VIEWPOINT

By Kasey Carty-Campbell

Culture Shock:

a challenge to examine our presumptions

There is justification behind this reasoning. Romans 12:2 says, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” To those that choose not to fill their mind with sexual humor, I commend. Christ repeatedly calls us all to a holy lifestyle. At the same time, I see an epidemic in the church of harsh judgment towards the culture in which we live. We are to live holy lives, pleasing to God, but I haven’t yet found a verse that tells us to judge others based on our own personal convictions. Romans 14:13 says, “Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.”

If we truly want to be a light to a dark culture, we must understand the ways in which we “shine” before all men. Christ calls us to live holy lives, pleasing to God, and we should reflect that in our actions. Therefore, if it is not pleasing to God, then it is not for us. If we try to make the world pleasing to God, then we will fail. We are in the world, but we must be separate from the world. We must live holy lives, pleasing to God, and we must not conform to the world.

Just for the Record

By Scott Bryant

Driving back from Paducah, Kentucky to Jackson yesterday, I realized one thing. For as many restaurant, tanning salons and banks we have, it seems like a decent radio station would be hard to come by. While in Paducah, I listened to the local station and heard songs that I had never heard before. Maybe I just didn’t hear the new Destiny’s Child song, “Survivor” on “The Q,” but I did hear it in Paducah.

The song was excellent; too bad Jackson can’t catch up with the latest music. Also, the other day I was working on the computer and turned on 102.3. Aerosmith’s “Jaded” came on twice in a 45-minute period. I thought I was in “Gounding Day” or something.

I know it’s a decent song, but come on, there are others. It seems to me that “The Q” loves certain songs such as Matchbox 20’s “If You Go Away”, Shaggy’s “It Wasn’t Me” and Train’s “Meet Virginia.”

In Paducah, they regularly play a wider variety of music and spread songs out over a longer period of time. Speaking of 102.3, what is with Bob and Sherrie in the morning? Sometimes they discuss the most disgusting topics. One morning, Bob and his guest information about her bra size. When the poor woman responded, they laughed at her. I felt incredibly sorry for the woman for being laughed at on a regional station.

Every time I hear the line “All rights reserved, all wrongs revenged,” I gag. What does that mean anyway?

Along with 102.3, other radio stations in Jackson are very disappointing for a town this size. On 88.1, a Christian station, you mostly hear spiritual commentaries interrupted by musical interludes from the eighties. Nothing against Michael W. Smith, but 88.1 usually plays Smith’s older music along with some frequent Ray Boltz. Other than on Sunday nights when Union’s own Tim Hughes hosts, 88.1 seems not to be willing to take a chance on contemporary Christian music. If I didn’t have a CD player in my car I would go crazy hearing the high-pitched line “I’m sorry Ms. Jackson…” by OutKast or the ever popular “He loves me, he loves you not” by Dream.

I strongly suggest to a prospective student or anyone moving into the Jackson area to purchase a CD or tape player for their car. Without it, sanity might be lost.

Pick of the litter: This week’s pick of the litter comes from Jeremy Russell. His player holds Passion 98 because “it’s good praise and worship music to listen to.”

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