

# SBU'S "THE AWAKENING" STUDENT-LED EVENT RETURNS NOV. 5-7



BOLIVAR, Mo. – “The Awakening,” a three-day student-led event for the sole purpose of seeking God to bring revival within the University family and Bolivar community, returns for its second year Friday-Sunday, Nov. 5-7, in Mabee Chapel on the Bolivar campus.

“God has granted unfathomable hope, glorious riches and immeasurable power to those ‘awakened’ to the glory of Christ in salvation (Ephesians 1:17-20),” said Tyler Eads, a senior accounting major from Neosho and founder of the event. “Through this weekend, students will receive a call to abide in intimate fellowship with Christ. It is in this abiding relationship with God that personal holiness will be achieved, the Gospel will advance around the world and students will live out the great purpose and power available in Christ.”

Each day will offer a gathering from 6-8 p.m. in Pike Auditorium, featuring student-led and faculty-led bands leading worship, prayer time, Bible readings, student testimonies and more. Eads will bring the message Friday, while Dr. Eddie Bumpers, senior pastor of Crossway Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo., and chair of the SBU Board of Trustees, will speak on Saturday, with Dr. Rick Melson, president of SBU, sharing on Sunday.



A series of breakout sessions will be available Saturday to further equip students to live out this awakened life. These sessions include topics like studying Scripture, identity and local service.

“I’m thrilled to partner with a growing group of SBU students for a second year of ‘The Awakening,’” said [Dr. Matt Kimbrough](#), division head of The Courts Redford Division of Christian Ministry. “‘The Awakening’ allows passionate believers to lift their heads and join hands with others who long for the Gospel to blanket our campus and spread to the ends of the earth. I am hopeful that those who join us will walk away having encountered the living God as we worship, hear testimonies, pray, and sit under the Word of God.”

While students are the main audience, SBU/SWBC alumni, church leaders, faculty and staff, and all who desire spiritual awakening are encouraged to join.

“The Bible calls us to abide in Christ,” Eads said. “May we be found faithful. Just as God moved through ‘The Awakening’ last fall, he continues to be at work in the midst of a pandemic. We are still calling on God for an outpouring of his Spirit on our campus, and I invite you to join us.”

For more information on how to participate in "The Awakening," contact Kimbrough at [mkimbrough@SBUiv.edu](mailto:mkimbrough@SBUiv.edu).

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