

BRIAN AND SHANNON NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

*When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
(Psalm 34:17)*

INTRODUCTION

Since this is our first newsletter, I figured that it would be a good idea to introduce our family. Shannon and I live in Castle Rock, Colorado, just a few miles south of Denver. We have been married for seven years and we have two dogs and a cat. We are proud Virginia Tech Hokies, and enjoy hiking, camping, and traveling.



NEW BEGINNINGS

As some of you all already know, I was previously enrolled part-time at Bear Valley Bible Institute (BVBI) while I was working for the Bear Valley church of Christ. I was let go from the church staff because of changes in the budget. I mention this to make two points.

First, every change is an opportunity. I am beyond blessed to have an opportunity to go to BVBI full-time. While continuing to worship and work with the Bear Valley family, I also get to study God and his word in the school. The relationship Shannon and I have built with the Bear Valley family is very strong and we could not be happier to announce that we are getting to stay in Colorado.

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Second, you all are the lifeline and answer to our prayers. I am only able to go to school full-time because you have decided to support me. For that, I cannot express with words the gratitude that we have for you. God has graciously blessed us through you, and we can clearly see him working in our lives.

MINISTRY UPDATES

2023 is already off to a great start. First, we are happy to rejoice with our newest brother, Sam! He was baptized earlier this year after studying with Cory and myself. Cory is continuing this study with Sam and we are so thankful to God for Sam and his heart.

I am also thankful to be working with John and Carla Moore on Bible Passages. I have been incrementally working to update their website. Be on the lookout, because updates are coming soon! You can check out John and Carla's work at <https://www.biblepassages.net/> and we will continue to try to make that a resource for the brotherhood.



SCHOOL UPDATES

Its hard to believe, but short course is already in the books! Wayne Burger's Restoration History was a terrific class, and it has so many applications to the problems facing the brotherhood today. This quarter I will be taking Hermeneutics, United Kingdom, Denominational Doctrines, and Wisdom Literature. I will also wrap up Introduction to Graduate Studies in the master's program. It will be a busy quarter, but I am up to the task!

