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Sean Feucht Says It's Time to 'Press in For Revival'

Sean Feucht says it's time to press in for revival in America. And he means right now.

Doing his part amidst pockets of revival like at Asbury University that is sweeping the nation, Feucht and his Let Us Worship team will kick off its Kingdom to the Capitol Tour in Washington, D.C., beginning on Thursday, March 2 and ending with a live stream worship service on March 7 inside the U.S. Capitol building.

☒ The event coincides with the Global Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3. Charlie Kirk and TPUSA Faith is partnering with Let Us Worship for what Feucht calls his ministry's "most ambitious and historic revival tour yet" where they will visit every single state capitol in America this year.

"Please join us in powerful worship and prayer, and hear the bold call for the church to rise for this historic moment we were literally born for. We believe this is a season for revival for our nation, and we want you to be a part of it."

Text "SEAN" to 20221 to join the list of those who will be praying with Feucht. {eoa}

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SBC Removes Saddleback Church Affiliation over Female Pastor

The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention removed Saddleback Church from SBC affiliation on Feb. 21 over the church's decision to hire a female pastor. Saddleback, which was started by Rick Warren and his wife, Kay, is one of the biggest churches in the convention with plants in California and internationally.

The decision concluded that the church was in violation of a core tenet of the SBC's values. After Warren retired, Andy Wood and his wife, Stacie, took over with Andy as the lead pastor. However, because of Stacie's role as a "teaching pastor," the church was found to be "not in friendly cooperation" with the necessary credentials for ministry under the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Baptist Press.

Section six of the SBC's Baptism and Faith Message discusses the role of the church, which reads: "While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture."

This is not the first time that Saddleback has found themselves in the hot seat with the SBC as Warren himself ordained other females to become pastors back in 2021, as reported by Charisma News. It was Warren himself who had the idea to ordain three female pastors after months of discussion with Saddleback's elders.

The rocky relationship between Saddleback Church and the SBC continued when Andy and Stacie first took over as leaders of

the church, with no intention of Stacie having a small role.

“The church should be a place where both men and women can exercise those spiritual gifts,” Wood said. “My wife has the spiritual gift of teaching and she is really good. People often tell me she’s better than me when it comes to preaching, and I’m really glad to hear that.”

As the AP noted, Saddleback’s elders released a statement which read: “We love and have always valued our relationship with the SBC and its faithful churches. We will engage and respond through the proper channels at the appropriate time in hopes to serve other like-minded Bible believing SBC churches. Meanwhile, we remain focused on following God’s leadership to love and serve our church family and the communities around our campuses.”

Warren took to social media to give a quick update to his followers.

“Friends worldwide,” Warren wrote on Facebook, “I’m so touched by your love! Kay & I love you back! We’ll respond to #SBC in OUR time & way thru direct channels.”

During his final message as lead pastor of Saddleback Church, Warren encouraged his congregation about the coming changes.

“Whatever project you’re starting, begin with the end in mind. That’s called being purpose driven. You know your purpose in advance. And we knew from the very beginning what kind of church this was going to be,” Warren said.

It is currently unclear if Saddleback will make an appeal to the SBC about their decision. Four other churches were also found to be uncooperative for having female pastors in Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi and Kentucky.

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As Asbury Ends, Every College in America Prayed for on Collegiate Day of Prayer

The spark of spiritual renewal that the Asbury revival caused has sent a wave across the nation. The last revival service was held on Asbury University's campus on Feb. 23, the same day as the Collegiate Day of Prayer. And for the first time ever, every college campus in America had someone committed to praying over it before the event started.

"For the first time in CDOP history, every college campus has been adopted in prayer BEFORE the appointed day," the collegiate day of prayer website stated. "Even though every campus has been adopted, we want to saturate every single campus in America with prayer. We want to see this generation raised up in revival and awakening."

All 4,196 colleges had been "adopted" for prayer with over 6,000 participants who were willing to stand in the gap for the students on each campus.

There truly is something unique that is happening as thousands of young adults have been coming to the feet of Jesus and casting away their burdens for a new life with the risen King all across America.

During the final night of the Asbury revival, students shared their testimonies of how their lives have been changed during

the revival.

