

Church News

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Christian Growth Part 7

Those who would walk with the Lord do well to consider this classic text on the matters of Christian growth and renewal.

Galatians 5:16b-17, 19-25 (NIV)

16 . . . I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

What are the varying aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? Let us continue our exploration of said fruit with biblical goodness.

What is goodness? It is defined as uprightness of heart and life; a moral worth or quality wherein one is ruled by and aimed at that which is right. It should be little surprise that the Holy Spirit of God is working to cultivate holiness in His people! Christian, we are called to be holy in an unholy world. We are called to be pure; separated from that which is evil and given to the Lord. Numerous passages call the believer to a lifestyle of goodness. For instance:

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial [i.e., OT personification of evil; NT term ascribed to Satan]? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

17 Therefore, *"Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."*

18 And, *"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."*

1 Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

1 Peter 1:13-16

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

There is no version of biblical Christianity whereby the believer is free to be unconcerned with matters of godliness. Those who would profess allegiance to Christ yet show little concern for how they live posit a dubious profession! Though we are not saved by works but by faith (Eph. 2:8-10), good works are the evidence of a genuine faith (James 2:17; Titus 2:11-14). Ultimately, the

call to goodness is a rather radical one, as the Christian is given no permission to indulge in sinfulness. Would you like a strong passage on this matter?

Colossians 3:5-10

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Would you like an even stronger passage on this matter? Note these words of Christ:

Matthew 18:8-9

8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

Set aside the sin and embrace the good ways of God!

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

Also, feel free to visit www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Show dates are Friday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m., Friday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 12 at 2 p.m.

For tickets, visit www.onthestage.tickets/show/theatre-guild-of-north-brookfield/65f0a580c652930e3fe1ac60/ and the same link to learn about the cast, crew and the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield.

Merchandise is also available online through the on the stage link. Merchandise consists of mugs, T-shirts, sweaters, posters, bags and water bottles.

Merchandise sales help support the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield. A percentage of sales goes directly to fund future activities and programming.

MAMMA MIA, continued from page 1

Sheridan in "Mamma Mia" is Sarah Priestley. This show will be Priestley's debut with the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield but brings a lot of experience and charisma to the stage.

Priestley has performed in shows for the Gilbertville Players and the Barre Players and is ready for a new adventure with the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield.

For a world of laughter, love and music check out "Mamma Mia". The shows will take place at North Brookfield Elementary School at 1 New School Drive.

Public Notices

Community Outreach

High Hawk Farm, LLC is dedicated to hiring a staff of diversified local residents who have a passion for their community. Our goal will be to have a workforce of at least 20% local woman and veterans. Those with strong attentions to detail, and a desire to become part of this growing industry are encouraged to apply.

This community outreach meeting will also be an informational session for those interested in learning more about the opportunities in the Massachusetts cannabis industry including cultivation, transportation, security, marketing and retail operations.

High Hawk Farm, LLC is not only a cannabis cultivation facility, we are also expanding into the retail market with a dispensary located in the Town of Rutland.

High Hawk Farm, LLC urges any person interested to ATTEND the community outreach meeting to be held at 140 Worcester Road in Barre, Massachusetts on **Friday, May 3rd, 2024 starting at 6pm** 05/02/2024

Town of New Braintree PUBLIC HEARING

Upon the petitions of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., the Select Board of New

Braintree has scheduled a public hearing on **Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:10 p.m.** at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA.

Plan marked jointly for National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. No. 30708490 dated March 21, 2024, for permission to install 2 JO Pole on Ravine Road beginning at a point approximately 60 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Hardwick Road and Ravine road. Installing Poles #30 and #29-84 for DOT Project.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or inter-

secting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

The public is welcome to attend. 04/25, 05/02/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts NOTICE TO FARMERS

The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection is offering for sale hay located on the Ware River Watershed. For details call Russ Wilnot on or before May 15 at 857-262-3809. 05/02/2024

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Obituaries

Rodney B. Freeman, 93



BRADENTON, FL – Rodney B. Freeman, 93, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on Nov. 4, 2023.

He was born on March 23, 1930, the son of the late James and Doris Freeman of Barre. Rodney was raised on the family dairy farm in Barre. He graduated from Athol High School in 1948.

