



# The Mustard Seed

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## Christmas Caroling in Baltimore

At 6:45 Friday morning, students began to dribble into Faith to begin what would be a fun and interesting day. They would be going to Baltimore to carol in various malls and nursing homes. By 7:00 A.M., the majority of the student body had arrived, and the teachers were ready to give a

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Hall, they were off again to their next destinations. Again the students were split by bus, each group caroling at separate nursing homes. The freshman and senior classes, when finished with their program at the second nursing home, received a request to come and sing in a hair salon across the street. It

was tight, but all the students managed to squeeze in. Singing beside customers getting their hair cut and others getting their hair dried, the students delivered an excellent performance to the delight of their audience. Meanwhile, the sophomore and junior's bus was rear-ended while parked at the other nursing home. The driver, after a brief inspection, deemed the bus not drivable. Praise God there were no students on the bus.

At Mondawmin Mall the stage crew set up so the next performance could begin without delay. Many people stopped to listen, and a photographer taking pictures of Santa even turned his camera around to snap one of Large Chorus singing. One lady commented, "It's nice to see boys singing, around hear it's mostly girls that sing and rarely boys." As

a thank you to the students for coming and singing, the mall provided free meals for all the students and teachers. Next, the students sang at Westview Mall. Because the replacement bus had not yet arrived, it took a while for the single bus to take both busloads to the mall. After the program, the students had some free time to shop and grab a bite to eat be-

fore leaving. At 8:15, everyone piled into his or her bus for the trip home. Conversation started as the buses left the mall, but soon the long day caught up and heads started to nod. When they arrived back at school, everyone left for home. Though tired, everyone felt that it had been a fulfilling day.



few last minute instructions. At 7:30 A.M. the students boarded two buses destined for Baltimore. The students were divided by classes, freshman and seniors on one bus, juniors and sophomores on the other. When they arrived in Baltimore the students were sent to two separate nursing homes to carol in the halls.

Around noon, the group sang on the second floor of City Hall's marble rotunda, giving an hour-long program to the delight of the city's employees. Employees and visitors watched from the first and third floors. Several people commented that the students "sounded like angels."

After eating lunch in City

## Maranatha

On Thursday afternoon December 6, 2001, Maranatha Christian School challenged FMH in two competitive sporting events: girls' volleyball, and boys' basketball.

by **Evan Shirk**  
**Student Writer**

The girls' games started right after lunch, and the girls in the volleyball elective were excused to play. There were two teams, varsity and junior varsity. They played nine games, and won all of them, although Maranatha put up a good fight.

Like the girls, Faith's guys were divided into junior varsity and varsity teams; Eric Shultz, Evan Shirk, Derlyn Martin, David Gilmer, and Chris Sauder started for the varsity.

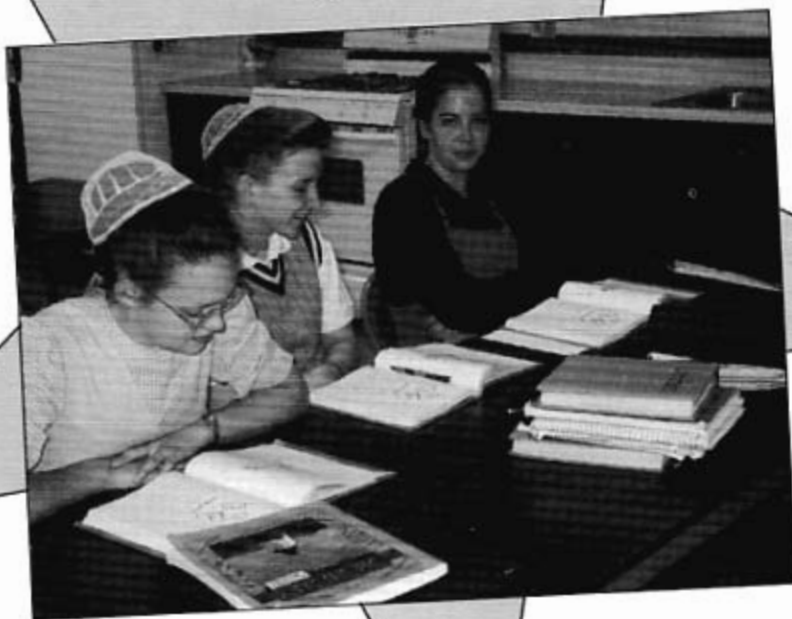
Maranatha's challenge was immediate, and they were eas-

ily up by eight at the beginning of the game. They demonstrated excellent ball handling skills and remained quite competitive the entire game, but Faith bounced back and in the end the score was FMH—48, Maranatha—38. Junior varsity won too, with Bradley Fox as the highest scorer.

