



Pictured Above: A gathering of some of the BV students, staff, and members wherein the students showed their appreciation to the church and school for the support that is provided (:

T-minus 9..8..7..weeks

----- **STEVEN JAEGER**

April showers bring May flowers...at least that's what some say! While we have not yet received any rain, the snow has become less frequent, and the sun-filled blue skies appear to be back in business which means the birds are slowly but surely filling the air with each of their wonderful melodies. We like to say something like this every now and then, but it really does cut to the heart the more time we get to spend on this earth, "time really does fly by!" It's already April and including research week (04/17-04/21), we have just 7 weeks left before the last quarter of the first year of school is officially in the record books! Wow! I know where the time has gone and how it's been spent, mostly in front of my computer and various books studying and completing...

...homework assignments while not in the classroom. And let me tell you, every second of my time here has been amazing! There have been ups and downs – emotional challenges, spiritual challenges, schedule challenges, and the like – but with each passing day, week, and month have been wonderful opportunities to learn and grow, most expressly through the personal relationships with not only you, my supporter, but also each of the staff, students, and other people in association with the school here in the Denver area. With the end of the first year in mind comes the thought of summer break and I have some exciting news to share! Our Lord God has provided me with an internship in the state of Kentucky at a congregation in Taylorsville – North Point church of Christ! I'll spend 8 weeks with the brethren in that area and I can't wait to tell you all about it! (:



April '23 Quarter 4 Classes

----- **S. JAEGER**

[IN SESSION] Class Schedule for Q4: M/W/F – Hermeneutics and Denominational Doctrines (Wayne Burger), and United Kingdoms (Wayne Jones). T/R – Youth & Family Ministry (Brett Petrillo), and Wisdom Literature (Corey Sawyers).

Where to start! This quarter of classes is probably going to be my favorite! Don't get me wrong, every class I get to spend learning about God's Word in some context has been a blast, including how to be successful in the work of ministry as a preacher-in-training! But 3/5 classes this quarter have been something I've been eagerly waiting to experience during my time here at school. Hermeneutics (how to interpret the Scriptures based on God's design), Denominational Doctrine, and Youth & Family Ministry. I remember when I was able to visit the school in April 2022 and sit in on Brett's YFM class. From the time spent in that class I immediately knew how beneficial it would be for me to learn from him in this context for the overall success I know we all desire to have as a member of the body of Christ. What we experience as people...

...during the time of our youth – what can most expressly be called the most formative years of our lives – will have a large impact on how we view God, Jesus, ourselves, and others for better or worse as is described in Proverbs 22:6. Learning from the experience of others, all of which comes from God, and gaining insight that can be turned into wisdom (depending on how we act) will be a beautiful aid in the days of work ahead.

And what's as equally amazing to consider is how this applies to all the classes here, but especially Hermeneutics and Denomination Doctrines. Learning about how to interpret and use God's Word is paramount. And the difference can be eternal in that it directly affects how we apply ourselves to the spiritual things God has created, established, orchestrated, and given us a role of participation within. Understanding the difference between things like tradition vs. doctrine, opinion vs. matter (of faith), general vs. specific (commands of God), and others will play a role in determining where we end up in our relationship with God and others! (: