

THE MUSTARD SEED

March 2018

Faith Mennonite High School

Volume 39 Number 6

My Life as a Quizzer

When I think back over the past seven years of quizzing, I remember the stress, the late nights and long hours of studying, the intense nerves the morning of every quiz-a-thon; but more than all that, I remember the friendships that were formed. I remember worshipping in a room full of a couple hundred strangers who felt like family because they were all there for the same purpose. I also remember the lives that were changed through quizzing, including mine.



Faith Mesopotamia: Ryan Lapp, Marcy Smucker, Kelsey Smoker. Coach: Justin Smoker

Since I grew up watching all my older siblings quiz, and listening to them quote over and over, I always knew that it was something I wanted to do. Once I reached sixth grade, I quizzed for the first time, and I loved it. Quizzing gave me something good to put my focus towards. Over the next few years I learned so much through quizzing. God taught me humility. He taught me what it means to



Faith Phrygia: Gina Glick, Austin Ressler, Dericka Stoltzfus. Coach: Kara Esh

completely dedicate myself to something. From ninth through twelfth grade I had the privilege of having my older brother coach my team. This was cool because I went from being a kid watching him quiz to being in high school and having him coach me.

it really does. It takes hours of studying and quoting, to keep that many verses in your mind. For some it takes memorizing throughout the summer, while others procrastinate and try to cram it all in the month before the first quizathon. There were times when I literally hated quizzing yet loved it all at the same time, but there was never a time when I regretted it.

In seven years of quizzing a person memorized probably an average of 2,100 verses. All those verses later, and I can say quizzing was one of the greatest rewards I could have received in the past seven years. The awards, the ribbons, and the trophies all pale in comparison to the friendships built, and the life lessons learned. I know I'm speaking for all the quizzers out there when I say that there is nothing more incredible than being surrounded by a couple hundred



Faith Cyprus: Daniel Lapp, John Stoltzfus, Aaron King, Sarah Stoltzfus. Coach: Virgil Esh

Of course there were also times when I wished he wouldn't be there to tell me to stay home and study instead of hanging out, but I loved being able to learn from his experiences.

others who have all memorized God's word along with you. I will never forget those moments of worshipping together with the people you compete against the next day. The past seven years have been incredible, and while I most likely won't miss the hours of studying, I'm definitely going to miss quizzing and the lessons learned through it.

Kelsey Smoker

Quizzing takes hard work,

Down Memory Lane Job Fair

I was asked a few days ago to reflect on the noticeable changes that have occurred at FMH in the last several decades that I have taught here.

Back in the 80's, most of the boys' hair was longer than today. The girls' hair was higher in the front, and many of the girls wore coverings with strings. Newer technology had replaced the manual typewriters with electric typewriters. Soon a computer lab with "little televisions" and keyboards was being introduced. If a student needed to call home, a pay phone was available in the hall.

Today most students carry a smart phone and the pay phone has been long gone. Each student now has their own personal laptop computer, which is programed with many of their text books. The computer lab has now been abandoned.

The sports cry of yesteryear was to beat Maranatha and Shalom in football. This all has been replaced with early morning basketball practice to supplement the regular scheduled basketball classes. The current cry is to win the tournament.

Spiritually, the students seem far more mature. The senior trip to Washington, D.C. has been

replaced with a week-long missions trip to Grenada to teach Bible school.

There are more ample opportunities for students to lead out during small groups, class chapels, or regular chapel services.

Certainly, Faith has become a place to develop a "Living Faith" compelled with a rigorous academic program. There are many electives, as well as the opportunity to develop team work through scheduled sport interactions with other Mennonite schools. There is something available for everyone!

Mr. Harrison

Mr. John Harrison graduated from Delaware Valley University with a B.S. in Dairy Husbandry. He began teaching at Faith in 1981.

