, noting it's been helpful in bringing her own family members closer together.

In a recent community message, Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, FFWPU USA president and Clifton Family Church senior pastor, spoke of the positive impact family groups can have on people.

"In the past few weeks, I've had three family group meetings," he recalls in a [community update](#) January 2. "I met with ... a family group with ACLC and it was very interesting ... We shared about the vision for the future [and] how to connect with different people. It's a very unique group ... including a Christian clergy member. [I heard] what they've been doing and how God has been working in their family group."

The foundation is certainly there to connect more deeply with people of all ages and backgrounds through small family groups in the religious sphere and beyond. New data from Pew Research Center breaks down the spirituality and religious practice of Americans [in a report](#) published in December 2023. Overall, 70% of U.S. adults describe themselves as spiritual in some way, while an overwhelming majority of U.S. adults (83%) say they believe that people have a soul or spirit in addition to their physical body. About 81% also say there is something spiritual beyond the natural world, even if we cannot see it.

The findings track with spiritual revivals that are happening around the country. In February 2023, Asbury University, a Christian college in Kentucky, [made headlines](#) for its 24-hour revival worship that lasted two weeks and attracted thousands of people from across the U.S. Similarly, more than [50,000 young people](#) ages 18 to 25 gathered at the sold-out Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta for worship earlier this month, from January 3 to 5.

True Mother has said the youth will usher in a resurgence of spirituality and faith in America. K.M. believes planting the seeds at home, through regular small family groups and other faith-based activities, will help create this reality much sooner.



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Spirituality Among Americans

7 in 10 U.S. adults describe themselves as spiritual in some way, including 22% who are spiritual but not religious

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How we did this

In recent decades, Americans have become less likely to identify with an organized religion. Yet a new Pew Research Center survey shows that belief in spirits or a spiritual realm beyond this world is widespread, even among those who don't consider themselves religious. The survey finds that:

- 83% of all U.S. adults believe people have a soul or spirit in addition to their physical body.
- 81% say there is something spiritual beyond the natural world, even if we cannot see it.
- 74% say there are some things that science cannot possibly explain.
- 45% say they have had a sudden feeling of connection with something from beyond this world.
- 38% say they have had a strong feeling that someone who has passed away was communicating with them from beyond this world.
- 30% say they have personally encountered a spirit or unseen spiritual force.

Overall, 70% of U.S. adults can be considered “spiritual” in some way, because they think of themselves as spiritual people or say spirituality is very important in their lives.

Most Americans believe people have a soul or spirit

% of U.S. adults who say ...



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 31-Aug. 6, 2023. "Spirituality Among Americans"

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These are among the key findings of a new Pew Research Center survey of American spirituality, conducted July 31-Aug. 6, 2023, among a nationally representative sample of 11,201 members of our [American Trends Panel](#).

This report covers the following topics:

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Is spirituality increasing?

Because this is the first time Pew Research Center has asked many of these questions about beliefs, practices and experiences that may be viewed as spiritual, we do not know whether they are more – or less – common today than they were in the past.

Previous research has found a [decline in traditional religious beliefs and practices](#). That includes a drop in the shares of U.S. adults who say they [believe in God](#) with absolute certainty, [attend religious services regularly](#), pray daily and consider religion to be very important in their lives.

Some news articles have speculated that young Americans may be turning away from organized religion and [replacing it with their own mix of spiritual elements](#) drawn from many sources, including [Asian religions](#) and [Native American traditions](#), as well as New Age beliefs about crystals, [tarot cards](#) and the like. Media coverage has often focused, in particular, on people who describe themselves as [“spiritual but not religious.”](#)

While Pew Research Center surveys have documented [a decline since 2007 in the percentage of Americans who identify as Christian](#), the evidence that “religion” is being *replaced* by “spirituality” is much weaker, partly because of the difficulty of defining and separating those concepts.

This survey is intended to help fill the gap. We plan to use our new questions about spiritual beliefs, practices and experiences as a baseline, re-asking them periodically to see which measures are rising, which are falling and which are stable. And rather than imposing a definition of spirituality, we will let survey respondents tell us what it means to them and how they practice it.

