

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 Tracy Grijalva

A Letter From the Editor

by Moises and Tracy Grijalva

Shalom! As many know, we hosted Eddie Chumney in Sneedville in March to present his studies on the Zadok calendar. People were able to join in person and also via Zoom for a five-day presentation. We also uploaded the recordings to our YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@bereanechad>). There were quite a few comments on these videos; some more positive than others, but they prompted us to begin working to answer some of the questions and make a call for a peer review group.

In the video we recently uploaded, titled: *The Purpose of the Lights: Genesis, Jubilees; and the call for a Peer Review Group*, (<https://youtu.be/PSKALozJe-Y>) there are points on a calendrical polemic between the books of Genesis and Jubilees. There are obstacles presented that must be addressed to keep an appropriate biblical observance.




Genesis

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

1:14-19

1. To divide the day from the night. (v14)
2. To let them be for
 - A. signs
 - B. seasons
 - C. days
 - D. years (v14)
3. To let them be lights in the firmament of heaven and to give light on the earth. (v15)



Furthermore, recommendations are made on how to move forward. One of the comments made on the Eddie Chumney videos suggested the need for a peer review group. Eddie presented his studies on the Zadok calendar, but only discussed one side. Without haste, there needs to be a group that will study and discuss these matters in detail and then present their findings.

So, as students of the Word, we must now look at information and research it out further. If you are willing not to have a bias for either side, I invite you to message us and leave your information at Info@bereanechad.com.

June Qahal at the Park

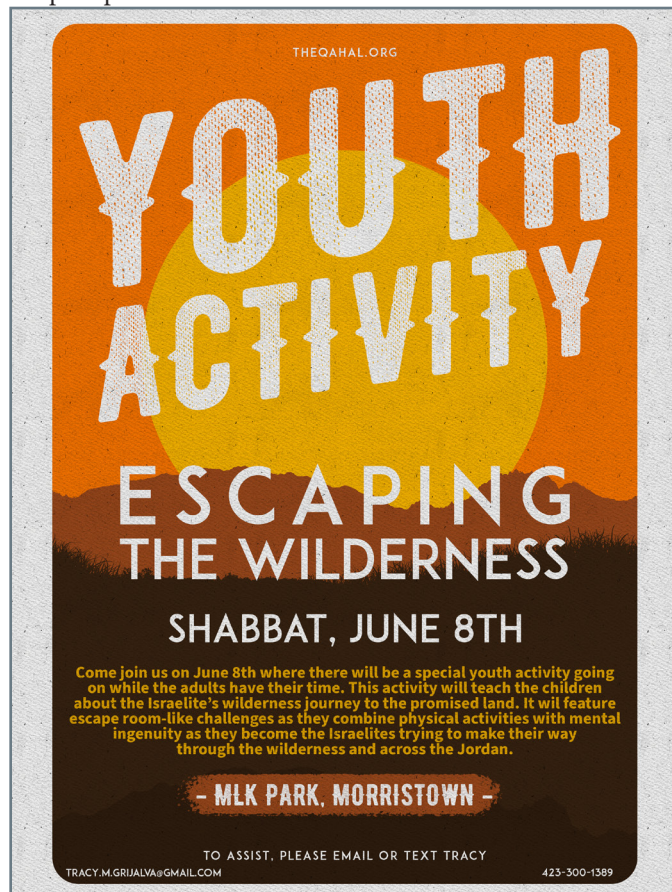
by Tracy Grijalva

Once a month, the Qahal meets, uniting smaller fellowships together for praise and worship, study, and fellowship. We will be meeting again at MLK Park in Morristown. Please note the change in time - we are beginning at 1 PM rather than 2 PM. We will again have an open mic like last month and ask that if you have something to share that you keep it under 10 minutes.

We find that things flow best when we share a meal (please bring a kasrut dish to share) at the end of the meeting. So please pack snacks, especially for the kids.

