



BIBLE Passages Journal

Dear Supporters and Friends,

The old adage that “you never know what tomorrow may bring” has certainly rung true these past few months. Our ministry plan for 2020 had us scheduled for a month-long period of work at the Brandon Church of Christ in England. Instead, through God’s providence and grace we were allowed to be at home in Dripping Springs during my father’s final few weeks of life. While dad’s passing is painful for the entire family, we find peace in the blessed hope of eternal salvation and rejoice in the knowledge that his body is no longer wracked with pain and suffering. My mother, all three of their children, and many other family members were by his side as he drew his last breath. He has gained the victory and we look forward to being reunited with him some day.

While these past few months, and even now, have proven to be among some of the most challenging periods of our life, we are nevertheless sustained and upheld by the mercy and grace of God. Many hours of care were required during my dad’s final weeks, and many responsibilities accumulated following his passing, but we are nevertheless committed to the work of Bible Passages and excited to discuss with you some of our most recent developments and activities.

First, we are excited to announce that the Bible Passages website has undergone a few changes, most notably the addition of the Faith Passages page which includes an ever-growing number of articles on a variety of topics. One of the latest articles

includes an extensive amount of research and documentation which proves the accuracy of the Bible in the face of criticism about its references to the use of early synagogues. The article also discusses one of the most celebrated discoveries in Galilee, called the Jesus Boat. There are a number of excellent articles written by our son Jordan, who serves as the associate



The Magdala Stone (article here: <https://www.biblepassages.net/post/a-tough-time-to-be-a-critic>)

Proposed Schedule

May-June:
(J&C) WVBS and other BP projects

August-October
(J&C) BVBI

October 2-3:
(J) Men’s retreat in Franklin, TN

October 8-12:
(J&C) Northern New England Lectures

October 15-18: (J) Meridian, Idaho Lectures

October 23-25:
(J&C) Marriage Seminar in Lebanon, MO

November 6-8:
(J) Biblical Guidance Seminar in Katy, TX

November 14:
(C) Ladies Day in Bowling Green, KY

Would you **please** let others know about
Bible Passages?

It is humbling to ask, but could you, someone you know, or your congregation possibly help to support the work of Bible Passages? If you'd like to know more about what we do, go to our website, and click the "Work and Ministries" tab.

Thank you!

preacher for the Katy church of Christ. He and his wife Erin are helping in other aspects of the work (including the monthly mail-outs of our reports.) Our middle son Jacob is also helping us with formatting articles, and we look forward to including he and Micah in other elements of the resources as well. The website has been designed to be a sort of "one-stop" place for information about our work, helpful resources for Christian living, and as a means to inform others about the educational opportunities associated with Bible Land Passages and the Bible Land Passage Tours. Please feel free to share and distribute information about the website and any of the articles for your

personal use, in the classroom, and/or in church bulletins. The website also has a number of helpful links and resources available for use in edification, evangelism, apologetics, and marriage. Each month we will continue to add articles and materials that we hope will keep the website fresh and relevant.

Second, we have resumed work on Bible Land Passages #13 called Caesarea by the Sea: Rome's Capitol City. Recent visits to World Video Bible School have allowed us to refocus our efforts on this next project, but editing work in the studio will not begin until later this month. We are happy to report as well that photos, video, and drone footage from one of our most recent trips will be included in the film.

Finally, as the world seems to continue its spiral into chaos and uncertainty, we are continually being encouraged the love of the Brethren. We cannot say enough how much we appreciate your love and support. Thank you for your fellowship in the gospel of Christ. We are so blessed to be in the ministry, and God through you has made this

possible. We look forward to the future and our commitment to train preachers, evangelize the lost, defend the faith, and edify the church. Please pray for us in these efforts. Thanks again. We are so humbled by your support. In Him, *John*

MEMORIAL GIFTS
THANK YOU!

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you have expressed your love and support during the recent passing of our beloved dad. The love and kindness of so many of our friends and brethren have shown us the many ways God is active and alive in our lives. These past weeks have been filled with numerous calls, texts, emails, visits, and support of all types that our hearts are simply overwhelmed with love and contentment.

We also want to express our deepest thanks to those who have made contributions in memory of Dad. These memorial gifts will be used to further the cause of Christ. Memorial donations have been made to Bible Passages by **Janice Garner** of Dripping Springs, **Marvin Crumley** and **Gary and Lisa Shake** of Austin, Texas. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have refreshed our hearts.