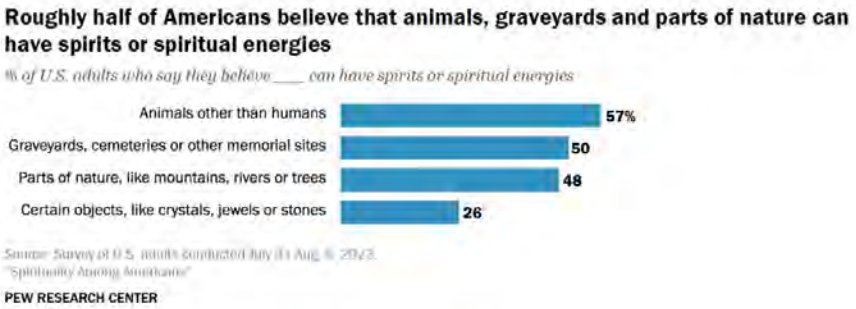
What is spirituality? (+)

Americans’ beliefs about spirits and the afterlife

An overwhelming majority of U.S. adults (83%) say they believe that people have a soul or spirit in addition to their physical body. A smaller majority (57%) believes that animals other than humans can have their own spirits or spiritual energies.

Half of Americans believe that spirits can inhabit burial places, such as graveyards, cemeteries or other memorial sites. And a similar share (48%) says that parts of the natural landscape – such as mountains, rivers or trees – can have spirits or spiritual energies.

About a quarter of U.S. adults believe that spirits or spiritual energy can reside in certain objects, such as crystals, jewels or stones (26%).



What do Americans believe about life after death?

The survey finds that 71% of Americans believe in heaven, while somewhat fewer – 61% – believe in hell and 60% believe in both. These numbers have held steady in recent years.¹ But there is less consensus about whether the dead have various powers, such as the ability to follow what is happening in this world and to watch out for loved ones who

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are alive.

We explored these beliefs for the first time by asking whether it is “definitely true,” “probably true,” “probably not true” or “definitely not true” that people who have already died can do a variety of things. (Respondents also were able to say they were “not sure.”)

More than half of U.S. adults (57%) believe that in the afterlife, people definitely or probably can reunite with loved ones who also have died.

42% of Americans believe the dead can communicate with the living

% of U.S. adults who believe it is definitely or probably true that people who have died can ...



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 31-Aug. 6, 2023.
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About four-in-ten or more Americans say that dead people definitely or probably can assist, protect or guide the living (46%), be aware of what’s going on among the living (44%) or communicate with people who are still living (42%). Overall, U.S. adults are more than twice as likely to say that the dead can *help* the living (46%) as they are to say that the dead can *harm* the living (18%).

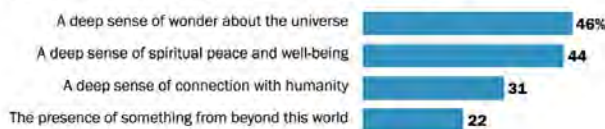
About a quarter of U.S. adults believe it is definitely or probably true that the dead can be reincarnated (27%), defined in the survey as being “reborn again and again in this world.”²

Spiritual experiences and practices

Some kinds of spiritual experiences seem to be relatively common. For example, 46% of U.S. adults say that at least once or twice a month they feel a deep sense of wonder about the universe. A similar share (44%) say they feel a deep sense of spiritual peace and well-being that often.

44% of Americans say they feel a deep sense of spiritual peace and well-being at least once or twice a month

% of U.S. adults who say they feel ... monthly or more often



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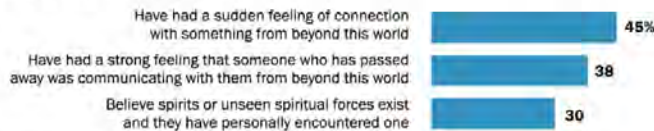
Feeling a deep sense of connection with humanity and feeling “the presence of something from beyond this world” are less common. Still, about one-fifth of Americans or more say they have such feelings at least once or twice a month.

To gauge experiences that may be relatively rare, we asked respondents whether they have ever had specific otherworldly experiences.

