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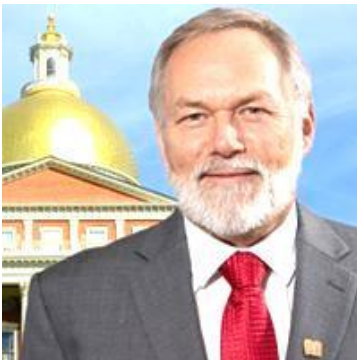
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“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice.” Proverbs 29:2

Pastor Scott Lively’s Vision for Economic Prosperity for Springfield Residents

In the middle of his intense campaign for governor of Massachusetts, in which he hopes to bring solutions to many of Massachusetts’ problems, Pastor Dr. Scott Lively took the time to speak to a room of about 30 pastors, businesspeople, and leaders of the minorities in our community, to discuss ways of addressing community problems. The meeting was hosted by Paula Moore Starnes at Yset, an academy that she runs at 57 School Street in Springfield. Yset, or Youth Social Educational Training, is a program to help young people here in the city get prepared for jobs and careers.

The meeting was held Friday evening, August 17, 2018, in Paula’s beautiful old brick building. A delicious dinner was served first, and then Pastor Scott spoke about his proposal to start a cooperative which would enable members to have a share in their own business. This was not a political meeting, but rather a time for Scott to share the burden on his heart, that is, briefly, to help people break free of government dependence and support themselves well by their own efforts.



Everyone agrees that Massachusetts has gone downhill in recent years, and the prosperity we used to know is gone. Redemption Gate Mission Society, founded by Dr. Scott Lively in 2008, has a goal of helping people here in the city to

prosper. He said that the government intentionally keeps people in dependence. The more people that are on government dependence, the more money comes to

the state budget from Washington. The Federal government supplies a lot of money, but much of it goes to the state government organization.

Dr. Lively, who believes in true conservatism, would like to see the people who work get to prosper by the fruits of their labor. To this end, the group of minority leaders agreed that their people need to become owners of their property and their own businesses.

In addition, the problem of government impediment was mentioned, especially of people losing their businesses because of costs imposed on them. An example was mentioned of a man who ran a taxi service which closed because of a \$1000 fee required. A third issue is that dollars earned here are leaving the community to go into the pockets of large corporations rather than going to local merchants where they can circulate within the community. The Mennonites buy from each other, and estimate each dollar changes hands up to 19 times before it leaves their community!

So the plan Lively proposed, named Jubilee Christian Co-op, was to make something everyone needs, like food. To work as a co-op, members are involved in the making and selling of it and earn money through it. Lively suggested food, specifically frozen dinners, because they can be made in church kitchens, creating a business not regulated by the government. A feature of his plan is that the earnings of the highest paid member would be no more than five times that of the lowest paid. The frozen dinners could be sold in local supermarkets. They could even have Scripture verses printed on them. Another feature of Lively’s plan is that each member mentors another, who could go on to start another co-op.

The meeting was then open to general discussion. Some suggestions were made as to other things that could be made and sold, although food seems to be the easiest to start with. Lively is currently working with Pastor Cooley to remodel his church kitchen for a future co-op. At least 15 people agreed to come to a second

meeting to continue this planning.

Dr. Lively, who will be on the Primary Ballot for Governor September 4th, remarked, "I am into this only for the satisfaction of following the leading of the Holy Spirit. Let's create something that will lift people out of poverty."

Family Day Turns Very Wet! By Roberta D'Amico

The Big Day had come, and Saturday morning the clouds gave way to sunshine, at least through the morning. Early on August 18th, 2018, volunteers from the Coffee House were at Magazine Park at 83 Magazine Street, Springfield Massachusetts, setting up the tents and canopies for the Family Day event. Enthusiasm ran high as we prepared for this event designed to help unite the community.

Volunteers were ready to serve the community, providing a background of Christian Music. Several people from the Coffee House Ministry worked at the Gospel Bracelet table. With beads of five colors, they helped the kids make a bracelet that tells the story of heaven and sin, and how Jesus came to take away sin and give eternal life. Then the kids get to wear the bracelet.

Next to the Gospel Bracelets, John and Jennie of Hope for Holyoke were doing face painting. Around the park were other tables, Bethlehem Church in Hamden, a popcorn machine was busy, and a table for the

Redemption Gate Ministry. A group called MOCHA had a table where they were announcing their upcoming event, the 3rd Annual Brother's Day, Saturday September 8th at Blunt Park. Ronald Claybourne, of MOCHA (Men of Color Health Awareness), says, "If a man is healthy, he can maintain a healthy family and a healthy community."

Finally, there was a table for prayer and counseling, with Denise and First Lady Jackie Cooley available to talk with and pray with those who stopped by. Lunch was ready, and families were in line when all of a sudden the sunshine disappeared and rain drops began to fall! Before we could rescue our crafts and literature, the clouds opened and there was a deluge! The rain came in sheets with thunder and lightning and people ran for cover and home. It was late in the afternoon by the time all was cleaned up, and we had had no chance to hear our special music or speakers, but in spite of it, the day was a blessing and God was in control, accomplishing His purposes!



Don't forget to vote September 4th, Primary Day!

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 a.m.- Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim. **1 p.m.-** Coffee House Church with Pastor Brian Greene. **4 p.m.-** Transformation Centered Healing Ministries with Pastors Eric & Susan Thomas.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

WED – Overcomers (Recovery and Beyond) at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.; FIAT on 2nd and 4th Thursday 7 p.m.

SATURDAY: Lunch 2 – 4 p.m. starting September 8. **1ST SATURDAY:** Sept. 1, "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT: September 29, 7 p.m. Open Mic with Cathy Marvici.