

Pentecost Revival: Churches Worldwide Prepare for Massive Global Baptism Event

As headlines are increasingly dominated by chaos, outrage and moral confusion, a different kind of story is beginning to rise across the globe: thousands of believers publicly declaring their faith in Jesus Christ through water baptism.

On Pentecost Sunday, churches from dozens of nations are expected to unite for what organizers are calling “the world’s largest synchronized water baptism,” a global event led by California pastor Mark Francey and supported by congregations spanning multiple denominations and continents.

The growing movement represents more than a church event. It is a visible reminder that God is still moving powerfully in a culture saturated with darkness, division and spiritual confusion.

“The church was born on the day of Pentecost 2,000 years ago,” Francey told Religion News Service. “It was a prayer meeting that went into the streets that announced good news. And that day, 3,000 people believed, and that day, 3,000 got baptized.”



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That same spirit of bold public faith is now spreading worldwide.

The movement traces its roots back to the beaches of Southern California, where mass baptisms once became a defining image of the Jesus Movement in the 1970s. This year, organizers expect churches from Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas to participate together on Pentecost.

Francey said the heart behind the event is unity in Christ at a time when so much of modern culture is pulling people apart.

“I think the reason why God is blessing what we’re doing is it brings all of His kids together around what we agree on,” he said.

That message is resonating deeply in a generation searching for hope and authenticity. While entertainment headlines often glorify violence, immorality and self-destruction, scenes of believers worshipping on beaches, in rivers and inside churches offer a radically different picture. Families gathering to celebrate transformed lives. Young people boldly professing faith in Jesus. Churches working together instead of competing with one another.

Dustin Bates described the atmosphere at previous events as contagious.

“We see like a domino effect on these baptisms,” Bates said. “People that were in the congregation then came and began to ask if they could get baptized.”

He added that denominational labels seemed to disappear during the gatherings.

“It didn’t matter what church you came from, what background you came from, everybody came together under the same name – Jesus and being baptized in water,” Bates said. “You could feel the unity across the entire beach.”

That kind of public witness carries cultural weight. In an age where faith is often mocked or pushed to the margins, thousands of believers stepping into the water together sends a powerful message that the Gospel is still changing lives.

As Pentecost approaches, excitement continues to build around what could become one of the largest coordinated Christian baptism events in modern history. It is also a reminder that

revival is not just something we read about in history books. God is still drawing people to Himself, and the name of Jesus is still being lifted high across the earth.

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Christian Pastor Learns Fate After Months Under Criminal Investigation for Street Preaching

Police in the United Kingdom have dropped criminal charges against a Christian street preacher after a monthslong investigation into his public sermons, a decision supporters are calling a major victory for free speech and religious liberty.

As reported by Decision Magazine, Pastor Dia Moodley, 58, had been arrested in November while preaching in Bristol city center. Authorities accused him of “inciting religious hatred” after he publicly discussed Christianity, Islam and transgender ideology.

After four months under investigation, Avon and Somerset Police informed Moodley that “no further action will be

taken,” according to Alliance Defending Freedom International, the Christian legal organization representing him.

“I’m glad Avon and Somerset Police decided to eventually do the right thing and drop their criminal investigation,” Moodley said in a statement released by ADF International. “This is a win for free speech, but I never should have been arrested, treated like a criminal, and investigated for months for peacefully sharing my faith in the public square.”



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Moodley was detained for eight hours and initially barred from entering Bristol city center during the Christmas season. Although those restrictions were later lifted, ADF International said the ongoing investigation effectively silenced his public preaching during Christmas and the weeks leading up to Easter because of fears of rearrest.

The case marked the second time Moodley had been arrested over his public comments regarding Islam and gender ideology. In a separate 2024 incident outside the University of Bristol, police also dropped an investigation after he stated that sex is binary while discussing Islam.

Jeremiah Igunnubole called the police decision a “vindication” of Moodley’s conduct and warned that the case reflects a broader erosion of free speech protections in the U.K.

“The war of attrition against free speech in the U.K., demonstrated in Pastor Dia’s case, must end,” Igunnubole said. “Censorial laws need to be repealed urgently, and stronger protections, including a Free Speech Bill, are needed to reverse the growing culture of censorship within law enforcement.”

