

## Church News

# Local pastor offers sermon

### Promises of Christ Part 4

We do well to consider the promises of Christ.

They should serve as the foundation for life and living, and can be trusted. After all, is He not faithful and true? Will He not diligently work to keep His word? Thus said, let us conclude our series with this promise of the Lord:

#### John 14:1-3 (NIV)

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Did you catch the promise of Jesus in the midst of verse 3? He stated unequivocally that He would come back for His own. The Second Coming of Christ is taught clearly in the pages of Scripture. In this edition, let us note three elements of His Appearing:

#### 1) Inevitable

Firstly, Scripture speaks to the inevitability of His Coming. By this, I mean that the Second Coming is both sure and certain; it shall come to pass. The Bible presents His Advent as a future event that will take place in the good timing and purpose of the Father at the consummation of the age. The following selections speak to the reality of His Return:

#### Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

#### Hebrews 9:28b

28 . . . Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

#### 2) Imminent

Secondly, Scripture speaks to the imminence of His Coming. By this, I mean that the Coming of Christ is fast-approaching, impending and looming; marked by a sense of proximity. How does the Word of God present the imminence of His Return?

#### a) Time Language.

Inspired writers ongoingly utilize language that conveys imminence:

#### Revelation 22:7, 12, 20a

7 "Look, I am coming soon."  
12 "Look, I am coming soon. My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done."  
20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

#### b) Emphasis on Unpredictability.

The Bible emphasizes the unpredictable nature of His Appearing:

#### Matthew 24:36b, 42

36 ". . . about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."  
42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

#### c) Call to Watchfulness.

The Bible continually calls us to a state of spiritual watchfulness:

#### Mark 13:33-37

33 "Be on guard. Be alert. You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 35 Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find

you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch."

d) Ethical Urgency. The imminence of Jesus' Coming is emphasized by a call to spiritual readiness:

#### Romans 13:11b-14

11 . . . The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

#### 3) Impacting

Finally, Scripture speaks to the impact such an event will have upon the earth and the inhabitants thereof. If you think the First Coming of Christ some two-thousand years ago was affecting, you have not seen anything yet! Time and space do not permit a full treatise on this topic, but do you wonder what is in store for the earth subsequent to His Coming? I can only encourage you to read Revelation 19:11-22:5 on your own time. Revel in these words and repent that you might participate in the glories ahead accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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# New Life Assembly participates in Operation Christmas Child

SOUTH BARRE – Several months ago New Life Assembly of God-60 Main St. South, Barre, MA-participated in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child, a project of the larger Samaritan's Purse led by Rev. Franklin Graham.

Operation Christmas Child collected and delivered some 230 million shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories since 1993. Each shoebox, containing an array of gift items packed by folks just like you, serves to spread Christmas cheer and the good news of Jesus Christ to impoverished children all over the world.

This past year New Life packed 261 shoeboxes for

this global effort, and they report that they tracked one of them in kind. The congregation recently learned through Samaritan's Purse that one of their 261 shoeboxes safely reached a child in the far-off nation of Tanzania. Tanzania, home to Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa's highest peak) and the birthplace of Freddie Mercury, is the largest country in East Africa. Only the Lord can comprehend the impact that this one package might have.

New Life Assembly of God is already planning on participating in Operation Christmas Child 2026. Would you consider helping us out? Interested parties may call the Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407

or email [jamesfoley2newlifebarre.org](mailto:jamesfoley2newlifebarre.org). Those looking for more information on Samaritan's Purse and the ministry of Operation Christmas Child should visit their website at <https://www.samaritanpurse.org>. Let's hope 2026 provides an even greater opportunity to touch the nations.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO26P0512EA Estate of: Herbert William Moody Also Known As: Herb Date of Death: August 25, 2025**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Elizabeth C Bassett of Petersham, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Elizabeth C Bassett of Petersham, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 03/05/2026

