

May Newsletter

Greetings

Hello family! I hope and pray you are all doing well. Summer is here, and there is much to be excited and grateful for. From getting to see family for the first time in a year to safe travels across the country to begin my internship (and everything in between!), God has continued to bless me greatly in countless ways.

End of School Year

As hard as it is to believe, my first year at Bear Valley has come to an end. It seems like only weeks ago I was in disbelief that the first quarter was over. Bear Valley has already given me incredible Spiritual growth, biblical and ministerial knowledge, and amazing memories along the way. It has strengthened my faith, made me think critically and biblically about doctrines rather than blindly accepting tradition, and fueled my desire for ministry. It has given me an amazing family, group of friends, and mentors. My first year at Bear Valley has been joyful, memorable, and beneficial, and I look forward to returning to complete my final year in August. That said, the class before me has just graduated and is moving on to their respective ministries. They are an amazing group of individuals whom I have grown very close to and fond of. I will miss them, but it is exciting to see what great works they will do for the Kingdom. If you would, please say a special prayer for the Bear Valley class of 2025.

Over the Summer

Following the end of classes and a visit from family, I made my trek from Denver, CO, to Foristell, MO, to begin my internship with the Foristell church of Christ. While here, I will be involved in several writing and speaking projects, visitations, bible studies, committee meetings, summer camp, VBS, and more! As of writing this, I've spent a week and a half with the Foristell congregation, and they have been nothing but welcoming and hospitable. One of the members has graciously offered to let me stay in his home, another has let me borrow their vehicle, and the rest have taken turns cooking meals or giving me gift cards. So far, I have loved working with Aaron (pulpit minister), who has tirelessly worked to make sure this internship is organized, purposeful, and enjoyable. I look forward to spending the rest of this summer with the saints at Foristell, learning, growing, and encouraging one another.

P.S. Aaron and his family, along with an elder and a couple of others, have just left for a two-week mission trip to Vanuatu. They would greatly appreciate your prayers for safe travels and opportunities to strengthen souls and bring others to Christ.

Closing

One thing will never change: I could not do this without you. From studying in school to getting to put what I've learned into practice, you have graciously supported me on this journey. It is my prayer and aim to put the things I've learned and the experiences I've had to use in God's Kingdom, and I am so thankful to everyone who enabled me to do this. I pray God blesses you as you have blessed me.