

# The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

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*Let the Redeemed of  
the Lord say so!  
Psalm 107:2a*

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## *Will You March For Jesus?*

Are you glad to be a Christian, and want to tell everybody that Jesus is Lord and Savior? Well April 19, 2014, is a good opportunity to do just that, Marching For Jesus in the company of hundreds of fellow believers, right here in Springfield. Springfield is a city that so dearly needs to hear the message that Jesus is alive and well, and loves me and you.

On Saturday, April 19th, which is the day before Easter (Resurrection Day) at the end of Passover Week, we want you to come and join us at the March For Jesus, to celebrate our Savior – crucified, risen, and coming again! We will be rallying on State Street, at Walnut and Federal, as marchers gather, with signs and balloons and singing. Just as the people of Jerusalem heralded His coming with praise, let us prepare the



way of the Lord – He is soon returning.

The movement to March for Jesus began in London in 1987 when 3 groups got together under the leadership of Graham Kendrick to take what they experienced in church out into the streets. In spite of pouring rain, 15,000 turned out. It grew from there to other cities and countries. It covered every time zone in 1994 with millions of Christians taking part, and finally in June 2000, the March involved 60 million Christians from 180 nations.

After the group disbanded, many cities and groups continued to promote this outreach. Springfield is a city of many discouraged, hopeless people. It has been a tough year for many, some lost homes, jobs, even children. It's hard not to lose hope, too. Let's not be the invisible church, let's let our world know He is here. For too long, the church has stayed within its walls, abdicating its responsibility to be salt and light in this world. It's time to take God's message to the streets, literally!

For us, April 19th begins early at Holy Grounds, where volunteers are making coffee, blowing up balloons, selling bumper stickers, buttons, yard signs, and registering the marchers. Be there for 10:30 a.m. rain or shine. Pastor Scott will give the signal to start marching by blowing his shofar, then we all head out down State Street. We will be walking on the sidewalk to allow traffic to continue up and down State Street. We want as many people as possible to hear and see us celebrate Jesus. Only American, Christian, or Israel flags are permitted, no signs with church or organization names, please, as we are celebrating unity!

At Main Street, we will proceed to the steps of City Hall. It is a beautiful sight to see all the people filling the steps of City Hall and the Pastors lined up in front to pray.



Pastors praying for the city

As they assemble, the microphone is passed down the line as each Pastor gets to pray in whatever language they like. Brothers and sisters, we lift up Springfield all together, for its prosperity, its morality, its homes and families, its mayor and leadership.

One last word about the March For Jesus: increasingly, public expression of faith is being suppressed in America. We need to exercise our first amendment right of free speech. Here's your chance. Come and march with us for Jesus! Bring your church!

### *Cheryl's Testimony* *March 9, 2014*

by Cheryl Shukes

"I have been going to the March For Jesus for 2 or 3 years now. It's an awesome way to worship Jesus and let the city know that we are "Jesus freaks"! I love it! I wish it could go on and on forever, until Jesus comes.

"One time when I was working in Hartford, there was a March for Jesus. I wanted to leave work and join them, there

were so many people, I was amazed.

"It's going to be such a great time at the March this year, because the day before the March, we go through Good Friday and all that it stands for, that is, Jesus dying for our sins. Then, on Saturday, we March, knowing that the next day, Sunday, we celebrate the fact that He is alive, alive. It's so awesome!

"This year, hopefully, it will be nice weather, because it will be in the spring and it will be warmer. Some years it was so cold and rainy, but people came out anyway. It's amazing that so many different churches come out and get involved, but there should be more."

### ***Saturday Night Live at the Coffee House by Bro. Bruce***

Thank God for Saturday Nights at Holy Grounds. God has blessed this wonderful ministry with His Grace. From small beginnings, to each and every Saturday, God has given us opportunities both to reach out to the world, and to draw the family of God into unity.

What began with Open Mic once a month has bloomed into two movie nights a month with open discussion afterwards. Then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, we have a band night, and a full Open Mic on the 4th Saturday.

Movie nights feature a relaxed atmosphere, with popcorn and root beer floats! Open Mics are introducing new talents in the Body of Christ, and preparing us to see more music events on a larger scale in the future. On April 12 we will have guest band: Total Surrender.

On April 19, the evening of the March For Jesus and Easter Eve, we will be showing The Passion of the Christ. The first backyard barbecue this year will be an Open Mic potluck picnic May 31, 1 pm to 1 am!

God is using this ministry to help build a volunteer army of sold-out soldiers for Christ. God uses us to attend not only to the Body of Christ, but also to those who are hurting and searching for Truth and Love.

## **~Save the Date: March for Jesus~**

**Saturday April 19, 2014**

**Meet at Holy Grounds Coffee House**

**10:30 am, rain or shine! We will march to City Hall for prayer.**

### ***Ongoing Events at Holy Grounds Coffee House***

**April 5 & 19, Movie Nights @ Holy Grounds 6:30 PM**

**SUNDAY SERVICES 10AM & 2PM**

**MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30AM**

**TUES & THURS UPPER ROOM PRAYER 11AM**

**TUESDAY SOLID ROCK NIGHT MUSIC FORUM 7:00PM**

**WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30 & CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 PM**

**SATURDAY LUNCH 2-4PM WEEKLY**

**1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4PM**

**~ For more Information call 413-301-0918 ~**

### **Open Mic Worship Nights**

**Saturday April 12 and 26,  
6:30 PM**

**Play Music, Read Scripture,  
Sing, Poetry, Testimonies**

*Share Your Talents!*