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Journal

Dear Supporters and Friends,

Living with Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions has certainly been a challenge! We have, beyond our weekly Zoom classes and chapel service, tried our best to keep this menacing virus from getting in the way of staying connected with students. Because of the strict Colorado laws for educational institutions like Bear Valley Bible Institute, it was determined that online classes through Zoom would be the safest way to conduct our educational program. This is only temporary, and while we are restricted from in-person classroom instruction, we continue to find creative ways to be involved in the lives of our students.

Sitting six feet apart on our open-air patio, we managed to conduct our weekly pre-marital counseling sessions with two of our Bear Valley students. They continue to grow and develop in their love for God and one another, and we are excited about their future in ministry. On Tuesday nights, students gathered in the parking lot between the church building and the Bear Valley house where we stay. On Sunday nights we continued to conduct voluntary in-person reviews for examinations on our lawn and on the back porch, trying our best to “social distance” and to follow the proper health guidelines; though admittedly it is extremely hard. Students (as well as the rest of us) need interaction beyond the computer screen. Some even need a shoulder to cry on and an encouraging hug. The toll that Covid-19 has taken on top of an already demanding schedule for students away from home has been hard. We are unable to say what all those problems are in a report such as this, but please know that these students need our prayers and words of encouragement. Carla has especially noticed the repercussions of these issues and has worked to support, mentor, and guide the women students. She has also prepared numerous meals and snacks, and has done a lot overall to see to the needs of many, many souls. I'm blessed to be married to her and she is doing a tremendous job in her new role.



New England fall foliage is simply breathtaking - we are thankful for God's amazing handiwork!

In addition to my weekly classes, throughout the month of September I was also privileged to speak in our chapel service, preach a sermon for the Digital Bible Study program organized by Eric Owens and Jonathan Jenkins, and prepare a lesson about marriage for “The Bible’s Not Boring” podcast conducted by Dale and Carl Pollard. Also, as September came to a close, I administered exams, graded notebooks and papers, and calculated final grades for my students. During the month I also spent several hours preparing

Planned Schedule

October 23/24, 30/31
(J) Grief & Loss Seminar for Digital Bible Study

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

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

January-March 2021:
Bear Valley Bible Institute

March 13-27: (J&C) Israel/Rome study tour (see info/itinerary on next page)

for some exciting works and projects that I will discuss in our next report. October began with a bang and we have already been involved in several programs of work.

As always, we cannot say enough about our heartfelt love and appreciation for you. Thank you so much for supporting and loving us, and for your support of Bible Passages. We are doing our best to share the good news of Jesus and to help prepare another generation of workers for the vineyard. Without you, this work would not be possible.

In Him, *John W. Moore*

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!



A Life Well-Lived: His Work Impacted Thousands

On Monday, October 5th my dear friend and mentor of many years went home to be with the Lord. Norman Starling was 92 years old when he passed peacefully from this life while at his home in Dripping Springs. Please take a moment to read my personal reflections about his life at biblepassages.com or to read his obituary at www.thomasonfuneralhome.com. You will be greatly encouraged by his legacy of great works. Please remember to pray for his wife Betty and daughter Angela. Norman will be greatly missed by us all.

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!



Partial Itinerary for Rome/Israel

(subject to some change)

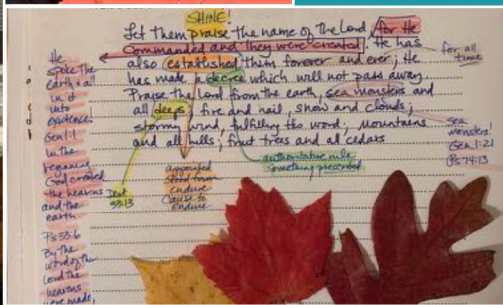
- 3/13 Flight from Newark to Tel Aviv
- 3/14 Negev, Beersheba, Dead Sea
- 3/15 Masada, Qumran, Jericho, Jerusalem
- 3/16 Beth Shemesh, Elah Valley, Museums
- 3/17 Southern Steps, Western Wall, Hezekiah's Tunnel
- 3/18 Free Day in Jerusalem
- 3/19 Temple Mount, Gethsemane, Garden Tomb
- way too much to include here!
- 3/20 Shiloh, Scythopolis, Magdala
- 3/21 Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum
- 3/22 Mt. Arbel, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi
- 3/23 Mt. Carmel, Caesarea, flight to Rome
- 3/24 Vatican, walking tour Rome, Pantheon
- 3/25 Colosseum, Roman Forum, Catacombs
- 3/26 Free Day in Rome
- 3/27 Flight from Rome to Newark

