

# Filmmaker Alex Kendrick: Spreading Revival 'Fills My Heart'

The Asbury University Awakening is being moved off campus this week, but that news comes as the fires of revival are continuing to spread to multiple new locations around the U.S.

Christian filmmaker Alex Kendrick visited one of those spots. On Monday, he was at Lee University, a private Christian college in Cleveland, Tennessee. In a video posted to social media, Kendrick, standing outside of the school's chapel, said: "There's no show here. There is no spectacle other than seeing hearts transformed."

"Revival is still going on. That chapel behind me is still filled," he said. "It's been almost two weeks now, and I think that is amazing. My family and I have come up here for a couple of days and just joined in on what God's doing. It is incredible!"

"When there is peace and unity and it's very organic. There's no show here. There is no spectacle other than seeing hearts transformed. Praise the Lord!" the filmmaker said. "And so I'm very, very grateful. So what's going on at Asbury, Lee University, Samford University, Cedarville in Ohio, there's a number of colleges that are now seeking the Lord."

"And praise God for this generation that is seeking after God," Kendrick added. "Oh, it's just good! Man, it fills my heart! So, praise the Lord, and let's pray that the Lord keeps moving as He wills."

As CBN News reported, Lee University Campus Pastor Rob Fultz noted on Twitter on Feb. 10, "What's happening at Asbury is not and will not remain confined. It will, and already is

awakening the deep wells of revival on campuses across the nation. They have been churning, pressing against the seals that have kept them hidden, and they are about to burst with new life.”

On Saturday, Greg Gordon, the founder of , tweeted a video of Lee students worshipping in the campus chapel.

“Lee University has been meeting now for 4 days straight,” Gordon wrote (Feb 16). “Just absolutely overwhelming Holy Spirit Power in the Stone Chapel at Lee University at this moment. –David Chong.”

Meanwhile, the revival at Samford University, a private Christian school located on the outskirts of Birmingham, Alabama, is still going strong. On Monday, Greg Gordon posted a video to Twitter showing Samford students worshipping in the university’s Reid Chapel.

❌ “Students have been gathering for over 4 days now without stopping at Samford University in Reid Chapel. ‘How Great You Are’. Jesus is worthy of our all,” he wrote.

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**Is Jesus Video Game**

# Evangelism or Blasphemy?

Technology has come a long way in the past few years, and the innovation has stretched into all types of industries, many of which have benefited mankind. The video game industry is certainly among them, and here is a new game that could spark intense debate between Christians and non-Christians in the coming months.

Created by Polish game developer SimulaM, the video game “I Am Jesus Christ” is a historical, open-world simulation game where you can, as The Jerusalem Post puts it, “step in to the sandals of the ‘alleged’ Son of God himself and perform miracles, die and get resurrected.”

It also allows the player, as Jesus, to fight Satan and die “horribly” on the cross.

“Perform amazing miracles, interact with a cast of biblical figures and travel around the Holy Land from Jerusalem to the Galilee,” reads the game’s page on the PC gaming platform Steam.

To watch the promotional trailer for the game, [click here](#).

The game was most recently revealed at an IGN Fan Fest event. It takes players on a journey from the birth of Jesus, through his life and various miracles, all the way until his crucifixion and ultimately his Resurrection.

Some of the miracles players will be able to perform include walking on water, making a stormy sky dissipate, turning water into wine, and dying and resurrecting. There is, according to The Jerusalem Post, an “over-the-top boss battle with Satan.”

To perform these miracles, The Jerusalem Post reports, players need to “keep an eye on their ‘Holy Spirit’ meter, which depletes with each miracles—though, of course, it can be

recharged.

The Jerusalem Post reports that many people have commented on social media about the game. While their tone is that of amusement, their comments could very well border on the blasphemous:

- “Hopefully, no one spoils the ending.”
- A game 2,000 years in the making.”
- “When Jesus said he would return, never thought it would be in the form of a video game.”
- As far as the ending goes, I’m just gonna touch wood, cross my fingers and hope that they nail it.”

“Nail it,” as in Jesus to the cross? You decide.

But then the game could also spark a renewed interest in Jesus and the Bible among Gen Zers, whom many have reportedly run away from the church in America’s culturally charged atmosphere.

One YouTube user refutes any blasphemy claims, saying “This game wasn’t disrespectful in any way and despite the bugs, it clearly has effort put into it.”

“I feel like it was created by a small group who’s just really passionate about Jesus,” Layla said on YouTube.

And The Jerusalem Post’s Aaron Reich wrote: “The game itself isn’t tongue and cheek. Rather, while it may have some unintentional humor—Jesus Christ shrinking to enter a child’s body to cure diseases—the game itself seems to be a serious attempt at spreading the story of Jesus and the New Testament.

- ❑ Each scene included in the game with each miracle is accompanied by a biblical verse from the New Testament describing it.”

The game’s prologue is already available to play at no cost, while the full game is slated for release sometime in the

second quarter of this year. SimulaM is planning more biblically based games, with one centering around the building of Noah's ark and another other featuring Moses and the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the promised land. {eoa}

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## **Christian Teacher Fired for Refusing to Participate in 'Lies From the Devil'**

Backed into a corner, Christian teacher Jessica Tapia faced a moral dilemma—and knew she just couldn't compromise.

And for that, she was fired. Plain and simple.

Tapia, a teacher in the Jurupa Unified School District in Southern California, told Fox News Digital that she refused to comply with the district's gender policies, which instructed her not only to hide students' gender transitions from parents but also to keep them in the dark through lying.