Despite repeated arrests and confrontations while preaching publicly, Moodley said he will continue proclaiming the Gospel

in the public square.

“I will continue to share my faith publicly, undeterred by the police’s censorship and the threats and violence I have faced, and will stand for free speech not just for myself, but for the rights of all people in the U.K.”

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Pentecost Was Never Just a holiday; it was the Birth of a Supernatural Church

The internet expected another messy feud. Instead, God used a broken back, a parody video and an honest rebuke to help bring a worship leader back home.

Cory Asbury, best known for the worship anthem *Reckless Love*, revealed this week that he spent the past five years running from church and worship ministry before experiencing a powerful restoration in his faith walk.

“After tasting the goodness of God in my 20s, I came to the end of myself when I realized my running was tearing apart my brothers and sisters that were still in the Father’s house,” Asbury wrote in a social media post discussed during a recent

segment from CBN News.

“But God is good and the rebuke of my brother Forrest gained Heaven another soul,” he added. “This past autumn, God came running to find me bruised, beaten, and broken.”

The story traces back to last year when Forrest Frank suffered a serious back injury after falling off a skateboard. While recovering, Frank continued making music from bed and several songs went viral online.

Could one of the world's most advanced scientific facilities play a role in future prophetic events? That question is at the center of a recent episode of "Into the Supernatural" with Josh Peck, who explored the mysteries surrounding CERN and its Large Hadron Collider.

Peck examined the scientific breakthroughs associated with CERN while also warning Christians to pay attention to the spiritual implications some believe could emerge from advanced particle physics research.

“While everything found online about the mysteries of CERN cannot be believed, there are still some things we as Christians should know,” Peck said.

The discussion centered on CERN's work involving antimatter, gravitational waves and theoretical particles known as gravitons. Peck noted that some physicists believe gravitons could potentially move between dimensions, fueling speculation about future "interdimensional communication."

"There is an idea that gravitons can be used as a way to communicate with beings of higher dimensions," Peck said.

"Now this might sound like the stuff of popular science fiction but physicists today are seriously considering this possibility."



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Peck also referenced the 2015 detection of gravitational waves by LIGO, calling it a major turning point in modern science.

"Now that waves of gravity have actually been detected, there's no telling what the ramifications will be," Peck said.

One of the most controversial aspects of the video focused on the Shiva statue displayed outside CERN headquarters. Peck explained the Hindu mythology behind Shiva as "the destroyer" and why the imagery has sparked concern among some Christians.

"Given the mythology behind the statue and the type of scientific pioneering CERN represents, it's caused many to wonder if there's a deeper meaning," Peck said.

The conversation eventually turned toward biblical prophecy, particularly Revelation 9 and the opening of the abyss. Peck theorized that future breakthroughs involving higher-dimensional research could parallel prophetic events described in Scripture.

“The idea behind all of this is that it is possible the mechanism of opening the abyss, at least on the human physical side, is to open a communication system with gravitons or to breach the barrier between dimensions in order to explore what’s there,” Peck said.

For Peck, the issue is not simply about science fiction theories or internet speculation. It is about humanity once again attempting to cross boundaries God established for our protection. He warned that a culture obsessed with contacting “higher beings” may not fully understand what it is inviting into the world.

Still, Peck made clear that Christians should respond with discernment rather than fear.

“These things are not allowed to hurt followers of God, only those who reject Him,” Peck said. “If you belong to Jesus, this punishment is not for you.”

As scientific discovery accelerates and conversations about dimensions, extraterrestrials and unseen realms move further into the mainstream, Peck urged believers to remain grounded in Scripture and spiritually prepared for what may come next.

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'You're Exactly the Problem': Jack Hibbs Blasts Christians Who Refuse to Engage with the World

North Korea and the Global Crisis Facing Christians

A Bible in North Korea can reportedly become a death sentence. Not just for the person holding it, but for entire families.

According to Ryan Brown, the CEO of Open Doors, Christians discovered with Scripture in North Korea can disappear into prison camps "never to be heard of, never to be seen again."

Yet the church there continues to grow.

That reality sat at the center of Brown's recent conversation with Allie Beth Stuckey on her podcast Relatable, where the two discussed the exploding persecution crisis facing Christians across the globe and the astonishing resilience of believers living in some of the world's darkest places.