Speaking of the kids, we have a unique youth activity planned for this Qahal (pending no rain; more on that in a minute). The youth will work together to solve biblically themed mysteries and puzzles that will take them through the wilderness and the Jordan River. There will be quite a bit of imagination involved, along with physical activities (some involving a 24-foot parachute) and teamwork. Be assured all the activities have a biblical theme, so the kids will learn while having fun. *The activities are open to ages 18 and under. We ask that children aged three and under are accompanied by an adult.*

This activity is made for the outdoors so in the event of rain, this event will be postponed for the July Qahal (2nd Shabbat in July - 7/13/24), and we will instead do the activity, game, and craft that we have planned for Shavuot (see next page) under the park pavilion.



The Harrogate Fellowship had fun testing the new parachute - all ages seemed to have enjoyed it!



Shavuot at the Park

by Tracy Grijalva

While we know some have already celebrated Shavuot at the time of this newsletter, we would like to invite everyone to the Shavuot celebration on Sunday, June 16th. We will be meeting at MLK Park in Morristown at 1 PM.

There will be praise and worship, a brief teaching, a wave offering (bring two loaves of bread!), a children's activity, and a shared meal (please bring a kashrut dish to share).

For the children, we have a ten-commandment lesson planned. We will have a game where they will work together to make a large display, and then will make two small tablets that they can take it home with them (see photo of a sample I made). They will also have an activity about planting seeds that will tie in with a lesson Yeshua taught. They will go home with a planted marigold seed that they hopefully will take care of and watch grow!

As mentioned on the previous page, if it rains on June 8th, we will be doing this activity, game, and craft on that Shabbat instead. We do not yet have a backup activity planned for Shavuot, but will begin brainstorming on June 9th if necessary (we are praying for clear skies, so hopefully, all this will stay as planned).

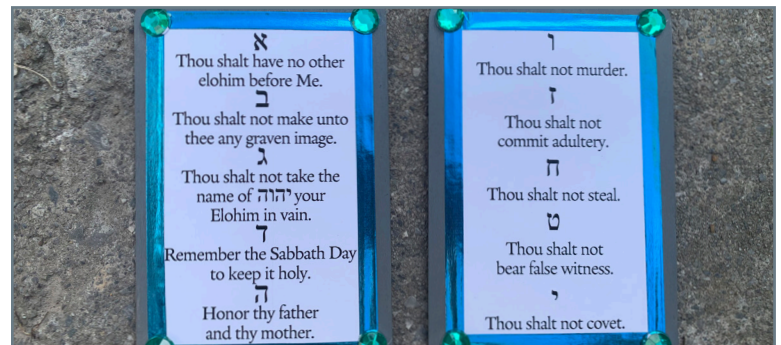
The adjacent photos are what we have planned for the children. Liana was kind enough to be my model to show scale.



Top Left: We will be planting marigold seeds that the children can take home.

Top Right: We will be playing a game where they have to attach the commandments to the board and then decorate the board.

Adjacent and bottom: We will be making two 4x6 ten commandment tablets on wood using paint, card-stock, and decorations that they can take home.



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.

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
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Rogersville, TN

Contact: Bob Kuhn – 252.634.4100
 Contact: Kate Coffelt – 513.807.9654
 Contact: Eric Schaefer – 423.426.0923
 Contact: Moises Grijalva – 423.300.2089
 Rogersville, TN 37857
Services begin at 11am.

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)*

Tri-Cities Torah

Contact: Dan Whittaker – price1020@aol.com
Various locations - email for more details.



Youth Shabbat Activities

We are blessed to have quite a few youth at the Harrogate Fellowship. In preparation for the next film that Shalom Studios is making (see page 5) on some Shabbats, we are focusing our attention on studying the wilderness journey. The photos on this page show the activities the youth participated in - gathering "manna" (picking up small cotton using only a spoon) and creating a little paper quail with manna at its feet.

Discipleship Studies

Blessings to you this beautiful day,

As you may know, at least until the Lord shows us differently, we are no longer holding Shabbat services at New Harvest church. We encourage you to find a local fellowship and join with other brothers and sisters for Shabbat. We will, however, be starting discipleship classes, with mostly topical studies.

Our intent is, at first, as we find interest in the studies, is to hold them on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We may expand the frequency but not at this time.

