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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ How Do Local Thompsonville Residents Feel About 3abn?...

Posted by: watchbird May 10 2007, 07:14 AM

In the thread "*What He Said! (db On Commandment #7), Doug B. on Adultery*", post #48, LaurenceD raised the first of the two questions in this thread title, saying, "Does anyone know how local Thompsonville residents really feel about 3abn?"

IMO this question, along with its companion one... How does their relationship with Danny Shelton and 3abn affect their view of the SDA church as a whole?.... deserves to be considered under a thread specifically devoted to them.

These questions have been raised on BSDA in previous times, but always within some specific context which causes the comments to be so scattered that it is extremely difficult to find them and form a coherent picture of the answers. So I invite those who have previously made comments in this area to return now and share what your observations have been. But since some are not currently posting, perhaps others will find and bring the specific urls to their comments so we can have those all gathered in this one place.

For starters, I'll bring Laurence D's full question from the thread in which he made it, followed by a couple responses to that.

QUOTE(LaurenceD @ May 9 2007, 09:10 AM)

Does anyone know how local Thompsonville residents *really* feel about 3abn?

It sounds like the community's negative perception of the compound was based on 3abn trying to get out of paying it's fair share of taxes, not racial issues. The judge put it this way: *In a letter attached to the 2000 year application, the Village of Thompsonville adamantly (emphasis in original attachment) opposed the requested exemption.* The Board of Review of Franklin County, the Cave township supervisor, and the Cave Township Board had a similar reaction.

To which I responded....

QUOTE(watchbird @ May 9 2007, 10:51 AM)

The problems between Thompsonville residents and 3abn go back a lot farther and are much more widespread than merely the property tax issues.

Duane Clem, PJMusic, Beartrap, and others on BSDA who are or have been residents of T'ville could give a lot of first hand testimony from the community side of things. But before you do try to contact them privately...."do your homework" right here on the board to see what they have already said.

You'll need the search function and patience... but here is one

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=9766&view=findpost&p=129307>

Dig, dig, dig.....



..... and keep digging....



And I will add here, that clicking on "<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=9766&view=findpost&p=129307>" above or here will take you to a statement made by

Beartap last year (May 2006) in response to a question raised by Clay.

And I certainly agree with the position he took there... that there is no one better qualified to answer that than are Thompsonville residents themselves.

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QUOTE(Aletheia @ May 9 2007, 11:15 AM) □

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Lessee... that means that we should never consult anyone who has been victimized so that they have a negative view of Danny Shelton and his gang.... OK.... □ ... Got it.... □

So now you have explained your own criteria as to whom to "consult" for your information... only those who are the **abusers** of victims.... Thank you very much..... □ sig:Now we understand a little bit more as to why it seems that you never see anything but one side of any story... and which side that is. Very interesting. □

But for those of us who think that we will get the most accurate information from victims and/or those who have personal acquaintance with those who are either victims or fear becoming victims.... again I invite area residents and/or those who are acquainted with area residents to give us their comments on the questions raised in this thread title.

Let the testimonies begin.....

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Posted by: Aletheia May 10 2007, 07:47 AM

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No, that is not what I meant at all. I didn't say that, you did. "Victims" and "those with an axe to grind" are not the same thing.

There are some here who have an agenda to bring 3ABN down, an axe to grind. They profess the opposite with their mouth, but their works prove different. Everything they say is negative, those they talk of are always portrayed in the worst possible light, and every evil motive and intent attached to any incident they relate.

And although their claims and words are unending, more often than not, what they say can not be substantiated and contains no evidence, and involves evil surmising, if they do include any details which can be verified, what they say is even proven false, many times by those who really are directly involved and do have the evidence to support what they say...

Therefore I, having read their writings, and found them untrustworthy, will not depend on them to tell me what Thompsonville thinks of 3ABN. It would be an unbalanced and warped view.

Of course that's your view, so I understand you will want to advance that here where those with that view are the majority.

But this small little world does not represent Adventism or any one else really outside these forums..

So carry on with your work, and do as you are compelled to.

All, the readers and lurkers are free to judge and decide for themselves.

Posted by: awesumtenor May 10 2007, 07:57 AM

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In His service,
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Posted by: LaurenceD May 10 2007, 08:50 AM

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I also remember a couple comments made about Thompsonville, regarding the percentage of ethnic population. Someone posted the statistics from the town's website, I think.

I'd be intererested in views from local residents, like letters to the editor, etc. Anything ever been published like that?

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Posted by: Skyhook May 10 2007, 09:19 AM

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LaurenceD, you sound just like my grandpa. He used to say things like that. But maybe not quite so poetic. I recall him saying "When things get too tough for everybody else, that's when us cowboys like it best."

