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FILM, TALKS KEEP 'MOVEMENT' ALIVE



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A panel discusses the civil rights era in Danville prior to a Friday screening of "The Movement," a documentary by Jonathan Parker.

Documentary on civil rights marches in Danville aired at Bibleway

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A documentary detailing the Civil Rights Movement in Danville through the eyes of those who lived it — combined with panel discussions — continues explaining the history behind one of the city's most brutal moments.

On Friday night, Bibleway Cathedral hosted a screening of "The Movement," the film by Jonathan Parker that details the era surrounding Bloody Monday, a vicious attack on peaceful civil rights protesters in Danville in the summer of 1963.

"We're excited to be able to bring the community story to the community and to be able to have dialogue," Parker told the Register & Bee before Friday's event.

He made the documentary for the 60th anniversary of Bloody Monday with first-hand accounts of those who lived through it.



WATCH: For video of the panel discussion, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link. [NEWSVU](#)

The film explains what Blacks endured decades ago. For instance, different bathrooms and water fountains based on the color of one's skin were commonplace.

Marches started throughout the city by residents who were united for change. Eventually, it culminated in Bloody Monday, where those peaceful marchers were beaten and abused by the city's police force, which had grown to include deputized public works employees and garbage workers.

"The most impactful part about doing this is hearing from the people who lived the movement," Parker said. "And so the film allows us to get a group of people together in a room and hear from people who actually lived it and discuss it."

Caroline Wilson, who was a teenager in 1963, was there. Wilson said in the film that she was never afraid of going to jail for marching.

"I feel just excited and pleased that I participated," she told the audience at Bibleway on Friday evening. "I have no regrets whatsoever."

Tommy Bennett was only 8 years old at the time.

"During that time, our parents would take us everywhere, and especially church," he said. "There was no such thing as babysitters."

His father, the bail bondsman for the city at the time, would often come home and tell his mother about a mass meeting. The young Bennett went with his parents to those meetings, although at the time he didn't understand he was witnessing history as it unfolded.

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Trump: US will 'avenge' deaths of 3 Americans

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Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The U.S. and Israel pounded targets across Iran on Sunday, dropping massive bombs on the country's ballistic missile sites and wiping out warships as part of an intensifying military campaign following the killing of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Blasts rattled windows across the country and sent plumes of smoke high into the sky above the capital city of Tehran. More than 200 people were killed since the start of the strikes that killed Khamenei and several other senior leaders, Iranian leaders have said.

Iran vowed revenge, firing missiles at Israel and Gulf Arab states in a counter-offensive that the U.S. military said killed three service members — the first known American casualties from the conflict. Israel's rescue services said nine people were killed and 28 wounded in a strike that hit a synagogue in the central town of Beit Shemesh, bringing the overall death toll in the country to 11. Eleven people were still missing after the strike, police said.

But the attacks on Iran showed no signs of relenting as the U.S. and Israel took aim at key military, political and intelligence targets in what appeared to be a widening

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VAHID SALEMI, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Government supporters chant slogans as they gather in mourning after state TV officially announced the death of Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday in Tehran, Iran.