

# The Springfield Redeemer

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## David Barton Coming Soon!

David Barton is founder of [Wallbuilders](http://www.wallbuilders.com), an organization dedicated to the rebuilding of the values on which America was built and which, in recent years, have been seriously attacked and undermined. As stated by George Washington, David believes that “the propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation which disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained.”

David Barton is author of several books including “Original Intent”, “The Myth of Separation”, “America: To Pray Or Not To Pray?” and “The School Prayer and Religious Liberty Debate”. He is also the host of several video productions including “America’s Godly Heritage”, “Education and the Founding Fathers”, “The Spirit of the American Revolution”, “Keys to Good Government”, and “The Foundations of American Government”. [www.christiananswers.net](http://www.christiananswers.net)

*David Barton will be speaking at the ‘Thanksgiving To God Banquet’ on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.*

*The banquet will be held at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam, MA. See enclosed flyer for details.*

## Pastor Cooley Appointed Executive Director

The Redemption Gate Mission Society is entering into a new phase of its ministry. Pastor C.S. Cooley, the former Vice President of the Mission, was appointed and anointed the Executive Director of Redemption Gate at 4 p.m. on September 30, at the Holy Grounds Coffee House. The Coffee House is only one of the many ministries that Pastor Cooley will be overseeing. Others include the daily morning Bible Studies, which are always well attended and lively, Wednesday night Recovery Meetings, the Trust Jesus Campaign, and the annual events such as Family Day, Apologetics Seminar, March for Jesus, and the Thanksgiving to God Banquet. “It’s all about redeeming the city,” Pastor Scott says.

Two years ago Pastor Cooley was made manager of the Coffee House, as Pastor Scott continued to care for the flock as Pastor, but now Pastor Scott is starting new projects as we move into the second half of the Seven Year Project. As Pastor

Cooley takes over the reins of the Redemption Gate Ministries, Pastor Scott will be stepping out of visible leadership to deal with new issues, especially the spiritual battles and the enemy of God’s work. There comes a time, in the words of Pastor Scott, “When David, King of Israel, needed to put down the lambs he was carrying, pick up the sling, and face the lions and bears.”

The Installation Ceremony was a very meaningful one, patterned after Exodus Chapter 29, where Moses is giving instructions for consecrating Aaron and his sons to be the priests. First, Pastor Cooley was anointed with oil, according to verse 7. Then, Pastor Scott briefly rehearsed the history of Redemption Gate Mission Society, starting with the Faith In Action Team (FIAT) praying and taking action, as they saw ungodly things happening in our society. When Scott Lively came to Springfield, we joined forces and agreed together to stand on God’s Word. God blessed our efforts.

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Two years ago we met opposition, but we were determined not to let the Coffee House fail. We continued to build the Prayer room, because we believe prayer works and will stop the adversary. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Our prayers moved the work forward.

The ceremony continued with the symbolic presentation of the consecrated ram in the form of roasted lamb. Pastor Cooley proceeded to eat the

lamb along with the unleavened bread, in accordance with the instructions in verses 31 to 33. This assures us that God is with him and is strengthening and empowering him for the task. The ceremony finished with laying on of hands by Pastor Scott Lively, Anne Lively, and Jackie Cooley, as they prayed a prayer of consecration over Pastor Cooley. We look forward to seeing how God will lead and direct Redemption Gate Mission Society in the future.

### ***Opposing Springfield Casino October 1<sup>st</sup>***

In Springfield at the start of the City Council meeting, there is a time for the people to speak out, for three minutes on any topic. We at the Holy Grounds Coffee House took advantage of this to speak against the proposed casinos coming to Springfield, with Pastor Scott Lively as the spokesman for our group of eight. Before the council meeting began, we were interviewed by three television news stations, CBS 3, Channel 22, and 40.

"Casinos are the wrong direction for the city," Pastor Lively said. "This city has a great foundation, but part of Springfield is now becoming a red-light district." He went on to explain, that we all are aware of the increasing problems here with crime, drugs, poverty and unemployment; however the underworld cannot fix Springfield. When our parents and grandparents lived here, they trusted God to guide them and Springfield prospered.

Their prosperity was not built on gambling. Gambling will not make our city better. "There are three categories of gamblers," Lively said, "addicts, recreational gamblers, and those that exploit them."

These are the people who are willing to help retirees gamble away their retirement. Listen to this personal testimony from a pastor in Detroit. There they brought in casinos and after a while, instead of prosperity, they had increase in crime, divorce, suicide, unemployment, foreclosure, car-jacking, lost jobs. The casinos were willing to exploit the weakness of others to enrich themselves, leaving the others on welfare." In the end, it costs the taxpayers more.

"In order to get public support, jobs are dangled before the public. The owners spend a few millions on jobs to lure people in, which they can afford out of their profits. Instead of looking down to the underworld to fix the problems, let's look up to God," Lively said. Then, we presented 500 signatures on a petition to inscribe the National Motto of our country, *In God We Trust*, on the pediment of City Hall, as a first step in the right direction. Many City Halls across the United States have done this.

Along with many Springfield residents, we believe that this is a step in the right direction to bring Springfield back to the excellent city it once was.

### ***Ongoing events at the Coffee House***

Sunday Services 10am & 2pm  
Monday thru Friday Morning Bible Study 7:30am  
Tuesday 7pm Outreach  
Wednesday Bible Study 4:30pm  
Wednesday Celebrate Recovery 6:30pm  
Thursday 7pm FIAT 'Faith In Action Team'  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of each month Marriage Seminar  
Open Music Mic 7pm last Friday or Saturday monthly

For information call Holy Grounds Coffee House 301-0918

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**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

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- **Prepare – know your candidates**
- **Participate – vote Biblical values**