

The Springfield Redeemer



**“The Lord is my Rock, my
Fortress, my Deliverer . . .
in whom I take refuge.
Psalm 18:2**

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Pastors Come Together to Pray for Our Country

By Roberta D’Amico

Sunday night, September 20, 2020, 6 p.m. brought a marvelous sight to Agawam, Massachusetts. On the grounds of Bethany Assembly of God Church on Main Street gathered a large crowd of people, come to appeal to God for our nation! A



dozen or so pastors came together to plan this wonderful event, pastors from all different denominations and nationalities and languages! Among them

was Pastor Stephen Thee, the head pastor of Bethany Church who offered to host this event on his churches’ grounds.

The weather was perfect, warm and clear for the evening, as the crowd gathered. Many came, families, children and elders. Some brought lawn chairs, and many just stood. The platform for the musical instruments and microphone was set up by the door to the church by the Lighthouse Auditorium, facing the people. There must have been 300 to 400 people, even some who listened from their cars!

The program opened with prayer by Pastor Thee with an explanation of the event and a medley of



worship music, ending with Break Every Chain! The first area that was lifted up in prayer by Pastor Madeleine Martinez was for our Churches and our Families,

foundational in our society. What our children grow up believing determines what America will be like in

the next generation. Each speaker based their prayer on Scripture. After the prayer, we sang How Great Is Our God, in Spanish and English!

The next prayer was by Bishop Neal Boyd for Education and Mental Health. He said, “We can restore prayer in schools, pray for our children in school (especially now), and bless the teachers who are working so hard. For those people, friends and neighbors who still have to stay inside, it’s time to get closer to God, and then they’ll say “The joy of the Lord is my strength, that’s why the smile on my face!”



After another song, for which most people stood in worship, Pastor Constant S. Cooley prayed for our Government and Military. He reminded us that Jesus Christ, Who is a Wonderful Counselor, is also the Prince of Peace and has the government on His shoulders! (Isaiah 9:6.)

After singing *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*, in English and Taman, which is a dialect from Myanmar, the last prayer was for the Media and for Business, spoken by Pastor Josh Eldridge. Our businesses need much prayer, as 20% of Massachusetts businesses have closed!

Lord, turn hearts to You! We need to hear from You! Bind the spirit of lying and greed! Lord, You are our Provider! Release creativity and innovation to business men and women, so that we can get on with the business of building Your Kingdom and spreading the best news, that Your Name be proclaimed!

Finally, Pastor Juan Feliciano shared a brief message from John 3:16 in English and Spanish. Conclud-

ing remarks: no country in the world is like the United States. Our purpose was to come to this land to make a better life. In some respects, it is like the Kingdom of God; many people come here from all the nations of the world to find freedom, just as Jesus brings Christians into His Kingdom from all different nations and languages, uniting us together into one Body of Christ.

Daniel Torres gave an invitation to come to Christ. Closing prayers were given by Dr. Carmen Andino in Spanish, Pastor Kozh Vick in Ukraine, Pastor John Wesonga in Uganda, and Pastor Brian

Greene in English, followed by everybody singing Way Maker. Brian Greene reminded all that Psalm 86:9 says, "All the nations You have made will come and bow before You, Lord; they will praise Your Holy Name!" And Colossians 1, "We ...do not cease to pray for you, ... that you walk worthy of the Lord!"

Pastor Camellia Grace Matthes was the Worship Leader, and the Prayer Tent was run by Pastor Miguel Colon and Damian Cotto, New England Chaplaincy Int. Bibles were distributed by Gideons, and Trust Jesus buttons by Holy Grounds Coffee House!"

What in the World is Wrong With America? By Roberta D'Amico

I don't have to tell that America is in trouble! There are powerful people in leadership who want to destroy the America we know, and take away our freedoms which, according to the Bill of Rights, the government cannot legally violate. But by redefining the meaning of what our fore-fathers intended when they wrote the Constitution, God has been excluded from education across the board, removed from government buildings, and in many instances, made illegal. Is there a connection between making our society "God-less" and the present sorry state of things? There certainly is!

Our second President, John Adams, said it perfectly: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

He meant a "God-fearing" people, it was not a reference to any specific religion as we think today. Our Constitution assumes a support base of a people with a sense of morality, who will seek the common good. It will not be adequate for a nation of people who desire to cheat the system, trample on others' rights, or take advantage of our freedoms. Not that any of us are perfect, but the idea was that most people would be willing to do their best to be law-abiding people, help their neighbors, respect authority. And those who did not would be dealt with appropriately.

I can say this confidently because logically, intuitively we know that it is necessary, in order to have freedom, people must be willing to respect the rights of others. The Bible says it, history illustrates it, common sense affirms it, that if people will not restrain themselves, authorities must do it. As self-restraint diminishes and lawlessness behavior increases, freedom disappears. Freedom can exist only when people are self-governed.

As God and His laws have been rejected by our nation, lawlessness has increased. God helps us be good, neighborly, honest people. So, what can we do? We can pray! Pray that Americans will turn back to God. Pray for revival. Pray that people, especially those in leadership will realize that we need God. And vote for those who also pray!

Correction: Last month, September 2020, the name of the pastor of Bethany Assembly of God Church was spelled incorrectly. Correct spelling is Pastor Stephen Thee, pronounced 'Tay'.

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. *Come and be blessed!*
- **WED –** Trust Jesus Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Still on Zoom)
- **THURSDAY:** Women's Bible Study 4:00 p.m. - **FIAT** 2nd and 4th Thursday 7 p.m.
- **1ST SATURDAY:** "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m. (To be announced)