

# The Springfield Redeemer

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## Long Awaited March For Jesus! - April 8, 2023!



Plans are being made for the long-awaited March For Jesus in Springfield Massachusetts! April 8, the day before Resurrection Sunday (otherwise known as Easter). We are praying for a coalition of churches who are willing to gather together to glorify Christ! We are praying for unity of believers. We hope to have the support of Mission Pioneer Valley, the Q99.7, and many other groups.

The theme will be Jesus is Lord! Holy Grounds Coffee House will be the "base camp." All Believers are welcome! We need prayer and unity - this should be the biggest March ever !!



## Pastor Renzo goes to Washington by Roberta D'Amico

The first week of February was one Pastor Renzo Ventrice will always remember! From January 31 to February 3 was the week of the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C. and Pastor Renzo had the opportunity to be part of the Security team for the whole week at this event!

The National Day of Prayer in Washington has been meeting since 1953, but for the first time, this year it met in two places simultaneously. The Congressional Prayer Breakfast for the President and Congress, met at the Visitor Center at the Capitol. The other gathering of 1500 lawmakers, and national and international dignitaries and prayer leaders met at the Washington Hilton Hotel where it has been held for decades. Coming from all over the world, they gathered to pray for unity and wisdom for our national leaders!

As one of the 15 Security Guards at the Hilton Hotel, Pastor Renzo got to meet prayer warriors and guests from many countries, greet people and check their passports, plus opportunities to share the gospel with many waiting in line to enter. He also had opportunities to attend some lectures and the main banquet on Thursday.



Renzo was invited by his friend, Pastor Louie DeMeo, a pastor who has stood up for the gospel in France where he was a missionary for 22 years. While there he was persecuted for preaching and finally released through the efforts of Senator Brownback. His persistent efforts helped change the law in France leading to

The Religious Freedom Institute, They had a booth at the Prayer Breakfast. The third man in the photo is Rodger Stenger, a missionary to the United Kingdom. These three had been ordained together by the Greater Grace World Outreach! And the three of them served together on the Security Team at this event! God is still very much at work in the world!



Between sessions, Renzo got to head up some of the small groups that met for prayer. He even got to shake the hand of former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich! One day, on the way to the hotel, Renzo got to meet these two Ukrainian pastors pictured at right. Also, he prayed with Italian Senator Alessandro Iovino who is influential with Italian Pentecostal Christians. Around one third of the 1500 participants at the National Prayer Breakfast were from other countries. Renzo had the privilege of meeting Ukraine and Serbian Priests (Eastern Orthodox), prayed with several Rabbis, Ethiopian Coptic Christians, US Coast Guard Officers and met the Deputy Leader of the Youth of Ukraine, who heads the Baptist Organization there. In all, God used Renzo to share the gospel with about 140 people from other countries!

Another exciting aspect of the event was the youth involvement! Renzo met a young, up-coming patriot, Micah Rae, from the South Carolina Young Republicans. It was wonderful to see 700 young people there out of the 1500 attendees!

The National Prayer Breakfast was founded in 1953 by Douglas Coe and brought to Washington D.C. This annual event is organized by a group called the "Family" which was mentored by Billy Graham when he was a young youth minister.

### **Other Items from Pastor Renzo's Monthly Report:**

January 7, Pastor Renzo attended a Youth With A Mission (YWAM) meeting. There, Reggie Cole asked Renzo to lead the Prayer and Follow Up Team for this year's "N.E. Leading the Way Evangelism Initiative." by Dr. Michael Yousef

January 23, Pastor Steven Cooley, Roberta, and Renzo participated in the Annual Pro Life March For Life down State Street in Springfield Massachusetts.

January 29, Pastor Cooley and Jackie, Renzo, Roberta, and Denise of Holy Grounds Coffee House Ministry attended the Trust Jesus Unity Service. The theme of this event was "Put in Us a New Spirit," hosted by LifeStream Church, 216 Allen Street, Hampden MA 01036. The final part of the evening was a call for prayer. All of the pastors in attendance gathered at the front and many went up for prayer for various needs. Unity Services are held on Sunday evenings of each month that has five Sundays, with the purpose of bringing churches of different denominations together for prayer, praise, and worship in unity!

January 15 and February 26, Pastor Renzo preached at Greater Grace Church of CT, and on February 12 and 19, he filled in for vacationing Pastor Jim Rennie of First Baptist Church of Colrain, Massachusetts.

God is an awesome, gracious God Who cares for us, and we praise and glorify His powerful Name!

## **Ongoing Events**

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Evening Service - Motivated by Faith with Bobby and Kim Q. at 5 p.m.; And a new ministry! Pastor Shekina Withers here at Holy Grounds – 12 noon to 2 p.m.

**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 - February / March Meeting, March 23, 2023, 7:00 pm. At Holy Grounds.

**FRIDAY:** 1:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study with Shelly Saunders.