

# NEWSLETTER

*And El Shaddai bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a qahal of people.*  
Genesis 28:3



photo by Molly Fleenor

## A Letter From the Editor

Moises Grijalva

Shalom! For the past few months, a committee of men from the Qahal has been meeting on Zoom and discussing the Biblical role of elders for the community. They are uninterested in the definition of an elder as described by modern-day churches but rather in

how elders are described in the Word of Yah. Through much discussion and debate, they agreed on what Biblical characteristics an elder needs to have and what role an elder will play.

The idea of an elder is not to rule over

the people; it is not one of power and prestige. Instead, the Biblical idea of an elder is to serve, lift the burden, and bring order and structure to Yah's people.

Looking around the Messianic/Hebrew Roots/Torah Observant/etc. groups, you will notice a lot of division and disorder. This group has come out of the modern-day church leadership for many good reasons but has thrown the baby out with the bathwater. Leadership is good and can promote growth when done right. Righteousness, quality of faith, and growth are some of the goals of elders. In



And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to YHWH in whom they had believed.

Acts 14:23

Photo by Tracy Grijalva

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order to meet these goals, men must mediate over issues that arise and bring unity and purity amongst the diversity.

With this in mind, a group of men who wanted to take on the role of elder submitted their names for consideration. The committee is interviewing these men to decide who will become an elder.

While not elders, there are many leaders who do and will hold important roles serving on the elders' council. Iron sharpens iron, and counsel establishes plans. Therefore, "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established." Proverbs 15:22

We hope and pray as we move forward that more qualified men will take the calling to bear the burden of the people as an elder.

# Monthly Qahal Meeting

by Tracy Grijalva

Once a month, the Qahal meets, uniting smaller fellowships together for praise and worship, study, and fellowship. Last month, James Yoder gave the teaching. It is recorded and posted to YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@bereanechad>). We hope to record future teachings as well.

*Please note the change of location for the March Qahal to Kingsport as seen on the adjacent image.*

*James Yoder*

**“WE ARE ISRAEL”**

2-10-24




**The Qahal: 02-10-24, James Yoder - "We Are Israel"**

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# QAHAL


## MARCH 9TH ASSEMBLY

A once a month meeting where local small fellowships come together for praise and worship, study, and fellowship.

301 LOUIS STREET, KINGSPOINT, TN  
**V.O. DOBBINS SR. COMPLEX**  
DOUGLASS ROOM

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2PM-6PM MARCH 9, 2024



PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
ONEG (BRING A KASRUT DISH TO SHARE)  
TEACHING BY BILL FUENTES



# HAPPY NEW YEAR! THE CALENDAR

by Tracy Grijalva

Unity amongst the diversity. Remember this as we venture into this new or soon-to-be new year, depending on your calendar. We all look forward to the day in Isaiah 2:3 when we are taught the correct ways we should be walking. But until then, we must do the best we can while searching the matters out and keeping a teachable heart. With that said, different calendars are being kept within the Qahal. This table summarizes some of the ones we have been made aware of. If you don't see the calendar you follow here, please let me know, and I will include your dates in future publications. (The table below is presented alphabetically, so no preference is being shown.)

