



Students watched President Donald Trump speak at the Values Voter Summit last week. Photo courtesy Abi Carter

Trump, Bachman, & Secret Service

| by Carrie Durning |

PHC sophomores Abigail Carter and Emil Meintjes and senior Sequoia Leines attended the Values Voter Summit in D.C. over the October break, where they saw President Trump speak, heard Michele Bachmann give the gospel message, and learned to not attempt small talk with a Secret Service agent.

The VVS took place at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 13-15. Other speakers included Rep. Mark Meadows, Tony Perkins, and many others.

The VVS, which promotes traditional marriage, religious liberty, and limited government, is a high-profile event in conservative circles.

"I was most looking forward to seeing Michele Bachmann speak, and she did not disappoint," said Carter. "She's kind and gracious, and her focus is to promote Christianity wherever she goes." Bachman shared the gospel message for 20 minutes at the summit, saying, "There are cameras, there are

listeners, there are 3,000 in the audience, I'll just share the gospel."

"She could have talked about herself, she could have talked about politics, but she chose the gospel over everything," said Meintjes.

Following Bachmann's speech, Carter, Leines, and Meintjes were able to meet and take photos with her. She ignored the growing line of admirers, her personal aid's beckoning, and the tugs of the Secret Service to talk with them for 10 minutes.

"We thanked her for sharing the gospel and talked about Patrick Henry College, and she mentioned how she's spoken at PHC before," said Carter. "When we mentioned we were from PHC, Bachmann said, 'I love that school, keep doing what you're doing. And please, in every part of your life, take the opportunity to share the gospel.'"

Carter, Leines, and Meintjes were also able

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Welcome to America and to PHC!

| by Marjorie Pratt |

President Jack Hays has high hopes that PHC will soon start accepting international students after his meeting with the Department of Homeland Security earlier this month. The college submitted the application over the summer along with drafts of terms and policies. Hays expects an answer by the end of 2017 and hopes to see foreign students on campus in fall of 2018.

The school has not sought government approval to accept foreign students until now because of the number of accommodations students from other countries would need, Hays said. From language proficiency tests to visas to places to stay over breaks, the school had to make many

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PHC Students Attend Values Voters Summit

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to see President Trump speak.

President Trump made a promise at the VVS of 2016 during his presidential campaign that if he were to become president, he would return to the VVS of 2017 and speak once again. Upholding his promise, President Trump spoke of the goals of the VVS, how much has changed since his last appearance at the VVS and thanked the attendees for their support.

"I was curious to hear President Trump speak in person. I constantly hear so many people criticize him for so many things," said Meintjes. "To actually hear him speak in person and view his mannerisms- to see and hear him in context, rather than hear little snippets of his speeches on talk shows- it was an opportunity I will never forget."

Another big moment for Meintjes

was when he was sure president Trump made eye contact with him while he was filming.

Meintjes was also teased about how kind and outgoing he was during the conference - outgoing enough to attempt a conversation with Bachman's Secret Service agent.

"Pro tip from me. Don't try and make small talk with the Secret Service," Meintjes said after explaining he had gotten no acknowledgment from the agent whatsoever,

"This was definitely an opportunity that I will never forget," said Leines. "I especially will never forget hearing, 'Please welcome the President of the United States' and seeing President Trump walk on stage because it reminded me that people are literally just people. You could be the most important



Meintjes, Carter, and Leines with Bachmann person in the world, but you're still just that: a person." 📷

Blizzard Hosts His First Sentinels Tryouts

| by Rachel Grove |

Twenty PHC men tied up their sneakers and took to the court to fight for a spot on the Sentinels basketball team last Wednesday night. Jeffery Blizzard, the Sentinel's new coach, saw promise in the players as he watched the hopefuls split off into four teams and began a series of scrimmage games.

The second day of tryouts will be held this Monday. Seth Shepard, two year veteran of the team, has high hopes for this season: "I'm really excited about it. I think we have a good shot at improving."

As the tryouts continued, the squeak of shoes on the hardwood floor, the drum of basketballs, and the smell of sweat filled the gym. Halfway through the tryouts, Blizzard and his son pulled on red jerseys and joined in, enjoying the camaraderie shared by the players.

"They all get along," said Blizzard. After coaching many public school teams, he noticed that the PHC players

seemed different from his other players. For instance, the players at tryouts displayed honesty by being the first to admit when a ball went out of bounds. Blizzard saw potential, teamwork, and sportsmanship on the court by all players. "I feel really bad, I don't want to cut anyone," said Blizzard.

