



Pictured above left to right: Ezra Carrick, Leif Berkey, Brandon Watson, Anthony Warnes, Wayne Jones, Steven Jaeger, Garrett Sawyers, and Bailey Jones. This is a group picture from the West Hill Church of Christ in Corsicana, Texas.

# The Not-So-Spooky Scoop of October...BOO!

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**Part 1:** The first quarter of classes is officially over, and you know what that means, right!? No?? Uh-oh!... I was kind of hoping you did so I could ask what's next. Just kidding! :D

**Part 2:** Speaking of a full life, I have quite the full schedule of classwork ahead of me this next quarter of the Fall semester. The second quarter is officially underway after a brief pass through the book of Genesis in a

After finishing final exams, the first week of October, we immediately jumped into the scheduled campaign trips we signed up for in September. The Lord gave me the opportunity to visit the West Hill Church of Christ in Corsicana, Texas. It was a five-day trip filled with wonderful people in a town about an hour south of the Dallas metropolitan area. The trip was in part designed to give students an introductory experience in working with a congregation and to practice service by means of helping the people there with what they had going on. The West Hill Congregation also hosted its lectureship the week I was visiting with the students in my group. We met and listened to Hiram Kemp, Eric Owens, Dan Owen, Wayne Jones, and Robert Hatfield. Recordings of the encouraging sermons can be found on the West Hill YouTube channel.

After the campaign came to an end, I decided to stay in the north Texas area for a few more days to meet and worship with the Howe Church of Christ in, you guessed it, Howe Texas! I stayed with the Mahana family who welcomed me with open hearts and open arms just as the Howe congregation did and my heart was filled with the love they've received from God and now continue to dedicate their lives to share with others. It was time well spent and an encouraging reminder of the wonderful support I have from all the people God continues to fill my life with.

short course with Mr. Donnie Bates. One of my favorite takeaways from his class is this piece of insight he provided from the wisdom God has given him during his faithful walk – “Constant exposure to a godless worldview requires constant exposure to the antidote (the antidote being God’s Word).” This is a paramount message of truth and encouragement I know I will hold on to for years to come.

The five classes we have this quarter are: Greek I with Ken Dawdy, Homiletics I with Wayne Jones, Exegesis with Denny Petrillo, or as I like to refer to him El Presidente, the Gospel of Mark with Michael Hite who will be teaching us from an exegetical standpoint, and last but certainly not least Acts II with Wayne Burger. I have to say I am equally excited about each of these classes, especially the extrabiblical books we will be reading from that will help to provide insight into the knowledge and wisdom of the story we read. The most academically challenging will most likely be Greek and Exegesis while the most personally challenging will be Homiletics. Homiletics class with Wayne Jones will be our introductory lessons into the life of ministry via preparing and presenting a sermon. I am excited to go through this learning process because I know it will sharpen who I am and help me become the man God wants me to be in the opportunities to preach that He prepares in advance. Love y'all.



Pictured above is a view from a recent hike with my friend Eli at Staunton State Park southwest of the Denver area.