Fully 45% say they have had a sudden feeling of connection with something from beyond this world, and 38% say they’ve had a strong feeling that someone who previously passed away was communicating with them from beyond this world. Three-in-ten say they believe in spirits or unseen spiritual forces *and* also say they have personally encountered one.

45% of Americans have ever had a sudden feeling of connection with something from beyond this world

% of U.S. adults who say they ...



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How do Americans practice spirituality?

To measure some common spiritual practices, we asked survey respondents how often

they pursue five activities: looking inward or centering themselves, meditating, doing yoga, exercising and spending time in nature.

Whether these activities are spiritual depends, of course, on one’s definition of spirituality. As previously noted, many Americans explain the meaning of “spiritual” by talking about various kinds of connections – such as with God or something bigger than themselves, with their innermost selves, with loved ones who have died or with all humanity.

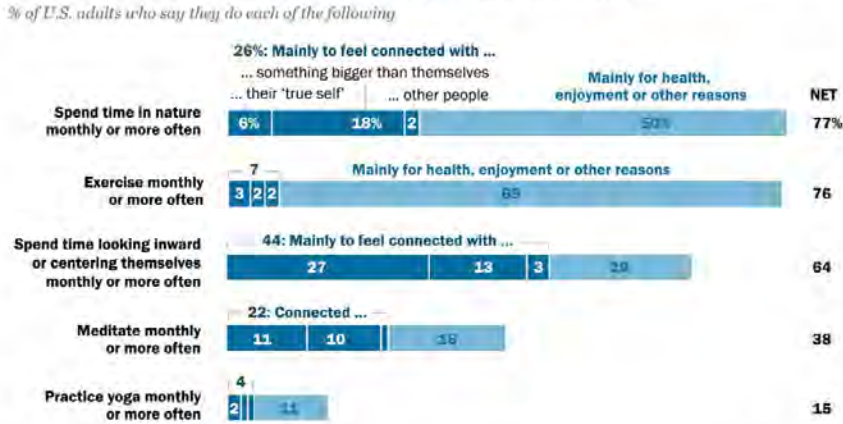
With that understanding of spirituality in mind, we asked survey respondents to select the *most important reason* why they engage in each of these activities: Is it to “feel connected” with something bigger than themselves, with their “true self” or with other people? Is it to get health benefits, including relaxation? To have fun and enjoy the experience? Or for other reasons?

A total of 77% of U.S. adults say they spend time in nature at least a few times a month, and 26% say they do so mainly to feel connected, such as with something bigger than themselves (18%) or with their “true self” (6%). Half of Americans say they spend time in nature mainly for health benefits, to enjoy themselves or for other reasons.

By comparison, fewer Americans (64%) say they look inward or center themselves at least a few times each month. But a relatively large share – 44% of all U.S. adults – say they look inward or center themselves mainly to feel connected, including 27% who do it mainly to feel connected with their “true self.”

Roughly four-in-ten Americans meditate at least a few times a month (38%), including 22% of U.S. adults who meditate mainly to connect with their “true self” (11%) or with something bigger than themselves (10%).

Many Americans say they explore nature or center themselves mainly to connect with their ‘true self’ or with something bigger than themselves



Note: Those who did not answer the question about the main reason they engage in the activity are listed as “not sure.” Figures here are not add to 100% due to rounding.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 3-13, 2023.
“Spirituality Among Americans”
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How many Americans gather in spiritual communities?

Americans are more likely to report gathering in religious communities than meeting in spiritual groups. Fully 39% of U.S. adults say they are involved in a religious community, such as a church or religious congregation, while 14% say they are involved in “a spiritual community, such as a group that helps [them] find a connection with something bigger than [themselves], nature or other people.”

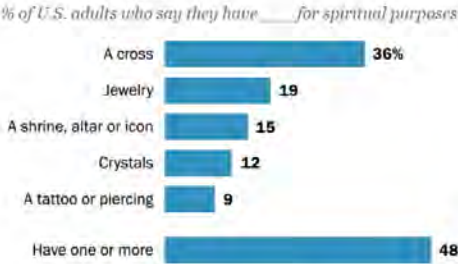
Moreover, most people who are involved in a spiritual community are also involved in a religious one: 10% of U.S. adults say they are involved in both kinds of groups, while just 4% of all U.S. adults say they are involved in a spiritual community and *not* a religious one.