	<b>New Year!</b> 1st Day of 1st Month	<b>Pesach</b> 14th Day of 1st Month	<b>Unleavened Bread</b> (high day, no work) 15th Day of 1st Month	<b>First Fruits</b>	<b>Unleavened Bread</b> (high day, no work) 21st Day of 1st Month	<b>Shavuot</b> (high day, no work)
Enoch/Jubilees/ Zadok 364 Day Sunrise Begins Day	Wed, Mar 20	Tue, Apr 2	<b>Wed, Apr 3</b>	Sun, Apr 7	<b>Tue, Apr 9</b>	<b>Sun, May 26</b>
Jewish Calendar Variation Sunset Begins Day (vineyardjc.com)	Tue, Apr 9 to Wed, Apr 10	Mon, Apr 22 to Tue, Apr 23	<b>Tue, Apr 23 to Wed, Apr 24</b>	Sat, Apr 27 to Sun, Apr 28	<b>Mon, Apr 29 to Tue, Apr 30</b>	<b>Sat, Jun 15 to Sun, Jun 16</b>
Lunar-Solar Sunrise Begins Day Local Conjunction (bereanechad.com)	Tue, Apr 9	Mon, Apr 22	<b>Tue, Apr 23</b>	Sun, Apr 28	<b>Mon, Apr 29</b>	<b>Sun, Jun 16</b>
Lunar-Solar Sunset Begins Day Local Conjunction	Mon, Apr 8 to Tue, Apr 9	Sun, Apr 21 to Mon, Apr 22	<b>Mon, Apr 22 to Tue, Apr 23</b>	Sat, Apr 27 to Sun, Apr 28	<b>Sun, Apr 28 to Mon, Apr 29</b>	<b>Sat, Jun 15 to Sun, Jun 16</b>
Lunar-Solar Sunset Begins Day Local Conjunction Variation	Sun, Apr 7 to Mon, Apr 8	Sat, Apr 20 to Sun, Apr 21	<b>Sun, Apr 21 to Mon, Apr 22</b>	Sat, Apr 27 to Sun, Apr 28	<b>Sat, Apr 27 to Sun, Apr 28</b>	<b>Sat, Jun 15 to Sun, Jun 16</b>
Lunar-Solar Sunset Begins Day Israel Conjunction (torahfamily.org)	Tue, Apr 9 to Wed, Apr 10	Tue, Apr 23 (evening)	<b>Tue, Apr 23 to Wed, Apr 24</b>	Sat, Apr 27 to Sun, Apr 28	<b>Mon, Apr 29 to Tue, Apr 30</b>	<b>Sat, Jun 15 to Sun, Jun 16</b>
Lunar-Solar Sunset Begins Day Aviv Barley Sighted Moon <i>Dates subject to change</i>	<i>Tue, Mar 12 to Wed, Mar 13</i>	<i>Mon, Mar 25 to Tue, Mar 26</i>	<i><b>Tue, Mar 26 to Wed, Mar 27</b></i>	<i>Sat, Mar 30 to Sun, Mar 31</i>	<i><b>Mon, Apr 1 to Tue, Apr 2</b></i>	<i><b>Sat, May 18 to Sun, May 19</b></i>
Lunar-Solar Sunset Begins Day Sighted Moon <i>Dates subject to change</i> (aroodawakening.tv)	<i>Tue, Apr 9 to Wed, Apr 10</i>	<i>Mon, Apr 22 to Tue, Apr 23</i>	<i><b>Tue, Apr 23 to Wed, Apr 24</b></i>	Sat, Apr 27 to Sun, Apr 28	<i><b>Mon, Apr 29 to Tue, Apr 30</b></i>	<b>Sat, Jun 15 to Sun, Jun 16</b>

## Eddie Chumney Visiting: Zadok 364 Day Study

by Tracy Grijalva

While we seek unity amongst the diversity, a quick look at the table above may have you pondering, what are we doing? These are eight interpretations of the Biblical calendar (there are more; these are just the ones I was made aware of at the time of publishing). Are we en route to the same fate as the numerous denominations in modern-day Christianity? I hope not. I pray we can stay together with the common bonds that unite us through Torah and Yeshua. With that said, matters need to be searched out and studied. In the middle of March, Eddie Chumney will visit Sneedville to speak about the 364 Zadok Calendar throughout the week (3/17-3/21). If you are interested in attending or would like information about the recording and zooming of these discussions, please contact Moises Grijalva (423) 300-2089.

# Local Fellowships

Are you interested in hosting Shabbats at your house, starting a fellowship, and need help? If you would like your fellowship to be part of the Qahal, please contact Moises @ (423) 300-2089.

## East Tennessee Fellowship

Various Locations  
Information shared on Signal App  
Contact Kurt Berry for the link

## Greeneville, TN

Contact: Bill Fuentes – 860.794.7018  
434 Old Knoxville Hwy  
Greeneville, TN 37743  
Services begin at 3pm.

