

The Springfield Redeemer



Let us sing unto the Lord: . . .
Let us come before His Presence
with thanksgiving.
Psalm 95: 1a&2a

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Thanksgiving – a Truly Godly Celebration! by Roberta D’Amico

Out of all the American holidays that we love to celebrate here in the USA, Thanksgiving is the one that has been the least corrupted by secularism and commercialism! Besides a time for food, family, and friends, the emphasis is still on giving thanks! We here are very grateful to God for His blessings on Holy Grounds Coffee House, and we want to share them with you!

So, we planned a Thanksgiving Banquet at Holy Grounds Coffee House for you. It will be on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at Holy Grounds, from

noon to 3 p.m. and you are invited! The invitation is open to anyone who wants to join us here with the Coffee House family for turkey and all the fixings! Pastor Cooley offered to make his famous turkey, Sam will be cooking, Pastors Bobby and Kim, and everybody else who can will be there to help!

It will be a time for prayer, for food, for music, and especially for everyone to share about something or many things that they are thankful for, all to bring praise and glory to the Lord! If you wish, you may come

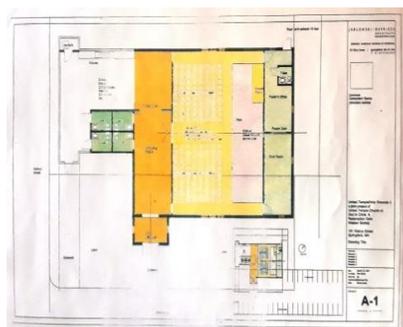
prepared to share a word, a song, Scripture, or testimony.

We would like to have as many of you from area churches as can come and join us, along with those of you who came to the Open House in September, and all manner of new friends and family.

Volunteers are also welcome. We need donations of food (a sign-up sheet is in the Coffee House.) and someone to decorate, others to help serve, etc. Volunteers are asked to come at 10 to get things ready. Hope to see you there!

Tag Sale for Coffee House 2

People love a Tag Sale! And so many came to the Tag Sale at United Temple on October 4th and 5th. Pastor and Jackie Cooley organized it to raise money for the *Coffee House 2* future project that we have been talking about and hope you have been praying for!



Plan for the new building

The Project was designed by Steve Jablonski, and as we have said, it will allow us at Redemption Gate

Mission Society to expand to include classrooms for Christian Education, a kitchen for cooking and

entrepreneurial projects, and a venue for larger groups to meet, plus a second Coffee House.

The Tag Sale is one of many projects and events we held to raise awareness and support, both prayer



A beautiful day for a Tag Sale

and financial, for our efforts to make Springfield a better, safer, and a more Godly place. It went very well. We sold

food, also, hot dogs, chips, soda, along with desserts.

The fellowship among all who volunteered and who attended was so sweet, as it always is when the church comes together to serve. Jackie had her own "corner" with many beautiful hats and dresses for sale. There were also baby clothes and uniforms. A special blessing was that we were able to pray with any of the folks there who had a need.

As a result \$400 was raised for the Coffee House 2 project. October marked the end of the first year of fund raising for the project. The Project was called *The 12 Tribes of Israel \$500 Challenge*, and it worked like this: Twelve leaders were chosen and each picked a name of one of the Tribes of Israel (named after the 12 sons of Jacob who headed the tribes in the Exodus from Egypt.) Then each supporter chose a tribe and donated to that Tribe's fund. Each Tribe endeavored to raise \$500 a month for 12 months, recording it on their worksheet. All the money raised this year was deposited into a special account.

So, including the money from the Tag Sale, \$12,000 was raised the first year. Going forward, the

plan is to include some big musical events, working with LoveJoy concerts, with \$20 - \$25 tickets, raising possibly \$25,000. The Tribes Funding Project will also continue for the next 12 months.

We hope to have the first Concert of 3 prospective concerts in December of this year, coordinating with the Christmas season. If you support this vision, would you please pray for God's favor on it and indicate your support by returning the enclosed envelope with any amount, to help and encourage us and let us know you pray for this ministry!



A Young Man's Testimony, October 17, 2019

One day at the Coffee House, a young man came in and asked to see Pastor Cooley, who fortunately was there. He said that 7 years ago he and his girlfriend came to the Coffee House. They were going to Commerce High School, and were 14 and 15 years old and pregnant. Just kids, trying to be adults! Pastor Cooley worked with them and with an agency to help them. A little boy was born to them, and with help and encouragement, they survived and kept out of trouble. The young man went on to get an education and he is studying to be an electrician and even though they are not together, he is in his son's life and is trying to be a good dad. He loves the Lord and wants to make good. Thank you Lord and thank all of you who support this place.

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8 a.m.- Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene; 10 a.m.-Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim;

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

TUESDAY – Calling All men – 6:30 p.m. – for Meeting and Fellowship!

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.

1ST SATURDAY: November 2 , "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHTS: Next Open Mic and Fellowship! November 23, 2019, For more details, call Cathy Marvici at 413-233-7242. Be there, please! 7 p.m.

NOTE: Pastor Scott Lively will be in Springfield and will be attending the Morning Bible Study on November 4, 5, 6!