

# Friendship International



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## WHAT'S GOING ON AT ASBURY UNIV?

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Some of you may have heard about unusual meetings that are happening in Wilmore - a small town just south of Lexington. The word "revival" is being used to describe the events of the past two weeks, and you may wonder what that word means, and be curious about what is happening. So, we thought it would be a good idea to offer an explanation to clarify it as best as we can.

The people who follow Jesus meet together regularly for fellowship and for worship. Normally, this happens in regularly scheduled and planned gatherings that we call church - We sing, pray, learn from the Bible, and have fellowship with one another. These gatherings occur at least weekly, usually on Sundays, but can also occur anytime Christians want to gather together, and any place that is available for that gathering. In general, whenever Christians get together, the same elements are there - worship, prayer, study of God's Word, and fellowship.

At various times in history, God has also moved in a different way - more unexpected and unplanned. Two weeks ago, after the regular chapel service at Asbury University (a small, Christian college in Wilmore), some students remained after the end of the service to pray to God, sing in worship, and confess their sins. Unexpectedly, more students returned to the chapel and joined them, and then many others from the university felt drawn into that chapel space as well during the remainder of the day and evening.



## UPCOMING DATES

February 24th	Program: Kentucky State & National Parks
March 3rd	Program: Table Talk
March 10th	Program: Line Dancing
March 17th	No Friendship (no school for Fayette County)

## Asbury University, continued

Eventually, more people from Asbury Seminary (also in Wilmore) and the Wilmore community also came to the auditorium and joined the gathering. The Spirit of God was moving in many people's hearts, and has continued to draw many, many more followers of Jesus, not just from the Lexington area, but all around the United States and even throughout the world. The gatherings have continued throughout the days and nights, and many people have experienced a special encounter with God through these times of prayer, worship, and confession of sin.

This is what Christians refer to as a "revival" - a special and unplanned experience with God, through the Holy Spirit moving in people's hearts and lives in powerful ways.

The intensity of God's presence is particularly felt and experienced, and many people are finding healing from needs in their lives and their hearts. Most of all, many people are being reminded of God's great love for them, and His presence with them in the midst of whatever they are facing in their lives.

We here at Friendship international want you to know that God's love is also for you and His presence is something that you can know in your own life. If you would like to talk about this with someone, or have questions about it, please feel welcome to ask any of the volunteers or your class leaders. We all love you and want you to know of God's love for you.

Visit [www.asbury.edu/outpouring](http://www.asbury.edu/outpouring) for more information.

## Have You Been to a State Park?

This week for our program Penny Lamb will be telling us all about our Kentucky State Parks (and some about National Parks). We hope you will catch the travel bug as you listen!

There are two state parks nearby that are definitely worth a visit- Natural Bridge State Park and Cumberland Falls State Park. They both offer gorgeous scenery, hiking and other opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Both parks also have lodges if you would like to spend the night and restaurants to enjoy delicious Kentucky specialties. Many of our volunteers also love to travel, so ask one of them if you would like recommendations about which parks to visit. See the list of websites to the right to learn more about the parks.

[Click here for Kentucky State Parks](#)  
[Click here for Natural Bridge State Park](#)  
[Click here for Cumberland Falls State Park](#)



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**FEATURED RECIPE FROM THE COOKING CLASS:**  
**SOUR CREAM BLUEBERRY MUFFINS**



# PARADE OF NATIONS

On February 17th we were so blessed to have our first Parade of Nations in almost four years. Many women wore clothing from their home country, carried their country's flags and we heard a little about each one that was represented. Thanks to everyone who helped make this time so special.