See the details here:

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L-R: The Lakes Region congregation during lectureship in Tilton, NH...John enjoying a walk with Roberto Yrey, one of our BV students...When Micah and Courtney came in September we visited with Rick and Pam Randall at their ranch in Gunnison (southwestern CO)... John presenting an online lesson for Digital Bible Study...Flying to New Hampshire for the 25th annual lectureship...We had a short (about 11 hours!) visit from Jordan's family on their way to Yellowstone and the Tetons, and the kids loved Yummy's Donuts!...Scripture Writing continued in New Hampshire...Lauren Humphrey and others in Dan Owen's class presented lessons to women faculty via Zoom ...Phanat Ouch (visiting from Cambodia) translated for Kolton Ballance as they presented online chapel for Bear Valley's extension school in Cambodia.



Carla's Comments

Dear friends,

We are playing catch-up with this late report! And now we are thinking we might change our reports to cover from the fifteenth of each month through the next fifteenth. How does that sound?

I'm perusing my calendar, and here is what we've been up to: article writing, premarital counseling, early morning men's coffees on the back porch, Bible studies, family visits, Monday and Wednesday night women's classes, a trip to Dripping Springs (both of us), a trip to Nashville (John), and a trip to New Hampshire (both of us). I completed - and loved - Denny Petrillo's Matthew class. Several exam reviews in the front yard. A very enjoyable faculty gathering at Wayne and Weezie Burger's home. Drives through the beautiful aspens. Potential Covid exposure and several days of quarantine (again....but their tests came back negative. Whew!) John preached in Woodland Park, CO. Visits, walks, meetings, and lesson presentations with BV student women. A faculty lunch with a potential student family, a lecture in New Hampshire: The Word of God Gives Wisdom. John and I did an interview of sorts with Brett Petrillo and Cory Waddell for a video lesson on Depression (for Bear Valley members). We've been pretty busy, but we enjoy being busy!

In the 1990's, Mom and Dad started traveling to the northeast in the fall as "leaf-peepers" and in their travels they came to know and love the Christians at the Lakes Region church of Christ in Tilton, NH. That relationship led to an annual lectureship, and many friendships have resulted that years and miles don't touch. John and I have been blessed to know these beautiful people for a lot of years. This past weekend we participated in their 25th annual lectureship (our first to attend was in 1996...Jacob turned 5 while we were there) and as always, it feels like going home. Mom and Dad loved being there and I know she wished she could have gone. One of my favorite places in the world is in Martha Blouin's kitchen...she and Bob (aka Rob or Robert) are simply the best! We loved having them travel with us last year to Israel. Also loved so much getting to be with their daughter Sara and her husband, Leslie, and their sweet kids. We got our cups filled to overflowing with friendship, fall color and good lessons!



MORE of the happiest news! Jake and Alyssa will be welcoming a baby girl in March!!



Jordan printed one of his beautiful Colorado images for my office wall. This is Bear Lake in RMNP, where Micah and Courtney got engaged.

We are so thankful that we were able to see Norman and Betty Starling while we were home in September. We had an idea Norman would not live much longer, and he passed away on October 5. He's been so influential on John, as well as our sons, and so many others. He will be missed, but we are thankful for the rest he now enjoys!

Lesson learned: do not announce surprises in newsletter. My mom read our newsletter before our "surprise visit", so it wasn't much of a surprise to her! But we did manage to surprise John's mother. We enjoyed our quick trip home to visit with them. Also - did you see our happy news about Jake and Alyssa (photo above)? We are so excited and thankful to look forward to little Turner Elizabeth's arrival, and having two little girl cousins just a few weeks apart will be so much fun! It has been quite a journey for them, but God is always good. We are thankful for His love and guidance, and we are thankful for you as well. May He bless you richly! Love, *Carla*