

THE NATIONAL RESURGENCE OF A CAPPELLA MUSIC

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While some of our schools and younger preachers are touting instruments in worship, there is a national trend going on to return to a cappella music in worship. Here is some of what is happening.

- ◆ John Price, a leading Baptist minister, has excluded instruments from his church's worship and has written a book, *Old Light on New Worship*, in which he calls churches to reconsider what they are doing in worship (Google:John Price, pastor Grace Baptist, Rochester, NY)
- ◆ The Southern Baptist Church's leadership has urged all of its congregations to wean themselves away from instruments at their Sunday evening services.
- ◆ One of the biggest attractions in Branson, MO, right now is "Six," six brothers singing strictly a cappella.
- ◆ The June 5, 2008 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* devotes a page to the phenomenon on college campuses of a cappella music, which has become a huge hit. There are now more than 1,200 a cappella groups on campuses nationwide.

There appears to be a nationwide trend toward a cappella, even in churches. Since we have long held out for a cappella, I suggest some advertising, or at least mention in our publications, that we feature top quality a cappella music in worship. Let us take advantage of this surge. We can lead the nation in this resurgence, if we act while it is a hot item.

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## A new CD: "SHOULD A CHRISTIAN VOTE?"

The upcoming election will be the most significant in decades. Some Christians are zealous to vote, some say that there is no need to vote, others say I just don't care. The heading above is the title of a cutting edge sermon delivered on the subject by Jim E. Waldron on August 31, 2008 at the Post Oak Church of Christ near Rockwood, TN. It was video recorded by Melvin Chandler who worships at Post Oak. The DVD is available for \$4 per copy or \$20 for ten including postage. **Send check or money order to:**

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The **American Family Association (AFA)** is the largest pro-family association in the U.S. Its chairman is Donald E. Wildman, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803. On July 3, 2008 he sent out this statement concerning the McDonald's Restaurant Corporation:

*"McDonald's has refused to remain neutral in the culture war choosing to continue support for the homosexual agenda. AFA wrote McDonald's asking the company to do two things:*

*(1) Remove McDonald's name and logo from the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) Website listing McDonald's as a 'Corporate Partner and Organization Ally' of NGLCC.*

*(2) Remove the endorsement of NGLCC by Richard Ellis, Vice President of Communications for McDonald's USA.*

*"McDonald's refused both requests (and) donated \$20,000 to NGLCC in exchange for membership in NGLCC and a seat on its board of directors."*

September 3, 2008 : Last January McDonald's paid the cost of travel and accommodations for 56 employees to attend "Pioneer Summit" in San Diego, CA. "The purpose of the meeting was to develop a plan to promote the gay agenda within the company."

Brian Unger, senior vice president for McDonald's said, "It was truly inspiring to see McDonald's Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender members to come together to share heartfelt personal stories about their journeys,

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**NOTE: Please write a letter to the manager of the local McDonald's restaurant and tell him or her why McDonald's policies are an offense to you and your family! Personal letters make a powerful impact for they will be written evidence to senior officials in the company!**

# Girls Gone “Mild”

by Steve Higginbotham

Never has there been a time in the history of our society in which sexuality has been exploited and shamelessly flaunted as it is today. The constant exposure to immodesty and sexuality has desensitized our culture. No longer does one blush, feel embarrassed or ashamed by their clothing or lack thereof. Do you remember a time when you would have been embarrassed for your “underwear” to be seen? Who would have thought that underwear would become “outerwear” and deliberately displayed without blushing or embarrassment?

Look at how “casual sex” has been mainstreamed in our society through television, movies, music, music videos, singers, and actresses/actors. Many role models of today’s youth dress in a way that would have been associated with prostitutes a generation ago. And since they are role models, one need not look far to see little girls dressing in the same way, leading someone to coin the phrase, “prosti-tots.”

So instead of accepting a “Girls Gone **Wild**” mentality, how do we bring about a “Girls Gone **Mild**” mentality? Here are a few suggestions.

- ◆ Moms and Dads, don’t watch or allow your children to watch TV programs, music videos, etc. that have scantily clad people in them. Turn the channel. Be consistent. Don’t allow your children to be desensitized by repeated exposure. Develop within them a sense of shame and modesty. Don’t feel shy to tell them why you changed the channel.
- ◆ Moms and Dads, don’t allow your hard-earned money to be used to purchase clothing that is inappropriate. Take it back to the store. If you can’t, throw it in the trash. Whatever you do, don’t cave in and let your child wear it. Will your child get mad and throw a fit? Probably, but your job as a parent isn’t to make your children happy, but to make them holy! When I see a young girl or boy dressed immodestly, it speaks more about their mother and father than it does about them.
- ◆ Quit worrying about style, popularity, and how your child will “fit it” and be far more concerned about discipleship and conforming oneself and one’s child into the image of Jesus.
- ◆ And finally, ask yourself if your clothing or your child’s clothing professes godliness. If godliness isn’t the message, get rid of it.