"[Coach Blizzard] said our goal this year is to make a lot of the games we lost by 30 or 40 points competitive games," said Ethan Chapman, a freshman who played basketball throughout high school.

"Thirty or 40 points might seem like a lot, but really 30 points is just 15 shots," said Chapman. "So if we can close the gap on some of those closer games then I think this season is more of what you might call a building year."

Only time will tell how the season shapes up, but the outlook is good and Blizzard is pleased with the skill level that presented itself at the tryouts.



Photographer Rachel Grove

Come November 1st, the first official day of practice, PHC will see their new 14th fall season basketball team. 📷



Should You Even Go To College?

| by Vienna Jacobson |

Do you need to go to college? Is college even that important? This week high school students are visiting Patrick Henry College to decide if they are going to attend here, or even attend college at all.

"[When I was] a CEO, I was always thinking do I want the guy with the masters in marketing or the one who has done it for six years? The answer was always the one who had done it for six years," said Dale Partridge, an entrepreneur, speaker, and former CEO and founder of an "ethical brand" company, Sevenly. Partridge firmly believes that unless it is necessary to participate in your field of choice (e.g., the medical profession), young people shouldn't go to college.

Partridge himself did not attend college and has started and sold several successful businesses. Now, however, with a shift in focus towards ministry, he plans on pursuing higher education in a seminary setting.

With a significant portion of the students graduating from college with debt, Partridge also argues that going into debt is never God's will. "Can you say it's God's will [to go to college] if it causes you to do something God

hates?" said Partridge.

"Skepticism about college seems rather warranted. Lots of people are very successful and intelligent without doing a day of college. Colleges constitute a huge burden on the resources of the nation. Student debt is at an astronomical, and some would say epidemic high," said Dr. Douglas Favelo, associate professor of history at PHC.

Favelo sees these problems more as a movement away from how college has changed ideologically and less to do with college being the problem. "When we get a true CLA [education] we are not simply developing a single skill to perform for wages; we are developing ourselves to appreciate God and His created order better," said Favelo.

Howard Schmidt, executive vice president of Patrick Henry College, says that college is extremely important, but not absolutely necessary. Schmidt holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio State University and an MBA from Millsaps College.

"[Can] you live a good life, glorify God and start your own company without a college degree or advanced education? Absolutely. The question that is hard to answer is, 'Are you living up to your full

potential without any additional education?'" said Schmidt.

Favelo, who is entering his 20th year teaching agrees with Schmidt. "I could not obey God without higher learning. Others, whom God has not called to higher learning, would not have the same vocation, and thus burden."

Schmidt's 35 years of experience, 20 of which were spent in an executive leadership position, have taught him that a degree is very important when in executive leadership positions. "What I saw was very few executives that did not have a master's degree running these organizations and in fact, saw no one who was an executive without any degree."

"A rigorous college education offers you breadth and capacity beyond a trades school education, preparing you for many directions in life," said Schmidt. Schmidt's father was a self-taught architect without a degree, and while he was very knowledgeable in certain areas, Schmidt feels that his education allowed him more freedom to explore many areas, both domestically and internationally, in his work than his father.

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Schmidt sees PHC graduates doing very well in the business world as long as they continue to follow God and his plan for their lives. "Education and continuous learning is an important key as the world of business is a competitive

world," said Schmidt.

So, should you go to college? The answer is more complicated than a simple, "yes," but here at PHC, it is hoped that you find a passion for learning and that you glorify God in all your ways.

"The telos of a CLA [education] is to

glorify God. That is, indeed, our telos, any development of ourselves is done to that end. A CLA [education] is about the dilemma of the ages: how to understand an infinite God, or even "just" his extraordinarily complex created world," said Favelo. ■

PHC Hopes to Welcome International Students

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big decisions.

Current PHC student Shiyi Zhang, who was born and raised in China until her family immigrated to the U.S. when she was 18, explains that the two years she spent in America before starting school made a big difference. She had originally wanted to start PHC immediately after moving to the U.S. in 2013, but decided to stay in Minnesota with her parents until she was better accustomed to American culture. Though she could already speak English fluently, she learned very valuable things in those two years. Most notably, she learned to drive, and she learned how the American healthcare system works.

