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Saving Life Created by God; By Dr. C. S. Cooley, ThD.



On Saturday March 16, 2024, I had the opportunity to stand with the 40 Days for Life standout on Wason Ave. in Springfield, MA. They stood with signs to uphold the *sanctity of life that God created on this earth*. Even though the law now says that states can regulate or ban abortion, men and women continue to fight to make it completely legal again. There are many women that think they are the ones who created life and that they have the right to destroy it, not because of endangerment to her or the baby she carries, but for any arbitrary reason. I am sure that if they considered that only God can create life, since the process is impossible for humans, they would not so easily destroy it.

I was excited to stand with these heroes, men and women who opposed the abortion of a baby. Thank God for their courage, dedication, and love for the precious life of God's master piece of creations, Man and Woman. They stand because babies in the womb cannot speak for themselves! They stand to give voice to the voiceless, and they stand as ambassadors of God. All adults should realize that silence is consent. Not one of us has the power to stop death when it comes our way, so what makes us think that we can and should destroy an innocent life? After all, since God gave you and me life, how is it then, we can find it so easy to destroy it? One last thought, America has made it illegal to kill a puppy, a kitten, or any animal, but where is the compassion for God's greatest creation, that it is okay to kill innocent babies?

March for Jesus - 2024! By Roberta D'Amico, editor.

On March 30, the day before Easter, Christians of Springfield, MA, celebrated their own 'Triumphal March,' lifting up the Name of Jesus for all to see! This year the March was quite successful, as a large group of people sang and marched down State Street from Springfield Community College to City Hall.

People had gathered at Holy Grounds Coffee House where they picked up Trust Jesus signs and headed out, escorted by some supportive police.



Many cars honked their horns in support as they passed by. At City Hall, we spread out on the steps and sang along to music while a large number of pastors, 12 or 15, lined up for prayer. Our purpose was two-fold: To honor the Lord Jesus and remember His sacrifice for our sins on the cross, and to implore God to turn our nation back to Him, acknowledging our sins and desire to have Him Lord of our nation. To this end, each of the pastors in turn took the microphone and entreated the Lord to protect our city and our children and restore our country to righteousness. Sincere, heart-felt prayers were lifted up in English, Spanish, Swahili, Ukrainian, and German.

A highlight of the event was a poem written and read by Elicia Roy, *Hope for the World*, which was very moving. It was published in her small book titled, *Pour Out*, in 2021.

At the end, we all gathered back at the Coffee House, where we were treated to a surprise lunch of chicken and fries and coleslaw. It happened unexpectedly by a deal that Pastor Cooley made with Popeye's Chicken Restaurant in exchange for letting us park there! It was delightful to sit around the tables at Holy Grounds and rest after the March and fellowship!

Pastor Renzo Report – February/March 2024.

As the Evangelist and Revivalist from Redemption Gate Mission Society and Holy Grounds Coffee House since August 2020, Pastor Renzo Ventrice contacts pastors and shares the need for New England churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. After forging relationships with about 271 pastors, his hope is to preach revival and teach Christian History.

March 23, he attended Iron Sharpens Iron Conference and spoke to 40 pastors and invited them to Rise Up's Connection Classes. Anyone interested in discipleship should come to these classes. They are run by Michael Youssef's organization, Rise Up New England, to train people in discipleship. On April 9th, he attended the Pastors Connection Dinner at the Mass Mutual Center where they talked about the upcoming Connection Classes, to be held in area churches in May. Pray for good participation and many volunteers needed for the Michael Youssef Event. COMING SOON!

This will be a big event, called a Celebration, on June 22, 6 p.m., at the Mass Mutual Center, Main Street, Springfield, MA, with Michael Youssef live and in person! He preaches the uncompromising Truth of Christ, who is the only source of hope in this world and the only path to eternal life. Admission will be free!

April 5th, Pastor Renzo visited Pastor Nelson Crapser in Otis, and discussed door to door evangelism in Otis. Renzo has visited over 281 pastors in New England.

On April 19, Pastor Renzo attended a big area Prayer Meeting for Pastors and leaders, at the Cottage Hill Church, in Springfield, to pray for the coming Michael Youssef Celebration. For more information, contact Pastor Cooley at (413) 626-6807 .



Very important date: MAY 2, NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER!

What is God's will for Springfield, Massachusetts, and the United States of America? There is nothing we can do in 2024 more important than PRAY for our nation, especially this small corner of it called Pioneer Valley! On this National Day of Prayer May 2, 2024, gatherings are taking place in many towns:

8 AM – Suffield CT

10:00 AM -Windsor Locks CT

12:00 Noon -Holyoke MA

5:30 PM -Springfield MA

And a new Prayer Gathering in Agawam, May 2, School Street Park, at 6 PM!

There is a Prayer Gathering near you, and we urge you to join with your local brothers and sisters and pray!

Regular Events:

Morning Bible Study is open to all to learn more about the Bible –

Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Services at 10 a.m. with Pastor Bobby Quinones.

Fish Fry fundraiser – May 24, 3 to 6 PM! and June 14, 3 to 6 PM.