

The Springfield Redeemer

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Luke 19:10
For the Son of man
has come to seek
and to save that
which was lost

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David Barton Teaches True History by Roberta D'Amico



David Barton, nationally known Christian historian and author, spoke to over 400 people on the real untold stories of American history at the annual Thanksgiving To God Banquet. The event was planned by Redemption Gate Missions Society and held at Bethany Assembly of God Church in Agawam, Friday, November 9, 2012.

Mr. Barton lives in Texas, where he is the founder and president of WallBuilders, a ministry with a big impact. With a focus on education through Biblical principles, Barton speaks and teaches nationally, produces books and videos, and does research for judges and legislators in Washington, DC. WallBuilders is a resource to those working toward improving federal, state and local policies.

The annual Thanksgiving To God Banquet was a fundraiser for the Redemption Gate Mission Society. The proceeds raised will go to support the works at Holy Grounds Coffee House on State Street. This ministry to Springfield residents reaches teens on their way to school, as well as adults looking for a welcoming place to enjoy a cup of coffee, a snack, and a word of encouragement. The coffeehouse is supported by local churches, faithful volunteers, and donations from concerned citizens of the greater Springfield area. This inner city outreach includes; Bible Studies, Recovery programs, Sunday church services, marriage seminars and other resources. In addition to the Thanksgiving to God Banquet, there are also other featured annual events such as; Apologetics Seminar, March for Jesus and Family Day.

The Thanksgiving event included a delicious dinner, a bake sale for desserts, special music, and a short presentation by Pastor Scott Lively of the Redemption Gate Ministry. Pastor Scott Lively told briefly of his growing up in Western Massachusetts, turning to alcoholic, and then becoming a Christian in California. "I married, raised a family, became a successful lawyer and pastor,"

Lively said, "but gave it all up to become a missionary [overseas and then to Springfield]."

Part of the effort to re-Christianize Springfield is to



encourage Christians to stand strong in their faith. As this is something David Barton puts into practice in his own life and his ministry. He states that many citizens do not know the truth about their country's heritage. We Americans have been taught that God had little to do with our country. Our educational systems have taught it is economics that drive civilizations, not God. Barton speaks with authority on our nation's history, having tens of thousands of original writings and documents from the Founding Era.

"We use 257 idioms in the English language that are exact quotes from the Bible. Over 400 years ago, (continued on page 2)

Shakespeare wrote his famous plays, using 2000 Bible verses," Barton said. "Most people don't recognize them today," he said, "Although it used to be shameful not to know your Bible. Thomas Jefferson, in his speech to the Constitutional Convention in 1787, used 14 Bible verses in 14 sentences!"

Consider the Declaration of Independence: it contains 6 basic principles and 27 violations of them. Where did they get these principles? "The Bible," Barton says. "It is the basis for our government."

How did America get so far away from our roots? In the early decades of the Twentieth century, newspapers printed passages from the Bible. Godly people demanded it. "Then came Darwinism, prohibition, and the Scopes trial, three things that caused embarrassment," said Barton, "and Herbert Hoover and the great depression. When Christians got the blame, they pulled out of the media, education, and politics. America had then been taken over by ungodly men." An example of distorted history can be found in the way the Declaration of

Independence is being taught. The one grievance that is being presented, "Taxation without Representation", which is only one of 6 Principles and 27 Grievances in this document, and a minor one at that. Never is it mentioned that the Declaration is based on sermons and supported by hundreds of calls to prayer and fasting.

David Barton showed some startling pictures from history books of historical events and people. As history has been taught down through the years only the white males were recognized as important figures; the black patriots, who were equally significant in history, were ignored. "How many ever heard of this man?" Barton asked. No one had ever heard of them. History books failed to recognize



them, even though they played a big part in our history.

The event ended with special attention being given to questions and answers. More special music by the gifted musicians followed, ending with the beloved song, "God Bless America". David Barton's extensive collection of history and teaching books were made available for purchase at the book table.

The inspirational music was provided by Gary Wilkinson, from Bethlehem Baptist Church, along with his sister, Anne Marie Rosberg. The musical team is called "Wherever Two". They led the audience in a rousing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and then performed their original song called "Monumental", inspired by the Forefather's Monument in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

A standing ovation expressed the audience's appreciation for David Barton's enlightening material and video presentation. We look forward to having David Barton visit us in the future. A DVD copy of the event may be purchased.



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 1st of each month Marriage Seminar

Open Music Mic 7pm last Friday or Saturday monthly



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