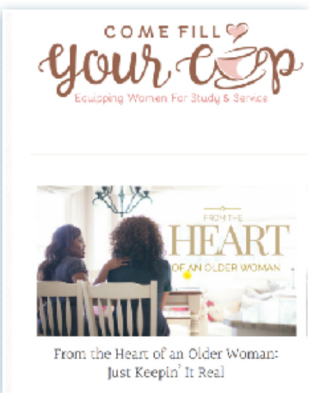
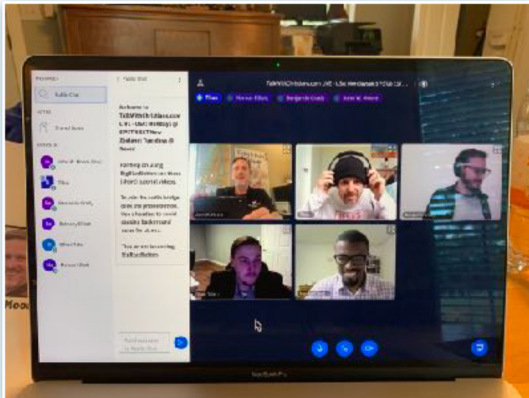


Trusting that the world will return somewhat to normal before too long, we've rescheduled our Israel/Rome study tour for **March 13-27, 2021**. We would love for you to join us!

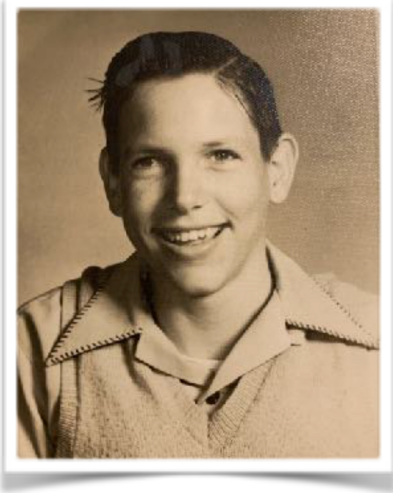
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L-R: Grady on Sunday, May 17... with Mat Cain at WVBS...Generation to generation, spending time at "the Bend"...BVBI graduation ceremony via Zoom...Grandsons as pallbearers...Mom and I have been making cake and delivering to church members and community...We had a fun visit from Neal and Carl Pollard...John's participation with "TalkWithChristians.com"...Vivian was one of those we visited and brought cake to... Jackson is helping!...This year, I've been writing a monthly column for ComeFillYourCup.com called "From the Heart of An Older Woman"



Carla's Comments

(I shared the following on social media after Grady passed away and wanted to share my thoughts here as well.)

As many of you know, my father in law, Grady Thomas Moore, left this present world late Thursday night, May 21, 2020. On Tuesday, May 26, we laid his body to rest. I've known him for 36 years. His quiet, remarkable (and I don't use that word lightly) life forever altered the course of my life. Because of who he was and how he lived and how he and Janice shaped and molded and influenced John, my life has been abundantly blessed beyond all I could ask or think. His life continues to shape the lives of my sons, who adored him. The ripple effect of this man's character, integrity, humor, common sense, fair-mindedness, wisdom and foresight will be eternal.

I loved him so. He and Janice extended abundant kindness to my parents. He loved reliving the past and telling stories (over and over...and over) and he loved laughter. He and Janice did not offer advice unless we asked for it (and there is no doubt we should have asked for his wisdom more.) How often did he sit beside someone in the bleachers while he watched our boys playing some sport – and make friends with the stranger next to him? He looked toward the future and prepared for things I'd never even imagined. He also looked to the past and wanted us to remember it and learn from it. He would often ask me to type things that he'd written out, and he couldn't spell to save his life, but let me tell you – his wisdom and intelligence far, FAR exceeded many who have been highly educated. He was an elder—a faithful and true shepherd who indeed shepherded, tended, paid attention to, fed, and loved the Dripping Springs sheep for more than forty years.

Last week when we got word that hospice was sending a hospital bed, we rushed around, cleaning out the breakfast nook in preparation for its delivery. We swept and washed the windows and moved furniture around. During all of the hubbub and activity, while he waited and slept in his recliner, I had the strangest flashback to the delivery room when John and I had our babies. I remember as birth was imminent, the nurses whisked around, quickly breaking down the bed, draping and cleaning things to get ready for the baby's arrival. That day last week felt so similar, yet so different at the same time. We were preparing him for his exit from this world and I wondered what exactly he would see as he emerged on the other side. There was joy, but there was pain, too. We struggle as we enter and as we exit. First breaths and last breaths. I felt sorry for my newborn babies as they exited the warm, safe, peaceful environment God designed for them and entered into this cold, bright, painful world. But there was no sorrow—for him—as he left the painful world behind and entered into the perfect, peace-filled bright light of God's glory. We gathered as his heart slowed and stopped, and Janice held his hand as angels came to carry him to the presence of the Lord. What a beautiful gift, and a beautiful life well lived. I thank God for the blessing of my dear father-in-law, Grady Moore.