"The country that has been on the top the majority of those years has been North Korea," Brown said while discussing Open Doors' World Watch List. "To be identified as a Christian, to be found as a Christian, is the equivalent of a death sentence in this area."

Brown explained that persecution comes in different forms. Some Christians experience what he called a "smash" style of persecution involving violence, murder, church bombings and

imprisonment. Others endure a “squeeze” form of persecution where believers are economically and socially isolated until life becomes unbearable.

But Brown said persecuted Christians around the world consistently ask for the same thing.

“They’re not necessarily asking that we take their persecution away,” he said. “They’re not asking that they be removed. What they are asking is that we not forget them in their persecution.”



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Syria, Yemen, Africa and Mexico

That persecution now stretches across vast portions of the globe.

In Syria, Brown said the collapse of the Assad regime and the instability that followed dramatically worsened conditions for Christians. Open Doors reported a major increase in church attacks and Christian deaths after extremist groups moved into the power vacuum.

“This year there were 27 that were killed because of their faith,” Brown said. “Twenty-two of those were killed in a specific church bombing that was just an absolute horrific event.”

Brown said Syria’s Christian population has dwindled to roughly 300,000 believers after years of violence and instability.

In Yemen, Christians face another kind of suffering. Civil war, famine and humanitarian collapse have devastated the nation, while believers are often denied aid because of their faith.

“Christians have an incredible vulnerability,” Brown said. “They experience all those types of things, but you add their faith component on top of that and it’s a difficult, difficult situation.”

Meanwhile, in Nigeria and across large portions of Africa, Brown said Islamic extremism continues driving violent attacks against Christians as Christianity rapidly expands throughout the continent.

“The church is advancing in Africa,” Brown said. “The growth of Christianity is seen as a threat.”

One of the interview’s most surprising revelations involved Mexico, a nation many Americans associate with tourism rather than Christian persecution.

Brown described pastors being threatened by cartels, communities cutting off water and electricity to converts and believers being denied access to schools and jobs because of their faith.

“The Christian church is bad for business,” Brown said of cartel-controlled regions. “Young men are not getting drafted into the ranks of the cartel.”

He recounted the story of Pastor Alberto, a Mexican believer who was imprisoned twice after converting to Christianity. His community cut off utilities to his home and barred his children from attending school.

At first, Alberto wanted to retaliate violently.

“If you’re coming swinging at me, I’m going to come back swinging at you,” Brown recalled him saying.

But after studying the teachings of Jesus, Alberto chose another path.

“He began to respond in love,” Brown said.

Over time, the pastor's persecutors began converting to Christianity themselves. The church expanded into neighboring communities and eventually launched a bakery business that now helps fund church planting efforts across the region.

Persecution Is Growing, but So Is the Church

Brown repeatedly returned to one central truth throughout the conversation: persecution often strengthens the church rather than destroying it.

One story from Sudan especially illustrated that point.

Brown described meeting a Christian convert who had been imprisoned in a tiny dark cell after leaving Islam for Christianity. The man was ostracized by his family and community before eventually being jailed for preaching the gospel.

At times, Brown said, the believer was locked in spaces too small to lie down in. Other times he sat in total darkness.

Yet the man described the experience in astonishing terms.

"I would not have chosen these experiences, but I am thankful for them," the Sudanese Christian told Brown.

"When I was in the darkness of that cell, the light of Christ was burning for me brighter in ways than I had ever experienced before."

Then came the line that visibly impacted Stuckey during the interview.

"He said, 'I went into prison as a kitten, but I came out as a lion.'"

That same courage exists even in North Korea, where Open

Doors estimates there may still be hundreds of thousands of underground Christians.

Brown said some North Korean believers who escape the country eventually choose to return after recovering physically and spiritually in safe houses outside the nation.

*“They’ve instead taken a posture of, ‘How can I be equipped so that I can go back and continue to share the gospel?’”
Brown said.*

Stuckey noted that oppressive governments throughout history consistently view Christianity as a threat because believers ultimately answer to God rather than the state.

“Christians speak truth, they kill us, the church grows,” she said. “You would think eventually we would be extinguished, but the gates of hell can’t prevail against it.”

