

# The Springfield Redeemer

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*But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.  
Proverbs 4:18*

May 1, 2016, Vol. 5, Ed. 5 Trust Jesus • Pray Daily • Seek Unity in Christ • Love Goodness • Share Your Faith

## ***March For Jesus Going To Be a Big Deal! by Roberta D'Amico***

The 2016 March For Jesus, held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, is going to be bigger and better than ever. After seven years of Marches run by Redemption Gate Mission Society, the annual event is now being passed on to the Apostolic Renewal Church in Springfield (IAR in Spanish).

There is a good committee at the helm of this operation, led by Ronnie and Janine Berrios, working hard on all the plans, especially getting the necessary permits. They are also trying to get permission to park at STCC and use their parking lot to organize the parade. Otherwise we will leave from Federal Street at 10 a.m. and march to City hall. Holy Grounds Coffee House will be open also as a meeting place and coffee will be available.

Twelve churches are committed to be involved in this great event. One of the goals is to get more churches involved in not just the March For Jesus, but in reaching Springfield and surrounding towns. In order to emphasize unity in the Body of Christ, the major colors chosen to be used at the March are blue, white, and yellow. Some tee shirts were ordered for this year's March, and might be available at the

Coffee House May 7<sup>th</sup>. They plan to pass out flyers before and after the Springfield National Day of Prayer event on May 5, at Court Square, scheduled for 7 p.m.

Security will be taken care of by Rich Howell and Carlos Comacho, plus a police escort, since the March will be in the street rather than the sidewalk as in previous years. We may even have sound trucks with the music groups. The Traffic Bureau may help. They are prepared to handle crowds of 100 up to 1000!

For the March itself, there is a plan for the order of the groups; the Shofar group leading, followed by psalmists, banners and flags,



singers, colorful dance and mime groups. Then all the marchers from all the participating churches will follow, including pastors, leaders, and city and state officials, and local candidates. Also, intercessors will be flanking the marchers. The special groups and their captains

are busy rehearsing and practicing their formation.

Once the March reaches City Hall there will be at least three music selections and much prayer for the city.

Participants can bring signs that reflect the purpose of the March: to glorify God, make known the Name of Jesus and demonstrate the unity of the Body of Christ. Therefore, signs should be in keeping with these aims and not exalt any particular denomination or church. We are One Body, One Spirit!

To prepare for the March, there will be a Prayer Walk on Saturday, April 23, led by the Intercessor Leaders. All are welcome to come and pray with them, from 10 to 11 a.m. going from Federal Street to City Hall.

Also, there will be a Rally the evening before the March, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at the New Generations Youth Center at 1602 Allen Street, Springfield. There will be music, worship, reflection, and instructions. All are invited.

We are excited that God is blessing the continuation of Marches For Jesus. The Marches have an interesting history, having begun in England by Graham

Kendrick in 1987. From there the movement spread globally, and by 1994, covering every time zone with 10 million Christians participating. It peaked in 2000, with 70 nations participating with

60 million participants, after which the founding organization disbanded. Marches continued by individual groups, even in the Springfield / Holyoke / Chicopee area, with over 1000 marching in

recent years. We hope you are excited about this coming opportunity to make Jesus known in Springfield. We hope to see you there!

## **Apologetics Seminar Was Challenging**

by Roberta D'Amico

The crowd was small but very attentive that came to hear Pastor Eric Peloquin on April 9, 2016. He is a very knowledgeable speaker on Islam and its history. His ministry, called Teleios Ministries, grew out of a quest to understand what Islam was really all about and how it tied into prophecy, and a desire to share that knowledge.

The almost two-dozen attendees gathered at Calvary's Love Church that Saturday morning received a quite comprehensive lesson on the history of Islam and details about their worship. He showed slides of the Kaaba in Mecca and the millions who go there to worship Allah. It was astonishing to see the masses of people circumambulating around this huge square monument!

Then Pastor Eric talked about the Islamic beliefs, the growing caliphate, and immigration. Their concept of society is very different than ours, but God is drawing many of them to Himself.

The church where we met is a former synagogue, very beautiful building. Coffee and snacks were available during the day, and pizza and salad came for lunch at 1 p.m. We ended at 2:30 p.m. with questions and answers, and everyone left with much to contemplate.

## **Scott and Anne Return to Springfield**

Pastor Scott and Anne were welcomed back to Springfield April 14, having driven across the country from California for the last time in the travel van with their remaining dog, Socrates. "Every season must come to an end," Scott says, "but not without some sadness. It's a part of life." Socrates has gone to a new home in Foxboro MA, and the van will be donated to the Redemption Gate Ministry, leaving them free to travel by train and by ship to their next destinations as God leads them.

When they leave May 12 it will be by train to Florida and then by ship to Europe for a 4-day Pro-Life Conference. Things are changing in Europe: economic problems, immigration, nations are resisting the power of the E.U. and some are moving toward conservative values.

Back in California, without a physical property to work from, Pastor Scott has been building a people group, making connections with pastors, and building a Riverside mailing list, now up to 97. The strategy there is to reach out to those in need and those involved with the criminal justice system. They had an opportunity to pray with a lot of people who were waiting to go into court. California is unique, but God is bringing redemption there, too.

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### ***Ongoing Events at 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 p.m. &**  
**CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 p.m.**  
**SATURDAY Sabbath 9-12, LUNCH 2-4 p.m. WEEKLY**  
**1ST, 3RD SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4 p.m.**

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#### **Saturday Night Activities**

**May 14 - Band Night with "The Leftovers"**

**May 21 - Open Table is tentative**

**May 28 - Open Mic with Cathy**