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What's Happening at the Holy Grounds Coffee House



For the 455 State Street building, some much-needed repairs are being scheduled – first the front window has been repaired. The front door over-hang is next. But, the big job is the plumbing. One estimate is very high, so we are seeking another. Right now we are waiting to hear back from a contractor who will do our plumbing. Please keep praying for the right person! While we are waiting, we will be fixing up the place for sale. In past years, God kept saying “No, don’t sell.” Now He is saying not to worry about who buys the building. God will use this building whoever buys it for His purposes. He will send the right person to buy it.

Meanwhile we are busy with the transition to a new building. For the new building, we are seeking an architect to design the right building. The previous design we had needed to be scaled down to meet the requirements of Massachusetts. Meanwhile, we are cleaning up the old building, and getting a dumpster to help remove all the stuff that collects over the years!

National Day of Prayer – May 4, 2023

In the Pioneer Valley area, it was truly a whole Day of Prayer! Prayer gatherings were held all during the day in Suffield, CT, Town Hall at 8:00 a.m., Windsor Locks at 10 a.m., Holyoke and Agawam at noon, and Springfield, MA, City Hall, at 5:30 p.m.!

The crowd in Springfield was rather thin, but many pastors and leaders came to pray for the needs of our city and our nation. After opening with prayer, there was worship music, while others came later to join the group. Some people stopped to listen across the street in Court Square. Off to the side was a table with Gideon Bibles that were being given away. There were quite a few young people, children, and babies in attendance.

Sixteen pastors and leaders lined up to have a turn to pray, praying for families, churches, business, education, the military, arts and entertainment, and especially for our government. Much prayer was offered for children, because there is a fierce battle going on in our society for the hearts and minds of our children in America. We need revival in the home and men to lead and protect our children against fatherlessness and abuse.

Finally, Mayor Dominic Sarno came, having finished his School Committee meeting that same night, and spoke briefly, offered a short prayer, and the pastors in attendance gathered around him and prayed for him.



The National Day of Prayer was made official in 1952. It is such a blessing to be able to gather as a city and pray. Thanks to our brave veterans, America is still a great country, so we ask God to rain down His Holy Spirit on our city.

New Believers From the Evangelistic Outreach

God used this 3 day Evangelical Outreach event to save several new believers! Under the leadership of Connie Scott, ten people from all over New England met together and ministered for 3 days in Springfield. On Wednesday they went to the Springfield Rescue Mission and prepared and served dinner to all the residents. It was much appreciated and they were very impressed with the Mission and how God is changing the lives of men through their effective programs. On Thursday they went to the Friends of the Homeless on Worthington Street in Springfield, and had an outdoor meeting. Two people got saved there! Finally, on Friday, tables and tents were set up in Magazine Park, including a prayer tent, where 3 people accepted Christ. Bibles, tracts, water, soda, and snacks were given away free. What a blessing!



Rise Up New England Moves Forward

Plans for the October Crusade with Michael Youssef of Leading the Way Ministries are moving forward and gaining momentum! After the Kick Off Celebration, there have been Pastors' Meetings, Youth Meetings, and an excellent revival meeting on Friday at La Quinta Inn with Candice Symthman, all of which are getting people fired up for the coming revival.

Supporters have invested a great deal in this coming Evangelistic Crusade, involving numerous churches, which will benefit by the increase in evangelism and new members. Many churches struggle with evangelism, so the Rise Up New England training sessions will be helpful them in this area. The key components of their strategy is, focused prayer for the people invited (called "Come and See") and highly organized follow up and discipleship. Training meeting went on the week of May 22 to 26 at various churches, and other churches are being contacted to let people know about the coming Evangelical/Revival in October. The more churches who know about it and get people involved in bringing the unsaved, the more successful it will be.

The end result being prayed for is that new believers will be discipled and will find a home church to be part of and in turn bring others to Christ, as it says in Ephesians 4: 11-13. We pray that churches will partner with Rise Up New England to bring the gospel to many people in 2023.

Pastor Renzo's Monthly Report:

As Chairman of the *Rise Up New England* Follow Up & Discipleship for the event with Michael Youssef coming in October, Pastor Renzo secured several chapels for the Training which was from May 22-27! Pastor Tim Kezar from LTW encouraged us to get Christians involved in the Evangelistic Celebration this October 21st.

On May 15th, he met with Pastors Josephus Housey of Redeeming the Time Ministries of Agawam, Pastor Tim Kezar, and Pastor Mike Gantt from Agape Christian Fellowship of Brattleboro, VT, to pray, strategize, and mobilize believers from VT, NH, MA & CT to invite their friends to the Massachusetts Celebration. Afterwards, he met with more pastors for dinner.

Also, from May 3 to 6, he attended a another Evangelism Training from Evangelist Dr. Tommie Zito's *American Awakening* worldwide ministry. In those 4 days, over 45 people from churches in VT and NH led over 248 people to Jesus in the streets!