

# The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

*Go ye, therefore, and  
teach all nations . . .  
teaching them to  
observe all things  
whatsoever I  
commanded you.  
Matt. 28:19-20*



October 1, 2015, Vol. 4, Ed. 9 Trust Jesus ▪ Pray Daily ▪ Seek Unity in Christ ▪ Love Goodness ▪ Share Your

## *Evangelism and Discipleship: Theme of Next Seven Years*

by Roberta D'Amico

Monday, September 14th, 2015, was a very important day in the work of the Lord here in Springfield Massachusetts, and for Redemption Gate's Holy Grounds Coffee House. September 13th, was not only the beginning of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. It was also the last day of the Seven-year Program that God initiated for Redemption Gate Mission Society. Beginning on September 30, 2008, the day the Coffee House was purchased, the Seven-year program centered on seven themes for re-Christianizing Springfield: Trust Jesus, Pray Daily, Read Your Bible, Go To Church, Seek Unity, Love Goodness, Share Your Faith. For seven years we spread these messages all over Springfield and surrounding towns. We have grown much in the last seven years, as individuals and as a church, a Body of Christ. Now, God is leading us to a new level of service.

Gathering here together at Holy Grounds on Sunday and Monday, we celebrated Rosh Hashanah, otherwise known as the Feast of Trumpets, the first of the Fall Feasts. Our Sunday afternoon Bible School was accompanied by the blowing of the Shofar and special foods. Then



Pastor Scott announced the plan for the next seven years.

On Monday, following the morning Bible Study, Pastor Scott explained the details of the plan. "We are going to begin an emphasis this second seven years on evangelism and discipleship," Scott said. "Evangelism without discipleship leads to a lot of people going astray." God has raised up a man to



**Minister Brian Greene**

lead the way, Minister Brian Greene. Today, September 14th, we installed him as our first full-time Minister of Evangelism. From this day forward, he will lead the effort to "bring the wheat into the barn" so to speak, and draw

believers into the work of building the Kingdom here at Redemption Gate Mission Society. But he will not be working alone. We are calling all associated with this ministry to participate in this work with him.

At 9 a.m., we gathered around to install Minister Greene as the new Minister of Evangelism. Pastor Steve Cooley, as President of Redemption Gate Mission Society, anointed Minister Brian Greene with holy oil, bringing him into the two-fold position as the Minister of Evangelism. Following this, Pastor Cooley dedicated Brian in prayer "to serve the Lord

in the delivering and healing of souls, and empower him with authority, wisdom, and power.”

God had prepared Minister Brian Greene for this, through many difficulties and trials, and he responded with these words, “This is a new beginning. I knew it was from the Holy Spirit. He is a wonderful God and others have been helping me. I’ve been walking by faith not by sight, trusting Him, and will continue to praise God no matter what goes on.”

As the leader of the team, Minister Brian will be training all of us in doing evangelism, even door-to-

door evangelism and street ministry. Pastor Scott is calling on all of us to enter into this new model of discipleship. “When anyone comes through the door of the Coffee House, from this day forward,” he says, “each one of you will ask the question, is that person mine? Is that person my assignment?” Everyone can start at whatever level they are at and ask the Lord to increase their faith and knowledge. Pastor Scott assured us that God will give us what we need to be able to minister to those who come in. As the Holy Spirit leads, we must use our time wisely, as Jesus is coming soon.

## **Pastor Scott Returns to Find a Thriving Ministry** By Roberta D’Amico

Pastor Scott Lively has returned to Springfield after being away since early July, to be pleasantly surprised. The Redemption Gate Ministry was being mightily blessed by God. More people were being impacted, this awesome ministry was expanding, and Christians were growing.

The ministry which God led Pastor Scott to begin 7 years ago was carrying on. People had stepped up to take responsibilities. Scott was relieved and could rest easy to see how it was thriving. Thank God for His provision of able men and women who are dedicated to God’s work here! This encouraged Scott mightily as he endeavors to start another ministry, patterned after Holy Grounds Coffee House, in Riverside California.

Here in Springfield we reach over 100 High School students some mornings before school, not just for coffee or hot chocolate and snacks, but for prayer and encouragement. Then we hold our famous Morning Bible Study, an in-depth study of the Bible, chapter by chapter. More than just intellectual, it focuses on what the Word means to us today and how it applies to our lives.

On Sunday we have a Service in the morning and Bible College-level teaching in the afternoon,

plus various other Bible Studies during the week. Every day our doors are open to anyone who wants to come to a welcoming and transforming environment to read, study, listen to inspirational music, or just fellowship with Christians, and enjoy a lunch. Now we are taking the next step.

With the installation of Minister Brian Greene, we are expanding the evangelistic and discipleship aspects of the ministry. As we may face new trials and tribulations in the future, those of us who minister at the Coffee House are seeking first to strengthen our walk with the Lord, and then reach out to people who come into the Coffee House, asking ourselves how God can use us to strengthen them. Meanwhile, Minister Brian is out reaching people in the neighborhood, bringing God’s Word to them and inviting them to the Coffee House.

In the beginning Pastor Scott often said we are all *Community Missionaries*, not in a foreign land, but in the sense that Pastor Scott defined it: “one who takes responsibility for advancing the Kingdom of God in any area, not necessarily geographic, but wherever you come in contact with others.” God calls all of us to be missionaries.

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES 11 AM & 2 PM**  
**MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM**  
**TUES & THURS PRAYER 11 AM**  
**TUESDAY NIGHT Men’s Bible Study 7:30 PM**  
**WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30 & CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 PM**  
**SATURDAY LUNCH 2-4 PM WEEKLY**  
**1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4 PM**

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### **Saturday Night Activities**

**Fourth Saturday, October 24, 2015**

**Open Mic with Cathy Marvici**

**You are invited to come and  
share your talent!**