

## Faithful Witness of the Gospel, by Flip

On Monday 8/19/2013, at 2:30 PM, three gentle Christians were put on trial in Jackson, Mississippi City Court House on trumped up charges stemming from their faithful witness of Jesus Christ and the babies at All Women's abortion mill. Satan knows his time is short in this venue as Mississippi may soon become the first abortion-free state in the US. Three were charged, Cal Zastrow, Esther Mann and Johnny Brekeen.

The saints of Jackson, including Richard & Melody, Bill & Harriet, and the Lane brothers joined us at 2:00 on public sidewalk outside the courthouse to lift up Jesus and sing praises. The prosecutors and all entering the court had to walk past this public witness. Many gave the group high 5's as they entered.

Upon entering the courtroom, we saw the courtroom was full to standing room only. The Judge moved many defendants to another courtroom and since the police had conveniently lost the paperwork for Pastor Mann & Johnny, their cases were continued until Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.



After all other cases had been heard Cal had his "day in court." He was charged with three offense, one on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> (sitting on a ladder on public sidewalk) and two on March 1<sup>st</sup>, obstructing the sidewalk & not properly handling a sign.

It was clear Cal had really rattled the chain of this police department as the prosecutor was the "first string," normally reserved for large felony cases not misdemeanors. The prosecution called witnesses including the two arresting officers, police commander and two managers of Roosters, burger joint across the street.

The policemen gave similar testimonies that Cal had been warned and given 35 minutes to comply and obviously did not care about the law. On cross examination it became apparent that police were ignorant of the law. When each was asked how long they had served and what they had learned at police academy they all knew when they were hired but could not recall much of what they had supposedly learned. Their responses to questions were disturbingly similar and demonstrated a lack of knowledge of the law.

They remembered they had sworn an oath but could not remember exactly what was in that oath. When reminded by Steve, our wonderful defense attorney, that they had promised to defend the U.S.



constitution they "recalled" that. When asked if they knew what the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment was they responded in the affirmative but when asked to name even one freedom guaranteed in the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment they responded "*this has nothing to do with this case.*" When Steve responded, I did not ask that, would you please respond and repeated the question. They could not. They did not know the law! One even arrogantly responded, "*when I speak, that is the law!*"

Concerning the sign ordinance the police were asked if

Cal held the sign sideways so as to block the sidewalk or toward the street so cars could see. They agreed it was toward the street. They then said he was in violation because he allowed the sign to touch the ground. When asked where in the ordinance it stated anything about touching the ground. **There is nothing the ordinance mentioning the ground.** At this point Steve moved for a dismissal on grounds the prosecution had not proved their case. The judge granted dismissal on the 2 March 1<sup>st</sup> counts and ruled to take the Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> violation ( ladder) under advisement, decision to be rendered this Friday, 8/23.

It was obvious to all that Satan's henchmen in Jackson are not the mayor or City Council but a run-away police force who just wants Cal off the streets. It was also evident that Cal is better upholder of the law than the police. Cal proved a faithful paraclete for the babies, filled with the Holy Spirit, our Paraclete!