

The Springfield Redeemer



**“Where the Spirit of the Lord
is, there is freedom!”
1 Corinthians 3:17**

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Liberty For All - a Commentary by Roberta D’Amico

On July 4th, we celebrate the birthday of our country. Two hundred forty-six years ago we declared ourselves to be an independent country with the ideal of liberty and justice for all. It is important to know that for the first time ever, a nation came into existence that was ruled by its citizens! It promised them liberty! The idea of people ruling themselves was revolutionary!

But what is liberty? What is your understanding of it? Many people believe it is the freedom to do what they want to do. Is that even possible? What happens when everybody does whatever they want? My actions can inflict harm on another, impede others’ rights, rob them of their property.

So, we must have rules, but we don’t like them imposed on us! There are two principles involved here. First, we as citizens must agree on rules and the consequences of violating them. Many rules and

penalties do take away from our liberty! The answer is self-control, which is not a popular character trait today. But it is an inviolate principle that the greater the self-control people have, the less rules are necessary, and the less self-control, the more rules necessary! This applies to individuals, family, society.

The second principle of freedom is “whose rules?” If everyone wants to make their own rules, there is chaos. If there are different sets of rules, there is conflict. Self-government works well when there is a common ground of basic beliefs. America was founded on common beliefs – the Ten Commandments and the Bible. President John Adams believed that only a godly people can self-govern, saying that our government of the people “is wholly inadequate for any other.”

So, how to have liberty? Teach self-control, responsibility, and trust God!

Mission Pioneer Valley Holds 8th Trust Jesus Unity Service – May 29, 2022

Normal isn’t coming back – Jesus is! And to get ready for the Coming of our Lord and Savior, and His Kingdom, God is directing us to come together with other churches who have like faith in Jesus and in the Bible. This is basically the purpose of Mission Pioneer Valley and the frequent Unity Services.

The last Unity Service was January 2022, which was the 7th one, with the focus on starting the year with prayer and trust in God. Now, four months later, we have come together for the 8th Unity Service with other churches to pray for revival so that America will turn back to God and honor Him, our Creator, with prayer and worship! In cold weather, one of the Pastors makes arrangements to use their church building, but now that warm weather has come, we had the recent Unity Service outdoors at Pastor Thee’s church, Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam. It was May 29, at 5 p.m., on a beautiful warm evening.

The service was begun with gospel music led by a group of musicians from several churches, then with prayer and scripture read from Isaiah 43:18-21, foretelling how God is doing a new thing! The first message was to God’s people, how God warns us when He is about to do something! But often we do not hear His voice! We need to let go of what we want and let God do what He is doing. Also, in our darkened human way we try to hide what we are doing from God – like harboring bitterness and

malice, instead of being kind to one another, forgiving one another. Let all this go – in order to see and hear from God. Then we can be ready for what God is going to do! He has future plans, good plans!

In the Bible, God gives us two choices – to choose life, choose Jesus, because to choose to have your own way is a choice that leads to death. Turn away from the past – receive God’s promises for the future. God wants our hearts. It’s not about our worldly successes, or professions, even our age! Let it all go! God is doing a new thing – in our lives – in our hearts. We need to re-commit ourselves to Jesus – our time, our money, our plans, and especially our prayers! If we study revivals of the past we can learn much, but know that God does not do things the same way twice!

Right now, New England may seem like a ‘wilderness’, but God’s grace and power can spring forth. He wants us to be so filled with the Spirit that He will spill over onto our families, neighbors, churches, and bring them together in Unity!

MAY - JUNE NEWS from Pastor Renzo

Praises: Pastor Renzo and Betsy Ventrice our evangelist from Redemption Gate Mission have recovered from 3 weeks of being sick with Covid!

In May, Pastor Renzo Ventrice visited with Pastor Chuck Wimer of The Jubilee Family Outreach Center in West Springfield, and in June, with Pastor Steve Cooley of United Temple COGIC in Springfield.

Pray For: The urgent need for New England churches to pray for revival and evangelism.

IMPORTANT COMING EVENT IN JULY!

Holy Grounds Coffee House will be taking part in this big Community Outreach “Day of Caring!”

Happening on July 9th, 2022, it starts at 9 a.m. at Magazine Park, 83 Magazine St., Springfield MA.

There will be churches from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New York participating. Rev. Daniel Torres of Fishers of Men, will be a speaker. Also as a special guest, Superintendent Todd Rodriguez Spencer, the President of Region 10 Evangelist Department.



Some of the activities planned will be Food, Singing, Health Screening, Vendors, Food Pantries, and a Prayer Tent! Also featured: a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, \$125 per team, deadline to sign up, June 24th. Deadline for VENDORS is June 30th. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For more information: Contact Pastor Cooley (413) 626-6807 or Pastor Denis Brown (413) 273-3015.

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: Open also on Saturdays!

10 a.m., lunch, 5 p.m. Service - Motivated by Faith with Pastor Bobby and Kim Quinones.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed!***

MONDAY – Open in the morning

WEDNESDAY: 1 pm to 4 pm – Coffee House open with Steve Morin.

THURSDAY: FIAT July 28.

FRIDAY: Women’s Bible Study with Shelly Saunders, Fridays at 1:00 PM.