

The Springfield Redeemer

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For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20

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Apologetics Seminar – The Final One!

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Don't miss this final Apologetics Seminar on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The theme for this final year of the 7 Year Campaign is Share Your Faith, and so in keeping with that theme, we invited Charles Weidman and Zachary Reynolds as our speakers. The seminar will be at Calvary's Love Church, 19 Oakland Street Springfield, as before, from 10 am to 2 pm, and is free to all.

We will be supplying packets of materials with a list of helpful books and websites, paper to take notes, helpful literature, and March for Jesus flyers.

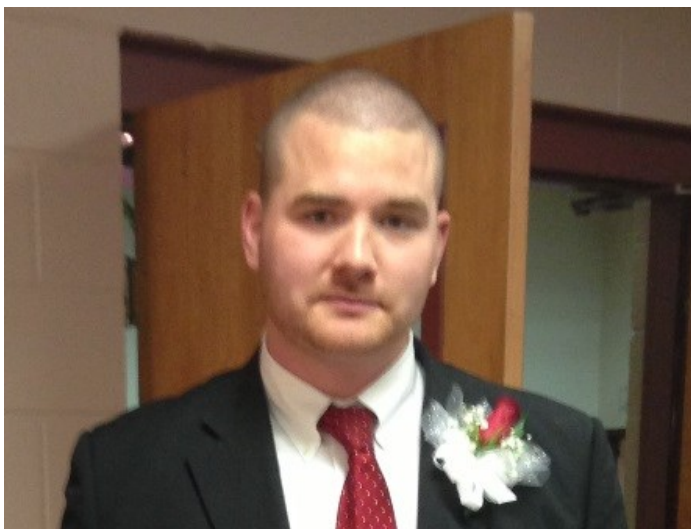


Pastor Zachary Reynolds, of the Greater Harvest Church of God in Christ, has been an evangelist for over 40 years. By continuing to pursue excellence in ministry, he has risen to appointments as regional and then national Evangelist of the Church of God in Christ. He says, "I live in expectation of God and the mission of reaching the lost." He loves to "compel them to come in!"

The Lord has given Pastor Reynolds a vision to build a healthy church. He believes that if a church body is spiritually healthy, the church will grow and the spirits of the people revived and will begin to realize their purpose on this planet. He is such a man of God that once you've been in his presence, you will not be the same.

Last March For Jesus From the Coffee House

On April 4th, the day before Easter, we will gather at the Holy Grounds Coffee House for the final year's March For Jesus. We hope to make this the biggest and best yet. As we approach the Easter



Charles Weidman spoke at Holy Grounds Coffee House last November for the Thanksgiving Banquet. He is a member of Bethany Assembly of God Church. Although he is a lay leader with no formal ministry credentials, he has been involved with Street Evangelism and Apologetics for 10 years. He has also been involved with several area churches in street evangelism. He says, "My number one credential is...I Love Jesus!"

season we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us, to procure our salvation by dying on the cross for our sins. But we also rejoice that He rose from the dead on Sunday morning to bestow His Presence and thus eternal life on each and every believer. The March For Jesus is an opportunity to proclaim this great salvation and celebrate the life of Christ that we have forever. What better reason do you need to get out into the streets of Springfield and march with us?

As always, we will meet at the Coffee House, 455 State Street, Springfield, between 10 and 11 a.m. There will be coffee, of course! And balloons for the March. Also, there will be all the bumper stickers, buttons, and yard signs from the 7-year campaign for sale at low cost.

Then, at 11 o'clock when we hear the shofar blowing, we will form our march and head down State Street, with Pastor Scott Lively leading the way. We march on the sidewalk so all the cars that go by can see us, all the way down to Main Street to City Hall, where we fill up the steps. All the Pastors gather in front and each one gets to pray for the city.

After the rally, we will have gospel tracts for you to take and pass out to people as you leave. Here is another opportunity to spread the Word! Many of us go back up to the Coffee House for more coffee and refreshments. Please come and bring your friends and family. Perhaps in the future, another ministry in Springfield will take it upon themselves to sponsor the next March For Jesus.

The Meaning of Jewish Holidays

Pastor Scott and Pastor Jonathan have in the past few years given us wonderful teaching on the Jewish holidays and we are blessed to have these teachings and inspiring examples of God's messages to us. The 7 major holidays are symbolic of the most important events in the first and second comings of Christ, but some of the other minor holidays are valuable also.

The very next holiday on the calendar is Purim, which falls on March 5 this year. Purim comes 30 days before Passover, April 3rd, the evening of Good Friday. Traditionally, Purim is celebrated with reading and reenactment of the story of Esther, a big feast, and giving to charity and neighbors.

Purim is a holiday which is fun to celebrate. Pastor Jonathan says, "It is somewhat like a Jewish Halloween, because the children dress up in costumes. They act out the story of Hadassah, or Esther, in the Bible." Mordecai and Esther, his young cousin, had been taken captive with many other Jews, to Babylon. King Ahasuerus was tricked into passing a law to destroy all the Jewish people in his vast empire and it seemed like all was lost. Then, God caused the King to remember that Mordecai had once saved his life, giving Queen Esther opportunity to go before the King with favor and save the Jewish nation. Once again, the devil's plot to annihilate God's people was thwarted and the Messianic line was preserved.

This event illustrates the providence of God. He is always working, and His providence is always active, even when we are not aware of it. It only seems that sometimes God has forgotten us. We can always trust God to help, but like Queen Esther, we must be obedient.

Soon after Purim comes the 4 Spring Festivals, beginning with the Passover. Passover and the two "feasts" following celebrate the deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, an event that is symbolic of our salvation and deliverance from our sin and the consequences of it. This year, as last year, the Jewish holidays have a special feature, the "Tetrad", four Blood Moons (lunar eclipses) and two solar eclipses, which fall exactly on the Biblical Feasts of Passover and Tabernacles in 2014 and 2015. This phenomenon is so rare it has occurred only 3 times in the last 500 years, and each time was related to significant events in Jewish history, making the Jewish Feast Days instructive of our Almighty God and prophetic for our future.

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

For more Information call 413-301-0918
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New Saturday Night Activities

Movie night, March 7th 7 PM
Band night, March 14th 7 PM
March 21, Open Table Nite 6:30 PM
Share hopes, desires, strengths.
Open Mic night, March 28th 6:30 PM