

# The Springfield Redeemer



“Where the Spirit  
of the Lord is, there  
is liberty.”  
2 Corinthians 3:17

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## Walk with the Father by Deborah Albury

My grandson, Khaleb as a 4-year-old, had a favorite pastime, which was to put his feet in the empty shoes of his father. Once he put his little feet into his father's shoes, he was no longer Khaleb. He would say to me with joy filled excitement, "Look Granny, I'm Dad!" The transformation began with giggles as Khaleb shared the body language of his Dad, the language that Dad uses, and his mannerisms. Khaleb mimicked his Dad as much as his child body and the oversized shoes would allow. The transformed Khaleb was quite pleased with himself and his command of doing and saying all the Dad things. Anyone who has seen or knows Dad recognizes the habits of Khaleb's Dad when Khaleb is walking in his father's shoes.

When imitating Dad has repeated several cycles, I call Khaleb "Kwesi" (his dad's name), and Khaleb breaks up into infectious laughter knowing that he has done things just like Dad while wearing Dad's shoes. Khaleb's successful imitation of his father is only confirmed when I call him "Kwesi" and not Khaleb. How many of us desire to put on the shoes of our heavenly father? Have we even considered it? Is it our delight to be called by His Name?

We, the children of God, sometimes act nothing like Him, talk nothing like Him, or make little effort to do things His only begotten Son showed and told us to do. Our walk does not match our talk. Some of our friends, coworkers, even our neighbors wouldn't even know that our heavenly father has children here on Earth. Why is it this way? Are we afraid to be childlike and do what we see in Scripture? Do we lack the courage to do the things our Messiah did?

Our priceless gift of Salvation comes to us with instructions and promises. Be imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love [Eph 5:1-2]. Walking in love is a work of faith, a demonstration and outward display of our obedience to our heavenly Father. Ephesian 6 instructs us to "stand," not barefoot, but with feet shod with the Good News (obedience of Christ and God's promise fulfilled of our Redemption and Salvation). Let's be like Khaleb and put on Our Father's shoes, realizing that they may not fit us at the moment, but we can glorify Him with our efforts to imitate Him, a Father's Day gift to Our Heavenly Father. Happy Father's Day!

## If My People . . .

Each month there is a Pastors and Leaders Lunch and Prayer Meeting of the Mission Pioneer Valley group. On April 29, 2021, Thursday at 11:30 a.m., about 30 people met at Bethany Assembly of God Church to pray for God to visit His people and restore our land.

The Mission was organized to unite churches in seeking God's blessing on America. The meeting was led by Daniel Torres, who declared that "We are one!" No nationalities, no colors, just one Body of Christ praying for God to bless His church. We ate quickly and got right to prayer. We who are called by His Name were challenged to humble ourselves like Daniel of the Bible and *pray*. Various pastors were called upon to pray for our families and our children – Lord, give us wisdom and knowledge from you!

More prayer was lifted up for our nation, then for the media – for honesty and truth – and for the influence on our youth. Then prayer turned to healing, especially for the people whose names had been written on their white board, those who needed a special touch from God. People broke up into pairs to pray with others who they did not know well. Pastors were prayed for (including Pastor Cooley, by request of Jackie Cooley). Testimonies were shared. We were still praying well past 1 o'clock! To God be the glory!

## **Highlights of the 70<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 6, 2021**

Our mission is to unite the church in prayer! (“the church” meaning all born-again believers.) On the first Thursday in May, churches all across America come together for this event, usually in the early evening, creating a glorious wave of prayer spreading across one time zone after another!



In Springfield, about 120 people gathered, more than in recent years, and stood right on the steps of City Hall! Mayor Sarno said this gathering

showed a beautiful mosaic of this city!

One of the first things on the program was to lay hands on Mayor Dominic Sarno and pray over him for God to bless him with strength and wisdom.



This event was organized by Daniel Torres, [daniel@fishersofmen-ne.org](mailto:daniel@fishersofmen-ne.org).



Following that, Mayor Sarno chose a young girl, Lyla, to come up and read a proclamation that he had prepared, about prayer for an end of Covid and for strength for our leaders.

There were more than

17 pastors present at this year's event, who took turns praying for our families, our churches, the education system, military, government, and the arts.



The program ended with most of us down on our knees, singing *Worthy is the Lamb*, followed by Daniel Torres closing with a prayer to rebuke violence in our city, acknowledge God's greatness, and thank Him for His mercy on our city!

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### **April Prayer and Praises from RGMS Evangelist Pastor Renzo Ventrice!**

Pastor Renzo visited 3 more churches, sharing the urgent need for New England churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival, and sharing the RGMS Newsletters.

Pray: (1) for opportunities to preach revival and teach Christian History in New England.

(2) for him to learn to use the radio station, WLPV, to introduce RGMS in Franklin County soon.

### **Praise Report: May 7, 2021 Fund Raiser!**

Thank you, all you faithful supporters who enjoyed the Italian Dinners that were sold. We received \$325, which went directly toward the current bills for the Holy Grounds Coffee House!

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### **Ongoing Events**

- **SUNDAY SERVICES:** Pastors Bobby & Kim have resumed Sunday Services at 11 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Coffee House Church with Pastor Cooley preaching!
- **MONDAY -- FRIDAY:** Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed!***
- **F.I.A.T. :** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 p.m. June 24.
- **FRIDAY: Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.**