Senior and gospel choir member Nina Marla has been part of the movement since it first took off during the chapel service on Feb. 8.

“I was a part of the gospel choir and we were just feeling led by the Spirit to just continue in song and worship and prayer,” Marla said. “And it kind of felt like 10 minutes but then three hours later I just felt the Spirit to tell me to just look around and the same 20 students just decided to just ask the Holy Spirit what was happening and what I needed to be interceding for. And so I just heard Him say that first, ‘Just pray for your peers to be obedient to stay and come, and just spread the word.’ And the second wave was just to ask for forgiveness for the things that we’ve done against each other. And also just grudges we had against each other and toward the institution. And then the third one, the third wave was just joy. And confession. From confession comes joy.”

Marla explained that as students started to pour in during the fourth hour of the first day of revival, there was excitement and joy from the freedom that Christ was providing for them. Another student shared how she was finally set free from the depression and anxiety that had plagued her entire life during the revival.

“For over half of my life my identity has resided in my depression and in my anxiety,” the student shared. “For the first time in my life I actually left all of that at the feet of Jesus.”

She shared how afterward for four days she experienced no anxiety or depression, and when those things did return to her, they had no power to be the controller over her life.

“My identity comes first from Christ, and my daughtership in Him,” the Asbury student shared. Two things in particular were shown to her through the revival: how great and holy God is

over every situation, and knowing that she belongs to Christ.

“My God is bigger than I thought He was because my God is bigger than my depression, and my God is bigger than my anxiety, and my story can be your story because God died on the cross for anxiety and depression to set us free. He walked out of the grave and you can too because I did,” the student shared.

The power of the testimonies, prayers and praise that came out of Asbury are stretching across the nation, and the hope for the next generation has been ignited. This generation has not been lost but redeemed. God is still a miracle-working God who is in the business of transforming hearts and lives all around us. He paid for all the troubles, all the worries and all the sins of this generation. What’s even better, the young are realizing everything He’s done for them as they are coming in spirit and in truth to Him.

Joel 2:28 (MEV) clearly states: “And it will be that, afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. Even on the menservants and maidservants in those days I will pour out My Spirit.”

How incredible and glorious the Lord is. The Asbury revival seems to be the beginning of this great outpouring in this generation to see and know that the works of the Lord are magnificent and He alone is worthy. We can only now see what God will do next through colleges across the nation as He answers the prayers of the righteous for an outburst of His Spirit.

To watch the final Asbury revival, [click here](#).

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Ray Comfort: 'The Fear of the Lord Is Good'

One of the driving factors in America's sharp turn away from the tenets of God is a lack of "fear" when it comes to their relationship with the Lord.

Charisma News sat down with Evangelist Ray Comfort, founder of Living Water Publications and The Way of the Master ministries, to discuss why some Christians have a heart issue when it comes to the Father.

"Well, one of the major things is the lack of fear of God," Comfort explained. "The Bible says of Jesus, He was heard in that He feared. You bring up the fear of God, that's probably the most politically incorrect thing you can say within the contemporary church! 'Fear God? We're talking about God's love. We shouldn't fear Him.'

"But that's only said out of ignorance of what the Scriptures say," he continued. "[The] Bible says the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Through the fear of the Lord, men depart from evil. You'll not depart from evil if you don't fear God, because we love sin."

He isn't saying to view Him as some kind of boogeyman who is out to get people, but referring to the archaic version of the word fear, meaning, "to show reverence" to the Lord and His power. Other words used in this fashion include: wonder; amazement; awe and respect. But also maintaining a respect for the awesome power God has over one's soul.

If one fears the Lord, this will produce obedience and humility to the will of the Lord over one's own desires of the flesh.

Because it's not the flesh that Jesus warned humanity about, but their souls and the grave dangers that come with not fearing the Lord.

"Jesus said, 'Fear not him who has power to kill your body and afterward do no more, but fear Him who has power to kill your body and cast your soul into hell,' (Matt. 10:28). We take that Bible verse for granted," Comfort says.