He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. He worked for Union Twist Drill in Athol for many years as a tool

design engineer. He transferred to Gaffney, SC, in 1986. In 1992, he began work for Rock River Tool in Bradenton, Florida, retiring in 2016 at the age of 86.

Rodney was predeceased by his parents; two brothers; Stanley and A. Wallace Freeman; a sister, Edna Freeman Worsman; his wife, Joan Lovewell Freeman and two sons, David and Gary Freeman.

He is survived by two sons, Alan Freeman of Winchendon and Paul (Deanna) Freeman of

Carthage, New York; daughter, Janet Baczewski (Phil Meany) of Gardner; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Graveside Service will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Lincoln Cemetery, Pleasant St, Barre, MA at 10:30am, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Athol American Legion Hall, Pequoig Avenue, Athol. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Bradenton, Florida was in charge of arrangements. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Robert "Bob" Sturdy Hayward Sr., 91



Robert "Bob" Sturdy Hayward Sr passed away peacefully on March 18, 2024 at U Mass Memorial Hospital at the age of 91.

Bob was born on October 24th, 1932 in Providence, R.I. to Colonel Edward Grant Hayward and Grace Brayton Hayward. He attended Valley Forge Military Academy graduating in 1951 and spent one year at the University of Maine, Orono before being accepted at West Point Military Academy in 1952.

The Hayward family had a summer home at the end of Mt View Road in Franconia, and they became frequent visitors at the popular Pioneer Club in Sugar Hill. This was where Bob met his future wife, Barbara Serafini. They were married in April of 1954 and their first son, Paul, was born the following year.

Bob's first tour of duty took him to Fort Polk, Louisiana where he specialized in Emergency Management Operations and Civil Defense training. His second son, Robert Jr was born there in 1956. A third child, Holly, was born after the family returned to Sugar Hill in 1958.

Bob was very active in the daily operations of both The Homestead and The Pioneer Club with his wife Barbara and

helped her start her business, The Sugar Hill Sampler. He was a volunteer in the Sugar Hill Fire Dept and was an integral part of putting on the gala Sugar Hill Horse Show every year at The Sunset Hill House. During the Cold War years, Bob was a Civil Defense director and lectured extensively around New England on how to prepare for and survive nuclear attacks.

In 1970, Bob moved to the Fort Bragg area in Fayetteville, North Carolina and after a two years there, moved to Tampa Florida where he worked as a mechanic on a merchant marine ship. He returned to the North Country in the mid 70s and eventually bought land in Victory Vermont where he started an extensive Ginseng operation. He remained in Victory until 1994 when he accepted a position with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency in Belchertown and moved permanently to the Barre/ Petersham area. He held the position of Safety Operations Director for the existing nuclear power plants in Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut for 16 years. He retired in 2009 at the age of 78.

Bob was always an avid gardener and loved growing vegetables just to give away to friends and neighbors. He became well

known in the Barre / Petersham area as "The Garlic Man" planting an average of 6,000-8,000 cloves every year. He was a very active member of the Petersham Grange and was a member of the Hardwick Farmer's Co-op, supplying them with seed garlic every year. He was exceedingly generous in sharing the bounty from his gardens. He also planted and tended a Community Center Garden for several years so that those unable to garden could have fresh produce.

He is pre-deceased by his parents and his two older brothers, Pete and Don Hayward, and his beloved grandson Serry Hayward. He is survived by his three children: Paul Hayward and partner Gail Perkins of Littleton, New Hampshire; Robert Jr. and his wife Monique Hayward of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire; his daughter, Holly Hayward and her husband Patrick Riendeau also of Sugar Hill; his granddaughter, Jerusha Hayward Fish and great-granddaughters, Mia and Cora Fish of Alton, New Hampshire, whom "Bampy Bob" loved spending time with.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Pioneer Club in Sugar Hill (aka Wedding Barn) on June 15 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your local food pantry. A service in the Petersham area will follow. Date to be announced.

DEATH NOTICES

Freeman, Rodney B.
Died Nov. 4, 2023
Celebration of Life May 18
Athol American Legion Hall, Athol

Hayward Sr., Robert "Bob" Sturdy
Died March 18, 2024
Donation to local food pantry
Service at later date



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