

Portland Sees Largest Christian Revival in Decades as Thousands Respond to the Gospel

In a city long known for its secularism, the largest Christian revival event in decades drew tens of thousands to the Moda Center earlier this month.

The PDX Crusade, hosted by Athey Creek Church in partnership with other local congregations, welcomed an estimated 35,000 people to the two-night gathering on Aug. 2–3. Popular Christian artists including Chris Tomlin, Zach Williams, CAIN, TAYA, Anne Wilson, Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes led worship, while senior pastor Brett Meador preached the Gospel each evening. More than 3,200 people came forward during altar calls, with volunteers distributing Bibles and connecting new believers to local churches.

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The event marked one of the most significant evangelical gatherings Portland has seen in decades, as reported by Fox News. It follows a 2020 outdoor worship protest that drew 4,000–7,000 attendees and recalls the late evangelist Luis Palau's 1999 festival, which reached over 90,000 people.

Many who attended the PDX Crusade expressed amazement at the turnout and the hunger for faith in a city often seen as resistant to it. "I'm really excited about it," Portland resident Laura Lybrand told Oregon Public Broadcasting while waiting in line. "I haven't seen anything like this in a long, long time."



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From the stage, Meador addressed the city's visible challenges with homelessness, crime and spiritual emptiness. "Why is there so much darkness here? I believe it's because we have often pushed Jesus – the real light of the world – out," he told the crowd. In a sermon last month, he had criticized Portland's "stupidity, wokeness and failure" after the Oregon House of Representatives hosted a drag performance to celebrate Pride Month.

According to the Pew Research Center, the Portland–Vancouver metro area is the only one among the nation's 34 largest where the religiously unaffiliated outnumber Christians, 44% to 42%. Meador, who moved to Portland in 1996 because it was considered the most irreligious city in America, believes that makes it ripe for revival. "I believe the Lord's doing a great work in Portland, and it's evident here tonight," he said. "But we have more work to do and that's why it's important for us to declare that He is the light of the world."

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Some attendees said they sensed something deeper happening in the Pacific Northwest. "I've just seen a number of different people over these last few months and years that are moving from different areas to the [Willamette] Valley, because they feel like there's some sort of revival taking place," Brandon Porter of Newberg told OPB. "They feel like God's called them here."

Athey Creek Executive Pastor Rick Anderson said the leadership is now considering making the PDX Crusade an annual event. "If the city of Portland reflects back and recognizes that this was a catalyst for reviving the church... and really bringing

the love of Jesus to a lost and desperate world, we're going to consider that a success," Anderson said.

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In a time when America faces deep cultural and moral decay, these massive gatherings of believers signal a renewed desire for spiritual awakening, the kind of revival that can transform cities, restore hope and turn hearts back to God.

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Parents Stunned by Hidden Procedures as Trump Strikes Back Against Failing Schools

Virginia School Abortion Scandal Shows Why Parents Must Take Back Control

Fairfax County, Virginia, is under fire after allegations that staff at Centreville High School arranged and paid for abortions for two students without notifying their parents.

"We learned yesterday of these concerning allegations from 2021," Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) told WJLA-TV in a statement. "We are launching an immediate and comprehensive investigation as we take all concerns of student wellbeing very seriously."

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One student wrote, “(The teacher) scheduled the appointment for me at the abortion clinic in Fairfax, paid the cost of that medical procedure, and kept everything quiet without informing my family. I feared my family would react very badly if they found out about my pregnancy and the abortion.”

The second student reported that she was told she “had no other choice.” Both letters alleged the school’s principal at the time knew about the abortions and paid for them.

Teacher Zenaida Perez told WC Dispatch the student “ran from the clinic” and confided in her afterward. In a recorded interview with the outlet, the family confirmed they were not informed about the intent to terminate the pregnancy.

“I want to stress that at no time, would the situation as described in these allegations be acceptable in Fairfax County Public Schools,” Superintendent Michelle Reid wrote in a letter to the Centreville High School community. “We all have serious questions about these allegations that must be answered. We all deserve to know what happened.”



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Pro-life group 40 Days for Life wrote on X, “A Fairfax high school secretly arranged and paid for student abortions—without telling parents. This isn’t ‘healthcare.’ It’s state-funded child exploitation. Every official involved must be held accountable.”