"That's more than a reverential fear. That's a fear of what God can do to me if I anger Him, and that is good for me. You know what that does? That stops me [from] looking at the pleasure of pornography, that stops me listening to gossip and things like that. Because I know the eye of the Lord is every place beholding the evil and the good, so that fear is good," Comfort continued.

When that fear, that respect for the awesome power of God is within a person's heart, it is humbling. That humility leads to the acceptance of needing salvation through Jesus Christ, otherwise, that person is going to find they are on the wrong side of the Lord's judgement.

The only way to avoid that is to have their name written in the Lamb's book of life.

"God can legally take the death sentence off us, upon our repentance and faith in Jesus. The second you come to Christ and say 'God, I've sinned against You, I put my trust in Jesus as my Savior and as my sin bearer' God will clothe you in righteousness," Comfort concludes.

"You'll have knowledge that you're at peace with God, and the gift of everlasting life. And there's nothing more precious than that... And when you trust in Jesus, you've got assurance

of salvation. And as I said, there's nothing more precious."
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'Unholy Alliances' Form to Make Bible Prophecy a Coming Reality

End-times expert Michael Snyder says it's like "watching a really bad Hollywood disaster movie slowly play out."

Only this time, he says, billions of people could end up dead.

On his popular website, "The Economic Collapse Blog," Snyder recently said that, "thanks to the endless bumbling of the Biden administration, Russia and China have been pushed into each other's arms" and seem determine to confront the western powers together.

And why is that alarming for those of us in the West?

Snyder wants to remind those "who have not been paying attention" that the apocalyptic "Unholy Alliances" that we have been anticipating for years have now been formed, much like we see in Ezekiel 38 and 39.

Snyder says that it's going to be the U.S. and Europe on one side, and Russia and China—among others—on the other. If you remember last summer, leaders of Russia, Iran and Turkey met together for the first time during a historic summit.

Snyder says that “all of the marbles are at stake, and both side have plenty of nuclear weapons.”

Last week, China’s top diplomat, Wang Yi, after meeting with Russia’s Security Council Secretary Nikolay Patrushev, publicly declared to the Russian News Agency Tass that his country is “ready to join forces with the Russian side.”

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that plans are being made for Chinese leader Xi Jinping to travel to Moscow for a high level summit with Vladimir Putin:

“Chinese leader Xi Jinping is preparing to visit Moscow for a summit with Russia’s president in the coming months, according to people familiar with the plan, as Vladimir Putin wages war in Ukraine and portrays himself as a standard-bearer against a global order.”

Meanwhile, the Chinese have condemned the United States’ involvement in the war in Ukraine and are now calling for the U.N. to investigate the destruction of the Nord Stream pipelines.

They know that we did it, Snyder says, and “Biden Administration officials can lie until they are blue in the face, but the gig is up.”

“U.S. relations with China have been steadily deteriorating for quite some time, but the Biden administration seems absolutely determined to make them even worse,” Snyder says.

One need look no further than how the whole “Chinese spy balloon” incident was handled.

“The Chinese are not going to forgive, and they are definitely not going to forget,” Snyder says.

With Russia and China becoming “best buddies,” that does not bode well for the rest of the world—except those who decide to join those two countries to form an even unholy alliance.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned China last week that supporting Russia in its war on Ukraine “would bring a world war.”

Snyder says “there will be a war, and the alliances have already been formed.”

Many of America’s leaders are horrified that Russia and China are getting close. Sen. Lindsay Graham said recently that China would make a “colossal blunder” of it decides to give aid to Russia for its war in Ukraine.

“If you jump on the Putin train, you’re dumber than dirt,” the South Carolina Republican said of China in an interview with Martha Raddatz on ABC’s “This Week.” “It would be like buying a ticket on the Titanic after you saw the movie.”

Meanwhile, former President Donald Trump publicly warned recently that “World War III has never been closer than it is right now.”

☒ “Trump was right on target with that statement,” Snyder says. “In my entire lifetime, the United States has never been closer to an apocalyptic war than it is right now. It appears that we could end up fighting Russia and China at the same time, and that sort of a nightmare scenario will not be good for any of us.”

With one notable exception—believers in Jesus Christ. We know that the Apocalypse is coming, and we know that it’s inevitable.

