

The Flame

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Main Cast

Don Lockwood—Judah Miller, **Kathy Selden**—Lindsey Cooley
Cosmo Brown—David Gingerich, **Lina Lamont**—Lydia Masula
R.F. Simpson—Peyton Purdy, **Roscoe Dexter**—Malina Furr
Roz—Ruby Gossard, **Dora Bailey**—Haylee Beachy
Zelda—Grace Ferguson, **Miss Dinsmore**—Cara Dobey
Teacher, Butler, Orchestra Leader—Jacob Newman
Sam the Sound Engineer, Broadway Dancer—Elaina Kosik

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN JR.

Supporting Roles

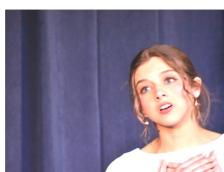
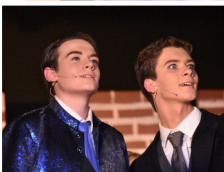
Sophia Beachy, Cecilia Eichorn, Rachel Eichorn
Rebecca Eichorn, Grace Ferguson, Anna Gingerich
Charlotte Hill, Elise Miller, Grace Mullett, Leah
Newman, Kenna Showalter, Nava Showalter, Cassidy
Wise

Backstage Crew

Vashti Arnold, Eleya Beachy, Isabella Hill
Rebecca Payne, Rillian Payne, Kylie Schlabach
Paityn Schlabach, Lydia Slaubaugh

Set Design

Maggie Lyon, Margo Masula
Shauna Nyland, Ava Hathaway



Shekinah's students presented "Singin' in the Rain Jr." on April 11th and 12th. The musical was directed by Abbey Bechtol and assisted by Donna Masula with Faith Ferguson as stage manager. Jennifer Hudnutt did the costume design and Gary Schlabach was the sound technician. The Spires family did the stage extension.

(by Max Kilzer 12th)

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

by Jacob Newman (12th)

April 2– Jonathan Purdy



The Shekinah student body was blessed by hearing Mr. Purdy speak at the April 2nd chapel. Mr. Purdy opened by asking the students why they got up that morning. What was their ultimate purpose? Then, he referenced an interview where Tom Brady addressed the question of purpose. Even Brady who seemingly has it all, said

after everything, he still couldn't find his ultimate purpose. Mr. Purdy referred to a previous chapel where everyone went searching for two \$100 bills. In reality, only one existed. Often we seek after things in vain, for these things will not ultimately fulfill us or aren't achievable. Mr. Purdy then read Matt. 6:25-33 to show what we should be seeking after, the Kingdom

of God. Not only should we seek after God's Kingdom, we should seek after it above all else.

Next, Mr. Purdy went on to describe and warn against seeking after two wrong kingdoms, the Kingdom of Money and the Kingdom of Comfort. Mr. Purdy illustrated that often the things we do are motivated by the love of money. People spend five or six days a week, eight hours a day, working for money. Growing up we are put in the education system, where most people learn to get a job, so they can work for money. Mr. Purdy showed that it is very easy for us to seek money and comfort above the Kingdom of God.

Mr. Purdy closed by reminding us that we love God, and seek His Kingdom, because He first loved and sought after us. Our seeking is a grateful, praiseful, and reciprocal action. When we seek His Kingdom first, we can glorify Him through our obedience, find our ultimate fulfillment and comfort, in Him and be better used to expand the beautiful Kingdom in which we have an undeserved opportunity to participate.

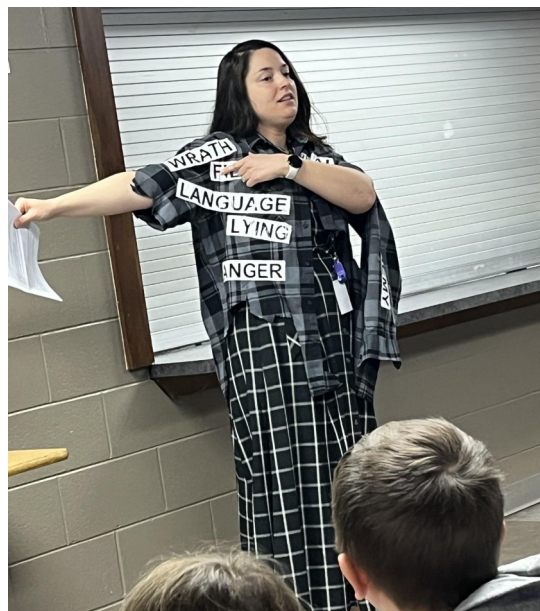


OFF WITH THE OLD & ON WITH THE NEW

by Elijah Yutzy (12th)

April 2– Amanda Raines

On Wednesday, April 2nd, elementary students had the opportunity to hear a message from Amanda Raines. Mrs. Raines shared from Ephesians 4: 22-24, which tells us that we as Christians need to put off our old selves, and our old wicked ways. Instead, we are to be renewed in the spirit of our minds, putting on a new self created in the likeness of God. Mrs. Raines gave the visual and the example of our old and new selves being like clothing. We used to clothe ourselves with torn apart and broken clothing (lying, anger, bad language, etc.) But, we now clothe ourselves with more good and formal clothes, the type of clothes that mark us out in the world. (the Fruit of the Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, patience, etc.)