Zhang explains that, even with her two years in America, she still feels lost or excluded in certain situations. Class discussions are sometimes difficult, and because she did not grow up in the States, she does not know many of the games and movies American children grew up with.

The college has made sure to create a rigorous language proficiency test that will help make sure students understand the subject matter in their classes, but Zhang believes that outside of class, it will be up to fellow students to make sure everyone feels welcome.

Zhang says that the foreign students will likely tend to form cliques if they feel like an "other," that is, do not feel accepted into campus culture. To combat excluding foreign students, the American students simply need to be willing to reach out. "I appreciate it when people try to include me," said Zhang. "It is



PHC's Student body on this year's Faith and Reason day. Photographer: Christine McDonald

helpful when someone is willing to explain parts of a situation to me, so I am not left out."

Haye foresees many positives of accepting foreign students, including the diversity it will bring to the school. Most of the current student body is made up of homeschooled, white, middle-class Americans. "People are bound from different cultures with diverse experiences, especially with the members of the body of Christ from around the world. I

think it can add a richness to our experience at Patrick Henry," said Haye.

Accepting foreign students may give PHC more name recognition in the US as well as outside the US. If foreign students go back to their home countries after graduation, it will spread PHC to edges of the world that were not possible before.

With reporting by Becca Samelson. ■



| by Becca Samelson |

As October break came to a close, I left my house to go to chapel on Monday morning. Feeling the brisk wind against my face and seeing puffs of steam drift away from my breath I realized: fall had come. After a weekend of cuddling in a blanket surrounded by almost a dozen fall-scented candles, the autumn weather had caught up with the calendar. I smiled as I walked to my car, fondly remembering my father's patient instruction as I butchered a jack-o-lantern, my sore throat from cheering at Auburn football games, my pastor's face as we knocked him into a dunk tank at our Reformation Party, and the taste of my mom's Chex-mix and pumpkin seeds. I stepped into my car, closed the door, and looked at the windshield covered in leaves.

Leaves seem to define autumn. Try to find a fall image without any red, orange, yellow, or brown leaves sneaking into the frame. Even autumn's more common nickname is named after the death of leaves: how they fall from trees.

It's ironic, isn't it? The beauty of leaves defines much of fall's season. The tree's extensions slowly transform into a beautiful tapestry that frames the mountainsides of Virginia, creating a beautiful picture for a drive down VA-7. Families play backyard football on a lawn topped with leaves. Kids rake the leaves off the yard only to undo their hard work by jumping into the pile they have created. There's this incredible amount of beauty in thousands of de-

caying remains of leaves.

Wow, I must be more morbid than I realized, I thought as I walked into my Physics class only to hear the following words:

"The midterm will be on Thursday."

Suddenly I realized why I felt a bit morbid. But the more I thought about the deathly autumn weather, the more I realized how much this week is like a tree during fall.

For most people, this week has been crazy. There's the moot court intramural tournament, Freedoms midterm, a timed Physics test, and countless other papers, assignments, quizzes, and tests. If you look around, you can probably tell that we all feel like we're dying a bit. Summer's sun seems long-forgotten as the midterm season has caused our hope to decay.

It's easy to look at this season and only see the stressful tests, painful papers, and sleepless nights. We view midterms as though we are the leaves: dying, falling, and waiting to be stepped upon by someone bigger than us, i.e., our professors' grading. When we focus on the worst parts of college, everything will seem a lot more hopeless and a lot less beautiful.

But isn't this one of the best parts of college? I thought as I walked out of the library Tuesday night to see a group of friends studying – and struggling to survive – together. The girls stopped me; "Can you tell us a story about midterms?" the sophomore asked me, as

though my senior-status somehow gave me the wisdom to help them. My mind started racing, remembering my previous six midterm seasons. I couldn't remember how I felt when taking exams. I didn't feel overwhelmed while recalling paper-writing. My mind didn't tell me of things that reminded me of a decaying leaf.

Instead, I remembered the tapestry of fall colors: the late-night dance parties to push the stress away; students coming together to bring me chocolate, coffee, and pictures of puppies; late night review sessions in the dorm hallway; laughing about a video of a "dog of wisdom" until 3 a.m. Midterms are incredibly stressful. I'm looking forward to only having one season of midterms left. But what feels like death becomes a tapestry of color with the right perspective.