Karen Hamilton, Republican nominee for the Virginia House of Delegates, said, “This is extremely troubling!! Also, if democrats pass their abortion amendment, parents will be cut out of situations like this. Your kid can’t take Tylenol at school without your permission, but your daughter could undergo a dangerous surgical procedure without your knowledge.”

Penny Nance, CEO and president of Concerned Women for America, stated, "This is absolutely outrageous if this is true and a complete affront to parental rights." She urged Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares to investigate.

Trump's School Choice Law Strikes Back at a Broken System

On Independence Day, President Donald Trump signed "the most consequential federal school choice legislation in our nation's history," declaring "educational freedom as a new right for students and families across America," according to an opinion piece by Sen. Bill Cassidy, Sen. Tim Scott, Sen. Ted Cruz, and former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos published by Fox News.

"It was long past time for Washington to act – and we did so decisively," the authors wrote. "Giving parents the ability to choose the school that best meets their child's individual needs is about more than just test scores – it's about giving every child a real shot at success."

The measure, part of the One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act, establishes "the first-of-its-kind tax credit scholarship program for all types of educational settings." Beginning in 2027, "individuals will receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to \$1,700 per year for donations to educational nonprofits that fund K-12 scholarships for low- and middle-income students."

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"Eligible scholarships can cover tuition, books, tutoring, transportation, uniforms, special needs services and educational technology," the authors explained, adding that "parents and students will receive these scholarships tax-

free.”

“Tens of billions of dollars for scholarships will be made available to K-12 students all across America,” they wrote. “Millions of families will now be able to send their children to a school that aligns with their values and beliefs. Parents will be able to reclaim control of their children’s education.”

“Sadly, every single Democrat in Congress voted against the most important civil rights legislation of the 21st century,” the authors said. “But President Trump and the Republican Congress delivered.”

A Moral and Cultural Turning Point

“The right education can change the course of a child’s life. We know this. Our Founding Fathers knew this. And now, every child in America has the right to access an excellent education – regardless of race, income, or zip code,” the authors wrote.

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The Fairfax County allegations serve as a haunting reminder of what’s at stake when parents are excluded from life-changing decisions about their children. Trump’s school choice law represents a direct answer to that problem, empowering families, protecting children and ensuring parents, not union bosses or unaccountable administrators, have the final say in their children’s education.

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Are Underground Bases Part of Revelation's End-Times Scenario?

A mysterious interstellar object dubbed 3I/ATLAS has triggered high-level warnings from Harvard astrophysicist Avi Loeb, renewed caution from NASA and a biblical response from evangelist Perry Stone.

Scientific Alarm: Exact Dates and Object Overview

According to the Daily Mail, Loeb has been observing 3I/ATLAS since its discovery on July 1. He cautions that, if the object is alien in nature, it could arrive near Earth between Nov. 21 and Dec. 5, 2025, a timeline he proposes under the premise of it being an "intercept vehicle" or even a weapon. The period during which it passes behind the sun in October would be strategically ideal for preparation of such an attack.

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Key details about the object:

- **Name and discovery:** 3I/ATLAS, first observed on July 1.
- **Possible arrival window:** Between Nov. 21 and Dec. 5, 2025.
- **Trajectory:** Retrograde orbit that aligns unusually closely with Earth's orbital plane, naturally improbable, about a 0.2% likelihood.

- **Physical description:** Approximately 12 miles (19 kilometers) wide, very large for an interstellar object.
- **Potential consequences:** If hostile, or even natural, it could crash stock markets, erode public trust and generate panic akin to a military surprise operation.
- **Speed:** Moving at nearly 60 miles per second, too fast for current rockets to intercept.
- **Scientific proposals:** Loeb has authored three pre-print papers and suggested intercept via NASA's **Juno spacecraft near Jupiter.**
- **Risk scale concept:** He proposes a scale from 0 ("natural comet") to 10 ("verified technological object") and urges governments to form interdisciplinary task forces to prepare and inform the public responsibly.

Spiritual Lens: Biblical Insight and Discernment

In contrast, evangelist Perry Stone offers a spiritually framed interpretation of such cosmic events. He grounds the discussion in biblical cosmology and prophetic awareness, urging caution against sensationalism.



