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(http://www.repentamerica.com/pr_outfest.html) REPENT AMERICA

ELEVEN CHRISTIANS ARRESTED, JAILED, AND CHARGED UNDER HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION 10/11/04

PHILADELPHIA - On Sunday, October 10, 2004, eleven Christians with the Philadelphia-based Repent America were arrested, jailed, and charged under hate crimes legislation during an evangelistic outreach at the annual "OutFest" homosexual pride event held in the public streets of Philadelphia.

The six men and five women representing Repent America approached the event and were immediately confronted with unlawful opposition by a group of homosexuals. This group, the "Pink Angels", was formed by homosexual attorney Chuck Volz, a senior adviser to Philly Pride Presents, organizers of the annual OutFest event which receives \$22,500 yearly from the City of Philadelphia. The "Pink Angels" blocked access to Repent America by forming a human chain, refusing to allow the Christians to walk down the public sidewalk. Police intervened shortly thereafter, escorting Repent America through the human blockade.

While on the public sidewalk and street inside the event, Repent America began to open-air preach with the use of Scripture banners, and to distribute Gospel literature, as members of the "Pink Angels" blew loud whistles and carried large signs alongside the Christians to block their message and their access to the event attendees, while others screamed obscenities. The police refused to take action as the Christians were continuously followed, obstructed, and harassed.

Repent America obeyed all laws, and even the unlawful requests, to move by the Philadelphia Civil Affairs police officers in an effort of cooperation. Regardless of Repent America's compliance, Chief James Tiano, head of the Civil Affairs Unit, without warning, ordered the arrests of the Christians and hauled them off to jail, where they spent 21 hours, before being released the following day. Ten Christians were individually charged with three felonies and five misdemeanors, while a teenager with the group was charged with a misdemeanor.

"This is one of the most remarkable and unlawful actions by police that I have ever witnessed. Their blatant disregard of the law by allowing hecklers to impede our way, block our message, and then arrest us, is inexcusable, especially by police officers who are specially trained to protect civil rights," stated Michael Marcavage, director of Repent America. "Christians are now being labeled as 'haters' and any speech that homosexuals perceive to be intimidating, such as our Christian witness at OutFest, makes them a prime target for 'hate crimes legislation'," Marcavage continued.

The three felonies and five misdemeanors include: Criminal Conspiracy (Felony), Possession of Instruments of Crime (Misdemeanor), Reckless Endangerment of Another Person (Misdemeanor), Ethnic Intimidation (Felony), Riot (Felony), Failure to Disperse (Misdemeanor), Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor), and Obstructing Highways (Misdemeanor). "We are clearly 'not guilty' of these crimes, and with the help of our video footage, we shall be vindicated of these trumped up charges," Marcavage concluded.

The Christians are scheduled to be arraigned on October 18, 2004 at 8:00AM in the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Center.

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Re: * Breaking News * 11 Christians Arrested, Jailed for Hate Crimes in US, on: 2004/10/12 6:23

I checked out their website. Actually I am still checking it out. I think I really like these guys. I watched their video. It was quite inspiring.

Re: - posted by dougkristen (), on: 2004/10/12 9:53

Jesse,

I like what you are doing too and hope to maybe have you come and do a street evangelism teaching where I live in Rochester, NY.

Grace,
Doug

Re:, on: 2004/10/12 9:59

Just let me know and I would be glad to come. I read alot of the site, I'm still stirred up from it!

Re: - posted by dougkristen (), on: 2004/10/12 10:35

There is a different family that does street evangelism that is effective.

(<http://www.fullquivermission.com/>) Full Quiver Mission

A large family that does street evangelism with a pro-life focus. Their entire family participates in the evangelism. Check them out.

Grace,
Doug

Re: * Breaking News * 11 Christians Arrested, Jailed for Hate Crimes in US - posted by Rahman, on: 2004/10/12 10:56

i posted once on this subject over on Denny's initial thread;

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=3289&forum=35&1

But i pray for the city of Philadelphia a lot ... It's a city with a proliferation of neighborhood churches and clergy organizations, but it's still going straight to hell in a handbasket ... We had a murder wave last year that was unprecedented, and much of our inner city youth are daily baptised in the messages of drugs, sex and materialism as is evidenced by the constant barrage of bass laden filth that pumps from both car and apt./house stereos alike ...

i truly believe God has a judgment in store for Philly, as i can see no other way for us to be snapped out of our spiritual stupor ... Philly has a lot of spiritual ills, our radical homosexual contingent being a relatively new one, in which our Mayor and City Counsel now seems to cater to ... But it's not only our cities, for our Federal Government is just as bad, asking God to bless America, while the Supreme Court was snatching the Ten Commandments out of the Alabama Courthouse ...

AMERICA HAS BECOME A SCHIZOPHRENIC UNHOLY DUALITY, AND GOD DOES HAVE IT'S CURE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE PROPHET EZEKIEL!

The atheistic radicals don't even believe in God, and are hell bent to erase His holy name, especially from the State ... The multitude, including many of our politicians, have marginalized Him to a harmless baby on Christmas, and a even more harmless slaughtered lamb on Easter, exempt from matters of state and government, a personal Jesus ... And many Christians, because of God's seeming silence for the past 2,000 years, tho we won't say it, really don't believe in God, as our actions prove it, in that we've taken on other gods, thereby tainting our worship of the one true God ... God's execution of His judgment will effect us ALL, but according to Ezekiel He pays special attention to His ministers both spiritual and governmental ...

i wish that i could sit down all the politicians and make them listen to this sermon ...