## New Tazewell, TN

Contact: Tyler Pahl – 865.279.1710  
1993 Snodgrass Rd  
New Tazewell, TN 37825  
Services are flexible, Hours 2pm-Till Evening.  
(Please call)

## Harrogate, TN

Berean Echad Springs Fellowship  
Contact: Brad Fleenor – 859.475.8658  
Contact: Eric Schaefer – 423.426.0923  
Contact: Moises Grijalva – 423.300.2089  
279 Keats Drive  
Harrogate, TN 37752  
bereanechad.com  
Services begin at 3pm. Call or text for more information.

## Rogersville, TN

Contact: Bob Kuhn – 252.634.4100  
Contact: Kate Coffelt – 513.807.9654  
Rogersville, TN 37857  
Services begin at 11am.



“Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy **convocation (H4744)**; you shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of YHWH in all your dwellings.” Lev 23:3  
H4744 Convocation, mik-rah: “an assembly,” “a calling together,”  
“an appointed meeting”  
Be sure to find a group to gather with on Shabbats! Pictured here are photos from Kate in Rogersville. If you need assistance finding a group, please contact anyone listed above on this page.

# Sneedville News: Berean Echad Fellowship Moves

by Tracy Grijalva

I sent an email last month instead of a newsletter as time was lacking. So, some of the information could have been misconstrued. Here is the breaking news out of Sneedville!

We did not sell our property and do not intend to relocate. The fellowship building is still available in Sneedville for ministry purposes (we donated the building to Berean Echad Fellowship, so it will retain its use for ministry). The Shabbat House is still standing and is ready for guests! While not centrally located, we are still a hop, skip, and jump away from other fellowships, and our property offers a lovely mountain retreat.

What the Father has planned for the fellowship building here, we do not know just yet. But we are willing to do His will, whatever that may be. Some of our brainstorming ideas were a retreat center, a youth activity hall, and hosting speakers. In March, we will host Eddie Chumney in the fellowship building and accommodate him in the Shabbat house. He will be in town to speak about the Zadok calendar. We intend to have live attendance and broadcast his teachings from the fellowship building via Zoom. For those interested, more information is on page 3.

All that being said, Berean Echad Fellowship has moved out of Sneedville, not my family, but rather the fellowship. Instead of meeting in Sneedville every Shabbat, we are now meeting at the Fleanor's home in Harrogate, TN. Brad and Melissa graciously offered their large garage building a place for our group to meet. While there was nothing wrong with meeting in Sneedville, this move made sense to our group as the location in Harrogate was much more centrally located for the majority of the folks in our group. I hope this clears up any confusion there may have been.



# Greeneville News

by Tracy Grijalva

We have exciting news from Greeneville, where Bill Fuente's group meets. The New Harvest Church has broken ground to construct a new 180-seat fellowship building. Please keep them in your prayers as they move forward with construction.

**New Harvest Church - Greeneville, TN**  
 February 12 at 12:05 PM

- Enlarge the place of your tent ✓
- Stretch tent curtains wide ✓
- Lengthen cords ✓
- Strengthen stakes ✓

Big things happening 🌟  
 (Isaiah 54:2)

8 2 comments



Photo of the Berean Echad Fellowship building ready to be used!

# The Freedom Story

by Olivia Huth

Shalom, y'all! Berean Echad's all-new Shalom Studios is presenting our first ever movie, *The Freedom Story*! With a cast and crew of about 21 youths from the Qahal, we are very excited to share this awesome film with you—it is the story of Israel, YAH's chosen people, being set free from the world (Egypt) and saved from death by the grace of YAH and the blood of a lamb!

We have been working hard to prepare this movie by Passover and learning a lot about what goes into making a film. Molly Fleenor wrote the screenplay and is co-directing the movie with Olivia Huth. Olivia also wrote a screenplay for a guest cameo segment. Dalton Fleenor and Issac Barnett have been working to create the soundtrack, with Dalton taking the lead in composing the closing music video. Many of us work hard behind the scenes, creating costumes and props, led mainly by Rachel Barnett and Molly Fleenor. Our videographers include Gabriel Reidman, Olivia Huth, and Molly Fleenor. In addition, as Sara would say, like a true New Englander, we have a 'wicked awesome' cast team! They have been implementing a strenuous workout routine to get in the best shape possible by running, seemingly non-stop, all afternoon in rigorous soccer matches, cops and robbers, and other games!

