

BRIAN AND SHANNON NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it (2 Timothy 3:14)

It's back to school time! All the students have come back into town after the summer break and we are ready to begin a new and challenging school year. We started off the school year with our official orientation, and then Shannon attended the Ladies' Welcome Tea presented by the congregation's elders' wives. For classes this quarter Brian is enrolled in Bible Geography with John Moore, Personal Evangelism with Brett Petrillo, Romans with Denny Petrillo, Epistles of John with Wayne Jones, and Galatians/Ephesians/ Colossians/Philemon with Dan Owen.



Ladies' Welcome Tea



Bear Valley New Student Orientation



Women's Course: Personal Spiritual Growth

Shannon is enrolled in the women's night courses, including Acts with Wayne Jones and Personal Spiritual Growth with Carla Moore. We are thrilled to be starting a new quarter and growing in our knowledge of the word by some incredible teachers.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Bible Passages

We are happy to continue our work with John and Carla. This month, we primarily prepared for Polishing the Pulpit where John and Carla had a booth and John presented many lessons. Shannon and I did not attend but heard great things. We are also gearing up for the Mediterranean cruise that departs in October. Hopefully, new content will be coming to their YouTube channel soon on Rome, the Vatican, and Ephesus.

Preaching Out

I have started a new schedule preaching out with the Columbine congregation in Littleton. I will be preaching and teaching bible class the first two Sundays of each month. September will start with a class on Galatians.

New Study

At Bear Valley, I have started a new study on Wednesday nights. The study is with two young ladies (the daughter of a member and her friend) and we are studying the basics of the Bible. Pray for this study to go well and that great things will happen from this study.

PERSONAL NOTES



Ladies Painting Night

August was a great month for fellowship and fun. We attended the annual Bear Valley Family Picnic. Then, towards the end of the month, Shannon's Aunt Robin swung by for a quick visit. While she was here, we drove over Guanella Pass up into the mountains to experience more of God's beauty. Lastly, Shannon attended the ladies craft night where Paige Waddell taught them how to paint with watercolors. It is always nice to take breaks from the busyness of life and what better way to spend that time than with friends in fellowship!



Bear Valley Family Picnic



Guanella Pass with Aunt Robin

BEAR VALLEY CAN USE YOUR HELP!

Student Campaigns – Bear Valley is currently looking for sponsoring congregations for both October and March. Please email me if you can help!

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