Sure, tests can make you feel insane, and papers and assignments might create a suffocating pile. However, when you graduate, you're not going to remember what tests you studied for. You're going to remember the late night D4 rap-battles; the games of League you played; the days you watched *Mean Girls* or *Come What May* to laugh away the pain; the pizzas you shared with your friends, or the times people brought you treats to encourage you as you study. Yes, right now, we all are dying. But in doing so, we're creating the memories that we're going to cherish once we're gone. 🍂



Photo courtesy Rachel Hankinson

Freshmen Stun Upperclassmen with HoCo Win

| by Gabriel Ganage |

Homecoming has come and gone, but its memories have left a lasting impression on the minds of the students of Patrick Henry College.

The homecoming festivities ran the first week of October, providing students with numerous social and recreational activities. The week's end revealed a thrilling win for the freshman with the sophomores close behind.

"In the end, the freshmen simply outperformed the sophomores. They were excited, passionate, and enthusiastic about homecoming and it showed in their participation," said senior and Homecoming committee chair, Danielle Fife.

What students were left to come away with was an object lesson in teamwork that applies to more than just sports and education; it applies to life. Homecoming was about togetherness

and cooperation. To succeed, each class needed to be skilled but most importantly unified. When it came down to it, the freshman had the teamwork and talent required to win.

"Our costumes were dope," said freshman Ben Appleton. "We as a class possess the wisdom of Gandalf, the physical prowess of Tom Brady, and the overall swagger of Adam Levine."

However, the freshman's victory was not clear at first, even as homecoming came to a close. Many students admitted to expecting the sophomores to take home the prize and the sophomore class was only a few thousand points from success.

"I was quite shocked that we actually won," freshman Leah Holdcraft said. "Also I was proud because we worked hard and I think we deserved the win."

The unity shown during homecom-

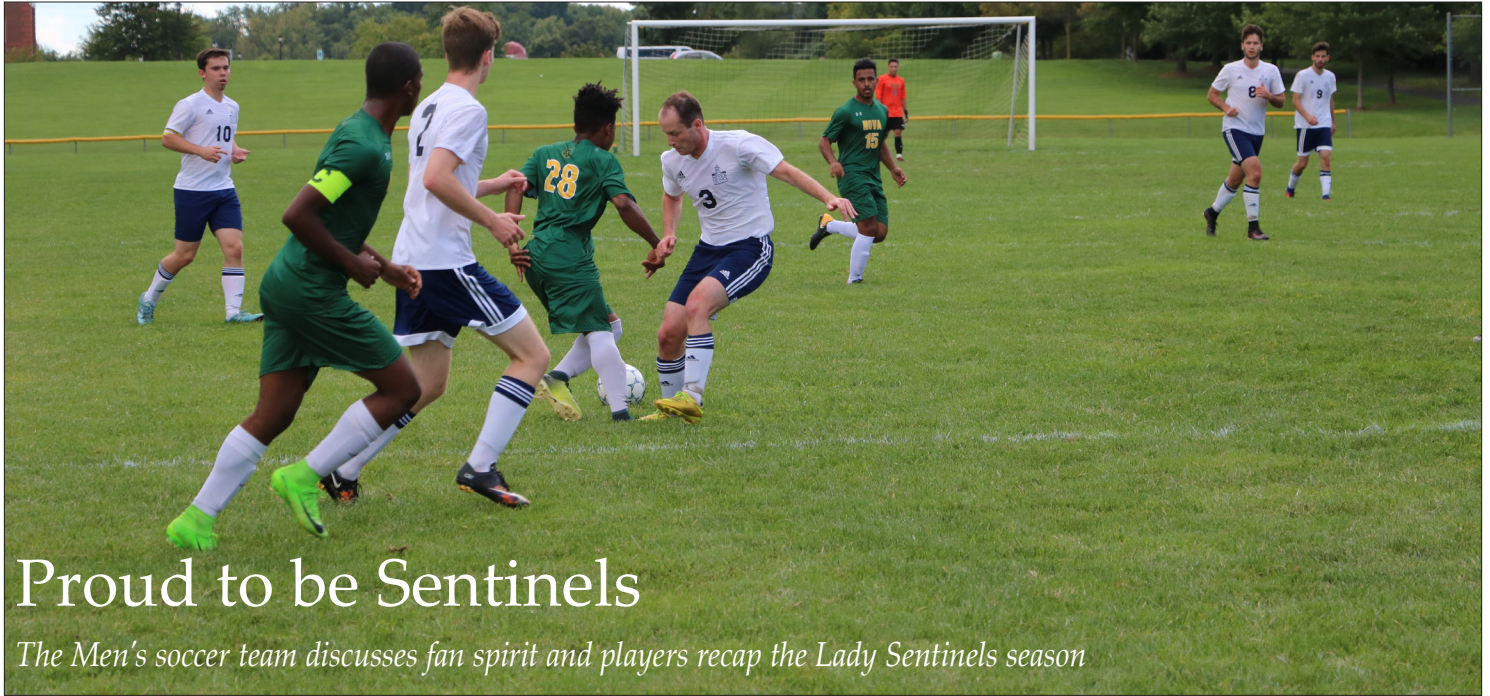
ing week was a synchronization of the minds of young people who all had the same interest at heart. Whether intentional or not, the individual accomplishments made by each class during homecoming week reflected a lesson of unity, teamwork, and strength that gives aid to all walks of life.

