

The Springfield Redeemer

“There are many gifts . . .
of the Spirit . . . given
for the common good.”
1 Corinthians 12:4,7

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

September 1, 2022, Vol. 11, Ed.9

Dr. Constant S. and First Lady Jacqueline Cooley Celebrate 25th Pastoral Anniversary by Roberta D’Amico



On Saturday evening, August 13, 2022, approximately 150 people came out to help celebrate our dear Pastor Cooley’s 25th Pastoral Anniversary! The highlight of the week was the banquet held at Macedonia Banquet Room at Macedonia Church 215 Tinkham Road, Springfield Massachusetts. The room was beautifully decorated in blue and white, dinner was delicious, and the attendees were enthusiastically celebrating with Pastor Cooley his 25 years as pastor! The final event was on Sunday evening, at United Temple.

After prayer, Bishop Bryant Robinson Jr. gave opening remarks, beginning with Luke 24:48,49 - “Stay in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from heaven ... you are My witnesses ...” His (Pastor Cooley’s) is a fruitful ministry! This is what he has been doing all these years: ministering to the lost, and as a result – souls won to the kingdom. These are the last days, so get ready! We thank you, Pastor Cooley, for your faithfulness and dedication to the Lord. I urge you to continue!”



Daniel Torres spoke next: “To my brother from another mother! Blessings for every Child of God here! We battle every day in the body, mind, and spirit.

But one person who I would want to be with me in the trenches is Pastor Cooley! As a leader, he requires honesty and integrity and demands your best, but points you to God, to do everything unto Him.”

The keynote speaker was Elder Willie Templeton Jr. from Dayton Ohio. He and Pastor Cooley were ordained together by Bishop Bryant Robinson Sr. in 1992. Willie says, “I was born in Ohio, but I became a man in Springfield, thanks to Bishop Robinson!” Elder Templeton’s message was from Nehemiah Chapter 6: 1-9. He prayed, “O Lord, strengthen my hands! Hands are incredible – the fine bones, tendons, and muscles – they are the tool of tools! They give blessings, provide hospitality. They can reach to any part of the body.”

Then he said something profound: “When any part of the body is hurt, your hand automatically goes to the hurt member, to support it! The hand can help or hurt; grasp or release; comfort or slap!” How marvelous that God designates His people as the Body of Christ! Each of us Born-again Christians are a part of the Body of Christ, but of all the parts of the body, we are His hands, called to go to any part of the Body of Christ that is in need of help, comfort, or correction!

Elder Willie Templeton also shared that you can tell a lot about a person by their hands: rough hands tell that he has done hard work! And to be in the Presence of God, one must have Clean Hands! We lift our hands in the sanctuary in praise to our Lord! Then he asked the question, “What’s in your hands? There’s life in your hands. When Moses lifted his hands, the people of God had victory! Will you use what is in your hands?”

Final remarks by Pastor Cooley, “I’m so thankful for each of you. God has kept me through all these years and problems. I especially thank God for my wife! As a young man I expected to be dead at age 25! I survived the streets of New York. Vietnam. It had to

be God! He had a plan for me. After that, I started thinking I had to get my life right!”

But now after all these years, God was not done! He always has new things for us to do. The newest thing is Mission Pioneer Valley, a group of local

churches which have come together to create the long sought after unity among Christians. The Cooleys are excited about what God is doing through this group! Don't give up; God has always more for us to do for the Kingdom!

Pastor Scott and Anne Visit Holy Grounds

A good time was had by all who came to the Friday night, August 19th, gathering at Holy Grounds Coffee House! Everyone was invited, especially the “old-timers.” Those who came were a lively group, and we had an enjoyable evening visiting, catching up with one another, and eating the pizza that Pastor Scott ordered from Pizza Choice next door!

It was especially nice to see Anne, who is in not so good health. We miss her so much! We see her rarely, although Pastor Scott comes up a few times a year to see his mother and sister, who live up in Shelburne Falls. Keith Davis came and shared an amusing video of the bear who visits his backyard in Holyoke! It was great to see some brothers and sisters in the Lord whom we haven't seen in a while! Most of the time, we just sat around the tables and chatted about old times!

Pastor Renzo Ventrice came and brought a box of little books of the Bible to donate to folks here at the Coffee House. We love to share God's Word here and be able to give away Bibles and other material that will encourage and edify the people who come here. Thank you, Renzo!



AUGUST NEWS from Pastor Renzo

For a week in July, the 13th to the 20th, the morning Bible Study enjoyed the help of Pastor Renzo as facilitator. On any given morning, a variety of persons might open up the Coffee House and start the study at 7:30 a.m. Normally, Pastor Cooley, and often Jackie Cooley, come in. We value their presence, especially to respond to doctrinal questions, but for that week, they had gone to South Carolina to the Memorial Service for Jackie's brothers and son who passed recently, and Pastor Renzo offered to fill in.

It was a pleasure to have Renzo, as he is very knowledgeable and shared with us much valuable insights to the Scriptures. That particular week we were studying Joshua, chapters 13 to 20. At the Bible Study, God speaks to us through the Scriptures. We, in turn, share questions, insights, and testimonies.

On Sunday July 24th, Renzo and Betsy visited Lakeview Church in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, MA. They heard a great sermon by Pastor Oleg on the Holiness of God from 1 Peter 1:16. and shared the mission of RGMS with Pastor Oleg.

On July 26, Betsy got very sick from Shingles. Please continue praying for her speedy healing!!!

In August, Renzo visited Jubilee Family Outreach Center in West Springfield and Grace Christian Fellowship of Winchester, New Hampshire, and attended Pastor Cooley's 25th Pastoral Anniversary on August 13.

I've ordered and delivered Hundreds of LIVING WATER Gospel of John booklets and “The Life & Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth” plus 300 of “The Life & Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth” booklets for the Coffee House and United Temple COGIC.



Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 5 p.m. Service - Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby and Kim Q.

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

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

THURSDAY: FIAT meeting - September 22, 7:30 pm.

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