

The Springfield Redeemer

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*"...I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."
Deut. 30:19*

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Apologetics Seminar 2014 with Steven Sherman

by Roberta D'Amico

Why is Pastor Scott so excited about prophecy? Beyond the basics that he learned in earning his theology degree, prophecy became his passion after the winter of 2010-2011 when he had pneumonia. During that bout of illness, God gave him the themes for the Seven Year Campaign, beginning with "Trust Jesus" culminating in a Jubilee. Later, he learned that the Seven Year Campaign coincides exactly with the Jewish jubilee cycles in the Scriptures! Since then, he has studied extensively the prophecies, and the signs that accompany them.

Pastor Scott invited Steven Sherman to be the speaker at this year's seminar because he is very knowledgeable about prophecy.



Scott and Steven Sherman

Sherman is a Messianic Jew, a believer in Jesus (Yeshua in Hebrew). Shortly after his

conversion in New York City, he formed an organization called *Just Pray No*, to assist his efforts to help addicted youth. Now, a father of 5 and grandfather of 2, he lives in Florida, where he continues to study and teach.

Sherman says the best understanding of the Scriptures comes from the Hebrew. He began the seminar by explaining a little about the Hebrew meaning of the names of God. For example, the four Hebrew letters that spell the name Jehovah, also spell Lord. Translated into English, Sherman says, it means "was and is and is to come". Hebrew letters also represent pictures. The pictures represented by the letters of "LORD" say "behold the nail-scarred hand."

After this introduction, Sherman went on to talk about the 7 major feasts of the Hebrew calendar and how they foretell God's plan. The first 4 feasts occur in the spring, at the beginning of the Hebrew year and they foretell the first coming of Jesus: His crucifixion on Passover, His death and burial is symbolized by the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the

Resurrection is the First Fruits (1 Cor. 15:23).

The Feasts themselves are just a shadow or symbol to teach us about what is to come, like the blood of the Passover Lamb was symbolic of the blood of Jesus. To make the connection clear, God had John the Baptist declare that Jesus was the "Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world." Finally, it was no coincident that Jesus died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at exactly the time the lambs were sacrificed at the temple.

After lunch, Steven Sherman talked about the Fall Feasts. Just as the Spring Feasts foretell the first coming of Jesus, the Fall Feasts foretell the second coming. They are the Feast of Trumpets, and ten days later, the Day of Atonement, and finally the Feast of Tabernacles. These foretell, respectively, the rapture of the church, the judgment of the nations, and the coming Millennial Kingdom. Pastor Scott has been teaching much about this on Sundays at the Coffee House Church, at 2 pm, so come to hear more.

What's Happening at Holy Grounds

As we begin a new year at Redemption Gate, Holy Grounds Coffee House is bustling with activity. The 7:30 morning Bible



Coffee House Church

Studies are outstanding.

As we read the Bible, chapter by chapter, the Scriptures invariably lead into an animated discussion. Sometimes including details of ancient history, sometimes world events, personal testimonies, or how the Scriptures can help us through the difficult things we all struggle with.

After Bible Study, the discussion goes on as people come and go all day. We have a couple of new volunteers who are enabling us to keep open longer hours, Denise O'Connor on Fridays and Mike Moore who is on the counter afternoons until 4 pm.

Looking at the bigger picture, Pastor Scott has stepped down from the Board, as he pursues a run for governor, and Pastor Juan Feliciano, from Calvary's Love church, has joined, making the board strong yet diverse.

Pastor Scott will still be a part of the morning Bible Study and will still be preaching on Sundays when he is in town. Right now he's off to California on business and to see his new baby granddaughter, Camille, born on his birthday, December 14th! Pastor Jonathan McNeil will be leading the Sunday Coffee House Church and preaching when Scott is away.

Cooley's Birthday Bash by Roberta D'Amico

They gathered at United Temple, January 10, 2014, a good "houseful" of worshippers. It was the 2nd night of the Revival celebrating Pastor Steve Cooley's 65th birthday. Many people offered spontaneous songs of praise and testimonies to God's blessings and how He is working in and through His people here. Some spoke of how

far God has brought Pastor Cooley since he was young.

For Pastor Cooley's birthday Revival, Pastor Zachory Reynolds preached a powerful sermon from God's Word. The message God gave was, "What do you have in your hand?" God will use whatever we have for His work. Pastor Reynolds is from Greater Harvest Church of God in Christ. He is the Greater Mass Jurisdiction Evangelist President.

Pastor Cooley and First Lady Jackie are known and loved by many. Many testified that the Cooleys are true and faithful followers of Christ, not just on Sunday, not just in church, but all day every day.

"I got saved in 1978," Pastor Cooley said, "and have spent every single birthday since in the presence of the Lord. Many years I was alone with God, just Him and I. He is first in my life, and I did not begin to live until the day I got saved. It is thanks to Him only that I am alive today. I have done so many wonderful things and gone so many places that I never dreamed that I could do, and I thank Him for it every day."

~Save the Date March for Jesus~

Saturday April 19, 2014

Meet at Holy Grounds Coffee House

10:30 am, rain or shine! We will march to City Hall for prayer.

Ongoing Events at Holy Grounds Coffee House

Feb 1 & 8, Movie Nights @ Holy Grounds 6:30 PM

SUNDAY SERVICES 11AM & 2PM

MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30AM

TUES & THURS PRAYER 11AM

TUESDAY SOLID ROCK NIGHT MUSIC FORUM 7:00PM

WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30 & CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 PM

SATURDAY LUNCH 2-4PM WEEKLY

1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4PM

~For more Information call 413-301-0918~

Open Mic Worship Nights

**Saturday February 8 and 22,
6:30 PM**

**Play Music, Read Scripture,
Sing, Poetry, Testimonies**
Share Your Talents!