At college, many students struggle to find their place and their niche. This year's homecoming provided the opportunity for students to know people they could turn to when they needed help, guidance, or simply a lending hand. This is the glue that binds the PHC community together as the close-knit family it is.

"Homecoming represents more than just a competition to win a bunch of points and claim first place," said Holdcraft. "It's a time to unite PHC as a whole." 📸



Photographer: Christine McDonald



Proud to be Sentinels

The Men's soccer team discusses fan spirit and players recap the Lady Sentinels season

| by Kyle Ziemnick |

The referees blow the final whistle. On the sideline of the PHC soccer field, the crowd explodes into a standing ovation. But the home team hasn't won – instead, it's a tie.

The PHC men's Sentinels drew 1-1 with Potomac State College in an exhilarating game during Homecoming weekend and followed it up with a 9-2 victory over Mid-Atlantic Christian University (MACU) last Tuesday.

"After so many years of getting pummeled in front of fans, to show up and have a good game – have it be exciting – was relieving," said goalie Ben Purnell.

Before an abnormally large crowd, the Sentinels fought back and forth with Potomac State for 90 minutes of regulation and 20 minutes of overtime.

The visitors from West Virginia then won a corner kick in the last seconds of the game.

"Number 19 [of Potomac State] got his head on the ball and got a great header off," midfielder Micah Bock said. "Then Ben [Purnell] made a fantastic diving save."

"It's all a blur. I remember it hitting his head, and then I remember knocking the ball away from the goal. That's all I remember," said Purnell.

After the game, the 50-60 fans watching expressed their approval with a roar of applause. Throughout the overtime period, the crowd had been on its feet, cheering at every shot and tackle. Their energy affected not only the atmosphere but also the players.

"That's the biggest crowd I've seen at a PHC soccer game," said senior Jared Midwood. "For me, it was my favorite game that I played all year. That was an awesome experience."

The Sentinels could not carry the momentum of that draw into the first half of their next game. At halftime, they trailed MACU by a goal. PHC had already beaten them 10-0 earlier in the season at their home field in Elizabeth City, N.C.

"We went in with the mentality, 'Let's pad our stats.' We kind of got lethargic. Coach was mad; like, really mad," said Bock. "He told us it's the worst he'd ever seen us play. Going into the second half, there was a mindset change."

That mindset change led to eight un-





Photographer of all photos: Evie Fordham

answered goals from PHC, including two from their goalie. When the game was clearly in hand, Coach Derrick Max took Purnell out of goal and allowed him to play upfront. "It was a terrific feeling, being able to put a couple balls in the net. It was really satisfying, instead of always hating the sound of a ball hitting the back of the net," said Purnell.

After a poor start to the season, the Sentinels remain hopeful about the home stretch. They now have four games left in the 2017 season, three of which will be at home. They will play Regent University, a school based in Virginia Beach, twice, and then have one game each against Appalachian Bible College and Crown College.

"Best case scenario: we could defi-

nitely come away with four wins. But I'm expecting [to win at least] two out of the next four games," said Midwood.

With the season nearly over and a majority of the remaining games at home, many players hope other students will see the Homecoming game as an example of how entertaining their men's soccer team can be. Fan support means the world to them.

"We play better when they show up. It's just a fact. And it's very disheartening to play a game at home with five people watching," said Bock. "One of the things we have to grow is school spirit. And that starts by you deciding to not study for that hour and a half and instead support something because you love the school."

