

# The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

*Oh, that men would  
praise the Lord for  
His goodness . . . and  
offer the sacrifices of  
thanksgiving.  
Psalm 107:21, 22.*



Nov. 1, 2014, Vol. 3, Ed. 10 Trust Jesus ▪ Pray Daily ▪ Read Your Bible ▪ Go To Church ▪ Seek Unity in Christ

## Come and Offer the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Don't miss this Annual Thanksgiving to God Fundraiser Spaghetti Banquet, Saturday, November 1, at Holy Grounds Coffee House.

Three reasons why you should come to this event! First, to celebrate all that God has done this year: hundreds of high school kids coming for prayer before school; plans to have a Bible Study at Commerce High; new Christians, and older ones seeking God and growing in the Lord;



hungry people being fed, more people serving at the Coffee House and much more! We have much to be thankful for!

Second reason: to raise money to keep the Coffee House going. Insurance bill, heating bill, supplies, etc. need to be paid for. Much of our resources are donated, all of our staff is volunteer, and no charge is made for our coffee, beverages, food, Bible study, movies, Open Mic, Sunday services--all is on a donation basis. Nevertheless, there are bills to pay. To help pay these bills, in addition to the monthly donations that many of you make, we are having this wonderful event.

Finally, we want you to enjoy the homemade Italian food, the speakers, and the fellowship. Breakfast, at 9 a.m., will be prepared by Pat and Barbara, with Pastor Renzo Ventrice speaking on "The Black Robe Regiment." Lunch at 12:30 p.m. will be a pasta bar, with salad, bread, and dessert. Pastor Scott will be speaking on the "Monument to the Founding

Fathers," the monument being located in Plymouth. Dinner, at 5 p.m., will be more Italian food. Charles Wiedman will be speaking on "Effective Evangelism." There will be a Chinese/silent auction for lovely gifts at each meal.

Tickets are \$10 for each meal, so bring your friends and come have a good time. As an extra bonus, that evening we will be showing a movie, God Spell. Saturday night events are always free. Donations of desserts, Italian dishes, etc. are welcome. Call Anne at 413-250-8991 about food donations.

If you are unable to attend, or you are willing to buy an extra ticket, please consider sponsoring someone in need so they can attend the event. Here is an opportunity to make a sacrifice to help someone enjoy God's blessings here at the Coffee House!

### ~ Denise's Testimony ~

Note: Denise O'Connor has been coming to the Holy Grounds Coffee House at least a year. She

is one of many volunteers who donates her time and energy to this ministry, making it possible

for Holy Grounds to keep on serving the people of Springfield. Here is her testimony in her own

words: I want to tell you what the Coffee House Ministry has meant in my life. I have been a Christian for a long time, knowing the Lord and loving the Lord. But things have changed for me since I started coming to the Coffee House about a year ago.

We gather for Bible Study in the morning, five days a week, for at least an hour, led by one of three different pastors who take turns teaching. The people sitting at this table are people truly seeking God. When God's people get together daily to seek Him, you can sense God's Presence in this place.

Being here has helped me grow tremendously in the knowledge of God. We read the Scripture and take notes and then after, I'll read the notes I've taken. Sometimes after the Study we will discuss the Scriptures with one another. Through this studying, I've come closer to God. My understanding of Him has increased.

It's different than your home church, very different, because it's not just a church. Actually it is

a church, but it doesn't feel like a church. There is a freedom to get up and get coffee, to speak or not



to speak. We are not hearing a sermon, we are a sermon, we live the sermon. Everyone in a conversation anywhere in the building is a message for all.

Possibly the largest issue I've had in my life was fear, fear of rejection, fear of not being liked. The Bible Study has helped me recognize this. Now I know that God is pleased with me. No matter what I say or what I do, if my heart is to please God, He is pleased with me. I actually always knew that, but it is more real to me now. I feel more empowered to just love God more publicly,

and not always verbally, but just more openly, with a freedom from fear, a freedom from concern of rejection.

I also work at the Coffee House, at the counter. It is such a blessing to chat with the people who come in, to pray with some, to talk about who God is and what His Word says. I get to communicate with lots of different people. I've learned to be a lot more accepting of people, those who do the right things, and some who don't do the right things. Through the eyes of God, I've learned to love them, accept them, without judgment, the way God does.

I just love coming here. I love all the people here. I feel at home, well-loved, accepted, like I'm really living. Even though I don't get paid in money, I get so many blessings. I come here because the Spirit of the Lord is here and I can't help but have a desire to come here, to be where the Spirit is.

## 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

Nov. 1 – Movie: God Spell

Nov. 8 – Band Night

Nov. 15 – Movie Night: Abel's Field

Nov. 22 – Open Mic Night 6:30 PM

November 29 – All day!

Holiday Evangelization Explosion  
Open Forum/Worship Party

Dec. 6 Movie Night