

The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

*Jesus said to them,
"Go into all the world
and preach the good
news to all creation."
Mark 16:15*

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Final Year of the Seven Year Trust Jesus Campaign; What's Next?

by Roberta D'Amico

God has given our Pastor, Scott Lively, a new vision for the future which he shared at the January 19th Board Meeting. But first, we reviewed all that the Lord has done in the last seven years: The Coffee House itself, early morning prayer with hundreds of high school students, morning Bible Study, bi-weekly prayer meetings in the Upper Prayer Room, annual Apologetics Seminar, annual March For Jesus, Family Days, In God We Trust Campaign, Sunday Coffee House Church, Springfield Redeemer Newsletter, Saturday lunch, Recovery meetings, marriage seminars, bread ministry, Open Mic and movie nights, and Convoy of Hope partnership!

Wow, what a list! But wait, there is more. Pastor Steve Cooley has done a great



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job as Executive Director of the Board. Two new members have been voted in to be on the Board, Pastor Juan Feliciano and Roberta D'Amico, making seven. God brought Pastor Renzo Ventrice to join us, and he has now been appointed Communications Director. Pastor Jonathan McNeil has established a Messianic Congregation here, making us the only "two-house church" by operating the House of Judah along with the House of Israel, as Pastor Scott puts it. Brian Greene has taken leadership of the Tuesday night street outreach. Onyx continues to faithfully

supply the Coffee House with great quantities of baked goods and coffee, and finally we have new counter workers to serve it all. All thanks to the leading and provision of God through His people.

The theme for this final year of the Seven-year Campaign is Share Your Faith. We have received 2500 buttons and bumper stickers, and 250 yard signs ready for 2015. The events for the final year will be a little different than previous years. The Apologetics Seminar will be March 21, two weeks before the March For Jesus on April 4, which is, as always, the day before Easter. In keeping with our final theme, Share Your Faith, the topic will be Evangelism Apologetics, to help people with questions that come up in evangelism.

The excellent speakers, Charles Wiedman and Zachary Reynolds, will be representative of the Coffee House population, both black and white, setting the example of racial unity. Wiedman spoke at the Coffee House at the Thanksgiving to God Banquet last November, and Zachary Reynolds is the State Evangelist and pastor of Greater Harvest Church of God in Christ here in Springfield. They will be able to follow up the Seminar with street outreach.

As before, the Seminar will be held at Pastor Juan Feliciano's church, Calvary's Love, at 19 Oakland Street, Springfield, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lunch break, where pizza will be provided for \$5 per person. Flyers will be supplied for people to take and use to invite others to join us for the March For Jesus which will be two weeks later, and packets of materials for the March will be sent out to area churches.

This year's March For Jesus will be the last and greatest, at least for the present time, so don't miss it! We need to bring everybody to the March and show Springfield that God is not dead! Please come out and stand with us at City Hall on April 4. It may be your last chance to do so.

Family Day, likewise, will not be the same as in the past years. Convoy of Hope will be back in Springfield this summer, but Redemption Gate Mission Society will focus instead on the Jubilee, September 14. This will be our biggest event of the year, and we are planning great things, top speakers, a large venue, and a blessed time. Pastor Scott assures us that "it will be the great grand finale of the seven years."

On his annual retreat, God gave Pastor Scott the vision for the next seven years, and it's exciting! Part of the plan he shared is to start the Jubilee Christian Co-Op, which will probably be a food Co-Op. Food Co-Ops are common and eligible for grants. The purpose of this is to enable people to break free from government dependency and learn to be entrepreneurs. To start the Co-Op, we have a plan to raise money manufacturing a cologne called "the Armor of God, put it on every morning." Scott says it will have Scripture on the back, Ephesians 6:10-20. This will be the first thing members of the Co-Op can do, to go out and get donations for the little bottles to fund the ministry and earn a share of the proceeds. This will help people provide for

themselves in a way that will give them the greatest freedom to operate."

Finally, Pastor Scott and Anne will be going to California to establish a Holy Grounds Coffee House there, splitting their time between East Coast and West Coast. He is preparing a booklet called "Reclaiming the Cities for Christ, the Story of Redemption Gate Mission Society," which will be a how-to manual for launching a ministry similar to what we've done here in Springfield. In California, they will begin with a daily Bible Study and Sunday Church discussion group to draw in Christians who want to actively serve the Lord.

Meanwhile Pastor Renzo and his team are preparing to launch a TV show on the Focus Springfield Community Channel. They will do two weekly shows, one on Channel 12, preaching the Bible, and the other on Channel 15 on Christian History. Part of their plan is to interview many of us for the program.

Pastor Cooley is very busy helping churches all over the East Coast start Coffee Houses, expanding the ministry in New Hampshire, Detroit, and other places he goes. Holyoke needs a Holy Grounds Coffee House. We could reach hundreds of high school kids there. Recruit people from your church to come to the Coffee House, it's a beautiful opportunity to be involved in Community Missions. God is moving; will you step up and pray, donate, and be His hands and feet?

**Save the Date! Valentine's Day Banquet, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 4 – 7 PM @ Holy Grounds Coffee House.
Buffet – music – gifts - raffle. Cost: Couples \$10, Singles \$5.**

Thank you for supporting Redemption Gate Mission Society. It is because of faithful supporters like you that we can continue our mission to Springfield. We want to continue mailing the monthly newsletter to you but to be good stewards of God's resources, in the future, we will be able to send the newsletter only to those who are donating to the ministry. Please continue to send your donations to Redemption Gate. **A donation of any amount will keep you on the active mailing list for the Springfield Redeemer newsletter.**

Ongoing Events 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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New Saturday Night Activities

Movie night, Feb. 7th 6:30 PM

Band night, Feb. 14th 6:30 PM

Drama night, Feb. 21st 6:30 PM

Open Mic night, Feb. 28th 6:30 PM