



I Fail, But I'm Not a Failure

"I fail, but I'm not a failure." I came across this saying recently, and I have to admit that I didn't take those words very well. When it comes to our failures, that is a wonderful attitude to have but it's one I rarely adopt.

When I fail, which is more often than I care to admit, I tend to become disheartened and downcast. I internalize my mistakes and allow them to define how I view myself. When I fail in leadership, I say, "I'm a lousy leader." When one of my sermons falls flat I say, "I'm a poor preacher." When I mess up as a husband I say, "I'm a sad excuse for a spouse." I've even gone so far as to take the shortcomings of others on to myself. One day when my youngest came home having failed a spelling test, I found myself thinking, "I've failed as a father. I can't even do a good job at helping my kids be good students!"

I know I shouldn't have such a poor attitude, but this has always been a real struggle for me, and I'm guessing that I'm not alone. If you struggle as I do, we need to remember that the real problem lies not in the mistakes and failures but instead in the attitude we choose to adopt at the moment the failure occurs. When we refuse to simply say, "Well, I sure missed the mark on that one!" and move on, but instead choose to adopt an "I'm a failure" type of attitude, then our failures will continue to affect us much longer than necessary.

What we need to be constantly reminding ourselves is that today's mistakes and mess-ups don't have to mean we're bound for failure tomorrow. Let me share with you a quick story I recently came across to help illustrate my point.

On baseball's opening day in 1954, the Milwaukee Braves and Cincinnati Reds played each other and a rookie who played for each team made his major-league debut during that game. The rookie who played for the Reds hit four doubles and helped his team win with a score of 9-8. The rookie for the Braves went 0 for 5. The Reds player was Jim Greengrass, a name you probably haven't heard. The other guy, who didn't get a hit, might be more familiar to you. His name was Hank Aaron.

As long as I don't internalize today's shortcomings or let them define my attitude, I can quickly get back on the right track that leads to tomorrow's successes. I'm not saying that I shouldn't take a moment to analyze where I went wrong or what I could have done better, but then I need to get up, dust myself off, and say, "I failed, but that doesn't make me a failure."

Blessings!

Pastor Greg

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Regular Schedule:	
Sunday	Wednesday
8:00 A.M. Worship	7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track
9:15 A.M. Bible Study	6:00-6:45 P.M. Session 1
10:30 A.M. Worship	Ignite; Children's Choirs, Small Group Study
Lighthouse Harbor	6:45-7:30 P.M. Session 2
Torchbearers	Ignite; Adult Choir; Missions; Prayer Meeting
5:00 P.M. Orchestra Rehearsal	
6:00 P.M. Worship	
Activities for January 10 through January 23	
Thursday	January 10
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
10:00 A.M. Life PLUS Bible Study	
Partners in Prayer (library)	
2:00-9:00 P.M. Lifetouch Directory Pictures (by appointment)	
Friday	January 11
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
2:00-9:00 P.M. Lifetouch Directory Pictures (by appointment)	
Saturday	January 12
10:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Lifetouch Directory Pictures (by appointment)	
Sunday	January 13
Regular A.M. Schedule	
9:30 A.M. Sunday School Council	
Monday	January 14
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "A" Team	
7:00 P.M. FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)	
Tuesday	January 15
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	

Wednesday	January 16
Regular Schedule	
Thursday	January 17
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
10:00 A.M. Life PLUS Bible Study	
7:00-9:00 P.M. Church/Community Recreation (gym)	
Friday	January 18
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
Saturday	January 19
Sunday	January 20
Regular Schedule	
5:00 P.M. Family Fun Night (gym)	
Monday	January 21
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "R" Team	
7:00 P.M. FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)	
Tuesday	January 22
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	
Wednesday	January 23
Regular Schedule	
8:00 A.M. Farmington Educational Foundation (conference center)	

Teen/Adult Recreation Thursdays

On Thursday evenings, starting January 17, our church is hosting an informal recreation time in the gym for the teens and adults in our church and other churches in Farmington.

Come and join us for basketball, volleyball, etc. from 7:00-9:00 P.M. We need at least one more volunteer to open up the gym weekly for this event. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jason.

Family Fun Night

Make plans to join us for Family Fun Night in the gym on Sunday, January 20 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Activities planned for all ages.

Winter Jam

Students and parents alike are invited to join us for Winter Jam on Sunday, January 27. Winter Jam is a four hour mega concert featuring ten of Christian music's top artists. The cost is \$15 per person and is due Sunday, January 20. We leave at 2:00 P.M. and will return around 12:00 A.M.

The event is at the Enterprise Center in St. Louis and we will be waiting outside for 1-2 hours, so dress accordingly. Also, dinner will be the concessions at the arena so bring extra money for that. You may bring food to eat while we are waiting outside but no outside food will be allowed inside the arena. Please keep in mind that backpacks, selfie sticks, and cameras with detachable lenses will not be allowed inside.

