

# The Springfield Redeemer



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“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

## *A Celebration of Family by Roberta D'Amico*

Another summer and another opportunity to celebrate our families of Springfield! We invite you to our 2018 Family Day on August 18, at Magazine Park, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



We at Redemption Gate Mission Society, with United Temple Church of God in Christ, believe that strengthening families will help heal the

ills of our society, especially here in Springfield. So we are sponsoring this event, free of charge, to give families an opportunity to have a nice and stress-free summer day together enjoying each other's company. This is especially important for married couples and for children. The family is the backbone of society, therefore our enemy, the devil, has been working hard to destroy families. But God created family and will heal families if we turn to Him for help and make an effort to purposely and intentionally do the things which strengthen them.



The Church cares about families and must be involved in resolving the problems that result from the godlessness in our society. So to you our faithful prayer

partners and supporters we are reaching out for help. We are planning a great event with this purpose, to strengthen families, but we need the participation of the churches of Springfield and surrounding towns. Here's the plan:

1st, we are inviting you to come, bring the kids, and enjoy spending a day with family.



There will be lunch provided and musical entertainment, a basket-ball game to watch, bounce house for the kids, sprinkler park, booths to browse, and family portraits. The day will include evangelistic outreach, a prayer tent, family counseling, a message from the Pastor, balloons, Bible stories for the children, and Gospel bracelets to make and wear, that tell the salvation story. In addition we hope to have a Community Police Outreach, and representatives from as many Christian churches as want to participate.



2nd, we need you to share this information with your congregations, your friends and families, and your neighbors, and encourage them to come. It will be good for their families.

3rd, we want to encourage you to participate by setting up a tent, booth, or just



a table representing your ministry. It can be as simple as just literature and lollipops, or can include a game, an activity, or give-aways like food or clothing. Last Family Day a group came and gave away bread and baked goods. Another had clothing.

Please let us know what you can do to help. Especially if your ministry is in

Springfield, or nearby, here is your opportunity to impact your city! Just return the envelope and write on the back what you can do to help. Besides the opportunity to have a booth or table for your ministry (bring your own!), we need volunteers for all the above activities and of course funds to support it all. Even a small amount would be appreciated, or whatever God puts on your heart. We are praying that you will help with volunteers and finances!

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## **Independence Day July 4<sup>th</sup> 2018      by Roberta D'Amico**

These we celebrate Independence Day with parades, picnics, and fireworks. Have you stopped to think what that means and where our independence comes from? If you ask our Founding Fathers who designed our government, they would tell you, from the Bible! Instead of a country or nation being ruled by a man or woman who is the dictator, however benevolent, or even a group of elites, they had a vision of a nation ruled of the people, by the people, and for the benefit of the people, not the politicians!

Then, their next task was to choose the principles by which our nation would be run. Being wise men and believing that the United States could not prosper without God and His Word (George Washington said that), they drew on Biblical Principles for the foundation of our country. Here are three basic ones:

1. All men are created equal, born ones and unborn ones.
2. There is a universal, God-given, standard of right and wrong. People cannot decided their own standard of what is right and what is wrong.
3. All men are also sinners by nature, therefore, we must not trust that they will always do right, but institute checks and balances.

Today, these principles are being abandoned, distorted, and changed. Abortion, the deliberate taking of an innocent baby's life is an egregious example. Government agencies that decided to ignore the law and order law-enforcement to ignore the law are another example. Plus, we have many examples of government agencies that have no oversight or accountability, and finally, our elected officials who ignore the clear will of the people and use devious methods to accomplish their objectives.

So this Fourth of July, we would urge you to pray for our leaders, in the church and in the government, which the Bible says is a ministry appointed by God, and vote for leaders who are righteous people. If we become complacent, we will soon have no liberties. Take the time to teach the children about American freedoms, responsibilities, and consequences of their actions. And **PRAY FOR AMERICA!!!**

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### **Ongoing Events**

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 a.m.-** Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim. **1 p.m.-** Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene. **4 p.m.-** Transformation Centered Healing Ministries with Pastors Eric & Susan Thomas.

**MONDAY -- FRIDAY:** Morning Bible Study at 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

**WED – Overcomers** (Recovery and Beyond) at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY:** Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.; FIAT on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY:** NOTE: No lunch in July! See you in September. **1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY:** July 7, "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY NIGHT:** July 28, 7 p.m. Open Mic with Cathy Marvici.