But guess what? We know who wins in the end, and we need not fear the reality of World War III. If you’re not a believer in Jesus Christ, it might be a good time to re-evaluate that stance. {eoa}

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Barry Meguiar's Urgent Message to American Pastors

There is something spiritual happening deep within the culture of America today. Despite the blatantly demonic performance at the Grammys and pagan statues enshrined in New York City, there is an awakening taking place in the hearts of everyday Americans.

Many Christians never share their faith because they think it's hard work. Many are under the impression that unless you partake in elaborate schooling, you're not really qualified. Well, there's good news. Barry Meguiar, the founder of Meguiar's Car Wax, has been an outspoken Christian for many years and he's demystifying the process of sharing your faith with others.

"There's no greater high, there's nothing more addictive. Once you start doing it, you're off and running," Meguiar says enthusiastically.

✘ In his new book "Ignite Your Life," Meguiar shares just how easy it is to witness for Jesus. I interviewed him for my "Strang Report" podcast to give you some practical tips to implement in your everyday life.

The Bible tells all of us to go into the world and preach the gospel. There is a world of people out there that don't know Jesus and look at everything going on in the news with fear and despair. Amid that crisis, only 1% of Christians tell others about their faith. "That's the problem," Meguiar says.

Thankfully what has happened at the Asbury University revival and the new movie "Jesus Revolution" is blowing up across

social media. "Jesus Revolution" hit number three at the box office on its opening weekend.

"It would appear there's a sovereign move of the Holy Spirit across America and around the world. I saw one survey by Pew Research said 40% of Americans now believe we're in the last days," Meguiar says. If 40% of Americans believe we are in the last days they are certainly more open to hearing about eternal life.

Meguiar has been sharing his faith for 50 years and says it's getting easier to share with people now than ever before. People are open to the gospel.

Mark 13:11 says, " But when they arrest you and hand you over, take no thought beforehand, or premeditate what you should speak. But speak whatever is given you in that time, for it is not you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit."

You don't have to have a theology degree to be able to share the gospel. It is the Holy Spirit who speaks through you.

Not only does the world need to hear the gospel, but you also need to share the gospel to strengthen your own faith. Isaiah 43:10 says, "You are My witnesses, says the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me."

"Ignite Your Life" has a message directly for pastors as well. "You're robbing your people. You wonder why they're not growing, you've really crippled them by not telling them the one thing they're supposed to do more than any other, share their faith and be salt and light," Meguiar says.

Meguiar's grandfather wasn't a chemist, but he trusted in the Lord. In 1901 the Lord gave him a formula that we now know as Meguiar's wax. All of us should believe in God for those kinds of miracles in our own lives.

There have also been moments in Meguiar's life where he almost lost his company, had deaths in the family and had other hardships. In the midst of life's greatest challenges, he's learned to have joy in the Lord in all things.

"Nothing bad can happen to me unless God wants it to happen to me. He allows bad to come into my life, it's not really bad, it's good. He's going to use it for good. So we've stopped saying 'God get us out of this mess,' we thank God when it comes," he says.

Learn how to share your faith boldly with those around you and face life's hardest moments with an innate trust in God, that He will be by your side directing your steps because that is His promise.

Tune in to the rest of the podcast with Barry Meguiar for a time of powerful prayer. {eoa}



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School Librarian Invokes Holy Bible to Defend Porn

An Alaskan school librarian has privately defended a pornographic book available to the district's children and used the Bible as a defense for those materials.

Fox News Digital reported that Rachel Gregory, in an email to Anchorage school principal Carol Bartholomew, said it was a "slippery slope" to ban the book after school officials received pushback about it in Oct. 22. Fox News Digital obtained internal documents after a local parent, Jay McDonald, filed a public record request.

Gregory compared the book previously circulated within the district and titled "This Book is Gay," to the Holy Bible.

Gregory said in her email to Bartholomew, "I am reading it (the pornographic book) now—it is graphic and blunt in a cartoony, keep it light way—but there is a tremendous amount of good information. ... The reading level is 14+ and the author constantly discussing safety, safety, safety. On another note—I have the Bible on the shelf, 12 verses refer to Sodomy and sexual behavior, selling your daughter into slavery. This is such a slippery slope. Let me know what else you need. I fear it will be pulled off the shelves in our ASD libraries."