Fuel Is Back

Fuel started again this week and will continue to meet every Monday from 7:00-8:30 P.M. The boys meet in the student center and the girls meet at the Welker home, 362 Moss Lane.



Our Goal: \$30,000
Given to date:
26,814.01

What is A Small Group?

The term "small group" has increasingly come into use in church discipleship. Rick Howerton, founding pastor of The Bridge Church in Spring Hill, Tennessee defines a small group as: "A micro-community of 3 to 12 Jesus followers doing the Christian life deeply together." (Acts 2:42-47)

The most effective small groups allow participants to be "vulnerable" with each, sharing personal struggles, grief and loss, as well as celebrating accomplishments and joys. 1 Corinthians 12:26 says it best: "If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." Typically the smaller the group, the easier it is for members to build trust and share openly about personal struggles.

The roles and activities of small groups tend to fall into four areas: theological, relational, restorational, and missional. Here's how that breaks down.

Theological ~ through studying Scripture group members learn out about God's character and His expectations and allow the Bible to speak into the activities and actions of the group as a whole.

Relational ~ those involved learn to embrace interdependency and put away dangerous childlike attitudes ~ "I can't survive on my own," or "I don't need anyone else. I can do everything by myself".

Restorational ~ God wants to redeem the pain our personal history has caused us and restore in us the joy and peace He promises (Isaiah 61:1-2).

Missional ~ Small groups are on mission to meet the needs of the hurting in the name of Jesus, to share with non-believers what Jesus can and wants to do to bring them into a relationship with Him (Acts 1:8).

As we begin a new year consider whether God may be calling you to lead or participate in a small group – at church, in your home or somewhere else in the community.
Bro. Gordon

Wednesday Adult Small Groups

The Wednesday schedule formerly used for Mid-Week Meditation has been changed. Small groups for adults will meet from 6:00-6:45 P.M. starting Wednesday January 16.

Pastor Greg will lead one of the small groups in room 401 by the church office. Gordon Epps will lead a six week men's study "Be A Godly Man" that will meet in Room 132, old education building where the RA's meet.

A prayer session will follow each group from approximately 6:45-7:00 P.M. This change is to better align adult small groups with the existing children and adult choir schedules. Our objective is to offer additional small group studies on Wednesdays including a traditional Bible study/prayer group. Contact Gordon Epps or Small Group Leader Jinny Leduc if you would be interested in leading a group.

Girls in Action

Girls in grades 5 and 6 are invited to a lock-in at the church on February 8-9. We will begin at 6:00 P.M. on Friday and stay until 8:00 A.M. on Saturday. Please eat a light supper before coming.

GOM Retreat

March 8-9, 2019



Girls in grades 1-6 are invited to attend the GOM conference at Windermere March 8-9. The retreats theme this year is "Through the Looking Glass" and will focus on Proverbs 27:19 *As water reflects the face so one's life reflects the heart.*

The cost is \$65.00 ea. and we will need to get reservations in soon. Some of the cost will be offset with funds from the Mary Stewart Scholarship Fund so please do not let the cost keep you from going.

The girls will enjoy the weekend but it is also a GREAT mother/daughter retreat. Any questions please give the office a call ~ 573-756-4654.

Thank you

Thank you, church family, for your support in the purchase of food for this year's food baskets during Christmas. Your monetary donations helped with eleven food baskets for area families. A special thank you to David and Maryann Rhives, Carol Short, Corrine Reeves, Lorraine Amonette, Evan Robinson, Zac Barron and Troy Helms for packing, loading and delivering the food. Without the support of many this ministry could not happen.

Thank you to all who volunteered to ring bells for the United Way at Wal-Mart this year – Bill and Ruth Ann Blasé, Keith Bishop, Kevin White, Joyce Dowell, Donna Abernathy, Ron and Nancy Rice, Greg Robinson, Karen Moore and Jason Welker.

To those who happened just to stop and say hello and give of your coin ~ we thank you! The United Way had a record year in giving this year with over \$29,000 collected. This is a lot of volunteer hours and support from the community which will help the Farmington Ministerial Alliance help those in need of assistance.

Prayer List:

John W. Jackson, Lou Rauch, Elaine Stratton (Mother of Kim Canter), Mike Duspiwa, Dale Wade, Rose Johnston, Penny Robinson, Earlene Lietz (niece of Bunny Griffon)

Congratulations:

- To Cheryl Luba on the arrival of Liam Luba, January 6.

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Our Church Studying: 253

Financial Statistics for:

December 30, 2018

Budget Requirements (wkly)	\$ 18,591.00
Budget Receipts (12-30-18)	24,385.51
Requirement (wk 13)	241,683.00
Receipts (wk 13)	259,663.32
STB-BTS (from Oct)	18,520.00