

Is Revival Sweeping College Campuses? Students Cover WKU in Gospel Message

Christian students at Western Kentucky University have found a unique way to reach their fellow students on campus with the Gospel message.

Nearly 70 students from Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM), Cru, and Hilltoppers for Christ (HFC) spent last Monday night into Tuesday morning chalking all 879 verses of the Gospel of John.

It took about two hours to illustrate and write all 21 chapters within a two mile stretch. After it was done, the volunteers prayed for WKU's students and faculty at Centennial Mall.

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"People look for answers in a lot of different things, and I think it's really good to have answers right in front of them," said BCM Vice President Luke Alford.

Alford, a senior mechanical engineering major at the school, told Kentucky Times the idea came from an BCM alumni who had seen a similar idea on social media.

The idea was submitted to WKU Student Activities and then approved.

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Students woke up the next morning and could not ignore the message illustrated across their campus.

"It's my goal for the year, to get more connected with God," said freshman Ryan Cantabeni. "It's really nice to have some kind of sign showing me [to] keep doing this."

For others, the scriptures may not hold a significant meaning just yet, but it has caught their attention.

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Junior Jenna Kittrell describes herself as non-religious and told the Kentucky Times that, "A lot of people probably don't appreciate it enough, but I think it's pretty, and it adds colors to the campus."

BCM has faced some criticism for spending their time chalking the campus. One student anonymously posted a message on the Yik Yak app writing, "You could have spent those hours at a soup kitchen or volunteering...Being an actual servant of the lord. Not just writing with chalk that's gonna be washed away by Friday's thunderstorm."

But for most, the campus ministries' artwork is inspiring.

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