

The Springfield Redeemer



When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked are in power, the people groan.
Proverbs 29:2

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Running for Governor By Roberta D'Amico

The last few weeks of Pastor Scott Lively's campaign for governor were amazing! God has gifted him with the ability to speak honestly, clearly, and directly to people about the real issues here in Massachusetts. He may be a beginner in campaigning, but he knows what Massachusetts needs! Also he is highly skilled in multitasking with a passion for God's truth as it applies to leadership and problem solving, combined with seemingly boundless energy as he demonstrated in the Marlborough Labor Day Parade, literally *running* for Governor, shaking hands with the parade watchers, then running to catch up with the parade!



Even as a newcomer to political campaigning he received 100,000 votes in the Primary, a respectable 36% of those who voted Republican in the race for governor. But, with all the prayers that were presented before the Throne of Grace, why not 51%? Must be God has His good purposes, and a plan! Scott certainly has many qualifications. After having overcome a disadvantaged childhood, set free from drugs and alcohol, and becoming a born-again Christian and a Pastor, he then went on to law school, earning a degree in Constitutional Law and another degree in Theology. He is no stranger to controversy and victorious in fighting for justice and truth.

So, what's next? What needs to be done is to restore the Republican Party to its foundation, the

Biblically conservative platform it was established on, which is laid out clearly in the National Republican Party Platform. The trend in recent years to make the GOP more and more like the Democratic Party has nearly killed it. Since the year 2000, membership has dropped from 11% of the registered voters to 10.5%. Soon the percentage of voters who are Republican will be in single digits. Something needs to change.

There are at least 100,000 voters in Massachusetts that believe that Pastor Scott Lively's Biblically-based message is the change we need! This is the message that Holy Grounds Coffee House is based on, that God's way is the right way, for every person, for Springfield, and for Massachusetts. Honesty and integrity in leadership, defending our God-given rights, the right to life for those not yet born, and the right to defend one's self and family, supporting traditional marriage as God instituted it are basic. In addition, he is a proponent of limited government control of our lives, local control of education, lower taxes, setting people free of addictions and government dependence, and among other things, the freedom to believe and worship God.

Scott Lively is uniquely qualified to lead this movement, being a constitutional lawyer, and a political activist, besides a Christian pastor and teacher who believes that God is sovereign over every aspect of life. After a year-long tour of Russia preaching in 50 cities, he began his ministry here with a small group who called themselves the Faith In Action Team, located in Springfield Massachusetts. His ministry has spread across the state, and has now become an army of conservative activists. Let's pray for Massachusetts, the state of Jonathan Edwards and early American revival, to return to Godly living. Be a tool for God to use to redeem people and life here in Massachusetts for His glory and honor.

Students are back! By Roberta D'Amico

School started and Holy Grounds is opening at 6:30 a.m. to greet returning students on their way to school again for the year! On Monday, September 10, there were about a dozen boys and girls from Commerce High School here at the Coffee House.

They come to have coffee, hot chocolate and a snack, visit with friends, and have prayer with us. We will miss many faces of students from last year who graduated. We hope that they will stop in sometimes to say hello, and remember to pray and seek God's help. Others are back after summer vacation or

summer school, and some are freshmen who have heard about our ministry. Each day we have another opportunity to influence them for Jesus Christ.

On September 10, three boys came in and before they left, they stopped for prayer, "to be respectful to Holy Grounds!" We teach an attitude of respect to the students, that this is God's House, a church, and "holy ground"! Everyone is asked to join with us as we pray for them before they leave. We tell them, "The food is free, all we ask is to pray with you!" Please pray for these precious souls.

Holy Grounds Update September 2018

Pastor Cooley, Executive Director of Holy Grounds Coffee House, called all the volunteer staff to a meeting to review the protocols for this coming season. For the sake of any newcomers, he began the September 6 meeting by naming the 5 people in charge, starting with Pastor Scott Lively, the Founder.

God had put it on Scott's heart long ago to establish a mission here in the city of Springfield where God would be lifted up and honored and people could come and discover that through Jesus, we can know God and learn to live His way. Pastor Scott has always said that God is the answer to the problems which plague our society, that is, crime, violence, divorce, unemployment, drug abuse; whatever your problem is, God's Word speaks to it; whatever we lack, He is the Provider!

In addition to Lively and Cooley, we have Pastor Brasino and Pastor Brian Greene, and Brian Blanchard who manages the building. After reminding all of the requirements for serving here, Pastor Cooley brought our attention to Psalm 100, "enter into His (God's)

House with thanksgiving . . . and praise." Applying the scripture about Moses taking off his shoes before the Burning Bush because he was standing on Holy Ground, he said, "Leave the world outside, don't track in the world with its dirt. We do not want to make peace with the world and its ungodliness." That goes for how we talk, music we play, and other ungodly habits and behaviors that we struggle with.

The counter person is in charge and must be given respect. God is a God of order, and His Holy Spirit, who is present here with us, deserves our honor, attention, and obedience. So we must model a godly attitude at all times in God's House.

The morning Bible Study is going strong, and is bearing fruit in the lives of those who come. It is open to anyone who wants to join us at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday! We are studying through the Bible chapter by chapter and are now in Nehemiah, actually for the second time through the Bible. Come and grow with us!

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 a.m.-Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim; 1 p.m.- Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene; and 4 p.m.- Transformation Centered Healing Ministries with Pastors Eric & Susan Thomas.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m.

WED – Trust Jesus Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.; FIAT 2nd and 4th Thursday 7 p.m.

SATURDAY: Lunch 2 to 4 p.m., except first Saturday. **1ST SATURDAY:** October 6, "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT: October 27, 7 p.m. Open Mic with Cathy Marvici.