OVER MOUNTAINS, THROUGH VALLEYS WITH SALT & LIGHT

by Isaac Showalter

April 9— Salt & Light

Rosedale Bible College's *Salt & Light* musical group performed for K-12th grades during chapel on April 9th. They sang multiple songs and accompanied their voices with various instruments. Their theme for 2025 is "Mountains and Valleys." The first song they sang was "Faith More Precious Than Gold." They then performed multiple songs that were based on the Psalms. As *Salt & Light* sang, students from all ages were very moved and felt the presence of the Lord. One student (who shall remain



unnamed) even cried during their performance. *Salt & Light*, is a musical group which is made up of a small number of Rosedale students. *Salt & Light* performs inspirational covers worked into a new grass/folk style. Most of their instruments are acoustic (with a few exceptions like an electric keyboard).

They travel around to different areas of the Midwest and East Coast to perform for churches and communities. This year, they are traveling throughout Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. We were more than honored to have Salt & Light perform for us in chapel.

UNLIKELY HEROES

by Emma McDowell (12th)

April 16 -Jordan Smith



On April 16th, Jordan Smith spoke in chapel to the 6th-12th grade students.

Jordan spoke about unlikely heroes of a story. He began by asking the question, "Do you believe God can use you?" He then went on to read John

1:43-46, and talked about how Jesus fulfilled the entire law and all of the prophets. He explained that Jesus had an unlikely story, death, resurrection, and how Jesus was the unlikely hero of the Story. We think He can't use us

because of where we've come from, but God uses unlikely people to do great things. There are numerous examples of unlikely heroes in the Bible like Gideon, who was the weakest tribe, yet God used him to gather an army. There's David who was just a shepherd boy, and Paul, who at one time was Saul and persecuted Christians.

Jordan also read Judges 3:12-30, the graphic story of Eglon and Ehud. Ehud was a left-handed man, in a right-handed world. However, God used this difference of Ehud's, and He is calling us to let Him use our differences. We then came back to the story in John 1:47-48. In this Scripture we saw how Jesus saw Nathanael even before He called him. This remains true for us too! God can use us despite where we've come from. We can be the unlikely heroes of the story.

JH TRIP TO D.C. 3/19-3/22

by Joe Henson (12th)



The junior high students got the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. for four days in March, just before Spring Break. They went to different museums and spent time learning more about American history. Students had the opportunity to walk up to the White House and pose for a photo. They also saw where the President's office is. At the tomb of the unknown soldier they witnessed a change in the guard, and four Shekinah students were selected to place a wreath at the tomb. Students also got a little history lesson about the graves and what they represent

Museums

On the first day after they arrived, they went to the National Museum of American History and saw the monuments at the National Mall.

On the second day the students went to the Ford Theatre, the Museum of Natural History and the Jefferson Memorial. They also toured the Museum of the Bible.



From Mr. Jones

On one day, the 7th & 8th grade students, tired and hungry, were trying to pass the time and not really paying attention to most of the museum. With little time left to go through the last museum (which was the Museum of Art), they were passing through not really paying attention until they went to the landscape section. The 8th grade boys stared in awe as they took every detail into account big and small. At the end of the day Mr. Jones realized that even 8th grade boys can focus.



SENIOR TRIP TO COSTA RICA 3/19-3/22

by Alex Bauermeister(12th)

An Adventure in Costa Rica

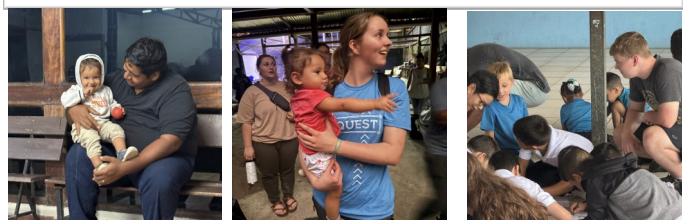
On Wednesday, March 19th, The senior class left from the airport on a flight to Costa Rica for a weekly missions trip. We arrived in San Jose that night and then drove to the Vida Net Base in the mountains.



We stayed there for a couple of days to prepare for outreach to a Church called La Vina Siquirres. After spending those first two days in worship and prayer, we drove two hours to the church where we helped work construction to build a bathroom and clear some ground.

During the weekend, we attended the church service there and were able to worship and socialize with the local people. We later played soccer with the locals and walked around the town to explore the vastly different culture, where we evangelized door to door, prayed for them, and invited them to church. On our last day at the church, we went to an elementary school where some of the seniors acted out the story of the feeding of the 5,000 in the Bible. We got to talk and hang out with the children even though there was somewhat of a language barrier. After three days of working, we got to go white water rafting together. Senior, Aaron Humphries noted, "We got really wet but had lots of fun."

Overall, this trip was a great experience for all of us. It was filled with beautiful views of vast mountains. It was filled with rich culture with kind people. Being able to see how God is working in different parts of the world was really amazing.



