

Bynum said during the interview that following her husband's abuse, she fought depression and even entertained the thought of suicide. Producers for the reality show invited Bynum for the express purpose of relating her own domestic-abuse survival and to be an adviser to Toler for a similar case. Her own divorce proceeding is not "on the docket" for the program. Weeks also was invited to be part of the broadcast, but declined.

Yet not all are sympathetic to Bynum's mission. The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* observed that, "Bynum's decision to appear on 'Divorce Court' after the media blitz surrounding her domestic violence trial has some metro Atlantans wondering whether the Pentecostal 'prophetess' is trying to extend her stay in the limelight." Some even wonder if the attack by Weeks was a "staged incident" or "publicity stunt." Bynum insisted to Toler that it wasn't.

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THERE'S A NEW REVIVAL COMING?

"Holy Spirit" revivals appear to have come full-circle — at least geographically. Fifteen years ago, crowds packed the 10,000-seat Carpenter's Home Church in Lakeland, Fla., to be intoxicated by "Holy Ghost bar-

tender" Rodney Howard-Browne. A year later, revival enthusiasts began barking, squealing, and braying at the Airport Vineyard church in Toronto. The following year, the phenomenon manifested itself in Pensacola, Fla., as followers were urged to get into the "river" of revival at the Brownsville Assembly of God church. Then, the next year saw the "Cornfield Revival," which took place in the rural Missouri community of Smithton before relocating to the Kansas City area. Now revivalists are once again heading back to Lakeland, this time for "The Florida Outpouring."

In early April, Stephen Strader, pastor of Ignited Church, invited revival leader Todd Bentley for five days of meetings. "On the second or third night, we just looked at each other and said, 'We've got to extend it another week,'" Strader told *The Tampa Tribune*. During the weeks that followed, the services outgrew both the Ignited Church and another larger church and were moved to the Lakeland Center. Estimates place nightly attendance between 4,000 and a capacity crowd of 7,000, with many coming from outside the Lakeland area.

Bentley is described as "a tattooed, body-pierced, T-shirt wearing evangelist from British Columbia." Operating under the banner of "Fresh Fire Ministries," Bentley claims to be responsible for "sparking revival fires and equipping the body in power evangelism and healing ministry." "It's electric. It's tangible. That's what people are coming for and also the notable miracles," Bentley told the *Tribune*.

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PERSONAL FREEDOM OUTREACH — STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- I. THE BIBLE AS THE DIVINELY INSPIRED, INERRANT WORD OF GOD: IT IS IN ITS ENTIRETY THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR ALL MATTERS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE.
- II. THE ONE TRUE GOD. IN THE ONE TRUE GOD THERE EXIST THREE PERSONS, BEING: THE FATHER, THE SON JESUS CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- III. JESUS CHRIST: HIS DEITY, HUMANITY, VIRGIN BIRTH, SINLESSNESS, DEATH AND BODILY RESURRECTION; WHO WILL PERSONALLY AND VISIBLY RETURN AGAIN TO EARTH.
- IV. THE PERSONALITY AND DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- V. THE EXISTENCE AND PERSONALITY OF SATAN, HIS TOTAL OPPOSITION TO GOD, AND HIS POWER OVER THE UNREGENERATE.
- VI. THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF ALL MEN WHICH MAKES THEM HOPELESSLY LOST WITHOUT THE NEW BIRTH OBTAINABLE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.
- VII. THE FINAL ESTATE OF MAN: FOR THE SAVED, EVERLASTING LIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND FOR THE UNSAVED, EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.
- VIII. THE GOSPEL BY WHICH WE ARE SAVED BEING SUMMED IN THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- IX. THE CHURCH BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST, UNITED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, CONSISTING OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. A LOCAL CHURCH IS AN ORGANIZED ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS UNITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST.
- X. THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST BEING TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL MEN, BAPTIZING AND DISCIPLING THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED.