

# The Springfield Redeemer



**“If you remain in Me (Christ) and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me, you can do nothing.” John 15:5**

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## **Bearing Fruit at Holy Grounds by Roberta D’Amico**

Bible Study at Holy Grounds Coffee House is still bearing fruit! We meet every weekday morning at 7:30 a.m. at 455 State Street in Springfield and have had no covid cases. We are now in the book of Luke (for the second time through the Bible!) Just last month a gentleman came in and sat and listened to the Scripture Reading and at the end of the study he accepted Christ as his Savior. He is doing well and the angels are rejoicing!

Also in October, Pastor Scott Lively came for a visit. He attended the Bible Study and had a brief executive meeting, but while he was here in Massachusetts he met with one of his supporters of Redemption Gate Mission Society. This man, Scott Slater, who lives in central Massachusetts wanted Scott to baptize him! He had contacted Scott a few months ago about baptism and preferred being baptized in the ocean, but it was too cold.

While Scott was here, as he was considering a place to baptize, he remembered a bold pastor, Pastor Kris Casey, who lived in central Massachusetts. Earlier this year, the state had tried to close his church, Adams Square Baptist Church, but Pastor Casey refused to close, saying churches were essential. Pastor Casey made the argument that if you keep liquor stores open and let people hope in alcohol, then I will open my church and let people hope in Christ. He won his case. Because of him, many churches were able to open as “essential” (with guidelines, of course.)

Pastor Scott searched the news to find Casey, contacted him, and made his acquaintance. Casey was willing to do a baptism at his church in Worcester. So Scott, Pastors Cooley, First Lady Jackie, and Pastor Brian Green took Scott Slater to Casey’s church in Worcester and the same evening, October 20, 2020, baptized him. It was a very joyful occasion, and he was very happy to make his public confession that Christ was his Savior. They enjoyed great fellowship that day! This experience greatly encouraged Scott Lively to seek to have more “open invitation” public baptisms!



Holy Grounds also continues to minister to the local people, so we offered on Nov 26, a Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone who stopped and got a free meal to take out. We prepared turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and other items to give to anyone in need. No one in Springfield should be hungry, especially on Thanksgiving. It is the one holiday of the year where we are wholly dedicated to being grateful for all the blessings we enjoy in America.

## **Springfield Pastors Hold Second Unity Prayer Service**

On Monday evening, November 2, 2020, several area pastors joined together for the second Unity Prayer Service to pray for our nation, this time at the beautiful Spanish Christian Church on 565 Chestnut Street in Springfield. Our thanks to the Q for announcing it on 99.7 FM! The service was fairly well attended, allowing for indoor social distancing of course.

The program began with a selection of great quotes from former presidents, followed by songs by the worship team. Then a word from Psalm 11:3 - “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the

righteous do?" Then pastors each prayed for the usual categories of needs, beginning with our national security and our government, family, media, the economy, and others. It was very similar in format to the other prayer services and the National Day of Prayer Services.

Before highlighting some of the prayers and truths that were brought forth at this wonderfully spiritual event, I will answer the opening question concerning our great America: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Believe and trust God, because "the Lord is on His heavenly throne, He observes everyone on earth!" He knows what is going on, and He is in control! Pray that "His will be done."

Some thoughts we took from this evening of prayer: The Lord is the giver of life, life that is chosen in the womb. You, Lord, instituted marriage, a covenant between one man and one woman. We change God's clear decrees at our own peril!

By the world's measure, we are a rich nation. Even our poor, on average, are rich compared to the rest of the world. So be generous. God has provided abundance, so we can freely share with others.

Media is a very powerful tool. We pray it will speak truth. Falsehood is one of the things God hates. But truth will set us free. Pray that God will convict those who are speaking lies, especially those who are indoctrinating our children with wrong ideas.

Finally, it is our responsibility to elect Godly leaders. Remember that salvation comes from Jesus, not from government, especially not from a certain candidate. The church has stood through many hostile governments. Here in America, we have had God-given liberties that are the envy of the world. But our nation has not been a good steward of those liberties. America does not honor God, the giver of liberties. So, we may have to endure opposition to our faith. Pray for repentance and a return to godly values in our great nation.

### Excerpts from Renzo's October Report 2020



We emailed information to seven more Pastors in Western Massachusetts. As an Evangelist/Revivalist Minister from RGMS, I shared with them our vision of the urgent need for churches to come together in fervent prayer as never before. Lord willing, I plan to teach Christian History Seminars and conduct Local Christian Tours in New England after I secure enough interest. Those I visited agreed with me and their responses have been very encouraging.

From October 6 to November 1, I visited First Baptist Church of Colrain; Grace Christian Fellowship – Winchester NH; Friendship Baptist Church – Brimfield; Sturbridge Worship Center; and Faith Bible Church - Agawam.

On October 21st, by God's amazing providence, He brought together Dr. Scott Lively, myself, Dr. Penn Clark of Wellspring Church of Penn Yan, NY, and Pastor Matt Stutzman of The Church at Baltimore, MD for an impromptu Christian History Tour at the gravesites of Missionary David Brainerd and Rev. Solomon Stoddard where I took a Christian History video, publishing it on Facebook, to edify believers in their faith. All were greatly encouraged.

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### Ongoing Events

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** 8 a.m.- Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene;

10 a.m.-Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim, with fellowship after!

**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: FIAT** Thursday 7 p.m. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>