

The Springfield Redeemer

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James 5:16
The effectual,
fervent prayer of a
righteous man
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Miracles Happen at Holy Grounds Student Ministry

By Jacqueline Lee-Cooley November 9, 2012

Almost two years ago, three students came to the Holy Grounds Coffee House, along with the Trust Jesus Youth Club. Led by Evangelist Jessica Soto, they came to pray, and thus began the Student Ministry of Redemption Gate Mission Society. Now, in the new year of 2013, God is bringing as many as 70 students a day through Holy Grounds on their way to school!

Holy Grounds Coffee House is a part of Redemption Gate Ministries, which God has uniquely located at 455 State Street in Springfield Mass. It is right across the street from Springfield Technical Community College and about a block from the High School of Commerce. It serves as a place for High School students to come in the early morning before school, for some pastry and juice or hot chocolate.

I enjoy coming in each morning and volunteering my time to share myself and the love with which God has blessed me. I get the opportunity to pray with each student as if they were my own and to let them know that whatever they try to do, it can be done as long as it is in the will of God.

Many of the students are taking on the mission to be ambassadors for God at their



school. They do this by wearing the Trust Jesus button and by witnessing to other students. They also inform their parents of what God is doing through Holy Grounds Coffee House. Many of the students have expressed that they realize they are the leaders of tomorrow and that they cannot lead without the help of God.

There are times that God will allow me to give Godly counsel when I am asked. Along with my husband, Pastor C. S. Cooley, we pray that God will keep them safe and see them through whatever challenges they face. I am thankful that God sent Pastor Scott and his wife, Anne, to open the door for this ministry to be a blessing to Springfield, and that God has put my husband, Pastor Cooley, into my life with love and compassion. He has been placed by God to carry on this ministry. Together we also lead a small congregation at

United Temple Church of God in Christ and serve as God's Marriage Counselors, conducting free marriage seminars at Holy Grounds Coffee House every 1st Saturday of each month.

My prayer is that the Holy Grounds will be duplicated all over our great nation of America. And that we who are Christians will be able to teach others how better to carry out the great commission given to us in the book of Matthew chapter 28, where Jesus tells us to teach all nations. Our nation will be in the hands of our children and we should be teaching and praying for them especially in our schools of today.

In closing, I thank God for allowing me to serve and I ask that each of you pray for us at Holy Grounds and give us your support for Redemption Gate Ministries. We hope to continue spreading the good news of the saving grace of God through his son Jesus Christ.



The Coffee House in Operation

Prayer Room Dedication January 1, 2013



It's all about prayer. God can do anything but fail, but will we do our part? We need to take the time and effort to come and intercede for others. We know God can do all things. Will we pray believing that God will do what we ask in His name?

To start the New Year, we gathered in the Prayer Room at 11 am with a gospel song and an opening prayer. Following the prayer, we had a choral reading of Scripture, from 1 Kings 8:32 – 36. Then, we all began to pray, asking God to hear our prayer and give us faith to believe He would do what we asked. We are trusting that He will guide us to ask what is in His will to do.

Pastor Cooley is asking for Prayer Warriors who would take an hour or two to intercede for the needs of Springfield. If we make the sacrifice, God will hear us. Here is an opportunity to put into practice Romans 12:1, "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." He can and will use you if you are willing.

Pastor Cooley asks that the Prayer Room be used only for prayer, not for Bible study, counseling, conversation, or other activities. What else can we do in the Prayer Room? Pray some more. Then, when you're done, leave. We need to treat it like the ancient people of Israel approached the Tabernacle. The Holy of Holies, where the high priest met with God, was dedicated to one thing. Only that prescribed activity was allowed to take place there. Come and pray. Pray alone or together, silently or aloud, in a group or by yourself in the Prayer Closet (Matt.6:6), and when you are finished, leave.

God has sent warnings to Springfield; tornados, hurricanes, blizzards, explosions, but all the

time; He has miraculously spared the lives of the people. He is patiently waiting for the people to repent and turn to Him. Benjamin Franklin said, "God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

Please pray for Mayor Sarno. If he were to trust Jesus to lead Springfield, and the people of Springfield to repentance, the city would be a more peaceful place to live. We pray against the abortion center, where our children are being killed. We pray against the casino, which will bring poverty and crime. God is gathering His people, sorting His followers from those following the ways of the world.

The Founders, Pastor Scott and Anne Lively, asked God for a building that could be a lighthouse, and God provided this Holy Grounds Coffee House, in a perfect location to impact the city. Now, at 11 a m Tuesday mornings, we will gather here to start this prayer ministry, asking God to give us this city for Christ.



Prayer Room Mural
by artist Mike Carter

Ongoing Events At the Coffee House

Sunday Services 10am & 2pm

Monday thru Friday Morning Bible Study 7:30am

Tuesday 7pm Outreach

Wednesday Bible Study 4:30pm

Wednesday Celebrate Recovery 6:30pm

Thursday 7pm FIAT 'Faith In Action Team'

Saturday Dinner 2-4pm

Saturday 1st of each month Marriage Seminar

Open Music Mic 7pm last Friday or Saturday monthly

For information call Holy Grounds Coffee House

301-0918

Apologetics Seminar Coming Soon!

February 23, 2013

See the amazing archeological evidence of the Bible: the Red Sea Crossing, Noah's Ark, Sodom and Gomorrah, and more. On Saturday, February 23, Kevin Fisher of Ark Discovery International will be presenting "The Lord's final show & tell demonstration of truth for mankind." God has chosen to reveal His treasures to us in these last days. The program is free and begins at 10 am to 2:30 pm at Calvary's Love Church, 19 Oakland Street, in Springfield. There will be a break for lunch. Bring your own or contribute \$5 for pizza.

This program will strengthen your faith and equip you to defend the truth. It is exciting to look at the evidence of God's awesome exploits in the past. They are a memorial to His greatness, a reminder that He is in control and has a plan for mankind.

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