

The Flame

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There is no better friend then snow.
Who paints the ground with a steady blow.
She gives us fun and snowball fights.
And sparkles modestly under the bright light.
She blankets earth under snow and ice .
Oh how I miss the snow so nice.

by David Gingerich (10th)



by Emma McDowell (12th) & Mia Pierce (12th)

NEW YEAR, NEW FACES

by Alex Bauermeister (12th) & Aaron Humphries (12th)

A new year brings new opportunities to serve in our very own communities. Shekinah is excited to welcome two new board members. Shekinah is owned and operated as a ministry of Shiloh Mennonite Church. The Shiloh Church Leadership Team appoints and/or approves six members of the board of operations to serve. The senior pastor from Shiloh (or his designee who is currently Zach Miller) attends board meetings regularly and serves as a liaison between the church and school. The new members, Jordan Beachy and Donna Masula join



JORDAN BEACHY

current members of the board: board chairman, Jonathan Purdy, Steve Cooley, Heidi De Telder and Jeremy Miller.

Each member serves three years in a single term, and has the opportunity to serve two consecutive terms. Outgoing board members are Arlyn Helmuth and Michaela Loveday. Thank you former and current board members for all of your efforts and commitment to make Shekinah such a wonderful place to learn and work!



DONNA MASULA

Why did you decide to join the board?

“I decided to join for a couple of reasons. Both of my daughters attend Shekinah, and I believe in the mission of Shekinah and the value of a Christian education to help our students learn and grow....I am looking forward to what God has planned for our school and community in the coming years, and this is one way to be a part of that.”

What are some important things you want everyone to know about yourself?

“I graduated in ‘05, where I also met my wife, Katelyn. We have two daughters, Sophia and Quinn, who attend Shekinah. In my spare time, I enjoy woodworking, reading, and spending time in nature.”

What verse would you like to share that has been on your heart?

“There isn’t one specific verse, but lately God has put on my heart the importance of allowing the Holy Spirit to work both in, and through us....The Lord has a plan for Shekinah, and we need to trust and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to bring about that plan.”

Why did you decide to join the board?

“I was actually quite surprised to be asked to join the board since this is only the third year that my family has been connected to Shekinah. I decided to join because I thought that it was an opportunity God wanted me to take.”

What are some important things you want everyone to know about yourself?

“The past 27 years I have been fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom. I had no intention of this including 20 years of homeschooling our six children....Now that our youngest [daughters], Margo & Lydia, are here at SCS, I’ve enjoyed the opportunities this new phase of my life has brought.” One fun fact about Mrs. Masula is that she left her wedding in a hot air balloon.

What verse would you like to share that has been on your heart?

Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you (Psalm 116:7).

PURSuing JESUS WHOLEHEARTEDLY

by Max Kilzer (12th) & Jacob Newman (12th)

January 15— Mr. Nicholas Kallis

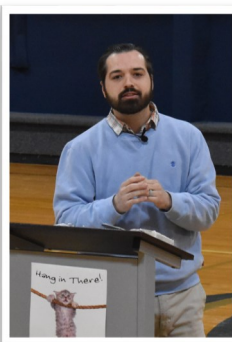
Mr. Kallis, Shekinah's Bible teacher, spoke to and encouraged the Shekinah student body at the January 15th chapel. He started by asking the students to turn to James 4. He pointed out the context of the passage, which is given earlier in James at the end of Chapter One where James speaks of three aspects of true faith. One of these aspects is to avoid being polluted by the world, and this is the aspect James touches on in Chapter 4. After placing the passage in context, Mr. Kallis read the first few verses of James 4, the rebuke. Here, James identified the origin of conflict within the people to whom he was writing. He told them it is their sinful nature and the sin within them causing their conflict. Their pride and selfishness were driving their quarrels. In verse 4, where as Mr. Kallis pointed out, the rebuke gets interesting. James called the



people adulteresses. James here, however, was not referring to the people's physical or mental adultery within themselves, but a spiritual adultery against God. James, like some other Biblical authors, compares our relationship with God to the most intimate, deep, and close human relationship, marriage. He

told his audience they were committing spiritual adultery by not being wholly faithful to their spouse, God. Mr. Kallis read on and pointed out another intriguing detail. Verse 5, in reference to another scripture, describes God as jealous. Although, this jealousy is unlike our human sinful jealousy which is driven by selfishness and pride. God is perfect; His jealousy is sinless and stems from His right desire to glorify Himself through the affections of his people, as well as the deep love and care He has for them. In the analogy of marriage, God is rightfully jealous for the affections and faithfulness of His wife, the church.