This film takes a lot of planning, cooperation, re-re-re-doing, and many prayers, but it also makes for laughter and fun! You won't want to miss the premiere – we will have some super cool extras such as behind-the-scenes, bloopers, and our very own music video, *The Freedom Song*! We hope you will enjoy our production!

This epic movie will be out by 4-22-24, so mark your calendar (or hopefully, they're already marked – for Passover!), and get ready to have your sandals knocked off as you watch Moses find himself on Holy Ground!



# Shalom Studios

by Tracy Grijalva

On a chilly Shabbat, I chatted with Molly Fleenor about our shared interest in photography. The conversation took a bit of a turn, and I asked if she also enjoyed videography. Holly Schaeffer was present and can attest to the sparkle that came into Molly's eye as soon as video was mentioned, and she began telling me about some of the videos she had created. From there, an idea started to form.

For 2023 Pesach, the Berean Echad youth had put together a skit. I mentioned that creating a movie rather than a skit would be fun this year. There was agreement between the three of us. We now just had to get parental approval. And the approval we got! The Fleenor family graciously offered their home as the set for the group, and we started meeting there on the 5th day of every week. I told the children they were now a production company and needed a name! With a lot of brainstorming, they came up with SHALOM STUDIOS. More brainstorming happened as we worked together to make a logo. We have been busy with the nitty-gritty of the film, so the graphic design is on the back burner, but we plan to have it done in time for the film release!

I am so amazed and constantly blown away by the talent of this group. The leadership, teamwork, artistic, and musical talent are bubbling to the surface and overflowing the cup. I have never seen a group of 20 (almost 21 if you include baby Huth!) of such a diverse age range (1-16) work so well together. They work together and problem-solve (the well that kept collapsing), encourage one another, devise plans to make things happen, and play! There is a lot of play! Yah has truly been blessing them too, as the weather has been great every time they have met temperatures above 50 in what would be considered the winter. We hope you like what they are working on and keep on encouraging them. This youth group has so much potential; I am excited to see how Yah will use them.



# Behind the Scenes

by Tracy Grijalva

So many memories! The youth have been meeting weekly to create *The Freedom Story*. Here is a small glimpse at what is going on behind the scenes. To find out more, strike up a conversation with one of them, I am certain they will be excited to talk about the experience!



Photos by Olivia Huth and Tracy Grijalva

# Youth Field Trip

by Tracy Grijalva

Cody Payne from A-1 Concrete and his brother Matt Payne from All Star Apparel and Awards hosted the youth for a tour of their facilities. They all met up at A-1 Concrete and then drove down the road to All-Star Apparel. There, Matt showed them how t-shirts are screen printed. Two designs were specially created on the screens for the kids to pick from. Once they made the selection, Matt showed them how to use the screen, and then they took home the shirt they helped print! You may see some of them wearing these shirts soon, and if you like the designs, let me know, as the Paynes printed a few extras.

After having a great time at All-Star Apparel, they returned to the concrete plant, where the children saw what goes into creating concrete. Cody explained what concrete is made of and how they measure the proportions and put it into the concrete truck. He tied in Scripture and explained how faith is just like concrete (see image to the right).

The teens went up into the office, where they helped Cody put in the weights for a 3,000 psi mix. The others watched as the conveyor belt brought the material up and dropped it into the concrete truck. Next, they watched as a concrete block was poured, learning how concrete gains strength over time and how the strength rate depends on weather conditions.

The younger children even got the opportunity to get into some of the heavy machinery! Shalom Studios (see page 7) was on the scene with their videographers, capturing some of the action, and they are very excited to share their footage on 4-22-24.

The youth and their parents are incredibly grateful to the Payne brothers for taking time out of their busy schedules to host the children and giving them memories that will last a lifetime!

**FAITH is like...  
CONCRETE**

**FAITH**

YHWH (Psalm 62)

Torah, Prophets, Scriptures,  
The Good News! (James 1:16-27)

Yeshua (Romans 15:1-21)

The World, your Customs,  
Traditions, and everyday life  
(James 2:14-26 & John 17)

**CONCRETE**

Rock

Sand

Cement

Water

**MIX IT ALL TOGETHER**  
The more you water it down...the easier it is to work.  
**BUT...the more you water it down...the weaker it is in the end.**

