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and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2)



Mac Graham receiving his BVBI Pin

May is a month of transition for the Institute. As our graduates prepare to leave us for their first work and the upcoming juniors leave for their summer internships. The school feels very empty all of a sudden.

WHAT WE ARE UP TO

It was a busy month full of fellowship and celebration. There was the graduation picnic, banquet, ceremony, and senior ladies' tea. On top of that, we attended a going away ceremony for Wayne and Weezie Burger, who are moving to New Hampshire this summer. For most of these events, I was either the photographer or live stream operator.



Taking pictures of Wayne and Weezie

MINISTRY UPDATES



Teaching Psalms on Sunday Morning

During the month of May, I taught bible class on the Royal and Messianic Psalms. It has been a great study and I am thankful to have Wayne Jones complete it while I travel. In addition, I have also been assisting Wayne and Weezie with some technology tasks for NH.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Starting June 7th I will begin my 6-week road trip, where unfortunately Shannon will only be able to join me for the family reunion and our time in Dripping Springs. My travel plans originated because I will be co-directing pre-teen week at High Rock Bible Camp, but then I took the opportunity to extend my travels in order to visit supporters and family.



Shannon and Naomi at Senior Ladies Tea

June 9 th -12 th	Ketchem Family Reunion	Pipestem, WV
June 14 th	Cold Harbor Roach church of Christ	Mechanicsville, VA
June 18 th -22 nd	High Rock Bible Camp	Duffield, VA
June 25 th	Christiansburg church of Christ	Christiansburg, VA
June 28 th	Bolivar church of Christ	Bolivar, MO
July 2 nd	Southern Ridge church of Christ	Oklahoma City, OK
July 5 th -10 th	Visit John and Carla Moore to work on Bible Passages	Dripping Springs, TX
July 30 th	Columbine church of Christ	Littleton, CO
August 6th	Columbine church of Christ	Littleton, CO

I am going to continue to work with John and Carla Moore at Bible Passages (https://www.biblepassages.net/). They are accepting online registration for their March 2024 Bear Valley tour and their Summer 2024 PTP Tour to Israel and Rome. I would love the chance to travel with each of you! Also, keep looking out for new content on their YouTube channel!

I am also continuing to update my 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/.



Parting thought: This picture is from Cory Sawyers. It is one that encapsulates the Bear Valley mission and the verse on the letter header. Corey sat in my class on Sunday morning which was heavily influenced by his own teaching. Wayne Burger who had a large impact on Corey then gave the sermon. It is just one example of hundreds where men entrusted to faithful men the things learned.