

The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society



*He has given me a new
song to sing, a hymn of
praise to our God.
Many will see what He
has done and be amazed.
Psalm 40 :3*

February 1, 2016, Vol. 5, Ed. 2 Trust Jesus ▪ Pray Daily ▪ Seek Unity in Christ ▪ Love Goodness ▪ Share Your Faith

Redemption Gate Mission Society Expands by Roberta D'Amico

It was a brief but eagerly anticipated visit that Pastor Scott Lively made to Springfield in January. For the few days he was here, he took care of financial business of Redemption Gate, attended the morning Bible Study, and preached at the Coffee House Church on Sunday.

Much of Scott's message consisted of sharing the expansion of the ministry in California. There is never a dull moment!

The latest episode is the story of a family in Riverside, California, whom Scott, with the support of Redemption Gate, has helped restore. They temporarily lost custody of their three children, his job, and their apartment.

Now the mother is getting treatment for her drinking, the children are back with their father, and he has an apartment near the grandmother who will babysit. The mother has turned to the Lord and dad is looking for a new job, all to the glory of God.

Scott says, "That's what the ministry is all about - helping people find a new life in Christ. God is free to work as He wants to because our ministry is led by the Holy Spirit and is not institutionalized. The Holy Spirit

works in seasons." Therefore, we must learn to change with the seasons of our lives, and not become static and institutionalized. As Scott says, everything here in this life is only temporary. (2 Corinthians 4:18.)

As humans, we don't like change. We want things to be comfortable and stay the same. God wants us to grow and change. Every butterfly was once a caterpillar and had to go through its changes. To become what God wants us to be we have to give up clinging to the familiar; be willing to trust Him to transform us into Christ-like children of God. Even Scott explained how he tends to collect



things. To follow God's leading, he had to let go of all the stuff he had collected at 60 Sherman Street in the years he was there.

Now in California, Scott is seeking how God wants him to establish Redemption Gate West, but not by attempting to

replicate the Holy Grounds Coffee House here in Springfield. Rather, he will allow God to grow the new ministry organically.

Because every person is unique, with their own personality and abilities, they do not grow alike, nor serve God in the same way. Likewise, no two places have the same needs. Springfield is a hub, the crossroads of New England. Riverside has been swallowed up by the megalopolis of Los Angeles, with no central core. Therefore, although the pattern of the Coffee House will be repeated, the second iteration of it will be different.

The Riverside ministry will be centered around the courthouse, where there are many people in need, and where Scott's law license will be an asset in the ministry of Restorative Justice. So pray with us for a suitable storefront across the street from the courthouse. There he will establish the new ministry of mediation and restoration, attorney and church referral, and life-coaching. He will begin with a Bible Study and discussion group called "Bible-based legal and support services". God's plans are perfect!

Students Learn to Pray at Holy Grounds by Roberta D'Amico

At 6:45 a.m. at Holy Grounds Coffee House students can get coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a muffin or other snack, but also much more. Dozens of high-school students come here before school and learn that they can have a personal relationship with God. From a handful of students in the beginning to a hundred or more, they are learning to talk to God in prayer and find peace in the midst of their often chaotic lives.

In the beginning they were reluctant to pray openly, but after a while began encouraging one another to pray. We have

reported on this ministry before, but this week, some of the volunteers were telling us how



the students were vying with each other to join the prayer circles! They are also picking up good habits like cleaning their table, saying please and thank you. They are even helping one another clean up spills. And the

volunteers are teaching the kids how to pray.

One young lady said, "I'm going to go pray again," and she jumped back in line. Another girl told how there was no peace at her house. She comes here to get peace in her heart and life. Some young people will tell us, "I need God in my life!"

We can see these young people growing in their faith, and it has changed the dynamics at their school, to the glory of God, who brings the changes. Thanks to the folks like you whom God uses to support this ministry.

Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner



Come out and show your love for Holy Grounds Coffee House at our Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for the winter expenses. We will be serving on Saturday, February 13, 2016, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 455 State Street in Springfield.

Heating costs are up and annual insurance is due, so we are serving up a delicious dinner for only \$10 to defray these expenses.

We plan on offering spaghetti with meat sauce, grated cheese, salad, rolls, beverages, and dessert.

It will be an enjoyable time to get together and help the ministry. Pastor Cooley and all of us here at the Coffee House are praying for a good turn out and that God uses this special event to help offset the winter costs.

Tickets are on sale now. You may order them by calling Pastor Cooley at (413) 317-2277 or Roberta at (413) 330-4658. You may also order tickets by sending a request with your check by mail.

Ongoing Events Holy Grounds Coffee House

SUNDAY SERVICES 11 a.m. , 2 p.m. , 6 p.m.
MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30 a.m.
TUESDAY NIGHT outreach 5:30 p.m.
WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30, CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Sabbath 9-12, LUNCH 2-4 p.m. WEEKLY
1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4 p.m.

For more Information call 413-301-0918
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Saturday Night Activities

Don't forget movie- War Room January 30.

3rd Saturday, Feb 20,
Open Table with Bruce.
4th Saturday, Jan 27,
Open Mic with Cathy.