Posted by: caribbean sda May 10 2007, 09:41 AM

QUOTE(LaurenceD @ May 10 2007, 10:50 AM)

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...enough said!



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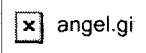
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Ah... but the question is... what happens when the wind is blown away by the cyberwind... and the axes themselves are borne away out of your hands?

Read it again, Laurence. Put yourselves in the shoes of the writer.... and know that he writes the true sentiments of MANY individuals... both lowly and highly placed. If you read with your heart you will find it anything but "funny".

As it is written in the book of SeaGull lore.....

See that you do not estimate danger by the antics of a tiny cub.... but take you heed to the Tiger mom hovering protectively nearby."

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 10 2007, 11:06 AM

On February 28, 2007, Bystander shared his perspective of Thompsonville:

QUOTE

Richard, don't twist my words. First of all 3abn didn't say it, I did. Second of all, I too, grew up in a farming community and have nothing against farmers. I do have something against a town of 600 people that try to push religious entities out by trying to tax what shouldn't be taxed, by referring to SDA's as weirdo's and oh, did I mention, they don't like other races there. They didn't have any ethnic variety until 3abn. The ministry has brought in african americans, spanish, puerto rican, and the community doesn't like it. There is still a KKK in the county. Now that is disgusting.

to which husbandoftheyear posted in reply:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=12650&view=findpost&p=181347>

QUOTE

It is true that Thompsonville is a small town.

It is true that the community is predominately inhabited by whites.

It is true that the KKK had a very large following in Southern Illinois, but it is not centered in Thompsonville. They haven't had a rally since the early 90s (in Benton BTW).

Your comment on how 3ABN has brought other nationalities into 3ABN is a farce at best. Yes, there are people from all over the world that come to 3ABN to do programs, but they don't settle in Thompsonville. I only know of one hispanic family that live in Thompsonville. Most (like 95%+) of the non-whites that work at 3ABN live outside of Thompsonville. So the local government obviously couldn't have been outraged because of that.

I know several people on the city board that I talked to when they asked for 3ABN to be taxed. It was not out of malice or racism as you would have us believe.

Perhaps they were a little upset when (white) 3ABN employees were caught stealing electricity from the city among other things...? Perhaps it's the way that many of the businesses were treated so poorly by 3ABN that made them realize that the station was not really a ministry but a business disguised as a ministry. And obviously the legal system agreed.

asked Duane Clem if Bystander's characterization of Thompsonville was accurate and he posted:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=12650&st=165&p=181390&#entry181390>

QUOTE

No. Thompsonville as a whole doesn't have a problem with SDAs or people from other countries. What they don't like about 3ABN is -- Danny Shelton.

hope that HOTY and Duane Clem will add more of their perspectives.

Posted by: LaurenceD May 10 2007, 12:14 PM

QUOTE(watchbird)

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Oh, I believe Beartrap all the way. Out here we'd find it a joke if some TV personality tried to intimidate us the way DS has the locals. We'd think it was funny, childish. Any urban cowboy that came out on the high desert around here, and couldn't find a quick cure for verbal diarrhea, would have to pony up and hit the highway where he came from. We wouldn't tolerate that for one minute.

for Skyhook: and like my grandfather use to say, "his hat blew off a manure pile and he went to look for it.")
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QUOTE(Bystander)


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Thanks for the links, PB. Good stuff. Now I can rest assured that Bystander and all his ilk have no idea what they were doing wrong when the judge ruled against them. If they do understand what they were doing wrong, not one of the defenders has ever offered even a clue.

Posted by: ex3ABNemployee May 10 2007, 10:57 PM

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
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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 11 2007, 10:56 AM


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
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Duane,

Thank you! 

Posted by: Eirene May 11 2007, 12:09 PM

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Posted by: princessdi May 11 2007, 12:45 PM

So, where is 3ABN's community out reach program. Danny(and Linda) should have come to town as christians and becoming a part of that community. The inhabitants didn't get 3ABN were isolated from the them out of the blue. they look like and act like a "compound" and a cult. Danny even took the church amoved it onto his land. So now the church isn't even a part of or serving the community. The church is not approachable, as it should be. It was 3ABN's responsibility to come in as part of the community, as a christian community within the community. You know letting their light so shine and all.....Ok, so if this post was to help Danny out, maybe you should not have posted it.

Posted by: Pickle May 11 2007, 12:49 PM

Well Eirene, I had one local tell me that Danny had personally threatened them with drowning or hanging if they didn't back off of the Tommy Shelton child molestation allegations.

