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Spiritual Life Week

Is your "all" on the altar of sacrifice? Elmer Glick brought this challenge to us for Spiritual Life Week, held October 1-5 at FMH. He told us of the account in Genesis 22

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worship, and come again to you." He had put his "all" on the altar, trusting God to work out everything for His good. Mr. Glick challenged us to sacrifice the "Isaacs" in our lives that are replacing God and that are taking away our devotion to Him.



Elmer Glick speaking during spiritual life week

where God tested Abram's devotion. God wanted to be sure that He was first in Abram's life. Abram willingly obeyed God's command, and showed his faith by saying, "I and the lad will go yonder and

God to work out everything for His good. Mr. Glick challenged us to sacrifice the "Isaacs" in our lives that are replacing God and that are taking away our devotion to Him. Mr. Glick also brought to our attention Abram's worship and commitment to God on an everyday basis. He drew our attention to the altars Abram had built in various places to worship God. Some of these places were given symbolic names, because it was there that Abram met with God.

We also read from

Genesis 12 where Abram and Sarah traveled to Egypt for food. They lied about their relationship and were sent out of Egypt because of their deceit. After Abram left Egypt, he built an altar and called on the name of the Lord. Because he had not built an altar while in Egypt, Elmer Glick suggested that "Egypt" could be replaced by "sin." In our lives it is easy to be lured into sin to escape the pain that goes with doing what is right,

just as it was for Abram and Sarah to go into Egypt to escape the famine. Once there, it is nearly impossible to worship God in spirit and truth. When we are pulled down into "Egypt," our relationship with God suffers, and we need to flee "Egypt" to be restored.

Many students were reminded again of how they must daily seek God's direction in order to avoid "Egypt" and Isaacs."

Fundraiser

Nearing the end of the first quarter, David Gilmer made the announcement in

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being called out of class to pick up their pizzas.

the announcement in chapel that it was once again time to start selling pizzas and the students were given pizza sales lists as they left chapel. Student Council encouraged us to sell as many pizzas as we could and even gave the school a demonstration on how to sell them over the phone. David called the office with his cell phone but due to technical difficulties Juanita just pretended to hear David on the phone, and David proceeded to sell pizzas to her.

Everyone picked their pizzas by 12:30 and left school to deliver them. The pizza sale earned \$12,352 for



Members of student council prepare for distribution of pizzas.

On October 26, the pizza truck arrived and students began to unload it. By third period the highest sellers were

improvements to the school, and school activities such as Christmas caroling in Baltimore etc. Thank you StuCo and everyone who helped make the sale a success.

November	05	Report Cards Due
	15-16	NO SCHOOL-MACSA Convention
	09	Grandparents' Banquet-6:00 pm
	21	Thanksgiving Vacation Begins- 1:00 pm
	27	Thanksgiving Vacation Ends- 8:30 am
	29	Central Christian -Guys Basketball; Girls Volleyball 2:30 pm
December	03	Progress Reports Due
	06	Maranatha Game
	13	Christmas Concert- 7:30 pm
	21	Christmas Vacation Begins at 3:07 pm

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT



Sharon Hoover - (left):
I try to get out and do things that take my mind off school work, like spend time with family or close friends.



Darren Hahn - (left):
I relieve stress by playing basketball or listening to music. Occasionally I sleep it off.

Question: How do you relieve school stress?

Janessa Lantz - (right):
I eat ice cream and write in my journal.



Jason Zimmerman - (right):
I have found that the best way for me to relieve school stress is to sleep.



Sophomore Social

The bell rang at 3:07, announcing the beginning of the sophomore social.

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mouths. Then they had to work together to get the food into their

The social began with a snack of party mix, apple cider, and chocolate chip cookies. Five minutes later, everyone went to the gym where they divided into groups to play volleyball and basketball. Before long, Larry's dad picked up everyone and transported them to his farm on a hay wagon. Upon arrival, the class was numbered off and played train-wreck. The next activity was well on its way when Mr. Paul decided to challenge Matt to a bale-throwing contest. Yes, Mr. Paul won, but he didn't receive an award for it. Good try.