The women's soccer team got off to a rough start this season with barely enough players to fill the field during the first game. It never got any better, but despite constantly struggling to find enough players, the team saw the end of the season.

In their final game, played eight v. eight against Central Penn College, the Lady Sentinels only gave up three goals, a huge improvement from their earlier games. Their victory was making it through the season and becoming a better team because of it.

The team already has plans to keep up practice through the winter and start recruiting in the spring. They hope to come back next fall bigger and better. *With reporting by Marjorie Pratt*



From Teen Campers to Full-time Students

| by Kara Brown |

“She probably saved my life,” MK Collins said while describing her first Teen Camps counselor. “She just led me back to Jesus over and over again throughout the two weeks I was here.”

During a period filled with suicidal thoughts and depression, Collins found a safe place with counselors who loved her at PHC’s summer Teen Camps. The camps brought a message that no matter what she was going through, Jesus is bigger. It helped carry Collins through a grueling period of her life.

“It was a place where I could be loved on, which is not something I always experienced at home or in my speech and debate region,” said Collins.

Emily Roessler started her Teen Camps experience by hearing her dad say she was either going on a mission trip or to Teen Camps. As a private schooler, she was horrified at the prospect of going to camp at a college of mostly homeschooled students.

“I don’t want to go there, everyone’s gonna be a homeschool freak!” Roessler told her dad.

But after her roommate walked in wearing ripped jeans and a flannel shirt stating she too was a private schooler, Roessler knew camps were not what she anticipated. By the end of camp, she begged her dad to let her stay and after a week at home she signed up for another camp that summer and started her college application process before going home.

After experiencing personal and spiritual growth at camps, many campers hope for a continuation of that at PHC. Though almost all agreed Teen Camps had prepared them for PHC, many upperclassmen said the unity and desire for spiritual growth they saw at camps was harder to find at school.

Sophomore Marina Barnes decided to come to PHC after seeing the potential for spiritual growth. Barnes saw the



2015 Teen Campers, including Roessler, after playing Human Clue. Photo courtesy Teen Camps

potential for a unified community like she saw at Teen Camps. “[But it’s] not something that naturally occurs just because you walk onto campus,” she added.

Esther Maynard came to school knowing she was only staying a year but wanted to experience more of the people and spiritual life she loved at camps. When she started school, she heard talk about all the qualities she loved about camps: emotional vulnerability, the presence of God in normal conversations, and loving neighbors well.

“But they were talking about the lack of them. PHC, apparently, fell short in the very categories I’d thought were its strongest,” said Maynard. “I was surprised, but just decided that meant I now had something useful I could contribute to campus.”

Collins noticed her freshman year that the spiritual community on campus was not always what she experienced at camps. With some exceptions of people who fostered spiritual growth, she felt as though campus’ spiritual life felt less genuine and more mandatory.

This year, however, she has seen the collective communal aspects and desire

for spiritual growth that she once loved at Teen Camps start to reemerge.

Former Teen Camps counselor and RA Julianne Owens noted that at camps everyone spends 45 minutes in devotions each morning and goes to chapel every night.

When people spend that time with God, she explained, their spiritual life usually will grow. “Any teen camps counselor will tell you that there is some amount of difficulty that happens when you transition out of going to camps, where your spiritual life is structured for you, to going to school where you have to structure it for yourself,” said Owens. “But there is a thirst for spiritual growth that I see on campus that is super encouraging.”

Ben Purnell, a freshman and also a four-year returning camper said Teen Camps helped prepare him as a student and did not give him unrealistic expectations of PHC. The main difference he notes was that unlike the camper/counselor relationship which is based in respect, the RA/student relationship is based camaraderie because of the shared student experience. ■

Table Talks with Dan and Matt

Self-centered dual thoughts

| by Matt Hoke |

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It’s thinking of yourself less.” – C.S. Lewis

Two weeks ago, I talked about the insidiousness of pride in my own life, how it is the root of the self-centered thoughts that I struggle with. I finished that talk with a question: What is the solution to this pride? This week, I want to talk about what God has shown me to be the solution to the pride in my own heart.

The quote by C.S. Lewis about humility is one that is often mentioned at PHC, especially in senior testimonies. But what does humility mean? How do we, as Christians, cultivate this virtue that we are instructed to emulate (Philippians 2:1-11)? I believe Lewis’ quote encapsulates two truths that help me to combat the pride in my life and cultivate humility. The two truths are from the Gospel. You might be thinking that that sounds pretty simple. And, to be honest, it is. But the implications of these two realities of the Gospel have been life changing for me. They give the proper perspective and foster humility.

