

The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society



*Through love
serve
one another.
Galatians 5:13*

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Valentines Day Celebrated with Love at Holy Grounds by Roberta D'Amico

Valentines Day is the perfect time to show love, and that is just what we did at Holy Grounds on February 13th. It was designed to be a fund-raiser. The heating system went on the fritz in January and needed repairs and heating is expensive for the three-story building, especially when temperatures plummet. Perfect time to have our spaghetti dinner fund-raiser!

We printed tickets, planned the menu, and enlisted volunteers; but at first few people bought tickets! Then as the time approached, the responses began to come in. Try as we would to keep track of who had tickets, so we would know how much food we would need, it became increasingly difficult! We sold some at the Coffee House, but many people called in names, and some sent names and money, but God knew exactly who was coming.

Finally, at the end, we counted 63 paid tickets, and 43 more tickets that were donated by others for those who couldn't pay. It was astonishing, the response! Now, how were we going to feed that many people in our little Coffee House?

God had it all under control, as He always does! The perfect number of people came to eat, others prepared plenty of food, and there were willing helpers on hand to serve. I won't name names lest I inadvertently forget someone, but so many pitched in to cook, serve, and clean up!



The Coffee house was beautifully set up to seat the maximum number of people, and cheerfully decorated with the Valentine theme. God is so good! We can fret, but He knows what we need. Besides the 'multitude' that we fed, Pat and Barbara were able to provide some lunch for their regulars who come every Saturday at 2 p.m., before our opening time at 3 p.m.

Surprisingly, most of the people who came to eat did not leave after eating, but stayed to enjoy the warm fellowship all afternoon. Seats were full and everyone left happy. Pastor

Cooley, who came with his wife and grandsons, said, "Saturday was an awesome display of love and courage. God is the answer! Set it before God and it will work. We are a small group standing strong with a lot of power in us!"

Everyone said the food was delicious. But Sue said, "I came for the fellowship!" Others remarked about the warmth of just being here and how they love the people here. Kim told us how she came from a different place. "I didn't have anybody, and was homesick," she said. She appreciated being in fellowship with God's people. Not just hearing the Word of God, but getting others' perspective on it, and sharing things. Roberto said, "I love the purpose of Holy Grounds, the outreach, God's primary purpose, building His Kingdom!"

Finally, the reason we made the spaghetti, meatballs, ravioli, chicken, salad, and other stuff was to raise money, and people were generous. We already have a good start toward the winter expenses, but the fund is still open and we invite you to contribute. Praise the Lord and thanks to all who contributed.

Exciting Apologetics Seminar Coming in April

As we plan for the Apologetics Seminar this April 9th, 2016, we are pleased to bring you Teleios Ministries founded by Eric Peloquin. He has studied prophecy and Islam intensely and is devoted to helping you make sense of what is happening in the world in these last days. The knowledge he brings to us is fascinating, startling, and will give you a new understanding of the End Times.

The word apologetics, as most of you know, means defense of the faith, or being prepared to explain it to those who don't understand or doubt

the veracity of what the Bible says. Eric Peloquin's presentation will leave you wanting more!

The Seminar will take place at Calvary's Love Church at 16 Oakland Street, Springfield Massachusetts, where Juan Feliciano is Pastor. As in the previous Apologetics Seminars, this one will be from 10 to 2, with a break for lunch. Admission is free, but we will take a love offering for Teleios Ministries.

Please save this date for an exciting, informative time connecting Scripture with world events!

Redemption Gate Board Meets February 18, 2016

All of the Board of Directors met at Holy Grounds Coffee House, 455 State Street, at 7 p.m., except Pastor Scott, of course: Pastor Cooley, Roberta, Rich Howell, Joanne, Onyx, and Pastor Juan Feliciano who opened the meeting with prayer.

First we reviewed Scott's plan to develop a new ministry in Riverside CA near the courthouse. He is looking for a storefront to use for ministry.

This year the March For Jesus will be organized by one of our other city churches, the Apostolic Renewal Church on Salem Street, Springfield; Veronica Garcia may

be contacting us about this. Onyx says that she has a phone number to reach them. Pastor Rafael Osorio's son is now running the church.

We will offer the use of the Coffee House as a meeting place, but we will not be involved in running it. Years ago there were some quite large Marches, and we are glad the tradition of marching to honor our Lord Jesus Christ is being carried on. We want Springfield to know that God has many people in this city.

Our next event will be the Apologetics Seminar. We will have Pastor Eric Peloquin to speak on Islam and Prophecy. It is

scheduled for April 9th, a Saturday, at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as in past years.

After that, we will plan a Family Day, hopefully for Saturday, August 13. More information will be available in the coming months.

The biggest concern is to make sure the Holy Grounds Coffee House is secure. A lot depends on it, so we must make sure it prospers. We are the model, the *flagship* so to speak, to demonstrate that this type of *grass roots* ministry works. Please keep it in prayer, especially for unity.

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.

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Saturday Night Activities

March 5 - Band Night with Matt
March 19 - Open Mic with Bruce
March 26 Open Mic with Cathy.