



Pictured Above: BV Staff and Students at the local Colorado Symphony! (:

Music To My Ears!

----- **STEVEN JAEGER**

Hello! It's good to be back in connection with you all! I am sorry for the absence of my newsletter for the month of January - the fullness of my schedule got the better of me these past few weeks. I hope y'all have been doing well. I've been praying for y'all with thanksgiving in my heart for the support God is providing through you. It continues to mean a great deal to me because without you I wouldn't be able to do and experience everything that I've been blessed with these past 2+ years. Thank you! I hope you like the picture for this newsletter! Some of the school staff were able to get tickets to the Colorado Symphony for a show at the beginning of January that featured the music of composer John Williams. If you're not familiar with name, like I was, you'll no doubt recognize some of the music as soon as you hear it! The tribute to Williams...

...featured his musical masterpieces from several movies that have become classics. Take for example: Jaws, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Star Wars, and Jurassic Park just to name a few. I developed an interest for and liking to classical music about eight years ago and ever since one of my dreams has been to enjoy the experience of the symphony. So, it was quite a special treat when I heard that some of the staff were offering to take the students who were interested to go to the local Colorado Symphony. Plus, it doesn't hurt that the tickets were at a near 80% discount for teachers and students. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and musical adventure! Beforehand, we made time to stop at a local famous diner as featured on the hit television show 'Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives' hosted by Guy Fieri. Sam's Diner is the name and if you are ever in town for a visit to Denver be sure to leave space on your schedule for some of the biggest portions of amazing food! (:



February '24 Class Update

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M/W/F Classes: Teaching Strategies (Michael Hite), Captivity & After (Dave Chamberlin), The Gospel Account by Luke (Michael Hite).

T/R Classes: The Gospel Account by John (Dan R. Owen), Biblical Counseling (John W. Moore).

Perhaps two of my favorite classes are happening this quarter and they are studying from the Gospel account by the apostle John and learning about Biblical Counseling. Counseling is an interesting concept and one that has its place even in the Scriptures. Galatians 6:1-2 highlights this kind of relational connection God wants His people to have and hold onto among each other. Yet it seems to remain perhaps one of the most difficult and challenging aspects of interpersonal connection. For example, the most common thing I've heard (and continue to hear) from people about this aspect of life is something to the effect of, "oh, well, I'm not a professional counselor so I can't really help you. But I'll be praying for you, and I hope you find the help you need." I don't know how exactly you will be cut to the heart by my bringing such...

...direct attention to that aspect of our relational experiences with each other, but it's my intention not to cause any stumbling. Rather, I'd like to encourage, if only for a moment, your consideration for the power of God's love in your life for the sake of counseling – whatever that may mean. This just may be my opinion, or perhaps my perceived insight based on past and current experiences, neither of which I am trying or intending to read into the Scriptures (because that would be wrong for me to do). But consider for a moment the concept of counseling through how God actualizes His love for you. What comes to mind? What about prayer? It is the most utilized means by which we communicate our needs and wants to God. But also, our feelings, desires, hurts, confusions, and so on. And what does God do? He listens! And that's really where this idea of counseling begins. Many times, the best thing we can do for one another is listen and then offer to pray together about the things that have been shared because there is no greater hand to hold the cares of our lives than the one who created them (: