

The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

2 Cor. 5:17
If anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation; the old
has gone, the new
has come!

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Resolved: To Help Save Unborn Babies

This New Year is a brand new chance to help save the babies. January 22, 2013, marks 40 years since it became legal to kill the unborn. For 40 years we have been fighting to save unborn babies. For those of us who believe that God gives life and that each one is precious, the March For Life in Washington DC is an opportunity each year to make our voices heard to protect those who cannot defend themselves.



This year, the 2013 Rally and March For Life will happen on January 25, Friday, on the National Mall. Join thousands of your Pro-Life friends in Washington DC on that date to pray, lobby, and march to peacefully protest the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy!

Buses leave the Chicopee area on Thursday night, January 24th, at 10:30 pm, and return approximately 2:00 am on Saturday, January 26th. Make your reservations early by contacting the Massachusetts Citizens For Life office at (413)583-5034, Susie Lopes at (413)592-6015, or Walter James at (413)733-4580. Tickets: \$48.00 per person, \$25.00 for students. This information was provided with permission by The Rose, a publication of the Pioneer Valley Mass Citizens For Life.

Also here in Springfield many are active in opposing abortion at the local Planned Parenthood Centers. Twice a year, the 40 Days For Life sponsors a Campaign in which anyone can go and stand out with others, hold a sign, or just pray. We urge you to get involved. Nationwide, 821 babies were saved during the last campaign, plus 6 abortion workers quit, and one center shut down. The next campaign will take place from February 13 to March 24. Watch the next Redeemer for more information.

A FATHER FINDS FAITH
THROUGH FAITHFULNESS by
Vivien Lindwall

God needs willing participants who just show up each week for miracles to happen! It was a usual evening at the Springfield Pregnancy Care Center, but something out of the ordinary; a frightening event was about to occur, as the volunteers opened our doors.

My usual practice is to pray for the volunteers, always thanking the Lord for these ladies who faithfully serve when they could be at home. This night I uttered, "Lord please keep them safe," not knowing that that was exactly what the Lord was doing.

"I'm sorry, Sir, but we are out of the formula that you've asked for," said the Counselor to a young dad who had just walked in to the Center. "You're just telling me that because you don't want to give me any more!" That's what he assumed because he had been in the week before and had received formula. (Actually, there was more formula but God had purposely caused confusion so that His mission would be accomplished!)

More offensive threatening words were said, but still the

volunteers offered him words of solace that were met with an irrational tirade. Because he would not leave and they felt physically threatened they had to call the police. The young father fled out the door and into the night before the police could arrive. This occurrence left everyone, understandably, shaken and wondering why this event had happened.

A week later it was revealed that God had allowed this seemingly unfortunate event to bring about His ultimate plan. After being called to the front by the receptionist, I saw a young man in the waiting room and thought, "Could this possibly be the irrational dad who a week before had threatened our counselors?" The name on the intake card revealed it indeed was. The receptionist had calmly struck up a conversation with him and thankfully, he did not appear to be a threat this time.

I asked him to follow me and had him sit at the kitchen table, instead of our usual counseling room, because of possible safety issues. I got him his formula for his baby as he had asked and we both laughed as he related how he

has "a big fat baby that eats so much!"

I then felt The Lord prompting me to ask him about his spiritual life. I told him that God loved him and that He had a plan for his life. I asked him if he would like to hear more about this and he said that he would. I got our New Beginner's Packet and a small pocket N.T. Bible and showed him how to look up verses for the first time in his life.

God added a new believer to His family that day! Every time this story of this young father's conversion is shared it has brought tears to the hearer's eyes. Partly because it's a story of redemption. But also because of the knowledge that even in the midst of our pain, God will use any and all who put themselves at risk in ministries where our faith in Him, is greater than our fears.

--Vivien Lindwall, Director of the Springfield Pregnancy Care Center, who, along with the faithful volunteers, is rejoicing that, "Faithful is He who calleth you, who also will do it." (I Thes. 5:24)

Open Mic Nights Offer Great Worship by Roberta D'Amico

The Holy Grounds House

collection of history and teaching books were made available for purchase at the book table.

The inspirational music was Holy grounds provided by Gary Wilkinson, from Bethlehem Baptist Church, along with his sister, Anne Marie Rosberg from First Congregational Church of Otis. The musical team is called "Wherever Two". They led the audience in a rousing "Battle Hymn of the Republic", and then performed their original song called "Monumental", inspired by the Forefather's Monument in Plymouth, Mass.

A standing ovation expressed the audience's appreciation for David Barton's enlightening material and video presentation. We look forward to having David Barton visit us in the future. We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the banquet making this event a great success.

A DVD copy of the presentation may be purchased at the cost of \$7 or 2 for \$10.



We Wish You All a Happy New Year!



Ongoing Events

At The Coffee House

Sunday Services 10am & 2pm
Monday thru Friday Morning Bible Study 7:30am
Tuesday 7pm Outreach
Wednesday Bible Study 4:30pm
Wednesday Celebrate Recovery 6:30pm
Thursday 7pm FIAT 'Faith In Action Team'
Saturday 1st of each month Marriage Seminar
Open Music Mic 7pm last Friday or Saturday monthly

For information call Holy Grounds Coffee House 301-0918