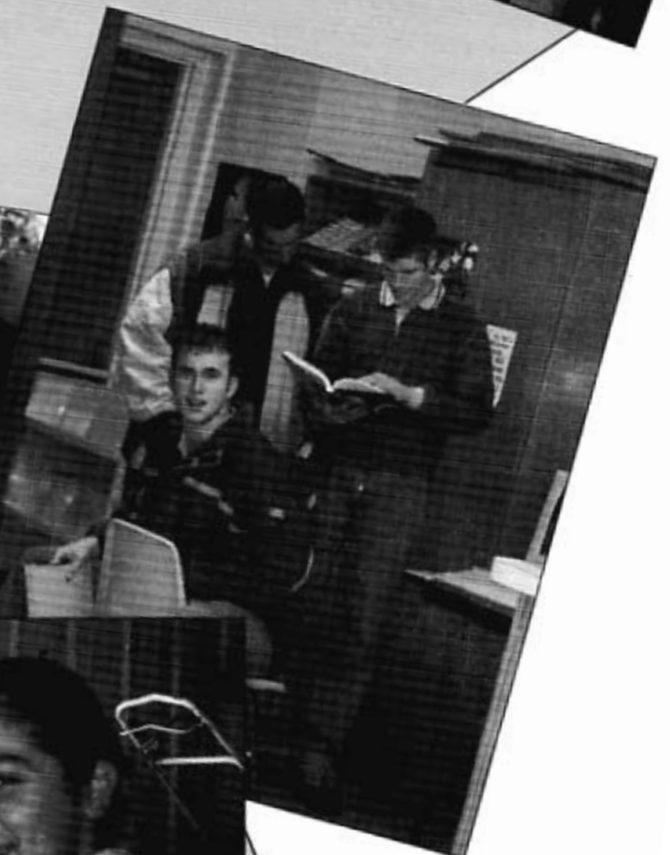
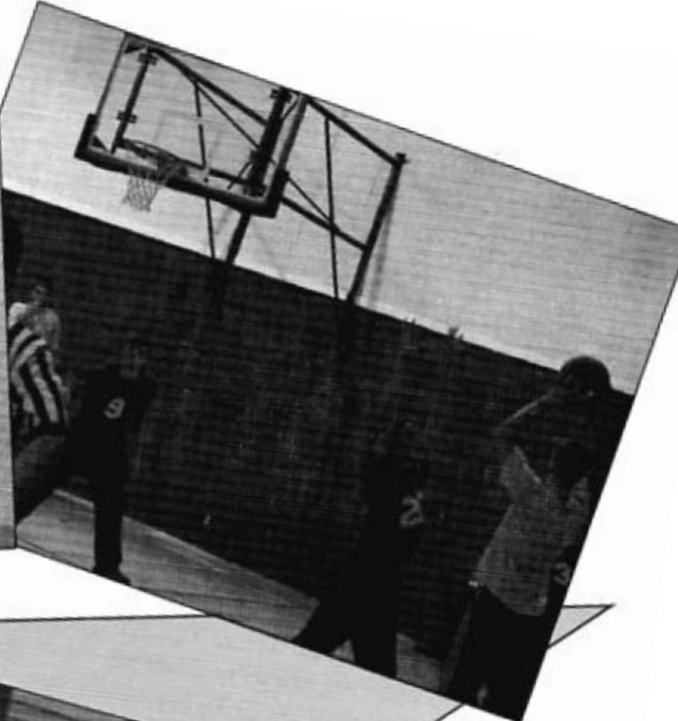


Immediately following the games, dinner was served, provided by StuCo. Thanks to Maranatha for coming, and thanks to all who made the afternoon a success.

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the Lord  
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## Principal's Corner

by John Harrison, Asst. Principal

### Keys to a Balanced Lifestyle

Most Americans, especially many high school students, tend to place too much emphasis on one area of their life, while virtually ignoring all others. Satan does not care how he gets us. If it is with an unbalanced life, he is happy and our Lord is deeply saddened.

Take a look at Luke 2:52, where Luke tells us how Jesus, as a man, grew physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially. This type of balanced growth should be normal and certainly all Christians, young and old alike, should be following the example of our Lord. This is not an isolated idea in scripture since Paul in Colossians discusses these four areas. Do a little Bible study and see for yourself.

1. Col. 3:1-4 – *Mental* – “Set your mind on things above.”
2. Col. 3:5-7 – *Physical* – “Just look at those vices.”
3. Col. 3:8-14 – *Social* – “See the social qualities discussed.”
4. Col. 3:15-17 – *Spiritual* – “See the emphasis on prayer, Bible study and singing.”

See also:

- 1 Cor. 6:19-20 – Deals with the *Physical*
- 1 Cor. 11:27-30 – Deals with the *Spiritual*
- 1 Cor. 13:4-8 – Deals with *Social* matters
- 1 Cor. 14:20 – Deals with *Mental* maturity

Please be balanced and become a Borean and check these verses for yourself. Then ask the Holy Spirit to help you evaluate yourself and see if you are living a balanced Christian life in these areas. Remember 2 Corinthians 5:17!

Our heart's desire and prayer at Faith is that all of our students have balance in their pursuit of physical, social, mental, and spiritual maturity.

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### Engagements:

**Jon Horst ('98)** and Michelle Martin are engaged to be married on March 9, 2002.

**Shannon Wenger ('98)** and **Christopher Lapp ('97)** are engaged to be married on May 25, 2002.

### Marriages:

Verlyn Beachy and **Treva Lapp ('94)** were married on May 19, 2001.

### Births:

Congratulations to Tom and **Sheri (Weaver) ('95)** Martin on the birth of their second daughter, Hadassah Tayleur, September 22, 2001.

Congratulations to **Sheldon ('92)** and Joann Kaufman on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Annie Raquel, October 15, 2001.

Congratulations to **John ('90)** and Gabrielle King, on the birth of their second child, first son, John Alexander, December 25, 2001.

## Students Speak Out ...What is your favorite elective, and why?



**Shawn Weaver (left):** Basketball, because I enjoy playing sports and improving my skills.

**Michelle Zimmerman (Right):** Spanish is my favorite elective because I enjoy the language and Mr. Lapp is an excellent teacher.



**Brent Martin (Right):** My favorite elective is small engines because I enjoy using the tools to take the engine apart and a few days later you can put it back together and see if it will run. I also enjoy being able to talk to my friends while I work.