The first truth of the Gospel is that, apart from Christ, I am utterly helpless, devoid of any innate spiritual goodness, and eternally lost (Ezekiel 16:8-9; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 3:3-4; John 3:19). Apart from His grace, I deserve separation and isolation from Him for eternity.

If I believed this truth of the Gospel, I believe I would “think of yourself less,” as Lewis says. In addition, if I actually embraced the truth that I cannot do anything of spiritual significance apart from Christ (John 15:5), cannot receive anything good unless our Father gives it to us (James 1:17, 1 Corinthians 4:7, and

John 3:27), and that I am like a sheep or a child (John 10:4, Galatians 3:26, and Matthew 18:3), I believe I would be disabused of a lot of my prideful, self-exalting inclinations. This reality helps me to think of myself less.

However, thank God that he does not leave me in a state of existential angst thinking that I am just a worm. That is not what the Bible teaches. The other Gospel reality is that I am God’s beloved child. Not only am I God’s special creation (Psalm 139:14), but I, as a human being, am made a little lower than the angels (Psalm 8:5 and Hebrews 2:7) and charged with dominion over God’s creation (Genesis 1:28). But, those are my privileges as a member of humanity.

Because of Christ’s gift of salvation, I can call Jesus my Brother (Hebrews 2:11-15), God my Father (Galatians 4:4-7), and the Holy Spirit my Advocate (John 14:26 and Romans 8:26). Through Christ, I will inherit the great treasure that God has set aside for those whom He has called and who have accepted His gift of Salvation, eternal life in a place prepared for me in a renewed Heavens and Earth (John 14:2-3). I am a co-heir with Christ of this glory and one day I will judge angels (Romans 8:16-17 and 1 Corinthians 6:3).

Not only does Christ promise these eternal rewards to His faithful followers, He also promises an abundant life of peace, hope, and joy in this temporal life (John 10:10, John 14:27).

In addition, he promises to guide and direct my steps as I walk through this fearful, troubled, and evil world (Jeremiah 29:11, Proverbs 3:5-6). These truths help me to not think less of myself.

Do you believe these truths? Until recently I did not. I, as any human, still struggle to fully accept these two realities of the Gospel. But I believe that this duality of humility is absolutely crucial if I am to successfully wage war against the pride that is rooted into my sinful heart.

Remember you are sinful and deficient. Remember that you, as a follower of Jesus, are loved beyond measure (John 3:16). When we do this, we put to death any reliance in our own selves, our own efforts, and our own greatness. In its place, we lift high the greatness of our Savior who gave His life so that we could have access to the Father. If I fully believed these great truths, pride would gradually seem more and more foolish. If I believed these things, I would gradually feel the need to justify myself diminish.

Next week, I hope to talk about some strategies that I have found to help address each of the self-centered types of thoughts I mentioned in talk one. But, before I close, I want to quote Timothy Keller’s summary of how the Gospel properly grounds our humility:

The “gospel should both humble and lift the believer up at the same time. It teaches us that we are indeed self-centered sinners. But the gospel also fills us with more love and affirmation than we could ever imagine.”

Discussion Questions

-How can you cultivate an awareness and acceptance of these dual realities in your life?

-How can you help others in their pursuit of humility?

-Do you truly believe, accept, and live in what the Bible says about you? 📖

Creative Corner

"Bluey" by Gabriella Johnson

Sea of fire, tousled waves,
Luminescent, ruby shades.
Honeyed lights across the field,
Spires, to the sun they yield.

Blood, running gold
In the tendrils, far from cold.
Burning, warm, inanimate,
Blooming dark at sunrise set.



EVENTS



**D2, D3, and D4
Open Dorms**

Oct. 20
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.



Trunk or Treat

Oct. 25
4 p.m.
Ashburn Whole Foods



**Ghost, Goblins &
Ghouls 5k Run**

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Seek & Hide

This week's hiding place:

La Petite Lou Lou

I really love La Petite Lou Lou in Purcellville! The atmosphere is great: their decor is Pinterest worthy, staff is friendly, and they play French music in the background. If you decide to go, I'd recommend the ham and brie crepe for a savory craving or the strawberries and Nutella crepe to satisfy a sweet tooth.

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