Mr Kallis reminded us that just as a husband and wife belong to one another, we belong fully to Christ. In times of temptation, when we are tempted to adhere to the world and share in its affections, we should remember we've been purchased with the blood of Christ, and we wholly belong to Him. This should cause us to be grateful and drive us to follow Christ wholeheartedly. When our faithfulness fails, God's does not. His mercy and grace abound, comforting us in times of despair, helping us in times of temptation, and encouraging us to live on and sin no more.



OUR FAMILY'S CALL

January 15— Liam Luttrull

This week, after a student-led worship session. Liam Luttrull shared a presentation to his fellow students in elementary chapel about his experiences in Africa as a missionary along side his family. After mentioning interesting facts about living the African life including Fazenda Senga, safaris, and interesting economics, Liam talked about difficult trials he faced in African life. He talked about how going to a new school with a new language without his parents caused him to struggle. Then, Liam talked about some of the many missionary activities that his family did, some of which included his mom's Bible study, his dad's pastor and church leadership and training in Brundi, Gisenyi, Tanzania as well as teaching seminary courses at the Africa College of Theology, and Liam's helping his family with food distribution. Moreover, Liam saw God work in Africa through their ministry in many ways. This included how t



people came to Christ and how churches were started. Finally, he finished his talk by showing his peers how to support ongoing ministries here and overseas; Tell others about the gospel, invite them to church, and pray for ministries and missionaries.

COLOR POEMS FROM ENGLISH I

Pink

Pink is the color of cotton candy at the fair
Pink is bubble gum in a little girl's hair
Pink is shy when you see your crush
Pink is when you want to wear blush
Pink is embarrassed when you have a tear
Pink is Mrs. Schradars jacket
Pink is the homework packets
Pink is a cold nose
Pink is graceful flamingos
Pink is a new tennis racket
Pink is Valentines Day
Pink is pigs in the hay
Pink is my pencil
Pink is party tinsel
Pink is the balloons on your birthday
Pink is the color of raw meat
Pink is the color when you feel heat
Pink is the bitterness of grapefruit
Pink is shiny, sparkly cowgirl boots
Pink is the color I'd like to meet
by Chloe Groff (9th)



Red is a color that can be described in many ways
You could talk about it for nearly three days.
Red is the color of a committed sin
That you feel deep within your skin.
But God doesn't pay attention to that
He looks where the good things are at.
Red is the color of a bowl of cherries
Which sometimes can be mistaken for cranberries.
Red is the color of a beautiful rose
That pleases the scent in your nose.
Red is the color of a great burning fire
That shows all the things you desire.
Red is the color that shows passionate love
That we are shown from above.
Red is the color of a big lobster
Some view them as an awful monster.
Red is the color of anger that you feel strongly
When you feel you were done wrongly.
Jesus sacrificed himself by hanging on a tree.
Red is the color of blood which he shed for me.
by Aiden Nofziger (9th)



White

White is a bright and magical snow day
Children go out and laugh as they play.
White is the color of large fluffy clouds
Towering above the whole town it enshrouds.
White is a glowering fragile lily
Joyful and happy to all that may see.
White is a wedding dress sparkling and bright
Seeing the bride, a beautiful sight.
White is the color of purity so dear
Only by Christ's blood He shed so sincere.
White does so truly make beautiful pictures
Just like God's love he declares through his scriptures.
by Rachel Eichorn (10th)

Purple is the color of a calm soothing night
Purple is the thing that brings peace and not fright
There are many things that purple could be
Purple is the color of royalty
Bruises are purple, yet purple is calm
Purple is the universe in the center of gods palm
Purple is the color of a little girl's toy
Purple is the color of happiness and joy
Purple is the color that hides the depths of space
Yet always manages to put a smile on my face
Mix blue and red together to get
The bestest of colors everyone has met
You see it at home, you see it in the car
You even see purple when traveling afar
Purple is the joy you feel when you get
A one hundred on a test you didn't study for yet
Purple is proper, purple is clean
You can almost see purple in everything
Purple is loyal, purple's devout
Purple is what I wrote a poem about.
by Judah Miller (9th)