On March 6, 2018, the second annual job fair was held at FMH. The upperclassmen from Faith were joined by the upperclassmen from Schaefferstown and Ephrata for the afternoon activities. Students rotated through three informational



sessions throughout the afternoon. The three sessions were: "Finding the Right Career Fit" by Javan Lapp, "Starting a Business" by Dave Boll, and "Financial Planning" by Glen Miller. Around 2:00, Terre Hill students joined everyone at FMH as they interacted with many different businesses. Some of Faith's alumni were there as businessmen,

recruiting students to fill out an application and join their team. It was a great opportunity to meet new students from other schools as well as finding a career that fits one's personality.

Brooklyn Horst

Editorial

Romans 3:23 states, "For all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory." Because we have sinned we need to kneel at the cross. It is a simple invitation and God promises to meet us there. The worst thing that a struggling Christian can do is to think that they are "ok," and that they will have time to change before God comes back. DON'T WAIT! God is not partial to anyone, and will execute a just judgment. There is a disease spreading rapidly through the world, and it is called sin. Sin works as a cancer, and destroys from the inside out. James 1:15 says "Then when lust conceives, it brings sin, and sin when it is finished, brings death." There is only one cure for sin and that is Jesus Christ. So if we heed the call to kneel at the cross, we will find the cure. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we are given the option to become new creatures, if we lay down the old things and kneel at the cross. The only thing holding us back is ourselves; God doesn't hold his hand out any further or pull it away. He simply holds it out and we must choose how much we receive. The cross has a lot to offer; it offers victory by his blood, redemption, healing, and life. It protects us, and provides a hedge of God's love around us. However it is not all rainbows and roses; it will also bring suffering and sorrow. But it will never bring shame. It is open to all and it will change your life forever. Heed the call on your life to kneel at the cross, and lay it all down.

David King

Students Speak Out

What is one elective you would recommend to the class under you?



Sophomore - Derek King

Art, because it stretches you. This year I am taking 2-D Art, and we are learning about balance, light, and perspective. It is fun to create images of the world. I like the relaxed classroom atmosphere.

Junior - CJ Lapp

I would recommend Basketball. I thrive on the competition, and I like being pushed hard physically. It was great being able to go to the Gospel Haven Tournament in Ohio this year.



Senior - Leanna Stoltzfus

Evangelism Team because it's fun. It's also a really good experience, and it is a good way to get out of your comfort zone.

Senior - Marcy Smucker

Accounting 2 is a good class. We gain experience running a small business, the Snack Shoppe here at Faith. At the beginning of the year, we learned how to track our personal finances. Because I enjoy working with numbers, I am now prepared to use the knowledge I have gained in the the future.



Calendar

April	12	Sophomore Volleyball Game
	15	7:00 pm Chorale Program at Lichy's Mennonite Church
	17	Jr/Sr Volleyball Game
	20	Freshman Volleyball Game
	23	Ladies Alumni Volleyball Tournament
	29	6:30 pm Chorale Program at Weavertown Church
May	17	7:30 pm Spring Concert
	20	7:00 pm Chorale Program at Mine Road Church

Alumni Feature

Nine years ago my wife, Kristen, and I felt the Lord calling us to missionary aviation. Getting to the mission field has been a journey full of twists and turns, but God has taught us that life is much more about the journey than the destination. We live in Alaska serving with Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC). There are over two hundred remote villages in Western Alaska, of which only one third have a pastor. Our purpose is to support missions in Western Alaska through maintenance, flight, and flight training.



Because I am a hands-on guy, I took multiple years of welding, small engines, basic electricity, and wood shop classes. I am thankful for many of those skills that were honed at FMH. I was one who thought that a lot of classes had little real-world use. However, I have found that I use Algebra, Physics, and English on a regular basis as I maintain airplanes and teach people how to fly.

*Dwight & Kristen Wenger
Carver (7), Brody (5), Aiden (2), and
Clay (6 months)*

THE MUSTARD SEED (USPS Per. #932) is published by Faith Mennonite High School. CONTACT US: mustardseed@FaithHighSchool.org