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Coming to Holyoke - Worship in the Park!

Good News! Even as the world is drifting away from God (in some cases, running away from God!), He has a remnant of Believers who are standing strong and raising their voices to make Him known right now! Having learned of an exciting opportunity to lift up the Name of Jesus in Holyoke MA, we at Holy Grounds Coffee House found out that Mayor Joshua Garcia has planned a 4 day Community event called Worship in the Park! It will take place starting at 5 p.m., Thursday, August 3, to Sunday, August 6, 2023, at Heritage Park on Dwight Street in Holyoke.

Organized by Mr. Melvin Sanchez, this event is to bring people to Holyoke and show them what Holyoke has to offer, by way of entertainment and great food, inspiration and community spirit. Thursday, August 3, will be "Christian Night" and will open with prayer and will feature music and prayer, along with the restaurant vendors. The Mayor's idea was for churches to come and worship together as one Body of Christ on that night, with music and testimonies, and God's Word.

After the successful National Day of Prayer in May, plans developed for this event to include the spiritual component. The main purpose is to support businessmen and community, but the relationship with the spiritual grew naturally. Mr. Daniel Torres, as Mayor Garcia's Spiritual Advisor, and his friend, was able to get music groups to participate, including a famous music artist from Puerto Rico, Samuel Hernandez.

Some of us from Holy Grounds Coffee House, plan on having a table at the Worship in the Park. It will feature Bibles, tracts, bumper stickers, and prayer for anyone or with anyone who desires prayer. If you are in the area, come and see what's happening in Holyoke August 3 - 5 p.m.!

Holy Grounds Coffee House is Open Again! By Roberta D'Amico

It is amazing what God has done for, and with, this small ministry! Having provided the funds to repair the plumbing at 455 State Street, the repairs are completed and Bible Study is again happening here! On July 6, Wayne Albright came with his heavy equipment and began digging up the sidewalk to get at the broken pipe. The old clay pipe, which was probably there from the 1800's, is now replaced with a new up-to-code pipe and the huge hole in front of the building filled in. The brick-work will be replaced as soon as the sand settles!

But God has allowed us to come back and use the building for Bible Study and meetings until it sells. So on July 17th, the doors opened again, and we praise and glorify Him, who provided all we need, manpower and finances! Now, with no one living in the building, we are busy cleaning, repairing, and resupplying the Coffee House at 455 State Street.

What a week it was! Monday, July 17th, we held Bible Study here, and on Tuesday, three of us ladies came to clean, on Wednesday, Pastor Cooley, Denise, and myself, met with the Realtor, Patricia Reynolds, to evaluate the building and have the papers signed. Then, on Thursday,





July 20, 2023, Pastor Scott, who is visiting from Tennessee, came to the Bible Study. What a treat! About 10 people came, including a couple of “oldtimers”, and what a time we had, even after we closed in prayer, three people stayed on another hour discussing the Scriptures!

Our Scripture for the day was Nehemiah 11, one of Pastor Scott’s favorite because it recounts the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem. Scott likens it to rebuilding the Coffee House, but in a larger way to building the Kingdom of God: “Come, let us rebuild the wall of

Jerusalem so we will no longer be a reproach!” Here, in Springfield, many people helped restore and clean up this building to honor and glorify the Lord, because He has put His Name here. God loves volunteers who have a mind to work, who say, “Here am I, send me!” Praise God for them!

Pastor Renzo and the Fourth of July

The Fourth of July is when America celebrates our great nation’s birthday – also called Independence Day. The original Pilgrims came here to be free to worship God. As long as we, as God-fearing people, continued to honor Him and recognize His Supremacy and the Ten Commandments, we prospered! But now, especially in the 21st Century, our nation has endeavored to destroy all mention of God in public life, and defy His ways, and throw off all restraint in our culture, things have gone from bad to worse!

But God is still working – saving people from their sins, reviving nominal Christians from their apathy, and awakening the God-conscience of America. For this reason, our Redemption Gate Evangelist Renzo Ventrice is continually visiting churches throughout New England, having forged new relationships with about 184 Pastors since August 2020, sharing Christian History and the need for Revival.

In July 8 of this year, in spite of the high heat and humidity, Pastor Renzo was in Greenfield MA, stoking the fires for evangelism and revival, speaking to a large Men’s Breakfast at the Agape Moldovan Baptist Church. Later in the afternoon he spoke on Revival at an Evangelistic Outreach at Energy Park sponsored by Out of Darkness Ministries, Liberty Church from Shrewsbury, MA & Pastor David Levandusky’s church, Living Waters AOG of Greenfield. Wonderful testimonies were given by Believers from MA, VT & NH.



Many people there remember Fourth of July 2019, before covid, when Pastor Renzo spoke there in Early American costume, on the History of the Black Robed Regiment, a name given them by the British Regulars back in 1776, when the Patriot Preachers led their men to fight for our Independence!

More from Renzo:

On July 9th, Renzo preached on Spiritual Warfare from Ephesians 6, at Greater Grace Church of CT in Enfield. I praise God for the hunger of this church for the preaching of the Word!

On July 16th, I preached at Grace Christian Fellowship of Winchester, NH.

On June 26, Betsy & I attended a ‘Leading The Way’ Pastor’s & leaders Luncheon at Bethlehem Church in Hampden, MA. Archbishop Dr. Timothy Paul Baymon & Dr. O.S Hawkins preached outstanding sermons of encouragement and Renzo encouraged several Pastors from CT & MA to join Rise Up New England’s efforts. Later at Rise Up New England Offices in Agawam MA, Reggie Cole, his son Brian, and Renzo spent time strategizing how to invite all the Pastors from Franklin County and southern VT and NH to be involved with Dr. Michael Youseff’s efforts in NE.

Regular Events:

Morning Bible Study is open to all to learn more about the Bible - Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.!!