



FROM PASTOR CHAMBERS: What an incredible April the Lord has given to our church! We have added two new missionaries to our missionary support making a total of 28 missionaries our church supports! We have baptized two people who have recently accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior! We had an incredible message the Sunday after Easter from Dr. Dan Anderson (President of Appalachian Bible College) which complemented my Easter message thoroughly! Most importantly we have had great services this past month and the Lord is just blessing! I am totally excited about the direction our missions program is going here at Spring Hill Baptist Church as we are challenged by missions today on "Missions Emphasis Sunday." God is beginning to accomplish the goals I personally set out to accomplish as pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church. Excited to see what the Lord will do in May.

This month, our Spring programs (AWANA, Youth Group) will come to a close, we will be celebrating Mother's Day and Memorial Day and people will be gearing up for Summer. Let me challenge you and encourage you that one of the things that can easily slip during the busyness of May and the preparations for June is church attendance. Always remember the Lord during the busyness of life. Looking forward to a great May!

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE: "Why do we settle for those little pleasures that tickle the saintlets and charm the fancy of the carnal? It is because we once heard a call to take up the cross and instead of following toward the heights, we bargained with the Lord like a street huckster! We felt an urge to be spent for Christ, but instead of going on, we started asking questions. We began to bicker and bargain with God about His standards for spiritual attainment." - A.W. Tozer

FROM MY JOURNAL: Psalm 37:3-4 says, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." With this passage in mind, I am reminded that whatever I focus on, whether positive or negative, tends to come true in life. A general pattern emerges - when I focus on what not to do - I often end up doing it, if I can envision what I want to do, I have the motivation and the faith to see it through until it happens. It is a mind game. I must discipline my thoughts to accomplish the things I dream of and the things God has called me to do. How do I do this? 1) Trust in the Lord - "Who or what am I trusting in?" 2) Delight in the Lord - "Who am I delighting in?" In all honesty - "Where is my focus?" If I focus on the obstacles in front of me, they seem to grow larger and larger until I give up. If I focus on what God can do through me and on His promise that if I delight in Him He will give me the desires of my heart, I become confident and able to achieve whatever I am designed to achieve. It all starts in the mind! **Remember, my beliefs shape my experience!** (Dean C. Chambers, April 19, 2018)

THE PARADOXES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: Think for a moment about the "paradoxes" of the Christian life...

- The Christian is dead and yet lives forever; He died to himself and yet he lives in Christ
- The Christian saves his own life by losing it, and he is in danger of losing it by trying to save it
- The Christian is strongest when he is weakest and weakest when he is strongest (When he gets down on his knees thinking he is weak, he is always strong)
- The Christian is in least danger when he is fearful and trusting God and in the most danger when he feels the most self-confident
- The Christian is most sinless when he feels the most sinful, and the most sinful when he feels the most sinless
- The Christian actually has the most when he is giving away the most
- The biggest paradox is that I am a sinner and that Jesus is sinless - but HE HAS REDEEMED ME!

In all these ways, the Christian is simply putting into daily practice the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord! (- A.W. Tozer)

BEING A MOTHER: My grandmother, Rachel Chambers, (I called her Maw Maw Poon), passed away last June. Years ago when I was in college at Tennessee Temple she used to send me emails with some good thoughts just to let me know she was thinking of me. Here is one she sent me one year around Mother's Day and though I do not know the source to document, but it is a good thought...(Spoiler alert, have some tissues handy...)

"After 17 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, 'I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you.' The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who has been alone for 20 years, but the demands of my work and my two boys had made it possible to visit her only occasionally. That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie. 'What's wrong? Aren't you well?' she asked. My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. 'I thought it would be pleasant to spend some time with you,' I responded. 'Just the two of us.' She thought about it for a moment, and then said, 'I would like that very much.' That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last birthday on November 19th. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's. 'I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed,' she said, as she got into that new white van. 'They can't wait to hear about our date.' We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Halfway through the entrees, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. 'It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small,' she said. 'Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favor,' I responded. During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation - nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, 'I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you.' I agreed. 'How was your dinner date?' asked my wife when I got home. 'Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined,' I answered. A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Some time later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place mother and I had dined. An attached note said, 'I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates - one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you, son.' At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time: 'I love you' and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off until some other time."

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby...somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "normal" is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct...somebody never took a 3 year old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring...somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said if you're a 'good' mother, your child will turn out 'good'...somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother...somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

Somebody said you can't love the second child as much as you love the first...somebody doesn't have two children.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery...somebody never watched her 'baby' get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten...or on a plane headed for military 'boot camp.'

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married...somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home...somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her...somebody isn't a mother...

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS AND GREAT GRANDMOTHERS!

CHURCH EVENTS FOR MAY

- Friday, May 4 - Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Dinner - 6:30 pm
- Sunday, May 6 - Missions Emphasis Sunday - Dan DeLong, BIMI Candidate and Deputation Director speaking am/pm, Jason Quintrell, Director of Union Mission teaching combined adult Sunday School, Finger food fellowship after the Sunday evening service
- Monday, May 7 - Ladies Bible Study - Fellowship Hall - 7 pm
- Wednesday, May 9 - CURE Youth Group - Graduation Party - 7 pm
- Thursday, May 10 - Sunshine Seniors going to Cross Lanes Christian School for program and lunch - 10 am
- Thursday, May 10 - Vacation Bible School Preparation Day - 6 pm
- Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day - Continental Breakfast - 8:30 am; no Sunday School
- Sunday, May 13 - Lord's Supper - pm service
- Monday, May 14 - Advisory Council - 7 pm
- Monday, May 14 - Ladies Bible Study - 7 pm
- Wednesday, May 16 - AWANA Awards - 7 pm
- Thursday, May 17 - Sunshine Seniors - J.Q. Dickinson Salt Works/Sojos and Farmers Market
- Thursday, May 17 - Vacation Bible School Preparation Day - 6 pm
- Monday, May 21 - Deacons' Meeting - 7 pm
- Thursday, May 24 - Vacation Bible School Preparation Day - 6 pm