What kinds of things do Americans have for spiritual reasons?

More than one-third of U.S. adults say they have a cross for spiritual purposes, and 19% say they have some jewelry (which could also be a cross) that serves a spiritual purpose.

Also, 15% of Americans say they maintain a shrine, altar or icon in their home; 12% possess crystals for

48% of Americans have at least one of the following for spiritual purposes



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 3-13, 2023.
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spiritual purposes; and 9% have a tattoo or piercing for a spiritual purpose.

How many Americans are spiritual?

Seven-in-ten U.S. adults think of themselves as spiritual or say that spirituality is very important in their lives. To be sure, most of these people also consider themselves religious or say that religion is very important in their lives. There is enough overlap between what people mean by “spirituality” and what they have in mind by “religion” that nearly half of U.S. adults indicate they are *both* religious and spiritual.

Still, 22% of U.S. adults fall into the category of spiritual but *not* religious. The new survey offers a rich portrait of this group, showing what beliefs they hold, how they practice their spirituality, and how they tend to differ from U.S. adults who embrace the “religious” label.

What do ‘spiritual but not religious’ people believe?

The survey finds that on many questions, “**spiritual but not religious**” Americans – SBNRs, for short – are *no more spiritual, on average, than U.S. adults who are both religious and spiritual*. For example, large majorities in both groups say they believe “people have a soul or spirit in addition to their physical body.” Smaller majorities of both groups believe in the existence of “spirits or unseen spiritual forces.”

22% of Americans are spiritual but not religious

% of U.S. adults who are



Note: Figures may not add to 100% or to subtotals indicated due to rounding. “Spiritual” are those who say they think of themselves as spiritual or that spirituality is very important in their lives. “Religious” are those who say they think of themselves as religious or that religion is very important in their lives.
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By several measures, SBNRs are no more spiritual than Americans who are both religious and spiritual

% of U.S. adults who say ...

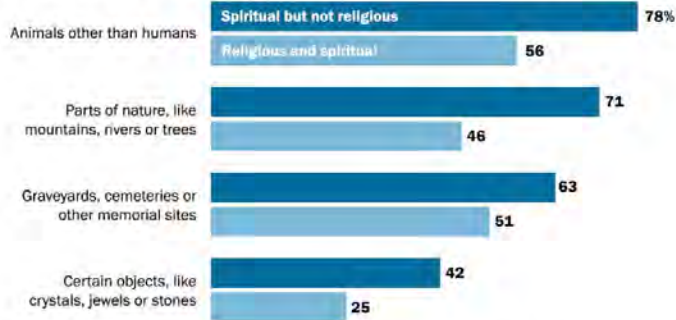


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But SBNRs are more likely to see spiritual forces at work in nature. For example, 71% of SBNRs believe that spirits or spiritual energies can be found in parts of nature like mountains, rivers or trees. Far fewer adults who are both religious and spiritual (46%) share this belief. Also, most SBNRs say that being connected with nature is “essential” to what being spiritual means to them (59%), an outlook that is less common among Americans who describe themselves as both religious and spiritual (35%).

SBNRs are more likely than religious-and-spiritual Americans to say animals, places, objects can have spirits

% of U.S. adults who believe each of the following things can have spirits or spiritual energies



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SBNRs are much less likely than Americans who are both religious and spiritual to believe in the God of the Bible (20% vs. 84%). On the other hand, they

are much *more* likely to say they believe there is “some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe” (73% vs. 15%).

Spiritual but not religious Americans express more negative views of organized religion than religious-and-spiritual adults do. For example, 42% of SBNRs say religion causes division and intolerance, while just 12% of religious-and-spiritual adults take that position. And 13% of SBNRs say that the statement “religion encourages people to do the right thing and treat other people well,” describes their views a “great deal” compared with 57% of Americans who are both religious and spiritual.

Very few SBNRs attend religious worship services. Just 2% say they attend weekly or more often, compared with 40% of adults who are both religious and spiritual. SBNRs are also less likely than religious-and-spiritual Americans to say they are involved in a spiritual community that is extremely or very important to them (5% vs. 14%).

