

BRIAN AND SHANNON NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.
(Hebrews 12:1)

It's hard to believe that we are already into our second newsletter! This quarter is flying by, and it won't be long before it comes to an end. As far as this month goes, the main focus has been on school. We have just wrapped up a great research week and only have 2.5 weeks to go until our seniors will graduate.

MINISTRY UPDATES

April was a busy month for us. I had the opportunity to teach Bible class on three out of four Sundays. I taught twice at Bear Valley and once at Columbine Church of Christ where I also preached. Every chance I get to practice what I've learned in school is an amazing opportunity for me to grow and share this blessing with others. During one of our chapels I lead singing as well.

In addition to preaching and teaching, Shannon and I have been hosting the students, faculty, and some young adults at our house to watch "The Chosen" on Saturday nights. Shannon and I have not seen the series before and have really enjoyed it so far. We are looking forward to starting season two in September.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

It is hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about our summer plans. I am excited to announce that I have two opportunities this summer to serve God. First, I will be co-directing pre-teen week at High Rock Bible Camp in Duffield, VA. Preparations have already begun, and I can't wait to be there from 6/18 – 6/22.

In addition to the one week of camp, the rest of my time will be spent interning with John and Carla Moore at Bible Passages. By the time this newsletter is out, they will be accepting online registration for their March 2024 Bear Valley tour and their Summer 2024 PTP Tour to Israel and Rome. I am excited to see what else we can accomplish this summer!

A final note, I have launched a website to post articles and updates about my ministry. You can also sign up there to receive my newsletter electronically if you have not already done so. The address is <https://www.brianketchem.me/>.

P.S. You may notice a lack of photos in this edition. Shannon and I are still learning how to be students, and we failed to take any pictures of teaching or singing. We will attempt to do better for June's edition!