Sixth Grade Travels Back to The Ark

by Mia Pierce (12th)

On Thursday, March 20th, the sixth grade accompanied by Miss Ferguson went to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky. The sixth grade class had the opportunity to go through the recreated ark and see what life would have been like for Noah and his family during that time. Some of their favorite parts included seeing the animals, playing on the playgrounds, and learning more about the experience on the ark. The class also unanimously agreed that the Ark Encounter was a fun experience and recommend that everyone should go see it.



Fifth Grade to COSI 4/01

by Aaron Humphries (12th)

On the first day of April the fifth grade class took a trip to COSI (Center of Science and Industry) in downtown Columbus on the bank of the Scioto River. Students spent the day learning more about the world around them and interacting with different hands on exhibits.



Student Remarks

Shiloh — “I really liked the progress exhibit.”

Liam — “It was good to have time with friends. The quiet room was one of my favorites.”

Charli — “COSI was fun, especially watching the rats play basketball.”

Aria — “The part I enjoyed the most was the people I shared it with.”

Dani — “I liked the ocean exhibit because it smelled like vacation.”

Students of the Month



Margo M.

**Secondary Student
of
the Month**

Junior, Margo M., was nominated as the 6th-12th Student of the Month for April.

Margo is friendly, creative, and empathetic. She is a student-teacher's aide for Mrs. Groh's sixth period art class. Several of the students in that class nominated Margo saying they love seeing her in their art class. They describe her as "very selfless and kind," and said that "she is super nice."

Congratulations, Margo! You help to make Shekinah a better place.



Paighton C.

**Elementary Student
of
the Month**

We nominated Paighton C. as the K-5th Student of the Month for April. Paighton is in the 3rd grade and was nominated because "she tries hard to always be kind and to see others' point of view." She also "has been respectful to authority" and "is simply a nice person to be with."

Congratulations, Paighton, on being nominated as the Elementary Student of the Month!

STUDENT VALUES

**Responsibility, Kindness, Excellence,
Respect, Persistence, Integrity, Team
Player, Empathy, and Commitment**

The School Publications Class wants to recognize these values each month. Students can drop their nominations (one from K-5th and one from 6th-12th) into the blue bucket in the cafeteria. Besides naming a person, students need to write why they are nominating that person. Don't forget to sign your name in case

Alumni News and Notes

Births:

Luke '12 and Mary (Sowers) **Shetler**;
Lucy Joan born March 31, 2025;
second child, first daughter.

Seth '12 and Laurie (Inkrott) **Spires**;
Lainey Michelle born April 6, 2025;
third child, second daughter.

Jonathan '12 and Morgan (Kline) **Roby**;
Kennedy Paige born April 19, 2025;
third child, third daughter.

Marriage:

Savannah Kilzer '19 married Derek
Kutrubs April 5, 2025.

Attention Alumni !!

We want to hear from you. Send updates about your lives to lshetler@shekinahchristian.org. Tell us about births, marriages, promotions, new jobs, ministry opportunities, and anything else you'd like to share.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, we would love to send it to you through email. We would like to save funds on postage and printing.

Help us to keep our database up-to-date by letting us know if you have a change of address or email address. Thank you for staying in touch!

Mark your calendars.....

April

18-21—NO SCHOOL Easter Break
22-25—MAP Testing
25-27—Rosedale Choral Festival—HS Choir

May

1—Night of Fine Arts 6:30
9—Jr/Sr Banquet
12—Shekinah Vision Meeting
15-16, 19—Final Exams
20—Field Day 12:30 Dismissal
21—Awards Day 12:30 Dismissal
22— NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service
23—NO SCHOOL Graduation 7:00 pm

The Student Activity Booster Club would like to thank our Sponsors for their generous support!

GOLD

Clean Cars Ohio, Country Closet
IT made REAL, Jessica Photography
Miller Cabinet Co., Mill West Amish Furniture
P.C. Animal Hospital, P.C. Village Market
Red 1 Realty, R & T Yoder Electric,
TL Builders, WJ Plumbing & Heating
Yutzy's Farm Market

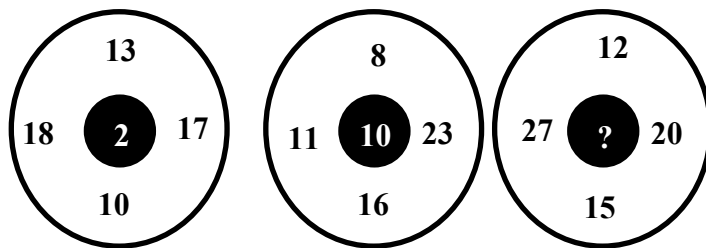
SILVER

Cooley Custom Cabinet, Integrity Door Sales
Lyon & Sons Body Shop, Purdy Farms
Rosedale Bible College, Smiles to Love

BRONZE

Yutzy Pastures

March Challenge Winner



What number replaces the question mark? Congratulations to Hannah Yutzy who gave the correct answer of "10" and won the drawing for a \$10 gift card to The Red Hen.

April Challenge



The picture is a little fuzzy, but is it clear to you which staff person this might be? Send your correct answer to 614-873-3143 to enter a drawing for a free 2024 yearbook.

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