But SBNRs are somewhat more likely than religious-and-spiritual U.S. adults to spend time “looking inward or centering” themselves: 78% of SBNRs say they do this at least a few times each month, as do 67% of adults who are both religious and spiritual.

And, although they don’t consider themselves religious or say religion is very important in their lives, **many SBNRs do claim a religious affiliation.** When asked about their present religion, 45% say they are affiliated with a religion – including 21% who identify as Protestant and 12% who identify as Catholic – while 54% say they are religiously unaffiliated (i.e., atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular”).

For more information on spiritual but not religious Americans, including their political leanings and their age, education, gender and other demographic characteristics, go to [Chapter 5](#).

1. Pew Research Center has asked about belief in heaven and hell on four previous occasions in American Trends Panel (ATP) surveys since 2017. The results have been fairly stable, hovering between 71% and 74% of U.S. adults who say they believe in heaven and 60% to 62% who say they believe in hell. Refer to the [Topline](#) for details. ↗
2. Several of our surveys have asked about reincarnation in a “Yes/No” format, most recently on the ATP in 2021, as well as in a 2009 telephone survey about mystical experiences. However, those surveys are not directly comparable with the 2023 survey of spirituality among Americans because of differences in question wording and/or methodology. ↗

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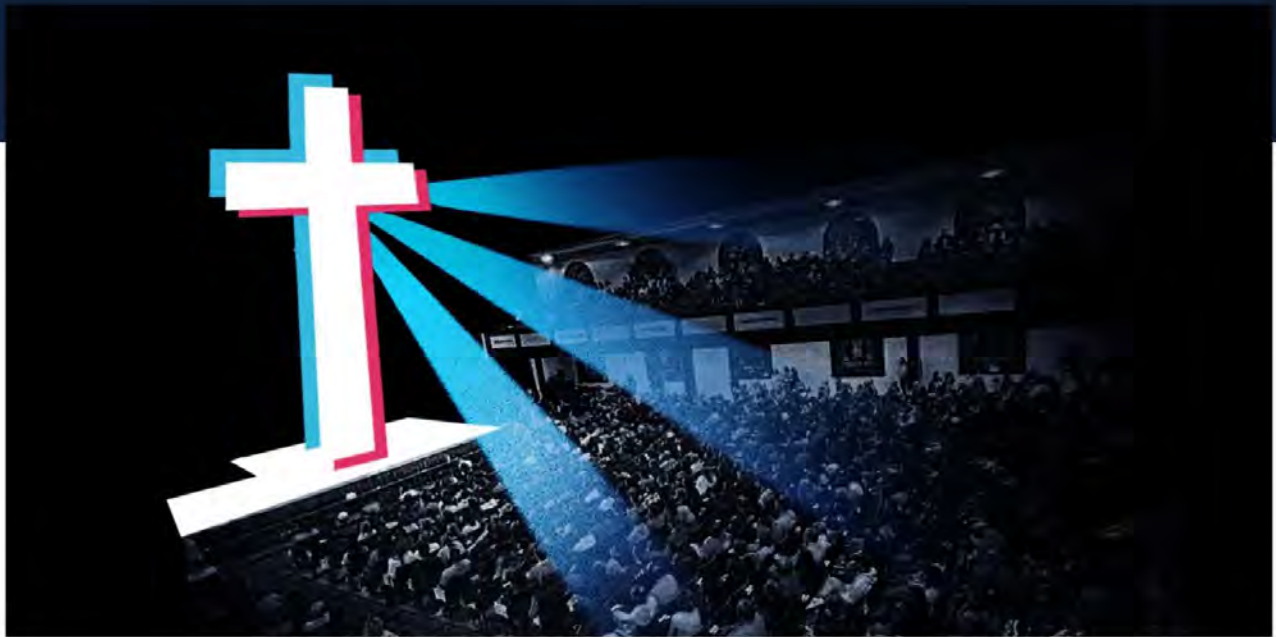
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A nonstop Kentucky prayer 'revival' is going viral on TikTok, and people are traveling thousands of miles to take part

The gathering has been going on for 24 hours a day at a small Christian college.