Calf-bottle drinking contest

Following that was a contest in which four participants tried to drink a calf bottle filled with iced tea. Janessa was the brave one and finished first. With extra time before supper, a candy scramble was organized followed by an unusual meal. Two lines were formed and then everyone had their hands tied to students sitting beside

work to eat supper, they played hot potato with a bag of clothing. Justin and Dwight played their guitars, randomly stopping at the same time. When the music stopped, whoever was holding the bag had to close their eyes, pick out an item, and put it on.

The next game they played was human tick-tack-

toe. It was very interesting. Although many had never played it before, everyone soon caught on. There were three rows of bales with three bales in each row. The two teams lined up on opposite sides of this square. Each team was numbered so that two people, one from each team, had the same number. When your number was called, you had to run to one of the bales and sit down. The point of the game was to get three people from the same team in a row. There were

many collisions, and while they didn't hurt too much, everyone laughed.

Last, but definitely not least, the sophomores prepared for a hayride which turned out to be extra long and filled with fun. It lasted for about forty-five minutes. Glen, the driver, went on roads that many didn't even know existed. When the class returned to the school, they found their parents ready to take them home. Many were very tired and ready to go home after such a long night of fun.

Junior Social

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game of train wreck, and after forming a line, the entire group's wrists were tied together. Then supper began. It was quite challenging and called for coordination, while resulting in many laughs and spilled food.

After everyone had eaten the best they could, everyone voted on the best dressed of the group. The first-place winner was Brian Groff, who was dressed as a western redneck, and there were several runners-up. Next they played a few rousing, old-fashioned games of broom sock and sardines in the barn that was dark

and gloomy.

After the games, the tired group piled onto a wagon for a 45-minute hayride. On the way back, the juniors, who had been singing and having a good time, began to get wet as it began to rain. But that didn't ruin their fun. Soon after entering the barn they enjoyed a snack of hot chocolate, cider, brownies, and cookies. All of them were tired, and when the clock struck 9:15, they headed for their homes.

It was an enjoyable evening for all, and they want to say thanks to the class office for planning the best social yet!

Featured Writer

Jordan East

Nights were always late during Philadelphia summer Bible School. By the time we had taken the kids home, eaten a snack, talked, and then talked some more in our rooms, it was usually well past 12:00 A.M. I finally crawled into bed and tried to sleep; but that picture kept flashing in my mind.

We had had morning devotions and brunch, and were heading out to do our different activities. The guys put on work clothes, and we began collecting gloves, weed eaters, and trash bags. There was an empty lot near the mission that was full of trash and overgrown weeds. We cleared the sidewalk, and set to work on the lot. As some manned the weed eaters and trash bags, others worked on giving the fence a complete makeover.

It was around 12:30 P.M. when the lot neared completion. The final things to do were to mow it to yard height, and weed eat around an old lunch trailer and around two abandoned cars in the back corner.

I was working on the fence when a fellow teacher, Clyde, came out to me and said, "Jordan, come look at

what I found." I followed, thinking maybe it was an abandoned bike, a tool, or who knows what. We walked between the car and the chain link fence, about half the length of the car. There I saw something I never thought I'd find in my life. I said, "Uh, let me ask Clair what we should do." Clyde barely believed what he was seeing, and I could hardly believe it myself.

I went out front to Clair, and said, "Clair, there is something you should see back here." He went back, and saw what we had seen—a dead body partially obscured in the weeds. That explained the odor we had smelled since we had begun. We had assumed it was a dead cat, or something; but it was the dead body of a man (probably homeless).

Clair quickly went and called the police, who came with the detective, the coroner, and the ambulance.

Later, after they had moved the car, and cleared the weeds; I looked over our backyard fence with binoculars, and saw that image that was now permanently and vividly burned in my memory. It is one I will remember as long as I live.



Principal's Corner

By John Harrison, Asst. Principal

The Foundations Have Not Been Destroyed

"Anthrax Feared in Two Deaths," "U.S. Hits Taliban Front Lines," "Postal Staff Are Victims," "America Strikes Back" are the headlines of our local newspapers. Many have declared that life in America will never be in the same because of the calamity of September 11. What will be the ensuing incidents from our unseen enemies? Continuous speculations dealing with the unknown coupled with fear have many terrorized and unable to think correctly.