Brown agreed.

“The things that this world would most seek to do to destroy the church,” he said, “even those things bend their knee to Christ and His purposes.”

As Christians around the world continue facing imprisonment, violence, discrimination and death for their faith, Brown urged believers in safer nations not to look away.

The persecuted church, he said, does not want pity.

It wants solidarity.

“Our brothers and sisters most ask for prayer,” Brown said. “Not to end their persecution, not to pull them out from persecution, but to pray and be present with them in that.”

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters suffering around the world today. May God strengthen believers hiding in underground churches, sitting in prison cells, worshipping

under threat and enduring unimaginable hardship for the name of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit give them courage, peace and endurance. May the church around the world refuse to forget them. And may the light of Christ continue shining in even the darkest nations on Earth.

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Exorcist Says UFOs and Alien Encounters Mirror Demonic Manifestations

The world's fascination with UFOs has exploded into the mainstream. Governments openly discuss UAP encounters. Military footage floods the internet. Hollywood continues pushing stories about extraterrestrial civilizations, cosmic saviors and hidden knowledge waiting to be revealed to humanity.

As Christians, we should be paying attention, but not for the reasons the culture thinks.

A chilling interview from the Daily Mail featuring Father Carlos Martins cuts directly to the heart of what many of us have quietly warned about for years: the UFO phenomenon

increasingly behaves less like extraterrestrial contact and more like spiritual deception.

Martins is not some random internet personality speculating about aliens. He is an exorcist who says he has spent years confronting demonic manifestations firsthand, and his warning deserves serious attention from the church.

“If the devil brings it about, he can put it into the human imagination that there is extraterrestrial life, that there are civilizations out there, then he can cause doubt in the Scriptures,” Martins told the Daily Mail.

“What he’s done then is set up a competing account to the Christian scriptures.”

That statement may sound extreme to a culture raised on science fiction and endless alien entertainment, but it cuts directly into the spiritual reality unfolding around us. The world is being conditioned to look to the skies for answers while drifting further away from biblical truth. Ancient spiritual deception is simply wearing modern imagery.



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Martins shared a story about one of his closest friends allegedly witnessing a massive craft hovering silently over a suburban park years before converting to Christianity. According to Martins, the object was “many football fields in size” and capable of movements that defied everything we understand about physics.

“All of a sudden, it takes off with a speed that’s just unfathomable, instantly to the speed of a bullet,” Martins said.

What makes the account especially disturbing is that nobody else seemed to notice the craft. There were no reports, no

emergency calls and no public reaction despite the alleged size of the object.

Years later, after becoming a Christian, Martins' friend came to a conclusion that changed how he viewed the encounter forever.

"He said, 'No question. It was the devil,'" Martins recalled.

That conclusion will sound absurd to people who approach the phenomenon purely through a scientific lens, but the deeper we examine many UFO and alien encounter stories, the harder it becomes to ignore the spiritual parallels. Missing time. Sleep paralysis. Fear. Oppression. Telepathic communication. Psychological torment. These encounters often resemble demonic manifestations far more than peaceful interaction with advanced civilizations.

Martins pointed directly to that overlap when discussing alleged alien abductions.

"When you read accounts of abductions of people that have been allegedly abducted, very similar to ones that are demonically tortured," he said.

"There are large gaps in memory."

For decades, the entertainment industry has normalized the idea that extraterrestrials may be humanity's creators, guides or future saviors. Meanwhile, governments and media outlets steadily move the conversation further into the mainstream. As believers, we should recognize how dangerous that narrative can become because it creates an entirely different explanation for creation, humanity and the supernatural realm apart from Scripture.

Martins believes much of the phenomenon itself may involve illusion and manipulation rather than literal spacecraft traveling across galaxies.

“The senses can be deceived. Fake sense experience can be produced,” he said. “So an illusion, a mirage.”

That observation matters because Scripture repeatedly warns us that deception will intensify in the last days. The enemy has always counterfeited truth. What changes is the packaging. In ancient times, spiritual deception often appeared through idols, pagan gods and occult practices. In the modern Space Age, the same deception may simply be wrapped in advanced technology, cosmic language and promises of enlightenment from the stars.