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By Jake Traylor

A Christian service at a college chapel in Kentucky has ballooned into a nonstop prayer and worship session that some are calling a "revival" – and people are traveling thousands of miles to take part in it after seeing viral videos on TikTok.

The growing event started as a routine chapel service at Asbury University, a small Christian college in Wilmore, Kentucky, according to university employees. At the tail-end of the meeting, a couple dozen lingering students assembled informally in a gathering that's been going now for seven days straight, 24 hours a day.

"The first day we had a very ordinary service, I would call it unremarkable," said university President Dr. Kevin Brown. Following a morning service on Feb. 8, a multicultural gospel choir sang on stage. Some students stuck around afterward, and by evening more and more had trickled into the sanctuary creating something special, said Brown.

"It has absolutely been social media that is the mechanism that people found out about this," said Mark Whitworth, Asbury University's vice president of communications.

The setup is simple. No projector screens or high-tech integrations, just wooden sanctuary chairs filled with people, and an open altar call with an invitation to prayer that still hasn't ended.

That equation has been a powerful recipe on social media.

On TikTok and Instagram, videos hashtagged "Asbury Revival" are

racking up millions of views. At the time this article was published, the hashtag #asburyrevival had 24.4 million views on TikTok.



“Students are hungry for Jesus,” Nick Hall writes on Instagram.
nickhallpulse / Instagram

The phrase “spiritual revival” can carry different meanings; in Christianity, they generally refer to a resurgence in interest in the church from believers and nonbelievers. Many attendees of the Asbury gathering say they were drawn by a spiritual presence they felt was at the event.

In the TikTok videos of the event, some people are seen crying to worship music, with hands extended high, while others group up and place hands on those seeking prayer. The response of many TikTokers has gone beyond the typical “like” or comment on the videos, which in some cases have stirred viewers to make the trek to Asbury for themselves.

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Tuesday night capped the largest crowd yet: 3,000 worshipers piled into the college chapel and four overflowed facilities throughout the college town. At least two-thirds of the attendants are from out of state, according to Brown.

Students and staff from 22 schools have visited so far, alongside groups from Hawaii to Massachusetts, university faculty said. Travelers from Singapore and Canada are expected to arrive soon, they added.

Although social media has served as a lightning rod for the event, Asbury faculty said they were cautious not to market or brand what was happening.

“The university made an intentional decision not to publicize this because we wanted to place an abundance of respect towards the experience of our students,” said Brown.

With the exception of the regular three hours of weekly livestream from the chapel, the videos seen online have all come from participants.



— Asbury University's revival.
Nick Hall / via Instagram

Historically, Christian revivals, like The Great Awakening, are marked by conversions and wildfire growth – a reason why – for now, at least – many are cautiously referring to Asbury as an outpouring, a gathering, or a nonstop worship meeting.

Nick Hall, an attendee who purchased a one-way plane ticket from Minneapolis when he saw a viral video on Instagram, emphasized that the gathering was

notably low-key for something that people are calling a “revival.”

“This is acoustic guitars, pianos and very noncharismatic speakers. This is as un-sensationalized as it could be,” he said.

And according to Hall, leading the charge in the sanctuary and on social media is the Gen Z generation.

“They’re the ones that started it, they’re the ones that sustained it, and they’re the ones that have been on the platform the whole time,” he said.

Many of the now thousands in attendance acted swiftly, embarking on the trip just a day or two after learning about the assembly on social media.

J.T. Reeves, a senior at Wheaton College in Illinois, said he first heard of the gathering from an Instagram video and shortly after made the 6 1/2-hour drive to Wilmore. He said he left without a plan.

“In chapel at Wheaton there was an encouragement to pay attention to a move of the Lord in Asbury,” said Reeves. Just hours later, Reeves was there in person.

As attendance swiftly rises, some students who joined the spiritual movement at Asbury over the past week have returned to their own schools, where separate worship and prayer gatherings have broken out. Students at Lee University in Tennessee started a nonstop prayer vigil Monday morning that is still ongoing, said Brian Conn, director of communications at Lee University. Other schools with similar reports include Anderson University in Indiana, Ohio Christian University near Columbus, and a handful of others.

Asbury University is no stranger to events like this, as 50 years ago a similar prayer and worship event took place across the campus.