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Biblical Perspective on 'Aliens'

Stone states, "they weren't aliens. They were fallen angels

that came to the earth.” He asserts that what is often framed as extraterrestrial phenomena actually stems from spiritual entities, referencing biblical passages such as Genesis 6, 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude.

The Nature of the Spiritual Realm

He emphasizes that “there are angels, principalities and powers and demonic spirits that are a part of the cosmos,” adding, “they’re on such a higher dimension that it takes the veil from our eyes being removed in order to actually see them.” He reflects that human encounters with such beings, akin to biblical descriptions, have provoked fear and collapse.

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Critical Media and Academic Discernment

Stone strongly warns against speculative sensationalism: “You have to be careful with YouTubers ... they give opinions and speculation ... and they say those opinions as though they’re facts.” He urges reliance on credible sources: “There are a couple people ... with PhD degrees in astronomy ... that’s the kind of folks you want to try to keep up with ... and not just somebody coming on trying to be a content creator ... for them to tell you something.” His posture blends spiritual caution with demand for informed, academic grounding.

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Signs, Technology and Prophecy

Stone connects the detection of interstellar objects to prophecy: “we were never able to understand these type of rock

... until the modern invention of the technology that we have today. And that's ... these are things that Christ said were going to happen. Signs in the sun and the moon and the stars." He sees technological advances as foreseen and prophetic, aligning with the biblical mention of "fearful signs in the heavens."

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Country Star Gives Glory to Jesus After Hitting Music Milestone

Country artist Anne Wilson is giving all the credit to her faith after reaching a major career milestone, surpassing 2 billion streams across platforms and earning a gold plaque for her single "Sunday Sermons."

"I'm just in awe... two billion streams and 'Sunday Sermons' is now RIAA Certified Gold. All glory to Jesus," Wilson said in a statement. "When I started this journey, I never imagined the songs that He gave me would reach that many people. There are songs that have deeply impacted my life and who I am today, and it just blows my mind that God has used some of my music to do the same for others. This is only a story that HE could've written. Thank you, Jesus."

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The song is part of her latest project, God Story, an EP that she said is "rooted in my story, in God's faithfulness, and in

the hope He gives us in every moment.”

Wilson also shared her heart for ministry through music on Instagram, writing, “These new songs on my ‘God Story’ EP are straight from my heart, every lyric, every melody is a part of the story God’s been writing in my life. I pray they remind you of His goodness through it all.”

From devastating earthquakes to rare volcanic chains, the Earth’s activity has been making headlines around the globe. For many, these events are cause for fear, but for Christians, they serve as a reminder that the Bible’s prophetic words are not only alive but unfolding in real time.

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Are We Living in the Beginning of Sorrows?

Author and researcher Josh Peck sees a clear

connection between the recent seismic activity and Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 24:4-8. "It says, 'There'll be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows,'" Peck said. "The question is... are we living in the beginnings of sorrows? Have we been in the beginning of sorrows for a while now?"

Citing the magnitude 8.8 earthquake that struck off the coast of Russia on July 29, the largest in the world since 2011, Peck pointed out its unprecedented effects. "Seven volcanoes erupted all at once because of this," he said, noting that the phenomenon hadn't happened in the region for nearly 300 years. Scientists even confirmed that three of the volcanoes had been dormant before

the quake.



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He also pointed to a series of earthquakes in New Jersey and New York, including two within days of each other and a cluster of six minor quakes just weeks earlier. "Everywhere is susceptible," Peck explained. "Even if not enormous, it's still a reminder that the East Coast is not immune to these natural occurrences."

Science Meets Prophecy

Peck highlighted scientific discoveries, such as the Northern Appalachian Anomaly, a massive, slow-moving "blob" of molten rock beneath the eastern United States, but

reminded viewers that, while researchers analyze the data, Scripture already warned of such global instability.

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“The increased frequency of these things reminds me of the birth pangs of prophecy,” Peck said. “It starts off small... a little bigger, a little faster, until it just blows up.”