In Psalm 11:3 we read, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" The foundations have not been destroyed, and they never will be! Certainly this is good news that should appear on the front page of every newspaper. A question that must be addressed as we await our final destiny of New Jerusalem is, "How are we to live in times like these?" The obvious answer is to keep our minds fixed on the foundational truths of the Bible. There are many one could investigate; however, for starters, permit us to look into five such truths.

As we see many changes being implemented in our land to ward off any further terrorist action, our minds should be strengthened by the foundational truth that **God does not change** (Malachi 3:6 and James 1:17). Everything that has transpired recently has taken place only as God allows. He has been, is, and will be in total control of every situation.

A second foundational truth is that **Jesus promises comfort and peace in our hour of greatest need** (John 14:27). We may not know what all will happen to us in the future; however, we do know who holds the future and who will come to comfort no matter what our destiny.

Our present standard of living in America is unsurpassed by any other nation. All should thank God for this! There is no promise that such will be the case in the future. Many of our grandparents lived during some very oppressive times and while doing so appreciated life because they understood the apostle Paul's instruction in Philippians 4:11-13. **God can help us to be content no matter what our future circumstances may be.** Even if nothing else changes, this foundation truth could help free us from the "power" of advertisements generating unnecessary want. Just trust Him!

One of the problems facing the church today is self-sufficiency (autonomy). The early church practiced sharing material possessions with those in need. As time continues to move on, we may again need to take very seriously this truth found in Galatians 6:2 that teaches that the **brotherhood of believers can help one another cope with burdens.**

In Matthew 28:20 we find the truth that **God is with us and will never leave us.** Since this is true, we must continue to proclaim the glorious Gospel message. *Martyr's Mirror* is full of men and women who were faithful to the end. The foundations have not been destroyed, so pick up your Bible and drink deeply of its truths!

Suffering is everywhere.
Don't ever think it isn't.
So are miracles. Don't
ever think they aren't.

Junior Social

After school on Friday, October 12, thirty hobos and hillbillies headed

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across the road to Miss Glick's barn. Who was this bedraggled looking group? It was the



Juniors make a futile attempt to gobble donuts.

junior class, showing their true colors at their fall social.

Their evening together started out with a relay, which doubled as an after school snack. They divided into groups and then had to run to a bag across the room, pull out a food item, and eat it. Next they got into feedbags and

jumped around a hay bale and back to their group. In the following

game, an entire team piled onto skis and had to walk together to a bale, around it, and

return. This caused quite a few laughs.

Then it was time for a rousing game of train wreck. In the next game the class officers asked for twelve volunteers. Each volunteer had to eat a chocolate-syrup-covered donut that was hanging from a string. If the donut

fell on the floor, they had to do their best to eat it without using their hands.

The first part of the social passed quickly, and then it was time for supper. Of course, there was also a twist to this. Each person was paired with the partner they had in the

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Alumni News

Engagements:

Victor Stoltzfus ('82) and Rebecca Stoltzfus announce their plans to marry on December 8, 2001.

Congratulations to **Joel Mohler** ('97) and Lydia Lapp, who are planning a June, 2002 wedding.

Marriages:

Congratulations to **Kenny** ('96) and Sheldene (Stauffer) **Horst!** They were married on September 8, 2001. God bless you as you spend your lives together.

Births:

Congratulations to Mike and **Edith** ('87) Gingerich! They had a daughter, Alena Hope, on June 27, 2001.

Congratulations to Anthony and **Kendra** ('85) Martin, who had a girl, Vallerie Jewel on August 19, 2001.

Congratulations to **Richard** ('85) and Anita (Howe) **Harrison** on the birth of their first daughter, Marietta Joy, on September 11, 2001.

Congratulations to **Larry** and Lisa **Ressler** ('87) on the birth of their fourth child, first son, Austin Jerome, born September 26, 2001.

Congratulations to Darrel & **Gerrene (Horst '91)** Musser announced the arrival of their third child, first son, Travis Eugene on October 20.

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