

The Springfield Redeemer



“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,” Hebrews 10:24

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Pastor Scott and Anne Visit Holy Grounds! by Roberta D’Amico

After two weeks of planning, the big day arrived! On Wednesday, March 9, 2022, it was with much excitement that we welcomed Pastor Scott Lively and his dear wife Anne to Holy Grounds Coffee House “Homecoming Celebration!” The plan was for Pastor Scott to join us in the morning for Bible Study and then for Scott and Anne to attend the evening reception for fellowship.

At 7:30 a.m. we were so very happy to have Pastor Scott joining us at the Study! It has been more than ten years since he first began the Morning Bible Study and it’s been a while since he was in Massachusetts and able to attend. He was delighted to see the Coffee House still going strong, and pleased to see how clean and bright it looked with fresh paint!.

This morning we were studying Leviticus Chapter 20, as we had finished Revelation (again) and begun at the beginning again, and were now in the third book of the Bible. It was like “Ole Home Week” at Holy Grounds! Chapter 20 goes into much detail about many things that God is not pleased with, but as Pastor Scott pointed out, they may be wrong by God’s Word, but the penalties are not the same as they were thousands of years ago! Justice was meted out differently back then when God gave Moses the Law for His special people whom He had chosen for His divinely appointed purposes. Scott always has important contributions to make at Bible Study!

At some point during the Bible Study we digressed to the situation in Ukraine. The question seems to always arise: what is God doing with the world (His world) today? Is this the end times? How do we respond to it? Foremost, is the Word of Truth. We believe the Bible against anything that the world says that is contrary to it. As we draw near to the coming of the Lord in judgment and

view with sorrow the things that are going on in the world, determine in your hearts to trust the Lord, and God will give you wisdom!

Secular Humanism is the religion of America today. Even a little truth, taken apart from Christ, and mixed with Humanism, can lead to thinking that their way is better in some ways, more loving, a higher morality. Man’s interpretation of Bible knowledge can lead you astray. Christ has offered us freedom from both legalism and license. In Christ we walk the narrow way, turning neither to the right or the left!

If the Great Collapse (financial) is going to happen, the time is ripe for it. The world leaders are now saying only a One World government, as predicted in the Bible, can solve the dire problems of the world today. As Christians, we are praying it could also be the beginning of a Great Revival!

Pastor Scott ended Bible Study by urging us, “God wants our obedience - love God more than our lives! Revelation 12:11. Fearful people will turn to God - we must be ready to help others, and even to die for Christ. When fear comes, faith overrules. As long as we survive, we must encourage others to join us in Christ. We don’t know what tomorrow brings, but we know you, Lord, are there!”



Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. was the “Homecoming Celebration” Fellowship at Holy



Grounds. We invited many people that knew Pastor Scott when he lived in Massachusetts, and the turnout was great - 20 to 30 people filled the Coffee House, chatted, enjoyed Pastor Scott and Anne's company, and partook of the Pot-luck Buffet that everyone provided. It was a very joyous occasion, fellowshiping with old friends. Later in the evening we had a brief Board Meeting to update everyone on the latest plans for the ministry, followed by a time of photo-taking before we all dispersed to our homes for the night. In the morning Pastor Scott and Anne had to leave, but the visit was exciting and a blessing.

THE MOST WONDERFUL THING ABOUT EASTER!

What is the most wonderful thing about Easter? Not the cute bunnies and chicks! Not even the chocolate! Easter Egg Hunts are fun, coloring eggs with children and grandchildren is great, and having a delicious dinner, especially with family, is nice.

But in spite of all these blessings for which we can thank God, there is something so much more wonderful – and that is what Jesus did for us! Our wonderful Savior, in obedience to His Father, the Creator God who loves us sinners, went to the Cross to pay the penalty for all of our sins, so we could be reconciled to our Heavenly Father! If you remember, in the Bible it says that the soul which

sins shall die. Also in Romans 3:23, the wages of sin is death. All of us have sinned, and those sins separate us from God! But God is not willing that any should perish, so He let Jesus take our place, as a substitute for us, and take the punishment due us. I was saved the moment I believed in Jesus who paid for my sins, and hope you are saved, too.

But Jesus didn't just die for my sins, He came back to life, Resurrection Life, 3 days later, on Sunday morning! He is my living Savior, my Lord, my Protector, Provider, my hope, and gives me His eternal life every moment of my life! That is what Easter is all about! Let's celebrate Jesus!

APRIL NEWS

Pastor Cooley invites you to a Pre-Resurrection Day Holiday GIFT GIVE-A-WAY! April 9, at 2 p.m. Saturday, at United Temple Church, 191 Walnut Street, Springfield Massachusetts.

For more info, call Sis. Rebecca Robinson, (413) 364-6276. FREE GIFTS FOR ALL!

LONG-AWAITED BAPTISM ON APRIL 15TH!

Holy Grounds Coffee House and United Temple will have a Baptism Service on Good Friday, April 15, 2022! This long-awaited event will be held at Oak n' Spruce Resort.

All those ready to be baptized need to let Pastor Cooley know and prepare themselves.

Meetings to Prepare for Baptism will be held April 10 at United Temple, 11:30 a.m. and at Holy Grounds Coffee House, April 11, 8 a.m. To go to Oak n' Spruce on Friday, April 15, meet at Holy Grounds Coffee House, 455 State St., at 8 a.m. to pray and we will leave together at 9 a.m. to go to the Resort together so everyone will have a ride.

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES:

10 a.m. - Motivated by Faith with Pastor Bobby and Kim Quinones.

3:00 p.m. Coffee House Church with Pastor Cooley.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed!***

WEDNESDAY: 1 pm to 4 pm – Coffee House open with Steve Morin.

THURSDAY: FIAT Thursday 7 p.m. April 28, 2022.

FRIDAY: Women's Bible Study with Shelly Saunders, Fridays at 1:00 PM.