Now since after talking to lots of people only one has told me that, there is a possibility that that person was mistaken, but given everything else that's going on, you never know.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 11 2007, 01:47 PM

Eirene,
Your post raises some questions in my mind...

QUOTE(Eirene @ May 11 2007, 10:09 AM) □

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- .. How much time have you spent in T'ville?
2. How many of the T'ville residents have you spoken with?
3. What did you say to the ones spouting the "N" word more than once?
4. Was it a T'ville resident that told you about the "outsiders" 3abn has brought in?
5. Did you attempt to show the local who felt 3abn was a cult with hidden tunnels and weapons that the perception was inaccurate?

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I'm certain all of us are familiar with those older folks who are set in their ways. (Cover your eyes Aletheia, or I'm going to say it again)

Every one of those bigoted, set-in-their-ways folk are precious to Jesus. He died for them just as surely as He died for those inside the 3abn "compound". Pray, pray, pray that everyone inside of 3abn will look outside the property line and see those T'ville residents who are angry at and suspicious of 3abn with Jesus' eyes. Rejoice that the younger generation sees the economic value of 3abn to their town and knows the town needs to change. Get out there and show both sets of T'ville folk what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Connect with them!

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.. WHY?! Why has Danny had no contact with those locals other than the feed store and the restaurant? See Di's response on this one!!!!

2. If Danny has not been unkind to anyone and a town has developed such ill will one would have to ask why. Is the whole town evil? That seems unlikely.
3. How would not being privy to adventist circles, conferences and leadership impede this non-christian's ability to form an opinion on Danny's character? Danny's actions towards this person and others would speak far more loudly than anything anyone in adventist circles, the conference or leadership could say. Personal experience would count as credible sources, Eirene. I don't think you came anywhere close to making your

case against Duane's non-Christian former 3abn employee contact's opinion.
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Posted by: SoulEspresso May 11 2007, 05:40 PM

QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ May 11 2007, 01:47 PM)

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Well folks, let's use a little logic in discerning this post. Considering that Eirene is "the tiger lady" when it comes to anyone saying anything negative about certain 3ABN employees, what are the odds that she actually heard all this she eludes to OR is this just what she has been told has been said by "a bunch of old racist people who don't like change" (tongue in cheek by me). GIMME A GIGANTIC BREAK

Since Eirene doesn't answer questions PB. , don't hold your breath. i'll just go back to bangin me head.



Posted by: ex3ABNemployee May 12 2007, 12:08 AM

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Posted by: Aletheia May 12 2007, 05:15 AM

QUOTE(Pickle @ May 11 2007, 02:49 PM)

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Eirene didn't say that, you did Duane. And have no facts to even support your view.

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
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- edited to add bold text

Posted by: SoulEspresso May 12 2007, 09:38 AM

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I would hasten to add that hatred is not something I wish anyone would deal in.

Posted by: seraph|m May 12 2007, 09:53 AM

QUOTE

D' date='May 10 2007, 03:14 PM' post='194940']

Oh, I believe Beartrap all the way. Out here we'd find it a joke it some TV personality tried to intimidate us the way DS has the locals. We'd think it was funny, childish. Any urban cowboy that came out on the high desert around here, and couldn't find a quick cure for verbal diarrhea, would have to pony up and hit the highway where he came from. We wouldn't tolerate that for one minute.


(for Skyhook: and like my grandfather use to say, "his hat blew off a manure pile and he went to look for it.") lol!


Thanks for the links, PB. Good stuff. Now I can rest assure that Bystander and all his ilk have no idea what they were doing wrong when the judge ruled against them. If they do understand what they were doing wrong, not one of the defenders has ever offered even a clue.

 A clue? WHERE, where? 


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Yeah, well maybe I'm just a schitzophrenic idiot, who can't comprehend or understand, and is over taken by fits of sudden rage, ect, **and maybe NOT**, but speaking of **AbStRaCt....**

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"can you please provide me with a link to that?"

I overlooked that in my answer to you, and didn't realize that till later, I apologise. It was in a private letter which was originally published by Gregory Matthews on Maritime, and then quoted here by icedragon.

Here you go:

QUOTE

Linda said on her web site recently that I had told Johann a year before that I had never accused her of adultery. She was correctly quoting a portion of my statement to Johann, but what she did not bother to say is that I was defending 3ABN against an accusation that we had fired her for adultery. I was merely telling him that it was for defiance of her board that she was let go, not because of adultery, an accusation, it is true, I never stated. As you can see from the few things I have included here, we have had ample evidence to suggest adultery, but it is true, we have not seen the two of them in bed together.

