

The Springfield Redeemer

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*He sent
redemption unto
His people.
Psalm 111:9*

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COMING SOON ON DVD

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with Pastor Steve Cooley

The Story of Redemption Gate Mission Society will soon be available on video. This documentary will tell of the ministry which began in January of 2008, when God called Pastor Scott Lively to do something out of the ordinary, that is reverse the Satanic takeover of Springfield, MA, and bring back wholeness.

When Pastor Scott came in 2008, we were facing a major crisis: Springfield was the third "murder capital" in the United States, a terrible statistic for a city this size. The documentary will present in pictures and commentary the effect that God is having through Pastor Scott and the Redemption Gate Ministry to give hope to Springfield.

Pastor Cooley recalls in years past how Springfield was known as the City of Homes. "In those days," he recalls, "you could walk out of your house and not lock the doors." Pastor Scott moved into Mason Square, one of the worst neighborhoods in the city. He bought a house that was condemned, an eyesore, inside and out. His plan was to show the



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process of redemption. This house is now attractive, like a butterfly exemplifying transformation. In spite of his being white in a predominately black neighborhood, he was able to overcome these barriers.

Soon, God led him to open the Coffee House ministry, which would be "the Hallmark of what he wanted to do for the city," Pastor Steve states. Whereas Scott's house was symbolic of redemption on a personal level, showing that it could be done, the Coffee House exemplified public redemption, born out of the desire to make our city of Springfield better.

Pastor Scott enlisted volunteers from those he made contact with here, Pastor Cooley, local pastors, the FIAT group, and others. The people who came to help renovate the building, like the prophet of old, Nehemiah, put hope into the people of Springfield that we could not just



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make it better, but make it something we could be proud of. Many of these people were rejected by society, and couldn't find jobs, but welcomed the opportunity to do something, not for money, but for God.

Ironically, what was once a radio and TV repair shop, broadcasting words to the world, is now converted to a place that proclaims the Word of God. How



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hopeless, clean it up, use it for

His glory, and at the same time transform the people doing the work. The final metamorphosis, making the building look beautiful, was the new storefront and the brickwork in front, spelling out the words, "Trust Jesus." This is the essence of the ministry, taking those who once seemed hopeless and transforming them.

Pastor Cooley went on to say, "The inspiration for this was a 7-



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year campaign. It began with just two words: Trust Jesus, but has manifested itself not just in Springfield but all over. More than just a catch-word, it became the only thing we can rely on, backed up by the power and faithfulness of Almighty God.

As America has abandoned the Biblical principles and absolutes, crime and corruption have increased. Judges can no longer make right decisions; congressmen no longer make just laws, our leadership has foregone the values that made this country good. The city of Springfield has become a hot spot for redemption. So in making this documentary, I'm praying that those who see it will listen and

hear what God is telling us. Perhaps God will extend the success of our nation, as He did with Josiah, and give the people a chance to be redeemed by the Savior."

This DVD will consist of one to one and one-half hours of photos and commentary. The story will be told through the process of interviewing people who have been involved since the beginning, such as FIAT team and others. Many of these people are still involved and can contribute first-hand knowledge, and the people who have joined us since then can tell how they and their families have been changed by this ministry. All the Springfield Redeemers will be very useful for

their talking points. They have advanced this ministry, and out of it other ministries have been advanced also; marriage ministry, recovery, children's ministry and prayer.

After it is completed, it will be presented to other Christian ministries. Perhaps they would be willing to publicize it. Since Pastor Scott is involved is what is controversial by the world's standards but Biblically sound, some may be afraid to get involved. Hopefully there are some who would be willing trust Jesus to make this ministry flourish. Pray for Pastor Cooley that he can accomplish this big task in the will of God.

Testimony by Van Stephen Thomas, the Sower of Seed

Every morning, I give thanks for the Bread of Life. He is present with me – thank You Jesus. After my conversation with the Creator, that is, Jesus, I eat breakfast and take my medication (27 years now a survivor of HIV), I head out to the Holy Grounds Coffee House. Honestly, I try never to miss this start to my day at Holy Grounds for coffee and Bible Study.

This Bible Study is the nourishment that is necessary for my wife and I – it goes beyond the "milk of the Word". I am what I am today

because of this diverse group of believers in this place of fellowship. The Holy Spirit moves mightily through them to feed my spirit with the knowledge of Him and His Word. God is now more important than life itself, but it took me a long time to get to that point.

You would have to come to Bible Study yourself to truly understand the Holy Grounds Coffee House, this little fellowship hall, a church disguised as a coffee shop. Come and hear and feed your spirit with the word from on High.

Ongoing Events at Holy Grounds Coffee House

SUNDAY SERVICES 10 AM & 2 PM
MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM
TUES & THURS PRAYER 11 AM
TUESDAY SOLID ROCK NIGHT MUSIC FORUM 7:00 PM
WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30 & CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 PM
SATURDAY LUNCH 2-4 PM WEEKLY
1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4 PM

~For more Information call 413-301-0918~

Saturday Night Activities

Movie nights, June 7 & 21

Open mic nights June 14 & 28

6:30 PM

**Play Music, Read Scripture,
Sing, Poetry, Testimonies**

Share Your Talents!