

The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

*For unto you is born
this day in the City of
David a Savior, which
is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2 : 11*



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MUCH TO GIVE THANKS FOR!

"I'm bidding on the silver tea set," said Melody. The valuable study books went to Robert, and so on as the winners were announced for each prize, late Saturday, November 1, 2014. It was surely a blessed day at Holy Grounds Coffee House. The silent auction was a big success; all the gifts sold to the highest bidders!

The food was outstanding. Pat and his family served a tasty breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, pastries, with coffee, tea, and orange juice, of course. Lunch featured various pastas and sauces, plus other Italian dishes like lasagna. Salad and garlic bread came with it.

Each meal was accompanied by Christian music and a speaker. Speaking at breakfast was Pastor Renzo Ventrice, who led the singing of *And Can It Be*, and gave us the story of that hymn from the 18th century. He spoke on the Black Robed Regiment, and how in the 1700's, these men of God reclaimed the heritage of Colonial America. At that time, pulpits of America proclaimed that their prosperity was a result of Godly men who were able to self-govern because they would

someday give an account of their lives to God.

Pastors led the fight for Independence, serving with George Washington, and urging men to enlist. They led the fight for abolition of slavery. They established a "City on a Hill", where God was worshipped freely. The Black-Robed Regiment demonstrated that a person can serve God in the political realm.

At lunch we heard from Pastor Scott Lively, who has been running for Governor of Massachusetts in order to advance a Biblical worldview. Being a candidate for governor gave him an excellent platform to speak to many people, expounding on the biblical foundation of America through the debates, interviews, written messages, etc. Recently Scott got to visit the first home of Miles Standish, where in 1621, he signed the treaty with Massasoit.

Then Scott visited the Founding Fathers Monument and shared with us some of the outstanding features of it. The statue on the top of the monument represents Liberty, but in contrast to the New York

Statue of Liberty, this one is pointing up to God as the source of liberty. Under her arm is a copy of the Geneva Bible. This is important because for a thousand years and more, it had been against the law for a common man to own or read God's Word. All around the statue were smaller images of the themes that America was founded on: law, mercy, justice, education, peace, enterprise, and more.

The dinner hour brought out more excellent Italian food in abundance, and a new speaker, Charles Wildman, who spoke on evangelism. Quoting from Luke 15 about the lost sheep, he exhorted us to make sure that the hungry people we feed at the Coffee House hear the truth that Jesus is the source of life for our souls for eternity. That is why we are here, to show them the way to God.

In terms of raising money, the day was successful. Quite a bit of money was donated in addition to the food, auction items, and other supplies. We are grateful to God for so wonderfully meeting our needs.

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

by Roberta D'Amico

Soon it will be Christmas! That is the day we honor Jesus' birth. Which day we celebrate Christmas is not that significant, but the facts about His birth are extremely important!

For nine months a young Jewish girl named Mary had been carrying the Baby Jesus in her womb,



and now it was time for His delivery, but this Baby was different than any baby ever born since Adam and Eve had Cain and

Abel. This Baby was conceived by the Holy Spirit, God taking on human flesh and being born of a virgin. In this way, God could come down to earth as a human being to be the only perfect, sinless sacrifice for our sins. Having no earthly father, Jesus was untainted by Adam's sin.



To honor this wonderful event, God sent myriads of angels to announce the advent of the Christ Child. As they worshiped Him with exceeding joy, so should

we. Christmas should be about worshiping Jesus, not shopping, spending, and greed. Not that it is wrong to give gifts, but every gift should be given in the name of Jesus. What can we give Jesus? "Whatever you do for the least of these, My Brethren," Jesus said, "you do for Me." The best gift is given to someone who cannot give in return.

The Christmas Angels sent the shepherds to find the Baby, and having found Him, and worshiped Him, they were sent to tell others. Christmas is one of the best times to be telling others about Jesus. Others



need to know why He came, how He died for their sins, rose again, and is coming back soon.

The shepherds found the Baby Jesus in a barn, lying in a feeding trough for the animals. No fancy palace for the Heavenly Kin. Starting His earthly life from such a humble beginning, Jesus never had a home of His own, setting us an example. Are we too much into expensive decorating, lavish parties, and costly gifts to people who don't need any more material things? What if we were to buy gifts at Christmas for those who have little, in Jesus' name? And share food with those who are hungry?

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

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Saturday Night Activities

Dec. 6 – Movie: Mom's Night Out 6:30

Dec. 13 – Open Mic Night

Dec. 20 – Movie Night ?

Dec. 27 – Open Mic Holiday Party

New Year's Eve – Open 6 P.M 'til the sun comes up and beyond!