"I knew immediately, like in my gut, in my heart, in my soul, that there was a decision I had to make because, you know, these two things were totally butting heads," Tapia told Fox News Digital. "I essentially had to pick one.

"Am I going to obey the district in the directive that are not lining up with ... my own beliefs, convictions and faith?" she asked. "Or am I going to stay true ..., choose my faith, choose to be obedient to ... the way the Lord has called me to live.

And so it was crazy to be in the position where I realized that I couldn't be a Christian and a teacher."

In January, Tapia received a notice on letterhead from Superintendent Trenton Hansen's office that say they couldn't accommodate Tapia's Christian beliefs, which prohibited her from "withholding information on gender transitions from kids' parents."

"Consequently, the District will release you from your employment effective at the end of the day on Jan. 31, 2023," the statement read. "Based on your religious beliefs, you cannot be dishonest with parents ... If asked about a student's gender identity by a parent, you cannot refer the parent to a counselor, defer the inquiry and suggest they speak with a student ..., or otherwise deflect the parent's inquiry." The letter was signed by assistant superintendent of human resources Daniel Brooks.

Tapia says the whole situation comes directly from the enemy.

"I don't believe in my faith that that's how God's calling us to love by affirming those lies and confusion," Tapia said. "I believe firmly that God created man and woman, and you are who he made you to be. And when someone has confusion about that, I believe that's lies and confusion from the devil."

As expected, the school district, in a statement to Fox News Digital, denied that it discriminated against Tapia based on her Christian beliefs. The statement reads:

"The District denies the allegations raised by Ms. Tapia. The District takes seriously its obligation to accommodate its employee's religious beliefs. Simultaneously, the District is obligated to comply with all local, state and federal laws, including anti-discrimination laws and laws that protect students' rights to privacy, which are in place to protect the nearly 2,500 employees and 18,000 students we serve. We cannot comment further on personnel matters."

But when Fox News Digital pressed the school district about the accusation by Tapia that educators should lie to parents about students' gender identities, it did not directly respond.

"The District is required to comply with all state and federal laws, including the California Education Code which guarantees a student's right to participate in sex-segregated school activities and to use facilities consistent with the student's gender identity, regardless of the gender listed on the student's records," the district told Fox News Digital. "The District is also obligated to protect a student's right to privacy which is guaranteed by state and federal antidiscrimination laws and the California Constitution. The District will continue to protect the rights of all students and staff as required by law."

- ✘ Tapia intends to sue the school district and has retained an attorney at Pacific Justice Institute.

As a physical education teacher, Tapia also refused to allow "male genitals" in the girls' locker room, a stance that is in direct opposition with school district policy. {eoa}

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# Jim Garlow Gives Eyewitness Report on What's Happening at Asbury Revival

Jim Garlow was one of the first people to post about the Asbury University revival on social media when it started 13 days ago. In a follow-up interview, he explains what sounded like waves of an ocean as he stood in the wooden pews worshipping God in Hughes Auditorium.

In my first conversation with Garlow, we talked about the tie between the Asbury revival and the Third Great Awakening. Now he is sharing his eyewitness view of what happened right before Asbury University announced the revival would stop on campus Wednesday, Feb. 22.

“Just continual worship and praise. Bunch of students standing on the stage, and the auditorium is packed,” he says.

Garlow heard from officials at the revival that 25,000 people came to Wilmore, Kentucky, on Saturday. Cars were backed up 1.3 miles with “revival at capacity” signs lit up on the highway.

The university opened up seven other locations on campus to fit all of those with hungry hearts driving and flying in to sit in the presence of God.

“This was such a spontaneous move of God the city wasn't prepared for it,” he says.

Garlow recounts altars full to the brim with people weeping before the Lord, the aisles jammed to the back of the

auditorium with more people waiting to get to the altar. It has been a revival of repentance.

While talking with numerous people around the room, Garlow met a pastor and his wife from Chile. They sold their car so they could fly in and experience the revival. That is just one of many similar stories.

In the 1970 revival, Asbury University students flew out to other campuses, and the revival spread quickly. This time, because of social media, people are coming to the campus in droves.

Tucker Carlson from FOX News was planning to head out to Wilmore, Kentucky, to cover the event with lights and cameras until university officials reached out, asking him not to come. The infrastructure of the town of just 6,000 wasn't built for this kind of influx of people.

What started as a normal Wednesday chapel service at Asbury University has spread to numerous other campuses across the nation. Here is a list of documented reports of revival:

- Asbury University, Wilmore, Kentucky.
- Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee.
- Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
- Ohio Christian University, Circleville, Ohio.
- Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon, Ohio.
- Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.
- The Ramp School of Ministry, Hamilton, Alabama.
- Jackson High School, Jackson, Georgia.
- Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Bethel Austin, Austin, Texas.
- Park Hill High School, Kansas City, Missouri.
- Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky.
- Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Kentucky.

Garlow commends the president of Asbury University, Dr. Kevin Brown, on his tremendous efforts since the revival started on Feb. 8.

“They won’t even take up offerings,” Garlow says. “They shut down donations to it. They don’t want to touch what God has anointed. When was the last time you heard someone say they were going to take up offerings?”

Brown says the university looks at this as God’s gift to the world. They’ve kept classes going, and Garlow says their rationale is “We want this to go in the ebb and flow of our lives” to maintain normal living.

“I think they have an anointing upon them,” Garlow adds.