Never, though, had a gathering of this sort lasted as long as this one, which also benefits from the colossal propagating force of social media.



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Commentary

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Youth Revival Continues Strong Year After Asbury: Over 50K Fill Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta

By Randy DeSoto January 9, 2024 at 7:49pm

Another indication a revival is happening among America’s youth took place at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta this month when more than 50,000 gathered to worship God.

The Passion 2024 conference was hosted by Atlanta’s Passion City Church, whose lead pastor is Louie Giglio.


“I think we’re definitely in a season of awakening. The Holy Spirit is stirring right now,” Giglio said in a video posted ahead of the event, which took place Jan. 3-5.

“If 50,000 students are going to come so that they can worship God and offer their lives to him, there’s an awakening happening in our generation,” he said.

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The Atlanta-Journal Constitution reported that Passion 2024 — for 18- to 25-year-olds — was sold out.

Giglio and his wife, Shelley, hosted the first Passion conference in 1997.

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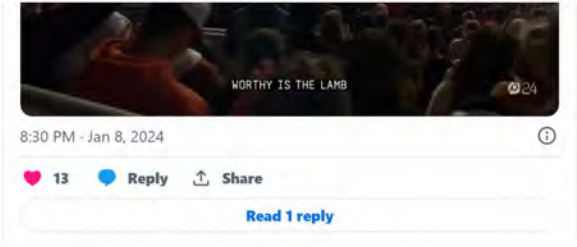
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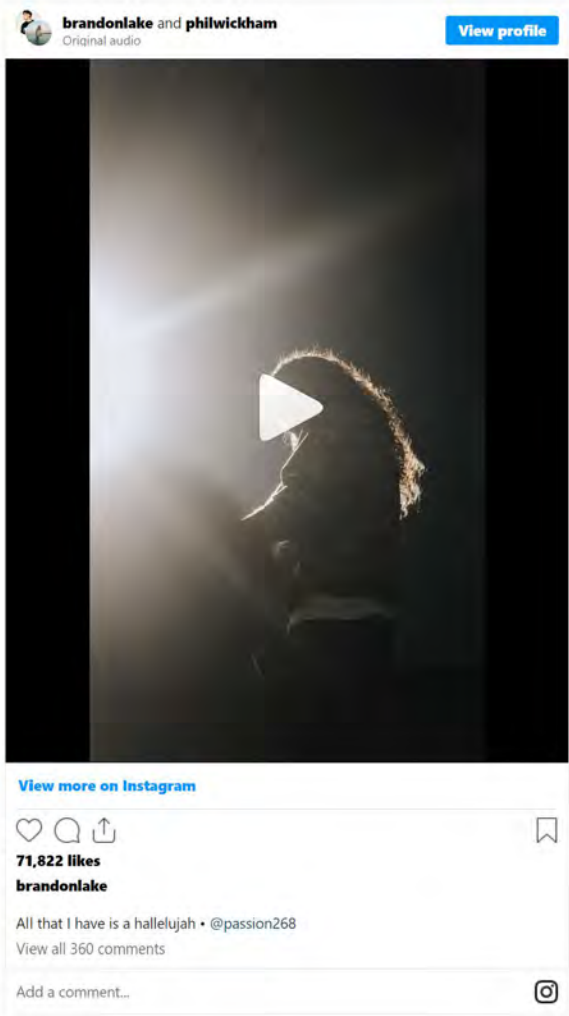
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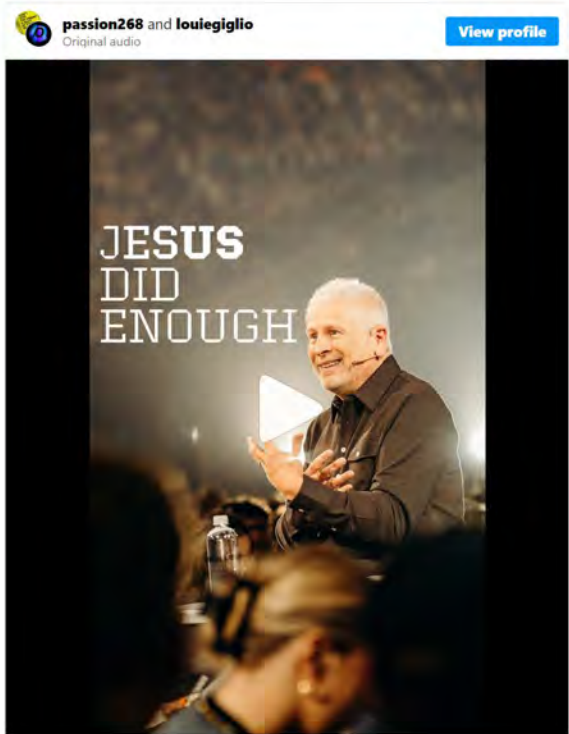
In addition to Giglio, featured speakers included “Duck Dynasty” star and social media influencer [Sadie Robertson Huff](#), Pastor Jonathan Pokluda and Pastor Levi Lusko, [CBN News](#) reported.

