

February Newsletter

Greetings

Hello family! As always, I hope you are doing well. This past month has been filled with much growth! From working on personal improvements to becoming more involved in areas of ministry within the BV congregation, God, in many ways, has been preparing me for ministry. He truly has proven His involvement in my life and just how loving He is. Thank you for enabling me to be a part of this journey.

Bear Valley Involvement

I've had a few opportunities to lead in the Bear Valley congregation over the last month. The first was hosting "Coffee and Conversations." Coffee and Conversations is a young adults event which takes place two (occasionally three) Tuesdays every month. Alternating members will host the event in their home, providing coffee and sometimes snacks. Rather than having a devotional, one person (usually the host) will present a spiritual conversation topic, prompting it with some questions, then the group will discuss and share their ideas. I was privileged to host this event for the first time on the 18th. The night went better than I could have hoped, and I believe we each grew closer to each other and to God's idea of the church family. In addition to hosting, I was given the opportunity to coordinate Coffee and Conversations for the second quarter. I'm very excited for the chance to contribute to this congregation that has treated me so well. Finally, I was asked to teach two Sunday morning Bible classes at BV in the month of April. I am nervous, but also extremely excited to put into practice the things I have learned so far.

End of 3rd Quarter

In my last newsletter, I mentioned starting this quarter's new classes. It's hard to believe our last finals were Friday and those classes are already over. This year's third quarter was shorter than most (only two months), and seemingly had a lighter workload. Still, I enjoyed all my classes and even one's I wasn't sure about in the beginning turned out to be some of my favorites. I'm now thoroughly enjoying my week-long break.

Support

This is where I try to express just how grateful I am for all of you, though I don't think that's possible. You have always taken care of me, but last month especially, you went above and beyond. Many of you sent more than you agreed to, and I was able to put much in savings. I cannot tell you just how grateful I am for all of you in allowing me to pursue ministry and a

closer relationship with my Father. I pray God blesses you as you have blessed me. Thank you.

Closing

It has been a great month and end to the quarter. I don't think there is any other place I'd rather be than at Bear Valley. Despite its challenges, there are so many great things about school, the church, and the wonderful family I get to see daily. Thank you for your support of me and, by extension, the work of the kingdom. God bless!



Some of the young adults from Bear Valley at Chili's after worship.