Martins captured that idea perfectly when he said: “This is the modern-day folk account of leprechauns, tooth fairies and pixies.”

“It was only when we entered the Space Age. Then the view of man changed, and that became kind of the new realm.”

Not every unexplained light in the sky is supernatural. Some sightings may have natural explanations or involve classified military technology. But we as Christians should absolutely recognize that the rapid normalization of UFO culture carries profound spiritual implications.

The real battle is not over whether unidentified objects exist.

The real battle is over what humanity will ultimately believe about God, creation and the spiritual realm as the world becomes increasingly fascinated with signs in the heavens.

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Texas Man Helps 7,000 People Through Simple Roadside Ministry of Listening and Prayer

A small tent near a Texas intersection has quietly become one of the most powerful ministries in America.

No massive sanctuary. No celebrity platform. No expensive production. Just two lawn chairs, a handmade sign and a man willing to listen.

For five years, William Norman has sat under a roadside tent in Azle, Texas, offering strangers something many people are desperate for but rarely receive anymore: compassion, friendship and time.

The sign beside him says it all: "Need to Talk? I'll Listen."

According to Breitbart News, Norman has now helped nearly 7,000 people through what he calls the "Listening Corner" ministry. In an age where people scroll past suffering, argue online and barely know their neighbors, his quiet act of consistency has become a lifeline for hurting people across his community and beyond.

Norman marked the fifth anniversary of the ministry Wednesday with a heartfelt Facebook post thanking the people who supported him along the way.

“The encouragement of the people of Azle, Springtown, and the surrounding communities are the lifeblood of this ministry that has helped so many across this entire nation,” he wrote. “YOU helped me spread the love of Christ to a hurting world.”

That phrase stands out because it cuts through so much of the noise in modern culture. Spread the love of Christ to a hurting world.



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Not dominate people. Not scream at them. Not win arguments online.

Love them.

Breitbart reported that the ministry began after Norman’s grandson inspired him to serve others following a personal challenge. Norman said the idea stayed on his heart until he finally acted on it.

“The more I thought about it, the more it got laid on my heart,” Norman told Breitbart News.

So he bought a tent from Walmart, set up a couple of lawn chairs and placed his sign near the road. Then something remarkable happened.

“People just started coming,” Norman said. “They were lined up in the parking lot.”

Some people were grieving. Others were struggling with addiction, broken relationships, loneliness or homelessness. Many simply needed someone to acknowledge them and hear their story without judgment.

Norman never charged anyone. He never turned the ministry into a business. He simply showed up day after day.

"You just have to show up," he told Breitbart. "I think it's about consistency and commitment to it."

That consistency matters more than many people realize. We live in a world filled with temporary attention spans and surface-level relationships. People are starving for authenticity. They are desperate for someone who actually cares enough to stay.

Norman's ministry reminds us that Christianity is often most powerful in the ordinary moments. A prayer beside a roadside chair can carry just as much impact as a sermon behind a pulpit.

Over the years, many people returned to tell Norman they overcame addictions, repaired relationships and found healthier paths forward. Those stories are reminders that kindness is not weakness. Compassion changes lives.

Norman also made it clear that prayer remains central to everything he does.

"A lot of people just stop and ask for prayer going through stuff and I'm there for them," he said.

His daily prayer before beginning the ministry speaks volumes about the posture Christians should carry when ministering to others.

"Lord, give me the wisdom to say the correct thing," Norman told Breitbart. "Not just the knowledge, but the wisdom to give them correct information and or help. Let me listen out here and only speak when I should speak."

That kind of humility is increasingly rare. So many people want to be heard. Fewer are willing to listen.

Even health challenges have not stopped Norman from continuing the ministry through heat, cold and rough weather. He keeps showing up because people keep needing hope.

His final message to Americans may be simple, but it carries the kind of truth our nation desperately needs right now.

“I tell people this all the time,” Norman said. “Acknowledge others, show up for others, show kindness to others, and love others.”

Then he added the heart behind it all:

“Because we’re gonna win more people to Christ by doing that.”

And he’s right.

Sometimes the most powerful ministry does not happen on a stage. Sometimes it happens under a roadside tent where one faithful Christian decides another hurting person is worth listening to.

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