Friends, there may be nothing we can do about the way the world acts and dresses. But within our society, one shouldn’t have to look long to find a group of people who are not conformed to culture (Romans 12:2), but who are living counter-culture lives, and who are more interested in authentic discipleship than acceptance and popularity. Would a person observing the way you dress or the way your children dress come to the conclusion that you are among the number of those “**gone wild**” or those “**gone mild**”? Give it some thought.

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# Shedding Innocent Blood

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It was said of wicked kings in Jerusalem that they filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, “*which the Lord will not pardon*” (II Kings 21:16; 24:4). In some respects the liberals on the Supreme Court of the United States rule like tyrant kings and are guilty of the same heinous crime. By their ungodly ruling (January 22, 1973) to allow abortion they have filled the land with innocent blood.

With the passing of years the enormity of abortion seems to have been moved to the background of the American conscience. Millions of unborn boys and girls continue to be slaughtered, but relatively few voices are being raised in protest. Politicians with their euphemism call it “pro-choice.” Lying sophistry says, “I don’t personally believe in abortion, but I believe in a woman’s right to choose.” To kill her own child?

To be “pro-life” means to be for the “pro”-tection of “life;” “pro-choice” means the taking of life. Abortion is supposed to be a constitutional right because the Court hunted until they found it in the Constitution, written invisibly between the lines.

Liberals salivate with joy in their claim: “It’s the law of the land.” No! It is not the law of the land, because the land (the people and the states) has not been allowed to vote on it. It’s a made-up law of a court which has no constitutional right to invent law, but invents it anyway.

Even when faced with the horrible details, Congress will do nothing, except in very rare cases. For example, in partial birth abortion (which some still support in spite of the law against it) the baby is partially delivered, then a sharp instrument is jabbed into his/her little brain. This is supposed to be more moral and legal than stabbing a new born.

And what of those cases when an abortion results in a live birth and the child is left to starve to death, because the mother wanted the child destroyed. Politicians are horrified when these facts are exposed, but in their pontifical hypocrisy they say there shouldn’t be any laws against even late term abortions because these might interfere with a woman’s choice to abort (kill) her baby.

You don’t have to be a rocket scientist to know that life begins at conception. Anyone so lacking in common sense as not to know that fact, and needs more proof may find it consistently in any scientific study on the subject. Yet a presidential candidate says he doesn’t know when life begins. The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, who claims to be a Catholic, says that doctors in the church can’t agree as to when life begins. If she means “doctors” of theology her statement is either abysmally ignorant or an outright prevarication. There is not much we agree on with Catholicism, but their position is firm against abortion. What makes abortion evil, however, is not Catholic doctrine, but “Thou shalt not kill.”

*This is being written in August. As we get closer to the national elections we will be hearing that the biggest issues are the economy, national defense, and health care. These are things that matter and honest people may differ in judgment on them, but how can these things save a nation*

*that hides its eyes from the shedding of innocent blood? Let’s pray for some new judges to be appointed whose rulings will be in the fear of God and for the life of babies in the womb.*

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## ABORTION FACTS

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Since the infamous ruling (Jan. 22, ‘73) by the U.S. Supreme Court in Row v. Wade that babies in the womb may be destroyed if the mother so chooses, there have been 49,915,603 little ones slaughtered as though they were so much vermin.

The history of court sanctioned abortions since that evil day shows that minorities in the country suffer more than the general population. For example, 13.7 percent of Americans are of African decent, but 31.7 percent of the babies aborted are black. Only 12.8 percent of the population is Hispanic, but over 20 percent of the babies killed are of Hispanic mothers.

In other words these two minorities make up only 26.5 percent of the population, but more than half (51.8 percent) of the babies killed come from these two groups. Planned Parenthood, which is run mainly by rich white people, is America’s leading abortion promoter and provider. It identifies its “core clients” as “young women, low-income women, and women of color.”

(www.NRLC.org/factsheets/513-minorities.pdf)

A very sad fact concerning the death merchants who have slaughtered nearly 50 million babies in the last thirty-five years is the silence of pulpits and church bulletins on the subject.

God “**hates...hands that shed innocent blood**” (Pro. 6:16) and He expects that His servants will agree with Him. Jeremiah in the face of severe persecution warned his nation of oppressing the weak and reminded them of the evil of shedding innocent blood (Jer. 7:6; 22:3, 17) for he said, “**On your skirts (men wore long robes) is found the blood of the lives of poor innocents**” (Jer. 2:34). But that nation did not heed the prophet and it went down to hades, even as another prophet said, “**The wicked shall be turned into hell (sheol, Greek hades) and all nations that forget God**” (Psa. 9:17).

Well did the prophet Isaiah speak of a people like the baby killers in our land, “**Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood...**” (Isa. 59:7). He also wrote, “**cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell my people their transgression...**” (Isa. 58:1).

Those men were prophets risking their lives to save their own people in their time. Where are the preachers today in America who will lift up their voices like the prophets and seek to save our dear land from going down to hades?