

The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society



*"Look at the nations
and watch – and be
utterly amazed. For I
am going to do
something in your
days that you would
not believe. . .
Habakkuk 1:5.*

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Remembering 2016, Anticipating 2016 by Roberta D'Amico

Watching God work in 2015 has been breathtaking! And we are a part of it. To some it may seem like we are accomplishing little, but we have had an impact on Massachusetts.

What were the greatest changes in 2015? First, the new 'sister' ministry that Pastor Scott initiated in California this year. He is using the Springfield ministry as a model. We are not just a 'sister church', but a 'mother church', so we must remain steadfast! Satan will try to diminish us or conversely, make us arrogant – be on guard.

A first for 2015 was the Sunday afternoon Bible School, a teaching time at 2 p.m. instead of a more traditional worship service. Pastor Scott initiated it with an intense 5 week course on Eschatology, followed by other sessions on different topics. Pastor Renzo taught on Principles of Discipleship and Pastor Jonathan on Jewish Feasts, most recently the Feast of Dedication.

We also have a new Sunday evening service led by Pastor Roberto (Bobby) Quinones and his wife Kimberly. He is a good teacher of the Word. Even though he just started, people are starting to come, and a man

was saved last Sunday evening after the service. Earlier this year, we added an 11 a.m. service led by Pastors Melvin and Cynthia Coleman, making 3 services on Sunday. We still have the Sabbath service on Saturday for the Hebrew Roots group.

Another aspect of the ministry, new to 2015, was the inauguration of Brian Greene as the Minister of Evangelism. He is doing full time street outreach, and on Tuesday evenings goes out with others who come out to help.

He and Shelly now lead the student ministry on school mornings, serving and praying with 60 to 80 or more students from Commerce High. This became necessary because Pastor Cooley is now raising four great-grandsons and so needed others to take over this ministry. Our wonderful God made sure this ministry was covered. The focus of this ministry is an opportunity to introduce the students to a knowledge of God, teach them that He wants a personal relationship with them, and teach respect for parents, for life, and for God. We want them to be able to stand strong in this godless society.

Minister Brian has also taken over leading the morning Bible Study, since Pastor Cooley can't be there early enough to lead.

The vision for Godly marriage has likewise been passed on, to Jonathan and his wife, Joanne, who plan on expanding it from a once-a-month seminar to twice a month. This strong marriage, engagement, and counseling team endeavors to combat the ever-increasing divorce rate, especially in the church.

Concerning the daily ministry of the Coffee House, we now have Chef Samuel who helps us prepare lunch, and teaches us how to prepare lunch, given our limited facilities and donated food! He is a great blessing to all. Onyx continues to bring food and bakery goods every week to keep us supplied. One of the exciting new aspects is daily prayer in the Coffee House. Before we serve lunch every day, we stop for prayer and gather around in a circle to pray for one another's needs. God is blessing much.

Administrative work is now being done by Denise O'Connor. She also began a tradition of having Thanksgiving Feast in 2014 which we continued in 2015!

Wow! God is doing so much! What will we see in the coming year? In the new year, we will continue to promote healthy Godly principles through the daily Bible studies; look for more

donations of food, finances, and volunteer help; and work to further develop a plan to help the jobless and promote Christian entrepreneurship. Plus, we will have a Family Day this August

and we will work with those who will be in charge of the future March For Jesus. It's all for His Glory as He provides through faithful people like you.

Pastor Bobby Comes to Holy Grounds Sunday Nights

by Roberta D'Amico

Among the new things God has planned for the ministry is the addition of a husband-and-wife team from South Carolina.



Roberto, known as Pastor Bobby and his lovely wife Kimberly are conducting Sunday night Services at 6 p.m. at Holy Grounds Coffee House.

God led them to Springfield where they have family. After visiting here in April 2014, they now have this

vision to minister here, especially to people whose lives are broken and are in need of healing. They have a particular desire to encourage those after incarceration to transform their thinking through Christ's power in their lives.

They also have plans to start businesses where people can learn trades and earn money to take care of themselves apart from government dependence. They have a desire to teach work ethics, how to get a job, how to handle money, etc., to people who are in need.

Roberto has a degree in Christian Counseling from his theological school education which will serve him well here.

Kim has a heart for prison ministry, especially to women. The women she ministers to are open to God in their lives. She says, "If we do not forget where we come from, we can relate to them. All of the mess I went through to be what I am and do what I am doing today prepared me to be able to talk to these women."

Pastor Bobby has this testimony: "I was a resentful and miserable person until God began to teach me. When I gave my life to Him, I began to change. When I face bad times, I believe that God is in control of my life."

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Happy, Blessed, New Year to all!
Ongoing Events Holy Grounds Coffee House

SUNDAY SERVICES 11 a.m. , 2 p.m. , 6 p.m.
MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30 a.m.
TUESDAY NIGHT outreach 5:30 p.m.
WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30, CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Sabbath 9-12, LUNCH 2-4 p.m. WEEKLY
1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4 p.m.

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Saturday Night Activities

1st Sat. Jan 2, Open Mic, Brother Bruce
2nd Sat. Jan. 9, Band Night
3rd Sat. Jan 16, Open Table with Bruce
4th Saturday, Jan 23,
Open Mic with Cathy
5th Sat. Jan 30, Movie Night