Our position on the board all through this process was to take the high road and not to tell things like this to the public, attempting to protect Linda from even more hurt that she was doing to herself. In all of our public statements, we have tried to be discrete. To protect the ministry from a public confrontation, we also gave Linda a good settlement with the agreement that she would not bad mouth 3ABN. And while she has partially fulfilled her obligation, her "friends" have kept the pot boiling - contrary to her agreement.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=10845&view=findpost&p=151526>

Soory about the off

folks, now back to your previous "programming"

Posted by: runner4him May 12 2007, 12:03 PM

Edited.....sorry!

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Your friend Bystander, who presented himself as a spokesperson of Danny and 3abn, was quite clear in his characterization of the people of Thompsonville. Eirene, in the post I was responding to, was quite clear in her characterization of the people of Thompsonville. Both of these people, who may or may not be a part of the Shelton family, seemed to be casting the residents of Thompsonville in quite a derogatory light, pointing out their many negative characteristics. Neither characterization contained any hint that those supposedly bigoted, suspicious and judgmental townfolk were of any value. Never was there a hint that these folks also needed the Good News to be spread to them. Instead, the picture that was painted by their words was "Us versus Them - the 3abn beacon of light to the world surrounded by the 600 evil demons residing in Thompsonville."

Does Eirene personally know Danny? Should I trust that her information is accurate when she says Danny only goes into T'ville to buy feed for his animals and to visit the vegetarian restaurant? I would love to hear, from Danny or anybody else at 3abn who knows the answer, why there has not been Christian outreach to the residents of Thompsonville by 3abn. Danny flies around the world to promote the ministry of 3abn and yet he cannot walk into Thompsonville to repair the breach that seems to exist between him and the T'ville residents? I am reminded of that wonderful TCW sermon on the greatest commandment given by Dwight Nelson just one week ago. He said "Love God supremely and thy neighbor impartially". The following texts

were a part of his message.

Matthew 22:36 - 39 says:

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1 John 4:19 - 21 says:

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And what did I say that provoked such a response from you?

QUOTE

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=13529&view=findpost&p=195088>

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If you will review the post you seem to be referring to you will see that I was not asking Derrell for his testimony.

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
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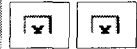
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Posted by: Eirene May 12 2007, 06:32 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ May 11 2007, 07:50 PM)

Well folks, let's use a little logic in discerning this post. Considering that Eirene is "the tiger lady" when it comes to anyone saying anything negative about 3ABN, what are the odds that she actually heard all this she eludes to OR is this just what she has been told has been said by "a bunch of old racist people who don't like change" (tongue in cheek by me). GIMME A GIGANTIC BREAK 

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Assuming of course you have an ear to hear...

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but again, thats JMO.

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Posted by: seraph|m May 13 2007, 02:49 PM

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as a christian community within the community.

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Beartrap, good for you, young man, for having the guts to throw your political hat into the ring of town politics!

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Wow, what perceived issue would have caused a pastor to take such action? If the ministry and, perhaps, even the church are perceived as turning a blind eye and do not eventually deal with issues that are hurting the relationship with the people living nearby, I can understand how that would eventually color opinions about both.

Posted by: princessdi May 13 2007, 05:29 PM

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Posted by: mozart May 13 2007, 07:05 PM

QUOTE(Eirene @ May 11 2007, 10:09AM)

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Here is your quote Eirene. You say you "ate" (ate = one time) at THE (the = one) restaurant. So, "Where's the beef?"

You say this place is the "beehive of gossip...where you can learn a lot about the locals vs 3abn" Are you saying you base that opinion on the ONE time you ATE at the ONE restaurant you mention? You say you heard the "N" word more than once. Where was that heard? Same place? Same time? You say you heard about the "outsiders....." My question again. Where did you hear that one? You say you were "also told by a local.....blah blah blah"

Again, where was this told to you? You make all these statements prefaced by saying you "have been to T'ville also" and you "ate at "the" restaurant.

Then you write another reply to me with all these elusive statements and rhetorical questions. But not one honest answer. Why should anyone believe you? You can't even answer one question honestly. Then you dare to condemn others? □

QUOTE(Eirene @ May 13 2007, 01:01 PM) □

Really? First of all I didn't say "one" visit. **So how many visits were there Eirene?** As to "one" restaurant, other than the health food restaurant, there is only "one" restaurant in T'ville. **So, your point is? there must be ONE restaurant that you were talking about.** □ □ **What IS your point??**

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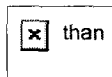
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having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof from such turn away.

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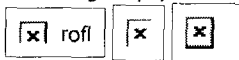
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Posted by: princessdi May 13 2007, 10:46 PM

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