### BARRE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry

Woods Municipal Selectmen Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 40 West Street, Barre, MA requested by Insight Meditation Society, Inc. for a variance from the maximum height requirement for properties in the R-80 zoning district and the minimum parking requirements of the Zoning Bylaw in connection with the construction and development of a retreat center building (the "New Retreat Center") and three duplex cottages (the "New Teacher Housing") (collectively, the "New Buildings") located on Pleasant Street, two parcels. Assessors Map B-107A and a 3.23 acre portion of B-90. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Books 54612, 18293, Pages 48 (B-107A), 157 (B-90) consecutively. Plan can be reviewed by contacting the Boards' Office.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street – Suite 5, Barre, MA, [barreboards@townofbare.com](mailto:barreboards@townofbare.com) or contact the Boards' Office at 978-355-2504 ext. 8. 02/26, 03/05/2026

### Barre Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on a **Notice of Intent** for improvement of existing 1.14 mile section of the Mass Central Rail Trail within the former Central Massachusetts railroad corridor extending from Station Road southwesterly to the New Braintree Municipal Boundary. The multipurpose trail is 10 feet wide with 2-foot-wide shoulders and occurs in part within the 200-foot Riverfront Area to the Ware River and/or the 100-foot Buffer

Zone. From: East Quabbin Land Trust 120 Ridge Road Hardwick MA 01037 To be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005. Ronald Rich, Chairman 03/05/2026

### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING:

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 38N, the Quabbin Regional School District School Committee will hold a Public Hearing regarding the FY27 Budget on **Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Educational Support Center, 872 South Street, Barre, MA 01005. The public is invited to attend in person or via Zoom at **6:00 p.m.** Please use the link below to join the presentation directly through Zoom.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** [bit.ly/QuabbinRSDSC](https://bit.ly/QuabbinRSDSC)

**Meeting ID:** 840 3950 2276

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A copy of the FY27 budget will be available for review on our website at [www.qrsd.org](http://www.qrsd.org) or at the Educational Support Center, 872 South Street, Barre, MA 01005 after 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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# Tri-Parish donates to local missions

NEW BRAINTREE – Tri-Parish Community Church members voted at their Feb. 1, 2026 annual meeting to donate all the proceeds raised from the 2025 Christmas in New Braintree craft fair to the local missions supported by church.

A decision had been made in mid-2025 for the church to host the event, which had been on hiatus for several years. It was a successful event, featuring over 35 vendors and raising just over \$2,400, thanks to the hard work of many volunteers within the church and greater community. An anonymous donor and Webster First Federal Credit Union contributed funds as well, with the donation from Webster First specifically earmarked for the Hardwick Food Pantry and the church's Mustard Seed program.

The proceeds have been

distributed to the Hardwick Food Pantry, the Church's Deacon's Fund and Mustard Seed program. The Hardwick Food Pantry, located in the Calvinistic Congregational Church in Hardwick, serves many in the communities of Hardwick and New Braintree throughout the year. The Deacon's Fund provides emergency financial assistance to individuals to help with a variety of critical needs such as the costs of heating oil, electricity or rent. Referrals for assistance come through the Hardwick Food Pantry, church office or deacons of the Tri Parish.

The Mustard Seed program provides a monthly meal to the Mustard Seed ministry in Worcester. Volunteers meet to prepare a nutritious meal, complete with fruit and home-made brownies the third Monday of each month at the New Braintree Town Hall,

which is then transported to the Mustard Seed shelter in Worcester.

The church members are grateful for the support of the community and all the vendors, who participated in the event, enabling the church to fulfill its mission to love God and its neighbors through worship and service. Donations to these worthwhile missions can be made to the Tri-Parish Community Church with specific designation written on the memo line of the check, mailed to Tri Parish Community Church, P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531 or through the church's website by visiting [triparishcommunitychurch.org](http://triparishcommunitychurch.org).

Those interested in participating in this year's Christmas in New Braintree, either as a vendor or volunteer, should email the church office at [triparishcc@gmail.com](mailto:triparishcc@gmail.com).

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