

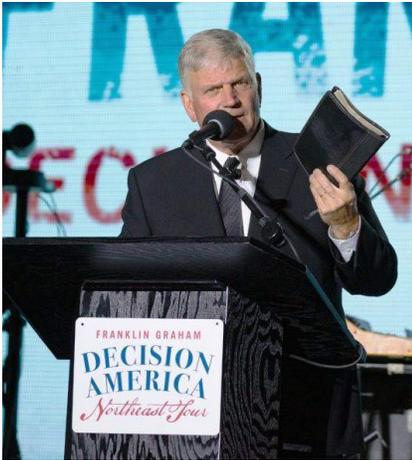
# The Springfield Redeemer



And Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to the least of these, you did to Me." Matthew 25:40

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## Franklin Graham Preaches in Springfield Area By Roberta D'Amico



May 25th, 2019, was a life-changing day for many in the Springfield area. Almost 6000 people (or more) came out that evening to the Eastern States Exposition grounds to hear Franklin Graham preach.

It was an enthusiastic crowd that listened to Graham expound on the book of John, chapter 3, about the Jewish leader named Nicodemus who had come to see Jesus. Just as Jesus said 2000+ years ago, Graham asked if his audience realized that time was

running out, but they could have a new start, be "born again."

Like many of us, Nicodemus was religious, but did not have a personal relationship with God. After Graham explained that Jesus is the answer, how He came from heaven to save us, died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins, rose again to life, and is with us here tonight, he then asked people to put their faith in Jesus, ask for forgiveness, and invite Him into their life. Possibly 600 stood to their feet to indicate their decision and were met by counselors.

A mother brought her 13 year old daughter, who stood up and accepted Christ. "You have Someone who has your back," the mother said. "Now you have Someone Who loves you no matter what, . . . and God is your Rock!"

The turn-out was better than expected, so much so that there

was not space for people to come forward, so the counselors went to them. They prayed with those who responded and took their names for follow-up, passing their information on to area churches.

I asked Pastor Adams, who has been very supportive, having hosting the pre-crusade meetings at Bethany Church, "how do you think the Crusade will impact Springfield?" He said that it depends on the follow-up.

He remarked that follow-up is critically important, and that the Crusade is just a "touch point," it's the follow up that is necessary. So if your church is participating in follow up from the Crusade, please be diligent to fulfill your commitment to contact them. Call them, invite them, reach out to them. And to all of you, I'm asking that you remember them in prayer!

## Update on Coffee House II

Plans are moving forward slowly to make the vision of Coffee House II a reality! Of course, in God's mind it is already a reality, but we need to cloth it in brick and steel! That is where you and I come into the picture.

First, Pastor Cooley requests that all of you pray that God will grant us favor in obtaining the necessary financing to start building, and second, that the city will accept that our building plan will meet the code. Architect Steve Jablonski will find out what things we need to do to meet the code.

Both the financing and the permits have to coincide, so please remember to pray. God has great plans for the Redemption Gate Ministry to grow, and to continue to impact Springfield.

## New things happening at the Holy Grounds Coffee House.

Our new Pastors Roberto (Bobby) and Kim Quinones would like to thank everyone who came out and helped at the first Car Wash on Saturday June 8, 2019, at 191 Walnut Street, and also all those who brought their cars in to get washed. It was well worth the \$5! All the helpers who did the washing, drying, promoting the event on Walnut Street and praying for the success of it did a fabulous job! And especially thanks to God for blessing this event with some successful fund raising, car washing, and good weather.

This was one of the first projects to raise money for the ministry that Pastors Bobby and Kim are sponsoring, but not the only one. they plan on having more regular car washing events, so watch for future plans. The next one is scheduled for June 22. The Coffee House Volunteers, those willing workers who run

the counter, organized a Bake Sale on June 1, manned for the most part by Angela Banks. The baked goods were delicious homemade cookies, brownies, and all kinds of goodies, baked by several volunteers who donated them to raise some money, about \$46, for the Coffee House operation.



Angela at the Bake Sale



As you know, the Holy Grounds Coffee House does not charge for coffee, beverages or food, but we do encourage our guests to

donate, both to help purchase the supplies and as a way of making an offering to God. We encourage this for the purpose of teaching the Biblical principles that all our wealth comes from God and belongs to God, and by giving Him the first fruits of our labor or income we honor Him. Even more importantly, it is an expression of our trust in God's Provision. If we trust Him, He always provides what we need, although often in His timing, not in ours!

In addition to these new developments, Pastor Bobby plans on starting a Men's Bible Study Group, on Tuesday evenings. We invite you men to come and join this study. It would be an opportunity to study God's Word together, see for yourself what the Coffee House is like (if you haven't been there before), and get to know our new pastor. More details to follow!

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### Get Your Car Washed!

The next car wash will be June 29<sup>th</sup>, the last Saturday in June, and July 6 and 20<sup>th</sup>. The location has not been confirmed, possibly at Burger King, Page Boulevard, \$5. They do a really good job! Come and support the ministry!

### Ongoing Events

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** 8 a.m. Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene; 10 a.m. -Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim.

**MONDAY – FRIDAY:** Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m.

**WED –** Trust Jesus Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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

**SATURDAY: No Saturday lunch. 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY:** July 6, "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY NIGHT:** July 27, 7 PM. For details, call Cathy Marvici at 413-233-7242.

