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Holy Grounds Coffee House Participates in Worship In the Park!

Thursday evening, August 3rd 2023 began the second annual Worship in the Park in Holyoke, and it was quite successful! Held at Heritage Park, between Dwight and Appleton Streets, this event went for four days, during which the streets adjoining the Park were closed off to traffic. People came out in droves to enjoy the summer evenings, music was provided by various groups, and the many food trucks were very popular!

Holy Grounds Coffee House had a table and chairs with a tent covering, set up on a grassy area by one of the walkways, where many people stopped by to peruse the Trust Jesus bumper stickers, Bibles, and a large variety of gospel tracts. Manning the table the first night were Denise O'Connor and myself (Roberta D'Amico), who were joined by Shelly Saunders and Sonia Macphail. We were able to pray with some folks who stopped at the table. We passed



out a lot of literature, including extra copies of the Redeemer Newsletter. On Sunday night, Pastor Cooley attended the table and prayed with one. Some friendly ladies nearby volunteered to help Pastor take down the tent and pack up!



There were a variety of tables displays and booths of many organizations represented at this event, including the local police who were next door to us! We shared literature with them and prayer for them. Throughout the evening Christian bands played music; much of it was in Spanish, which attracted a large crowd! It was a good opportunity to work together, eat together, and worship together across ethnic lines! As citizens and especially as Christians, we need to learn to see past ethnic groups and help one another!

Fifth Sunday Unity Service at Pastor Cooley's United Temple Church By Roberta D'Amico

On July 30, 2023, the 5th Sunday in July, the Body of Church met for the Trust Jesus Unity Service where Christians from many different denominations and ethnic groups met to worship God together. Many pastors were there with believers from several ethnic groups for the sole purpose of lifting up praise to God! As host, Pastor Cooley secured the vacant lot across the street for the large tent, leaving his church parking lot at 191 Walnut Street for the cars. It was good to have this event here, because Pastor Cooley says our job here in Springfield is to claim this neighborhood for Christ Jesus.



Before the Service, hot food was available to the workers, helpers, and anyone there: chicken and hotdogs cooked by Sam. Shortly after five o'clock, all the leaders and workers who made this wonderful event possible gathered in a circle to pray, then the band began worship music.

The main speaker was Pastor Skip Gunn of LifeStream Church in Hampden MA. He addressed the Worship Team, but spoke this message to all of us: What made this music great was that each one of the team used their gift from God to lead us to worship! The Holy Spirit wants to work through your mind, will, and emotions to lead each one out of confusion to peace! Pastor Gunn says, "Say NO to the spirit of discouragement! Each one of us is an important part of the Body of Christ!" Then prayer was raised up that we would look to the Lord, His power and might, instead of getting fixated on our difficulties. "Mental health problems can cripple us, but Jesus can overcome them!"



We heard some awesome testimonies, especially from a young man, Cesar Adorno. He told us that he came from a Christian family and was raised in the church, but after taking Percocet for a medical problem, he became addicted. It became a long struggle, but after waking up from 12 overdoses, someone took him to a Christian Rehab. There the pastor prayed with him for healing, and God, through the healing of the Blood of Christ, set him free! Here is his picture, with his daughter. You can read his story on YouTube, called From Death to Life by Cesar Adorno.

From Renzo:

On Sunday July 30th, we attended a special 350th anniversary commemoration of Northfield, MA, ministry of DL Moody on the same property of Community Bible Church. The history of Northfield/Mt. Hermon hymns and powerful hymn singing was conducted by Pastor Bob Emberly. I later attended a Mission Pioneer Valley Outdoor Revival Tent Meeting across the street from Pastor Cooley's United Temple Church.

On August 5 & 6, I attended a large Men's Breakfast in Northfield MA and then Pilgrim Covenant Church of Granby CT and shared the ministries of RGMS and RUNE. Later, I attended a Pastor's Prayer Meeting at Jubilee Family Outreach in West Springfield. Then, August 12 & 13, Betsy and I attended an Evangelistic Outreach in Winchester NH, and on Sunday, Greater Grace Christian Fellowship of Enfield CT.

I have spent weeks at Rise Up New England offices in Agawam, MA., with Pastor Reggie Cole and his son Brian strategizing how to invite all the Pastors from Franklin County, Northern CT, Southern VT and NH to be involved with Dr. Michael Youssef's Evangelistic efforts in NE. We have now visited over 160 churches in New England!

Coming Events:

The Michael Youssef Celebration has been postponed until June 22, 2024. Many churches have signed up for this, but there are many more who want to participate, and there is not sufficient time to reach them and include their participation before October 21, so Rise Up New England made a decision to postpone the event.

Correction of an error in the August 1, 2023, Redemption Gate Mission Society Newsletter:

Unfortunately, a mistake was made in the article titled Coming to Holyoke – Worship In the Park! I mentioned that Daniel Torres was not just a friend of Mayor Joshua Garcia, but also a Spiritual Advisor. This is not the case. Daniel Torres is not the Spiritual Advisor for Mayor Joshua Garcia. I had received this incorrect information and failed to check my facts. I apologize for my mistake. Roberta D'Amico

Regular Events:

Morning Bible Study is open to all to learn more about the Bible - Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.!!

Sunday Services at 5 p.m. with Pastor Bobby Quinones