Further headlining the conference were worship music leaders Brandon Lake, Kari Jobe, Phil Wickam and Kristian Stanfill, among others.



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“Nothing you can do will ever be enough to get you to holy, holy, holy. Jesus did enough to bring you from death to life and into a relationship with a Holy God. It is not a system. It is a Savior,” Giglio told conference attendees.



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Robertson Huff reminded attendees that it’s actually in the tough times that God often manifests himself on their behalf the most.

“It’s not when things are good, perfect that proves that God is real. It’s normally in the hardships that the evidence of his faithfulness becomes so real to you,” the 26-year-old said.

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Last February, a spontaneous revival broke out at [Asbury University](#) in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Tens of thousands traveled to the Methodist college to experience God during a chapel service that [went 24 hours a day](#) for nearly two straight weeks.

Since that time, mass church meetings have occurred on other university campuses.

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A revival is happening tonight in Auburn. People are getting baptized at Red Barn with hundreds of people cheering them on. The baptisms started following an event at Neville arena tonight called Unite.

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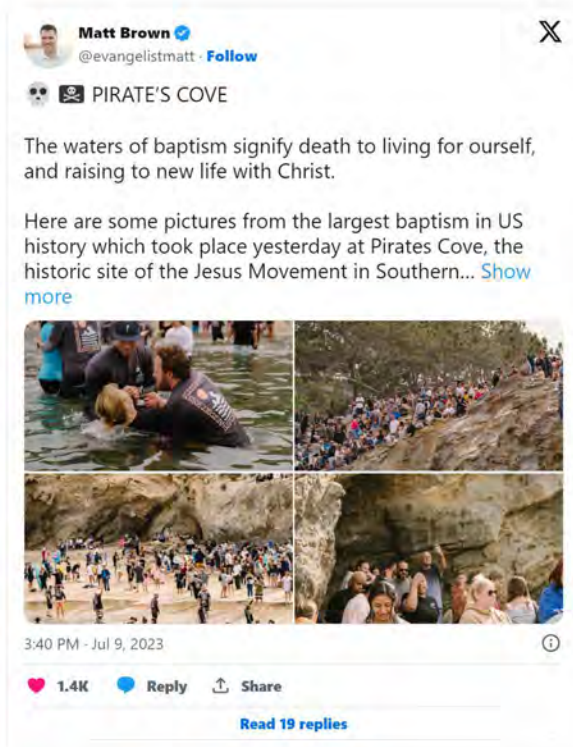
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Michael Maiden, lead pastor of Church for the Nations in Phoenix, likened what's happening now spiritually in the country to popping popcorn.

“Whenever you start popcorn or start heating it, nothing happens. Then all of a sudden a kernel pops, then another one, then a bunch. It’s like a multiplying factor takes over, and before you know it the whole bag is ready to be eaten,” he recently told [The Western Journal](#).

“I see the first kernels of revival happening — the popping,” Maiden said, also pointing to Asbury and what’s happening on other [college campuses](#).

“There are measurable signs in the culture,” he added. “Not of a broad, complete revival, but the beginning kernels popping or ... the first waves of something good happening.



“So I’ve 1,000 percent confidence that the greatest spiritual awakening in our country’s history is in its beginning stage and these next years we’re going to see it,” Maiden said.

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