Beginning Tuesday, June 10, we invite you to join us at our home at 5:30 for dinner, followed by some praise and worship and then the study. For the first meeting, we will be supplying the meal but in future meetings, we will ask for your help. We may take up an offering to help cover food expenses or ask you to contribute to the meal. We invite you to come as early as 4:30 for a time of fellowship but we plan to eat promptly at 5:30.

We will be starting our studies with a mild discussion on biblical quotes and misquotes. At that meeting, questions will be handing out our first series of questions, based on Hebrews 6:1-2; the principles of the doctrine of Christ. We may learn that we don't even have understanding of the basics of walking in Christ. You will be given questions for the next meeting and asked to answer them based on your own study of the scriptures. No "I think" or "I believe" are allowed, unless the question asks for your opinion, prior to your search in Scripture.

Each meeting, you will get a new set of questions. They can also be emailed if you are unable to attend. Emailing them as attachments may allow you to type your answers directly on a printout, rather than handwriting on the paper. In any case, we suggest you get a notebook to keep your studies in, for future reference.

Our address is 4240 N. Mohawk Rd., Mohawk. Bill's phone number is 860-794-7018. I can be reached at 860-794-7014.

If you plan on attending on June 10, please let me know so that we can be sure to have sufficient food. If you have a portable chair you can bring, that might be helpful because we don't know how many people may join us.

We hope you will be able to come. We send you love.

Bill and Cheryl



Shalom Studios

by Tracy Grijalva

The youth came together in May for their first meeting for the next film they are working on. It was decided that they would be producing a series of episodes rather than one long video. The first series they plan to work on picks up where The Freedom Story left off. We will first follow the Israelites through Exodus 15-17 as they complain, grumble about their hunger and thirst, and perhaps even get into their first battle. The episodes will be no longer than 15 minutes, so we are not sure yet exactly where the "to be continued..." mark will be.

At the last meeting, they took measurements of everyone and are improving on the costumes by sewing them to match the individual. I love the motivation and initiative shown in looking for ways to improve and use what they already had available. They also plan to make new beards using yarn. Another improvement is that they want everyone to be wearing sandals! They came up with the idea to make the sandals themselves - by cutting out the footprint in craft leather/faux leather and wrapping fabric around it.

This group is super resourceful and finds ways to use what they already have. With that said, if you would like to help them out by donating things you may not have a use for that would help with this next film, we would all greatly appreciate it. Monetary donations are also welcome as some things will need to be purchased, such as a chicken they will be roasting (quail, anyone?).

Some of the items that would be appreciated if you have available to donate:

- Neutral colored yarn for beards
- Sheets of craft leather/faux leather for sandals
- Old neutral colored sheets for tents
- Old pillow cases for vests

Some of the parents are also getting creative! One mom had the brilliant idea to create buttons for the kids and even gave each of them a sash to place them on. The plan is to create buttons for each movie that they make that they can add to the sash. It was such a great idea, and the kids loved it!

If you want to be a part of this next film, it's not too late.

Please contact me, and I will keep you informed of when we are meeting and what is going on. Right now, we plan to meet once to twice a month, depending on everyone's schedule.

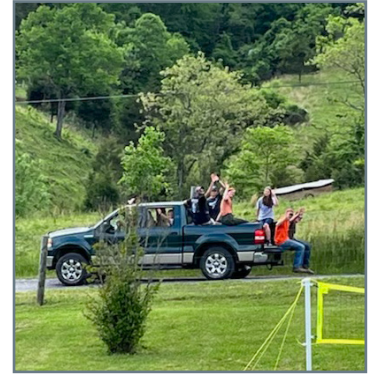
The next meeting is June 13 at 1 PM.



May Events

by Tracy Grijalva

It was a great month for fellowship last month! The Kuhn's hosted a super fun gathering at their home complete with amazing burgers. That same week was the Qahal Shabbat meeting at the park which was also a great time. It is wonderful to see relationships growing and people coming together for fellowship.



Pictured above are photos from the Kuhn's home and adjacent and below are from MLK Park. Thank you Alicia and Holly for the photos!

