

# The Springfield Redeemer



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Psalm 107: 1 & 2

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## Sam's Testimony by Roberta D'Amico



Jesus is alive and well in this world, and is still saving folks and changing lives. We love to hear their testimonies, especially of those who come to the Coffee House.

So, since Sam Patterson has volunteered for years at Holy Grounds, I asked him to share his story.

“I live in a neighborhood with lots of demons!” He began. “Here there are drugs and prostitutes, and sometimes they approach me, but when they do, I just say to them, ‘God bless you!’ and they step out of the way. They keep trying, but I keep saying ‘God bless you!’ and they move on.”

It wasn't always that way with Sam. But, in 2005 Jesus saved him and eventually changed his life. Radically. Back then, he had just stopped using coke and went to alcohol instead. He was homeless and had just been thrown out of a shelter. He seemed to be easygoing, but when he drank, he got very belligerent.

But then something really strange happened. Sam was just walking down the sidewalk, when he got suddenly knocked in the back of the head. There was snow on the ground, but he picked himself up and looked to see who had hit him. There was no one there. There were no other footprints, except his own! Then he heard God speak to him. “Are you tired yet?” Yes, he was tired of his life. But his solution was to try to end it. Drinking seemed to be the best way to try to kill himself, but instead, he woke up in Mercy Hospital. From there he was admitted to a psych ward.

When he got out, he met Pastor Cooley. And then came to Family Day at Magazine Park in the summer of 2009, where he met up with Pastor Cooley again. And started coming around to the Holy Grounds Coffee House. Finally, he began volunteering at the Coffee House, where working with the ministry and hearing the Word of God strengthened his faith.

At Holy Grounds Coffee House, Sam was able to showcase his skills as a cook and serve the Kingdom of God and those whom God brought into our Coffee House ‘Church.’ For four years he cooked for Holy Grounds, making lunch day after day for all who came to eat, and praying with them. Through his hard work, he was able to earn the respect of the community.

He left for a while, taking a paying job at the Snack Shack and then at MGM, but still coming around to the Coffee House when he could and helping out, especially with cooking for special events and fundraisers. “Any time Holy Grounds needs me I'm here,” he says.

Meanwhile, he has been attending Pastor Cooley's United Temple Church on Sundays and is helping there as sexton. This year, his goal is to finish the project in the backyard of Pastor Cooley's church where he is building a permanent tent for outdoor services. He plans on working on it as soon as spring weather allows.

Meanwhile, during the week he often comes to the Morning Bible Study at Holy Grounds. “Bible Study has really impacted my life,” Sam said, “It prompts me to look up things and learn more. It also has greatly improved my reading skill. It's like a challenge from the Bible: “Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”

## Prayer and Praises from RGMS Evangelist Pastor Renzo Ventrice!

### Praises:

- Visited Faith community Chapel in Ludlow, introduced Redemption Gate Ministries!
- Re-visited Faith Bible Church, fellowshiped with Pastor Rick Donofrio at this friendly, loving church.
- Re-visited Living Waters Church in Greenfield. Pastor David Levandusky has a Radio Station that broadcasts throughout Franklin County.
- Visited Grace United Church in Northampton.

### Prayers:

- Coming soon – Pastor's Retreat! Topic to be Revival! Tentative location – Pine Brook Camp Bible Conference, Shutesbury MA.
- Please pray with us and all these churches, for Revival in America!

From the Pastor: Holy Grounds draws people from many ministries in the area, and Pastor Renzo represents RGMS to these ministries. Pray for churches to come together in unity and strength trusting only Jesus and His Word!

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## Fish Dinner Friday March 5, 2021, 3 to 6 p.m.

**COME OUT AND HELP US TO COVER OUR WINTER EXPENSES AT HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE HOUSE 455 STATE ST., SPRINGFIELD, MASS!**

**Why cook when you really don't have to?!**

**Dinners will be ready for pick up or delivery at Holy Grounds Coffee House from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**



**Menu: Fish & Chips, salad, bread, and dessert for a donation of \$10.00.**

**Also Fish Sandwich ----- \$6.00 Donation**

To order please call: (413) 507-6528 or (413) 330-4858 or (413) 885-5777

Email [lasavior@aol.com](mailto:lasavior@aol.com), or come into Holy Grounds Coffee House 455 State Street any morning.

Ask for Sister Roberta, Sister Denise, or Brother Patterson. If no one answers, please leave a message with your order. We will get back to you. You can also be a blessing to some homeless person by donating a meal, Come out and be a blessing, and be blessed. Thanking you in advance; Pastor C. S. Cooley, Executive Director Redemption Gate Mission Society & Pastor at United Temple C.O.G.I.C.

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### Ongoing Events

#### SUNDAY SERVICES:

8 a.m. - Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene;

10 a.m. - Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim, with fellowship after!

**MONDAY -- FRIDAY:** Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed!***

**THURSDAY: FIAT** Thursday 7 p.m. April ?.