ONOMATOPOEIA & PERSONIFICATION

White is the color of when snow first falls
signaling dancing down the halls
White is the color of brand new shoes
when they get dirty you'll stand and accuse
White is the color of turning pale
looking on a test and seeing a fail
White is the color of paper
it's also the color of a brand new scraper
White is the color of Christmas lights
on a Christmas tree shiny and bright
White is the color of sharp hail
it's also the color of a bride's wedding veil
White is the color of ice cubes clinking
disappearing in water without you blinking
White is the taste of rich vanilla ice cream
eating on a summer day feeling like a daydream
White is the color of a fluffy marshmallow
White is the blossoming flowers in a meadow
White is the color of clouds in the sky
peering up you see them pass by and by
by Bristol Kramer (10th)

The peaceful pumpkin



The peaceful pumpkin sat on the porch
Glowing from within like an old Victorian torch
He sat there quietly all night and day
Had a carved out mouth but nothing to say
He must have been sad that no one had seen
His bright happy smile that glowed like a beam
by Leah Newman (9th)

The livid lively lightning
Awakes me from my sleep.
I hear cracks booms and crashing,
As from my bed I leap.
I shiver, shake and shrink.
KABOOM, the angry thunder screams,
Drowning the chance for me to think
And killing all my happy dreams
by Lydia Masula (10th)

BOOM! Went the bullet into the buck
Ew went the children looking at the guts
Shing shing shing went the blade skinning
the deer
Plop Plop Plop went the meat fallen in the
cooler
Ooow went the dad cooking the meat
This is something I should eat
by Gideon Lyon (9th)

Corn stalks

The corn stalks stand in such a way,
That when the wind comes out to play,
They push and shove each other down,
That their noise begins to drown
All the creatures out around.
by Hannah Yutzy

The Waterfall

The raging water ran down the stream.
He thought the rocks were really quite mean.
Through twists and turns he stumbles ahead.
The confident water continued to tread.
Then, he fell off of the beautiful stream
And continued to slide down the long ravine.

by Eleyna Beachy (10th)

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 we need to ask for more details.



Kenna S.
Secondary Student

Seventh grader, Kenna S., was nominated as the January Student of the Month in grades 6th-12th.

Her classmates say Kenna is kind, funny and helpful. Kenna is persistent and doesn't give up in adversity. An example of this is when she broke her wrist in basketball practice recently. She is not a complainer. Congratulations, Kenna! You have a great attitude!



Jakob C.
Elementary Student of the Month

Fourth grade student, Jakob C., was nominated as the January Student of the Month in grades K-5th.

Jakob was nominated because it is obvious that he loves Jesus by the way he interacts with others. He is respectful to everyone and is sensitive when others are hurting. He is not afraid to stand up for what is right. He always comes to school with a smile on his face and has a positive attitude. He is also teachable and wants to learn.

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

Second Quarter Honor Roll

1st-12th

A Honor Roll

Zebulon A., Alex B., Eleya B., Ember B., Reagan B. Reddington B., Tanner B., Quinn B., Ava B., Maci C. Gaetano C., Gino C., Paighton C., Abigail D. Isaiah D. Rachel E., Grace F., Anna G., Benjamin G., David G. Drew H., Austin H., Chloe H., Grayson H., Ellie Hi. Olivia H., Quinn K., Max K., Judah K., Cade L., Jude L. Liam L., Emma M., Carter M., Josiah M., Ryker M. Jacob N., Shauna N., Ava O., Jacoby O., Mia P. Quintin P., Owen R., AnaSophia S., Isaac S., Hannah S. Lydia S., Tabitha S., Samuel S., Beau S., Mira S. Darlene S., Noah W. Chase Y., William Y., Anderson Y. Finley Sm., Finley Sp. Noelia W., Cassidy W., Jayce Y. Kalleigh Y., Hannah Y.

Merit Honor Roll

Joshua A., Haylee B., Sophia B. Trevor B., Aria B. William B., Jaxon C., Joshua C., Tatum C., Lindsey C. Brody C., Jakob C., Kade C., Hadassa D. Kenneth D. Jaden D., Zachary D., Raphael D., Brayden D., Noah D. Cecilia E., Rebecca E., Malina F., Rebecca G., Chloe G. Liam H., Drew H., Eli H., Ila H., Zane H., Ethan H. Hope H., Ellie Ho., Lillian H., Brantley H., Aaron H. Ariel I., Zander K., Elaina K., Maggie L., Lydia M. Andrew M., Camden M., David M., Elise M., Judah M. Michael M., Hope M., Maverick P., Brody P., Brody S. Kade S., Morgan S., Gwen S., Leah N., Logan N. Dominick N., Sophia N., Chelby O., Noah P., Brody P. Peyton P., Emmersyn S., Kenna S., Harper S., Selah S. Sianna T., Laina T., Maci T., Kailyn T., Mathias V-C. Nancy Y., Eliana W., Natalie W., Preston Y., Elijah Y.