A Reason to Rejoice

According to Peck, the takeaway isn't fear, it's faith. “These kinds of things have been prophesied,” he said. “And I'm sure in the end times, especially during the tribulation, this is

going to get much, much, much worse." But to the believer, these fulfillments point to a greater reality: Jesus' return is drawing nearer.

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As the Bible says, the events it foretells must take place before Christ comes again. For those who trust Him, each earthquake, eruption and headline is another reason to lift their heads in hope.

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Hearing God in Everyday Life

Former psychic medium Jenn Nizza is warning parents that occult practices are becoming increasingly accessible and normalized through social media and pop culture.

“Our culture is so plagued,” Nizza told CBN’s Billy Hallowell during the National Religious Broadcasters Convention. “My biggest concern would be social media making the occult, making the new age so accessible and the illusion of it. Attacking the youth, coming for the youth.”

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Nizza pointed to platforms like Instagram and TikTok, where “crystals and manifesting are huge” and tarot card readers and psychic mediums can be found “right at the click of a button.” She also expressed concern about satanic imagery in the entertainment industry, saying, “Satan is just putting it right in everybody’s face. It’s right there attacking the kids with the Grammy shows, the Olympics.”



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According to Nizza, one of the greatest deceptions is portraying evil as entertainment. “It makes you think, ‘Oh, well he’s not really

real, he's not really there,'" she said. "That's the biggest deception there is."

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She cautioned that not all occult influences look dark or threatening, noting that "friendly" TV mediums such as Theresa Caputo or Netflix personalities still "talk to the same demons" as those practicing openly gothic witchcraft. "People are deceived and the enemy is going to deceive people however he can do it," she said.

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Nizza, who left the

psychic industry after becoming a Christian, urged parents to be vigilant. “We’re not promised tomorrow,” she said. “We’ve got to stand firm for the truth today.”

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Ray Comfort: Why the Sinner’s Prayer Is Not Biblical

The occult may appear to be entertainment to some, but those who understand the spiritual realm warn that it is anything

but harmless. Objects linked to dark practices or rituals are believed to serve as open doors for destructive forces. These forces, once invited, can influence lives in ways that lead to turmoil, sickness, addiction or even death. Such dangers are often dismissed in popular culture, yet many maintain that the consequences are both real and severe.

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Revivalist Isaiah Saldivar recently issued a public warning to comedian Matt Rife after the performer announced he had become the legal guardian of Ed and Lorraine Warren's home, occult museum, and more than 750 haunted artifacts, including the infamous

Annabelle doll. "This stuff is not a game. It's not a joke. Do not get involved in this," Saldivar said in a recent video.

"You are opening yourself up to demonic spirits"

Saldivar connected Rife's purchase to the recent death of Dan Rivera, who had toured with the Annabelle doll before dying unexpectedly in his hotel room. "It wasn't the doll that killed him. It's the demonic spirits that he opens himself up to when you start touching and getting involved in these occult items," he said.

Warning Rife directly, Saldivar explained,

“When you open yourself up to this stuff, you are opening yourself up to demonic spirits. And you don’t know what will come in—spirits of addiction, murder, anger, rage, bitterness.” He added that such spirits seek to inhabit people, not just objects, and can bring devastating consequences.

“The world is hungry for the supernatural”

Saldivar noted that Rife’s acquisition reflects a larger cultural trend: “People are so hungry for the supernatural... but they go to the wrong sources. Instead of going to God and His power and His Spirit... you go to the dark side and you look for the supernatural.”

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He also took issue with comments made by psychic medium Matt Fraser, who warned Rife about the Annabelle doll but described the spirits as "souls that have not transitioned." Saldivar corrected this, saying, "They're not souls. They're demonic spirits... fallen angels that are looking for bodies to inhabit."

A call to stop "playing with fire"

Addressing Rife and anyone dabbling in occult practices, Saldivar was blunt: "You are playing with fire when you start playing with these things and think it's no big deal." He urged viewers to get rid of any occult items in

their possession, quoting Scripture's command to "expose the works of darkness."

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"The spiritual realm is very real," Saldivar continued, stressing that the Bible warns of unseen forces at work in the world and calls believers to resist them. "Stop today. Get rid of your witchcraft. Get rid of your occult items. This is dangerous, and it will destroy your life."

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