

Run With Christ': GenZ Initiative Grows Into Revival Movement

A Gen-Z-led group called "Run with Christ" is literally taking off. What started in Columbus, Ohio, last year is now in more than 80 cities nationwide and five countries. Each week, tens of thousands of young people gather to run, worship and hear the Gospel in cities all over the world.

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., set the stage for their latest event. Twenty-one-year-old founder and organizer Will Garinger says he actually started the club as a way for him to deepen his faith.

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"And what we thought would be a cool little community where we did a devotional beforehand and then we ran together, ended up turning into hundreds of people gathering on a Saturday morning, over 200 some people, on Saturday, September 7th, 2024. And we saw people just getting saved, getting prayed for, and getting plugged into the local church," Garinger said.

On any given Saturday, hundreds of young people turn out from all over the country to participate.



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"The Holy Spirit brought me here," said 25-year-old Jacob Merry from Columbus, Ohio. "I mean, this is, this is a family. Like this, this group of people was a blessing from Christ. I prayed for this group of people for so long, and just to come

here and worship and pray for the nation in the nation's capital is such a blessing. I mean, it's absolutely amazing," he said.

Twenty-year-old Lauren Hilty from Texas and 21-year-old Cimyia Cameron from Alabama say "Run with Christ" not only brought them together as friends but is bringing young people into the community like never before.

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"I just felt this stirring in my spirit. I was like, I have to go there. I don't know why, but then the Lord made a way. And so, I bought my ticket in the summer, I didn't really know who I was gonna meet, where I was gonna be, but the Lord made a way and I just, I just know that he's doing something so big," Cameron said.

"Our prayer lately has just been for the nations, and it's been for the people of all the nations, and just to come together and then this event, and we see it, and it's in the capital of our country, with all these things happening in the atmosphere. It was just insane. It's beautiful. And I knew I had to be here," Hilty said.

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Organizers say "Run with Christ" is way more than a run club, but rather a movement to make heaven full. Their mission statement is "from isolated to integrated through faith and fitness."

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