
Subject: Naked Pepper Spray Attack on Church.

Dear Saint

Below please find a press statement by past. Fred May of Shofar Church in Stellenbosch. It is self-explanatory.

We have not been asked to publish it. We publish it because we consider it important.

Yours in Christ

Eben Swart

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Dear Friend

From Fred May

No, this is not another version of the newsletter that bypassed the media team's creative fettling! It's a newsflash.

I've just been through the most disgusting display of desecration and blasphemy ever. I'm forwarding detail of it in the prepared statement below. We've held back with it to give the university authorities time to react, but a week and a half later it's clear that they don't feel the need to. Which is why I'm writing to you.

PRESS STATEMENT BY SHOFAR CHURCH

On Sunday 19 October, between 19h00 and 20h00, during the second evening service of Shofar church in Stellenbosch, six stark naked male students rushed into the building bent on disrupting the service.

While four of the men were successfully warded off, two managed to make their way into the auditorium where they attacked shocked church goers with pepper spray. One of them mounted the platform where he disrupted the Face to Face music group who led the time of worship. In the ensuing emergency traumatised church goers, now afflicted with asphyxiation and burning eyes, were evacuated. Several of the elderly and children had to be carried out.

All attempts to subdue and remove the assailants from the scene were met with violent resistance. The response of the police and ADT security service, however, was commendably swift. As a result three of the attackers were arrested while the others managed to escape in a vehicle of which the registration plates were removed. By all accounts the attack appeared to be well planned.

After serving this community for the past sixteen years, we wish to believe this to be an isolated incident. However, we do have a concern for the questions raised by it i.r.o. a perceived climate of intolerance and criminal impunity which is allowed to flourish. For this reason Shofar sent an urgent request to the Dean of Student Affairs at Stellenbosch University to issue an official statement in support of religious freedom,

respect for all religious persuasions, and the denunciation of violence and

victimisation. Thus far no official response to this request has been forthcoming.

The church as chief organiser of the Angus Buchan event at Newlands in September

managed to raise a 1000 strong volunteer corps comprising mainly Matie students.

Many students at the university are living lives of exemplary witness for Jesus Christ.

And it is this very encouraging trend among students here that makes this incident all

the more deplorable. As a church community we are sorely grieved by the blatantly

blasphemous attempt to insult and to injure. It certainly points to an alarming degree of

moral declension within certain academic circles.

For me personally, this is that one step too far. I and the intercessors sense the hand of God

in this. The Holy Spirit wants to alert us to the need to focus our prayers on a stronghold of

wickedness in this town that must be broken down in the spirit - NOW! The intercessors at

both meetings in the week had visions of the Free Masonry obelisk crumbling under the power

of God. The attack left me feeling sexually violated. Of the intercessors had the same sense.

The act of horror was aimed at the violation of the bride of Christ. It certainly has the marks of

an occultic ritual.

I was interceding in the foyer at the time. I ordinarily do it backstage when I'm not ministering,

and not usually during the time of worship. But on this particular night the worship was so

special. The Holy Spirit was present so palpably that I felt led to pray in the foyer instead.

That's when the attack happened.

The other reason I'm convinced of it being a deliberate, demonically inspired attack was

because I received clear warning in this regard by the Lord the previous weekend. I was on

my way to Namibia when I felt strongly to alert the pastors and elders of a pending attack - in

the evening service - by satanists. That was the previous weekend. For that reason we were

mobilised and ready. So while I'm open to have been wrong about the timing, I'm still

convinced that it is of spiritual significance in that it is a plan hatched and executed by people

who are enemies of the cross of Christ. I too, like the intercessors, feel that the act is

somehow symbolically representative of the act of rape - in keeping with the phallic obelisk of

Freemasonry. Thence the naked intrusion by 6 naked men at a most intimate moment of

worship.

Consequently it is understandable and expected that the whole incident and its media

coverage, the lack of action against the offenders, and the complete lack of outrage on the

part of the university or the criminal justice authorities, is to be expected. The offenders even

staged a mock appearance at an NG church as a decoy strategy. However, I fail to see how

one sexton (Afr. = koster) will stop six grown, determined men armed with pepper spray! It

clearly is a ruse.

On the day after the incident, I received this word from Jeremiah 1:17-19 NIV: "*Get yourself*

ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

That's why I'm asking you to pass this mail to as many people as you can. I believe God wants to mobilize many people in the Body of Christ to stand together in prayer to see a dark and ancient stronghold break over this town. That's why He has allowed this outrage so as to stir us to prayer and action.

Thank you so much for your concern and support. I feel we should resist the spirit of lawlessness operating here on another level. As Christian citizens we're also expected to be custodians of morality, to maintain civilized values.

Yours in Him

Fred May