

*“For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.... And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.” Haggai 2:6-8, 9b.*

Here we are in the month of March already – heading into the fourth and final quarter of the school year. As much as we are sick of hearing the phrase, “unprecedented times” – it has also been suggested that there have always been times and events throughout history that became a “reset.” These have resulted in mass migrations, cultural and political shifts – but, for the discerning Christian – there is always the need to remember whose we are.

What an awesome thing to realize that – regardless of the plans and schemes of mortal men - the Lord of the universe is still in control. Our Mission Statement has tried to reflect this connection with the Divine – “To provide curricular and co-curricular experiences in a Christian environment that equips students for joyful, faithful service to Christ and His world.” In other words, in a world that will be shaken up, our goal is to be prepared with a foundation that cannot be shaken.

This is different from most of the world. A 2018 study from the Barna Group characterizes Gen Z as the “[first truly ‘post Christian’ generation](#),” with only 4% adhering to a biblical worldview. The effects of the **many** non-biblical worldviews that are available are manifested in several detrimental ways on this generation of young people – isolation, depression, lack of purpose and goals. Many Gen Zers are looking for the very thing that SPLHS has to offer.

With this in mind we should ask ourselves, “What does it mean to be equipped for joyful, faithful service to Christ and His world?” Does a joyful, faithful life look and behave differently than the world that incessantly marginalizes and tears other people down? Does the word of God inform our lives and enable us to correct our mistakes and forgive others of theirs?

For the joyful, faithful Christian, every day becomes a “reset.” As Luther writes, “The old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts, and, again a new man daily come forth and arise; who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.” It doesn’t matter what generation one finds him/her-self in. This is available to everyone.

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Looking Forward:

- Mrs. Katelyn Stuenkel has decided to not return next year as she will be staying home with her two young children. We are thankful for her Christian service and for the time that she gave us.
- Mr. Eric Gramenz will return to the classroom on March 5 as well as resume his baseball coaching duties.
- The Board of Trustees will be exploring the scope of our Capital Initiative which is scheduled to move into “Phase Two”. This will include looking into what it will take to re-model Kaepfel Auditorium and Krueger Hall (Dining Hall).
- The gymnasium floor will get some much-needed attention during the summer months. Perhaps a new logo at center court?
- Our Norwegian Students are already talking about coming back next year!