Ezekiel: The Future of Politicians Who Pass Bad Laws and Give Bad Advice
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?currSection=&sermonID=91303232959>

God is about to send us even louder wake up calls than 9/11 to renewed belief in Him, and fiery, eternal torment in hell is the end of all who still refuse to bow their hearts, and knees to our Lord Jesus Christ ... Amen

Re: - posted by ravin, on: 2004/10/12 13:16

Asking God to bless america... When ARE we going to bless God; by obeying his word. Being faithful in what he gives you to do. God has blessed america and look how we have repayed him for it..

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/12 13:46

Quote:
-----Asking God to bless america... When ARE we going to bless God; by obeying his word. Being faithful in what he gives you to do. God has blessed america and look how we have repayed him for it..

Yes!! yes and yes! Brother you are right on. That needs to be trumpeted to much of the believers in america. Glory be to God.

Re: - posted by elias, on: 2004/10/12 15:15

One of those christians still has not been released. Her name is Linda Beckman.

please pray for her.

Re: * Breaking News * 11 Christians Arrested, Jailed for Hate Crimes in US - posted by Rahman, on: 2004/10/12 16:15

Quote;
"Regardless of Repent America's compliance, Chief James Tiano, head of the Civil Affairs Unit, without warning, ordered the arrests of the Christians and hauled them off to jail"

Here's a little blurb in one of Philly's newspapers about Chief Insp. James Tiano ...

Fencl winner: Underdog's hero
Chief Insp. James Tiano doesn't say 'no'
<http://www.philly.com/ml/dailynews/news/local/8702819.htm?1c>

Amazing that in less than 50 years in America, the wilful practitioners of the sin of homosexuality have gone from being reprobates, to underdogs ... Same sex unions used to be against the law, now their protected by law ... And the taunt of the unjust to the child of the King is, "Where is your God"? ...

Oh for the days when God freed his wrongly imprisoned servants with one precision placed earthquake ...

Lord God, my prayer is that you break your silence, and speak in a way that is unmistakably you ... Shake the very foundations of such blatant wickedness by thy Almighty hand ... In Jesus name, for His sake, for the sake of His Kingdom, and His righteousness i pray ... Amen

Re: - posted by Denny (), on: 2004/10/13 8:38

Quote:

-----There is a different family that does street evangelism that is effective.

Lauren, The oldest Murch daughter was with us on the street. She also received the eight outrageous charges.

(www.lifeandlibertyministries.com) Life and Liberty Ministries

Re: - posted by Denny (), on: 2004/10/13 8:45

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue through the week to minister on streets of Philly. Through the next two weeks (www.lifeandlibertyministries.com) Life and Liberty Ministries will be traveling throughout P A and OH with our Truth Truck. For more information on that outreach, check out our site.

Denny

Christians Jailed In Philadelphia For Preaching God's Word
October 11, 2004

The City of Philadelphia has shown itself intolerant of the Gospel and those who proclaim its message.

On Sunday, October 10, eleven Christians were arrested on the streets of Philadelphia as they shared the truth of the S criptures and called upon hundreds of celebrating homosexuals to repent and believe the Gospel.

On the first day of the "REPENT AMERICA LIFE AND LIBERTY TOUR" eleven Christians took the Gospel to the Philadelphia Outfest Homosexual Pride Event. The Christians displayed banners with Biblical messages and began to preach t he gospel to those in attendance. The event took place on a public street where thousands were milling.

The ministry team was immediately accosted by the "Pink Angels", a militant mob of homosexuals who attempted to dro wn out the call to repentance with dozens of loud whistles, and sought to hide the message with dozens of large sheets of pink styrofoam.

Even though the Christians obeyed all laws, city ordinances, and lawful requests by the Philadelphia police officers on h and, they were promptly and without warning, arrested and hauled off to jail where they spent 21 hours before being rele ased on Monday morning.

Among the outrageous charges filed against these faithful witnesses were the following.

-Criminal Conspiracy, felony

-Possession of Instruments of Crime, misdemeanor (The Bible is a two-edged sword and was considered a threat to the lawless and ungodly)

Reckless Endangerment of Another Person, misdemeanor (This was entirely dreamed up)

Ethnic Intimidation, felony (Sodomites have worked for years to have clear Gospel preaching outlawed as a hate crime.)

Riot, felony (Dispite the fact that our behavior was above reproach and we were attacked by a mob of whistle blowing, o bscenity screaming God haters, the Christians, and only the Christians, were charged.)

Failure to Disperse, misdemeanor (This charge is also bogus)

Disorderly Conduct, misdemeanor (A favorite allegation made by those who have no truly lawful charge to bring against those who would obey the great commission.)

Obstructing Highways, misdemeanor (Once again this charge is ridiculous. A video crew was on hand to film the ministr

y outreach and the footage will clearly disprove the validity of every charge brought against us)

"The Scriptures are filled with accounts of faithful followers of the Messiah who proclaimed the Gospel despite severe persecution. We are called upon and commanded to do no less. To shrink back would not be Biblical Christianity. May all of the true Disciples of our Messiah live as he lived and obediently follow Him even as this world grows in its hatred toward the truth of the Gospel and toward His servants." said Dennis Green, director of Life and Liberty Ministries.

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