



May, 2017

FROM PASTOR CHAMBERS: What a month we had in April! I want to thank those who helped clean the church the first Saturday in April, those who helped pass out door hangers the second Saturday in April, and all who had a part in our incredible Easter Service this year, whether you worked in nursery, junior church, or worked on the yard and church campus. What a crowd we had both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday! Be in prayer for all who visited and that we may establish good contacts as we move forward for Jesus Christ. Recently we have had some “upgrades” on our church campus, such as new carpet in the church and new painting in the back hallway. Thanks to all who painted, and this place is looking great! Thank you all for what you do to help make our campus look attractive and “guest-friendly.” As we look forward to the month of May, we will be celebrating in our services Mother’s Day, Graduation Sunday, and Memorial Day weekend. Don’t forget to be inviting people to church, telling others about the Lord, and being faithful to serve the Lord. As always, thank you all once again for all you do to make Spring Hill Baptist move forward for the Lord!

HOW TO FAIL (For Graduates): Mr. Crews was my high school history teacher, an excellent teacher and one I will never forget. I look back 20 years ago and I can testify to the fact that he was an excellent teacher because he was challenging, for he challenged me to think for myself. One aspect that he taught me that has stuck with me two decades later is the importance of reading articles and editorials in the newspaper. Our assignment every week in class was that we had to find an article in the paper, and write an editorial on it to be published in that particular column. On the surface, I wasn’t a very mature teenager in the 1990s, but I did enjoy reading almost every article and column in the *Winston-Salem Journal* everyday and think about them...maybe a hint of maturity in those days.

The week I graduated from high school, a column appeared by Ann Landers that intrigued me, to the extent I clipped the article out and have saved it reading it and digesting its truths every year since. I want to take this time to share it with you and if you know someone who is graduating please share it with them as well, for it has helped me.

This article originally appeared in *The Sun* newspaper in Holyoke, Massachusetts by a retired columnist named James Jackowski. He used to reprint it at graduation time and thought he’d send it on to Ann Landers. It is entitled *How to Fail*, and it was an article that really got me to thinking as a senior in high school thinking I was ready to tackle the world but in reality didn’t know a thing about life...

“What strange tales I would tell if I were a guest speaker at a graduation, especially a high school graduation. To get at those minds still fresh from the accomplishment of 12 years’ education - what a great opportunity. I would tell them something they never thought they would hear. I would tell them how to fail.

You know, anyone can tell you how to succeed. There are thousands of books on that subject. The blueprints and formulas are all there for anyone to follow. What is not found very often are the directions on how to fail. I would tell the graduates that success is never guaranteed, no matter how closely you follow the diagrams. Failure, however, is pretty much a certainty, and not just once, but probably several times in your life.

You will fail if you are inconsiderate of others. So many people think that the world was created just for them, and they disregard the feelings of others. We must share the space on this planet with each other.

You will fail if you think anybody owes you anything because of your education. The only ones who are owed anything are those whose victories and defeats paved the way for all the opportunities available to you. Among those might be your great-grandparents who now live in a nursing home.

You will fail if you start your business life looking for a job that suits you. You must suit the job. Applying for any kind of work in a T-shirt and jeans will further enhance your chance for failure.

You will fail if you climb a corporate ladder by stepping on people. As the saying goes, “You will meet the same people on the way down.”

You will fail if you are intolerant of individuals with strange-sounding names and different color skin. Remember, you are just as different to them.

You will fail if you do not try to right a wrong whenever possible.

You will fail if you see abuse and do not speak out against it.

You will fail if you see corruption and do not fight it.

You will fail if you suffer bad politicians and do not bother to vote.

You will experience the biggest failure of all if you believe the romantic notion that “Love means never having to say you’re sorry.” For in truth, anyone who has lived long enough to retire will tell you that love means just the opposite. It means being able to say, “I’m sorry.”

Congratulations to all graduates everywhere.”

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE:

- “I remember my mother’s prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.” - **Abraham Lincoln**
- “I only regret I have but one life to lose for my country” - **Nathan Hale**
- “The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example.” - **Benjamin Disraeli**

CHURCH EVENTS FOR MAY: Remember the official “church calendar” is located in the church office. Every announcement in the bulletin for Sunday comes from the calendar. If you lead a ministry and desire to plan an activity not yet on the calendar and need it announced for Sunday, please let us know by **Friday morning** so that it can be announced in the bulletin each week.

Wednesday, May 3 - Shut in Committee Meeting - 8 pm

Saturday, May 6 - Ladies Day Trip to Amish Country

Sunday, May 7 - Lord’s Supper - pm service; CURE Youth Group Snack n Yak

Wednesday, May 10 - CURE Youth Group - Teen Graduation Party; AWANA Store

Thursday, May 11 - Sunshine Seniors going to Cross Lanes Christian School for Jolly Seniors - program and lunch - 10 am

Friday, May 12 - Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Dinner - 6:30 pm at the church - Tickets \$10 (see Terri Byrd/Kellie Steadman)

Sunday, May 14 - Mothers Day Service (No Sunday School)

Monday, May 15 - Advisory Council Meeting - 7 pm

Wednesday, May 17 - AWANA Awards Night - 7 pm

Thursday, May 18 - VBS Workday - 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, May 21 - Graduation Sunday

Wednesday, May 24 - CURE Youth Group - Devotional Time at Little Creek Park - 7 pm

Thursday, May 25 - VBS Workday - 6:00 - 8:30 pm