In order to qualify for Honor Roll students must have all "A's" for A Honor Roll and nothing below a "B" for Merit Honor Roll. This quarter, 69% of the 1st-12th grade students were on Honor Roll (32% on A Honor Roll and 37% on Merit Honor Roll).

Mulletts' Mexico Missions Trip

by Elijah Yutzy (12th) & Isaac Showalter (12th)



From December 25th to January 2nd, senior Grace Mullett, and her family had the opportunity to go on a missions trip to Mexico through an organization called, "Equipping the Saints International."

The Mulletts were originally invited by a family friend, Sheila, and jumped on the invitation to go down and help Sheila minister. While in Mexico, Grace and her family taught local children about the scriptures, led knitting classes for anyone who was interested, and spent time dispersing food and drink to those waiting outside a hospital to see their families.

Grace said that while she was there, she learned more Spanish than she had originally expected. She also said that she gained a greater understanding about Mexico's Christmas and New Year's traditions, and how they differ from those back in the US. She stated that Mexican culture is beautiful, and that the people were some of the kindest she has ever met.

Finally, Grace stated that this was an experience she would recommend to anyone. Going to a different country or even just a different part of the U.S to minister while also interacting with a different culture helps give us a more complete view of the world.



In Memory of a 2005 Shekinah Alumnus

**Alan (May 21, 1986-January 3, 2025) was a Shekinah graduate who was loved by his teachers and had many interesting hobbies like learning about cars and playing various computer games. Alan was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy which is a disease that weakens the muscles rapidly over time. Thankfully, Alan never complained about having the disease, and he was able to enjoy life with his family. The obituary below was written by his father, Bob Schauer. *Note by Joseph Henson (12th)*

Alan Bradford Schauer went home to meet Christ on Friday January 3, 2025, in the late evening. A visitation was held on Thursday, January 9th, 2025 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Shiloh Mennonite Church. A funeral service took place on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 10 AM, also at the church.

Alan was a special soul. He never complained about his medical issues stemming from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Instead, he enjoyed his life talking with family and friends as well as keeping busy with reading news, learning about cars, playing various computer games. He has been a wonderful example of seeking after kindness and living a good and Godly life. The words, "Why me, God?" never left his lips!

Alan left behind his immediate family: Anita (mom), Bob (dad), brothers Brad and Kerry, sister-in-law Kaylan (Brad's wife), and their two children Nolan (4) and Nia (6 mo.). He has an extended family that has greatly enjoyed his conversations, interests and his enduring spirit.

He was a member of Shiloh Mennonite Church in London, Ohio, where he/we have attended for many years now. He was laid to rest at Shiloh.

Throughout his walk in this life he taught us all by his example and his deep love for family. He will be greatly missed and we look forward to seeing him again for eternity where he is now free from the shackles of physical chains. Anita and I (Bob) have been blessed to be his caregivers all these 38+ years. He has been a son and a trusted friend in our walk with him.

Blessings and encouragement to all who read this.

Alumni News and Notes

Birth:

Scott and Brooke (Shrock) Swartzentruber '09; Madelyn Hope born January 12, 2025; first child, first daughter.

Marriage: Jonathan Troyer '97 married Jackilynn Hall. January 4, 2025.

Mark your calendars.....

January

20—No SCHOOL MLK Day

30-31—MAP Testing

February

6—12:30 Dismissal ACSI PD

7—No SCHOOL PT Conferences

12—Pastors' Appreciation Breakfast

17—No SCHOOL Presidents' Day

January Challenge

Which number continues this sequence?

252 124 60 28 12 ?

Answer this challenge correctly to enter a drawing for a \$10 Chick-Fil-A gift card. Text or call your answer to 614-873-3143.

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Phil Hill - 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

December Challenge Winner

Nick has a box of ornaments he uses to decorate his tree each year. All of them are blue, except for six. All of them are green, except for six and all of them are red except for six. How many of each color does Nick have? The answer is **three** of each. Thank you to everyone who answered this challenge and congratulations to Jacob Newman for winning the drawing for a free value card.

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