

# The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*



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## *NEW FEATURES FOR FAMILY DAY*

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In just over two weeks, Family Day will open for the 6th summer. This free community outreach will take place on Saturday August 16, 2014, at Magazine Park on St. James Avenue, and will be bigger and better than ever this year. As always, it will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each guest will get tickets for a free lunch and free family photo when they sign in at the registration tent. This year information will be provided to inform everyone where all the activities are located.



Family Day is offered to the people of Springfield by Redemption Gate Mission Society and other participating churches to provide an affordable day of fun for families. Inner-city Springfield is one of the most disadvantaged and crime-ridden areas in Massachusetts and

possibly the nation and we want to bless families here, minister to them spiritually, encourage family activities, and provide a time and place for parents to spend a day having fun with their children. This is a time many of these families look forward to, as they cannot afford to go away for a vacation. God is the provider of all good things and we give Him the credit for making this possible.

Some of the activities we are offering are face painting, balloons, games, family photos, Bible Stories, making Gospel Bracelets, lunch, music groups, and the popular water slide. This has always been one of the favorite activities for the youngsters, and a good place to cool off on a hot day.



As before, there will be an opportunity to be baptized in the afternoon, for new Christians or those Christians who have not

been baptized. This year we plan to have a real pool, not for swimming, but just for baptisms.

For the music, several groups will be offered starting after lunch. These will include Paul Ball, gospel pianist, the bands Total Surrender and Never Forgotten, Rev. Kerry and the Good News Allstars, and maybe the Jo Petty band.

Family photos will be available by email this year, so they can be shared by the guests with their friends and family! We will have guests leave their email addresses at the registration table for this. If someone has no email address, we will print some and have them available at the Coffee House.

As for other new features this year, we hope to have Lupa Zoo back again as in past years, depending on the weather. The children so enjoy the animals.

Especially exciting will be the new prayer tent. This is a place where anyone can go to share prayer requests, have someone pray for them and their needs, or just talk to someone. In the prayer tent will also be recovery information and someone to talk to about our Recovery Program.

It is certain that God can use this special day to bless the neighborhood with the gospel message. After Family Day is all over, we expect to be hearing how God had worked through

prayer in the lives of many who were guests. If your church wants to participate, we still need volunteers and donations. Some churches could even have a table at Family Day, provide an activity,

or set up a game. It's not too late to donate, funds are needed and donations of goods, but also prayers for a successful day.



### ***Ongoing Events at Holy Grounds Coffee House***

- SUNDAY SERVICES 10 AM & 2 PM
- MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM
- TUES & THURS PRAYER 11 AM
- TUESDAY SOLID ROCK NIGHT MUSIC FORUM 7:00 PM
- WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30 & CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 PM
- SATURDAY LUNCH 2-4 PM WEEKLY
- 1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4 PM

~For more Information call 413-301-0918~

**Saturday Night Activities**

**Movie nights, August 2**  
**Double feature Aug. 16:**  
**God's Not Dead @ 5 & 7:30 p.m.**

**August 9 – Matt's band**  
**August 23 – Open Mic Night**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Bruce's backyard picnic**