There are many verses in the Bible that speak of sodomy and of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. They speak of the subject, but many of them also reveal God's feelings on sodomy, including 2 Peter 2:6-10:

"... and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, making them an example to those afterward who would live ungodly lives; and if He delivered righteous Lot, who was distressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man lived among

them, and what he saw and heard of their lawless deeds tormented his righteous soul day after day); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the Day of Judgment, especially those who walk after the flesh in pursuit of unclean desires, and despise authority.”

The book, written by Juno Dawson, labels pornography as “fine and fun” and lists a porn star as an “inspiration.” It is a “bestselling young adult non-fiction book,” according to Amazon.

“It’s not about one book or two books or 10 books. It’s a much larger push,” one concerned local parent told Fox News Digital. “They are pushing critical gender theory on kids beginning in elementary school to get what they call ‘gender creative.’ They are transitioning them to public schools. They are doing it without prior notification or consent from the parents. In some cases, they never tell the parents.

“So, I’m encouraging parents that, if you’re not able to homeschool them, please sit down with your kids and talk to them about what they hear in school. My daughter, we pulled her out of public school in first grade. By that time, they had already been talking to the students about the gender stuff. It sounds innocuous, but if you’re going to elementary school kids and you’re telling them that there is no such thing as gender, well, adults have a hard time processing that idea. It’s very confusing to their little minds. I’m glad we got her out of school when we did.”

“This Book is Gay” also recommends a casual app for digital devices called Grindr, which is meant for those 18 and over. However, Fox News Digital reported that Grindr’s age verification process is “flimsy.” According to an article written in a California law journal, Grindr “facilitates inadvertent illicit activity among its adult users.

❌ “As a result of its flimsy age verification process and its indiscriminate marketing, Grindr poses risks to both minors and adults. Minors who sign up for the app risk encountering predatory behavior, while adult users risk inadvertently engaging in criminal activity,” wrote Julie Kvedar in the Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal in 2020. “In creating a Grindr profile, users may encounter just a single notification that the app is for adults only: the requirement of entering one’s birthdate.”

Fox News Digital previously reported that a California school district recently purchased a book called “Let’s Talk About it.” The book unpacked “kinks, fantasies and porn.”

“There’s nothing wrong with enjoying some porn, it’s a fun sugary treat,” the book said. “When consumed right, porn can help you discover new aspects of your sexuality. A great place to research fantasies and kinks safely is on the internet,” the book said. “There’s tons of people and communities out there who share your interests and have all kinds of advice.”
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Famous Lexington Arena Becomes New Site for Asbury Revival Services

Christian evangelist Nick Hall provided a space over the weekend for the Asbury revival to continue after Asbury

University shut it down.

There was plenty of space at the Rupp Arena in downtown Lexington, Kentucky, located about 30 minutes from Asbury in Wilmore. And while hundreds showed up for the last-minute, low-key, free-flowing event, the revival meeting did not gain enough publicity beforehand to fill the massive arena.


Hall told WTVQ-TV he received numerous messages from people wanting to see the Awakening continue in Lexington, so he was able to get the arena.

“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 had said.

Asbury’s president had said options would be opened up in the central Kentucky area after he closed down the revival. But then potential sites were never announced. That’s when Hall said he simply wanted to provide a space for God to keep moving, according to .

Hall told the outlet he attended the revival at Asbury and “God really worked at my heart.” What caught his attention almost immediately was the authenticity of the event.

“It changed me forever,” he said.

 Greg Gordon, the founder of , noted on social media some of the testimonies from Rupp Arena on Sunday, including the thought, “Could this be the Great Awakening?”

“Some testimonies tonight from the Rupp Arena meeting: ‘The Lord is preparing us to go home / This is the great rehearsal.’ – Lee University Student. ‘He’s coming soon!!’–Nick Hall. ‘How close are you really to me? God is not even done with this move of God.’–Student,” he tweeted.

Gordon added, “I personally was struck with the thought, could

this be the beginning of a great awakening the Lord is sending to prepare His Bride for His soon coming and for the ingathering of the final harvest.”

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