

From The Editor's Desk...

Does Christian Heavy Metal Have a Niche?

By Tim Tyson

"Hard core/heavy metal Christian rock." Up until a few nights ago I had never given "hard core/heavy metal Christian" music much thought. I had always passed it up, thinking it was really nothing more than hoarse gibberish bellowing from the speakers. Questions such as "Can people actually understand what they're saying?" and "This is a ministry?" would float through my head. I had a great tendency to merely brush off the whole concept of "hard core" music as just abrasive, slightly foolhardy, unnecessary and "Christian hard core" as really misguided.

All of this recently changed. During the *Disciple* concert held at The House Teen Center over in Marion, NC November 20 I was exposed to hard core Christianity. A breed of gospel giving that, as I said before, I had never given much thought nor credence. This is a style of extremely guttural and emotional preaching that involves singing/shouting on a decibel level 130 or more.

Hard core by itself offers the musicians and listeners the opportunity to unleash pent up feelings, fears, anger, desire and rage all in a loud fashion using the common combination of

drums, electric bass guitar, electric guitar and a lead singer.

Christian hard core goes many steps beyond this and walks in the realm of deep spiritual desire for Christ, woe and grieving over our complete spiritual corruptness and thankfulness for the complete and uncompromising promise of salvation through the blood of Christ.

While combining the art of hard core with the unleashing of these very real, but often intangible, emotions associated with Christianity. This puts a face on what goes on deep down inside the honest Christian. Now, of course, not everyone may choose to even attempt to express themselves in this fashion. Regardless, there is an audience ready and willing to participate ranging from 13 years of age even up to 50.

To give a point of reference, at the *Disciple* concert 48 teenagers gave

their lives to Christ, after listening to the genuine cries for the Lord from deep within lead singer Kevin Young. A casual observer would know that something that leads children into the paths of righteousness cannot possibly be all bad. Especially since the decision to follow Christ is also at the prompting of the Holy Spirit. For you Calvinists out there, this means that those kids were chosen by God to go to a concert of music that is abrasive to most ears and find Him in it.

This blows my mind. Praise God that he can be found in the things that looked completely foolish to a casual observer such as I.

In that light I am going to have to say that Christian hard core music definitely has a niche in the body of Christ.

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SGA Minutes

By Toney Johnson

Meeting Called to Order: November 18, 2002 at 7:10

Devotional: I Timothy 4:12 We are called to be examples everyday, no matter where we are or what we are doing. Adam Schultz prayed.

Attendance: Nate Swift, Lucas Fisher, Vince Norfleet (Absent)

Old Business:

Coffee House - Scheduled for Dec. 5

Recycling- Lyndsay Mayer: McGregor will make a recycling spot for the residents.

Kelley Cleveland: Spoke with Don Yelton again and starting the program this or next semester does not seem promising. However, a future program might be possible.

Tim: Is it possible just to consolidate all the information we have so far and the project so that future students don't have to go through all this research again.

Cafeteria- Lindsay King: Talked with cafeteria and found that they are currently only recycling cardboard.

MLK- Graham Ottley: Norm Sanders committed to Tuesday (Jan. 21st) after Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Subject of speech will be Luther's legacy for students today. Norm Sanders suggested African American students to speak along side. Graham is looking into that.

Coffee Shop- Tim: The coffee shop is not possible in lower Belk area. However, there might be potential in the grill or bookstore. Fund for Belk would need between \$4-7,000, and to get return would take a very long time and does not seem that profitable. Discussed ideas for a coffee machine in bookstore or grill. Will continue to do more research with

George.

Forums- Black Mountain Campus Forum with Lindberg and Alan Edwards is Dec. 10. Tomorrow is admission office. Adam Schultz: request advertisement of the forums by word of mouth.

Christmas Dance- Adam: The dance is less than 3 weeks away from today.

Adam: Remember just because you are in charge, doesn't mean you have to do all of it. Also let us try to improve our communication in between meetings. We must act quickly to prepare all of this within 3 wks.

New Business:

Library Temperature- Kelley: Talked to Al Edwards and working on it.

Extending Library hours- Adam: Write up request for extended hours on Sat. and send to Dean Lance.

Next Semester- Adam: Let's keep in mind the Hands and Feet project, SGA Elections in the Spring, Valentine's Day Dance, possible dinner, and student budget advisory.

Year Book- Adam: Let us prepare a proposal and arrange a list of necessities and budget figures and submit this also to Dean Lance.

Awards- Adam: SGA is supposed to present awards to professor chosen by the students.

Recycling- Proposal for work-study Kelley: talked to Wanda and believes there is work-study money that might be reasonable for next semester but nothing official.

Survey- Tim: Student's requests, to gauge student opinions about SGA progress and future agenda's. Tim requests SGA members to E-mail him to suggest topics of survey.

Meeting adjourned- Adam: 8:10



Living Water

By Johanna Wright

The Good Fight

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

As the semester comes to a close, the words of Paul's letter to Timothy echo in our minds. Christmas vacation is looming in our minds as we look forward to a rest from our labors. At the same time, we want to finish knowing that we have fought the good fight and that we have finished the race well. We look forward with anticipation to getting our 'unofficial' transcripts to see how well we have done, and look forward to the praise of parents and family members as they recognize our talents and accomplishments.

We are called to live out our Christian faith with that same anticipation and excitement. Because of the grace that has been offered to us through the cross of Christ Jesus, received by us in faith, we should strive to fight the fight of Christ. Through all of the opposition and battles of this life, we are called to 'keep the faith.' Christian, can you imagine the glorious reward awaiting you in Heaven when the day comes that you see God face to face? It is exciting to look forward to Christmas break, and to have our accomplishments praised by our loved ones, but imagine how much more exciting it will be to hear from our Father in Heaven,

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

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