

January Newsletter

Greetings

Hello! As always, I hope this letter finds you all healthy through this seemingly “sick season.” So far, God has protected me from the many viruses going around, which is one of the many reasons I have to thank Him! I certainly hope this is the case for you. It should be no surprise that our awesome God has yet again brought me through another month full of blessings, encouragement, and growth. He often reminds me of His presence in my life through spiritual and physical blessings, and especially through His church. I cannot express how thankful I am to be surrounded every day by faithful and loving people working towards the common goal. God is Good.



New Classes

I mentioned in December’s newsletter that January started our third quarter launched with a week-long short course on “Denominational Doctrines.” We have since begun our M/W/F classes (Greek II, 1 and 2 Thessalonians + Philippians, and Exodus – Deuteronomy) and our T/Th classes (Church History and 1 Corinthians). I have enjoyed all these classes, and, along with gaining a deeper knowledge of the Word, many of these have helped me grow spiritually. This is especially true of the textual courses; not only do instructors spit out facts about the book, but they also take the time to draw spiritual applications as often as they can. Truly, it’s hard to see “instructors” as anything more than Godly men striving to serve Him and help others do the same. Having just mentioned those classes, it’s hard to believe the third quarter has already reached the halfway point. We have just begun our research week (a time to take a break from the classroom and get caught up on assignments) and will come back to finish the quarter by the end of February.

BV Class Concerns

In many ways, I've been blessed, but many things have weighed on the hearts of the Bear Valley family. Several at Bear Valley (students, staff, and church members) are down with Covid, the flu, or some other virus, though many seem to be on the mend. A new student (January) had to unexpectedly return home to deal with some family matters but has set a goal to return to BV in August 2026. One instructor took some brain scans to determine the source of recent headaches and found a tumor. The doctors believe it is not a health risk nor the source of his headaches, but only time and patience will tell. Not a member of the school but of the Bear Valley church, Kayla (31) passed away yesterday from pneumonia on top of a long battle with cancer. All of these things weigh heavy on our hearts, so we pray and ask prayers for comfort, patience, understanding, and reliance on the Father during this time.

Support Goals

On a more positive note, God has and continues to provide financially for me. Not much has changed recently, but I continue to be a little above my budget, allowing me to save for a vehicle. I recently had a conversation about finances with a member of the Bear Valley staff, and he has helped me set a goal to purchase a car at the start or during summer break unless God should provide one before then. Nevertheless, I am continually grateful for all my classmates who have selflessly provided transportation wherever I need to go.

Internship Possibilities

It seemed like only weeks ago, I had the entire year to come up with a plan for summer. However, time is quickly running out. I have gotten to the stage where I am seeking possible summer internships. If your congregation, or any you know of, is seeking a summer intern based on the criteria below, please spread the word and reach out to me! I would love to put the skills learned at school to practice and further grow my ministry capabilities.

1. **When** – Roughly May 25 – July 25 (ask me about more definite dates).
2. **Where** – Preferably in Colorado or Tennessee, though I am open to any State.
3. **What** – I would love to be able to regularly teach and preach, though I am also looking for other ways to learn and get involved in ministry (outreach, youth ministry, devotionals, work projects, etc.).
4. **About me** – I am 19 years old (single). I grew up a preacher's kid until I was eleven when my family moved to Fiji to do mission work. Seven years on the mission field provided multiple opportunities to serve. I have experience in regular preaching, teaching youth and adult Bible classes, speaking in campaigns, and coordinating youth events. On top of my first year of classes at Bear Valley Bible Institute, I had the privilege to take nine classes while in high school at the BVBI extension school in

Fiji. I am passionate about studying and presenting the Word of God and finding other ways to grow in service to Him.

5. **Contact** – Email: calebpierce05@gmail.com | Phone: (931) 306-8074

Closing

I hope you know just how grateful I am for every one of you who supports me through constant prayers, encouraging messages, and financial blessings. I could not be here without you. It is hard for me to rely on others for financial support, but a friend of mine reminded me that, by extension, you are contributing to the same work as I am. You are every bit as much a part of this ministry as any student or staff member at Bear Valley. Thank you so much for your support of me and of the Kingdom. God bless!