

Churches Unite for Revival at Site of the Second Great Awakening

A coalition of North Carolina churches is hosting an evangelistic crusade Friday to bring the Gospel message to save the lost and once again spark revival centuries after the small town was touched by a move of God during the Second Great Awakening.

The Union County Crusade will take place at Cane Creek Park in Waxhaw, North Carolina, and aims to advance God's Kingdom.

"The hope is that the Holy Spirit will do His work, during this service, and convince the person to accept Jesus as Savior," reads the crusade's website.

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Pastor Charles Hines is leading the effort and told CBN News that nearly 20 churches from different denominations are coming together for the event including Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists.

Members from these churches have been seeking God for the vision, direction, and connection for the outreach.

"Our goal is to reach the lost and connect them to a church," Hines explained adding that Waxhaw, a surrounding town near the county, has grown exponentially over the years and provides an opportunity to reach thousands with the Gospel message.

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"[The town] went from 1,000 people to 20,000 in a span of 10

years. It's just been a lot of growth and it seems like the world's coming into Union County," he said.

According to Hines, this is not the first time that thousands of people have been drawn to the town of Waxhaw.

In the 1800s, on the heels of the Second Great Awakening, "people came from all over to come to this (town's) revival," the pastor of Prospect Southern Methodist Church told CBN News.

"People would pitch tents and they came out and they were crying out to the Lord," he explained. "5,000 to 8,000 people came out and it was just a really powerful story."

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Hines says Friday's revival is less than 5 miles from where that revival took place in the 1800s, and that unique part of the town's history serves as a foreshadowing of what is taking place across pockets of the nation.

"I think there's a lot of growth of young people, especially young men in the churches. We're seeing more revival and so I believe that this particular event is going to be a real rush of momentum for Christianity in our county," he shared.

Hines believes God is stirring the hearts of men in this season, and he is not alone.

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