

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

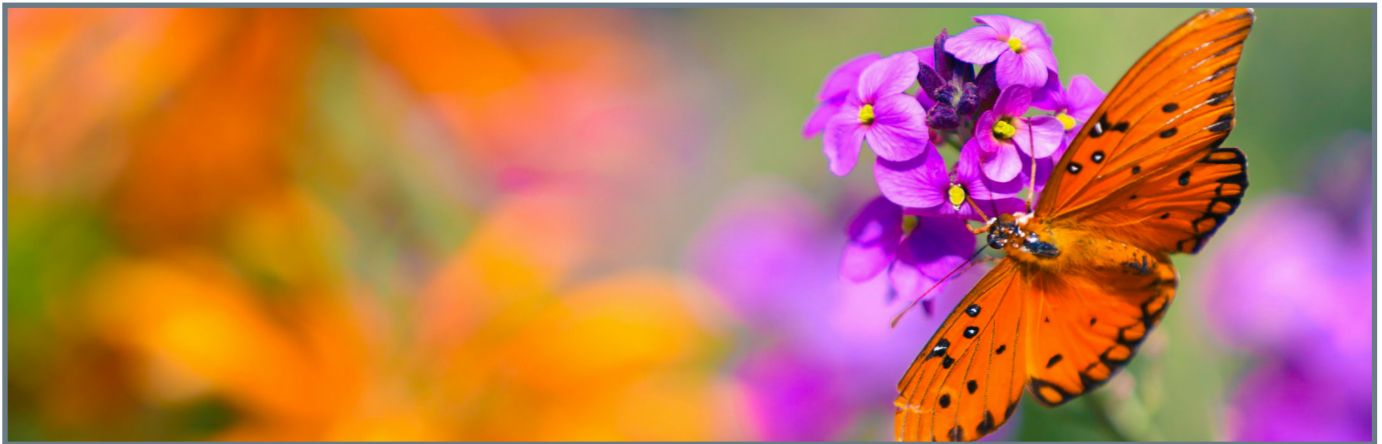


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A Letter From the Editor

by Moises Grijalva

Shalom! We hope this newsletter finds you well. We took time off from the newsletter last month because of lemons. I am impressed to write about blessings and perceived curses. Lately, many within our community have had their share of lemons. It is interesting because Shalom Studios has been working on their newest production, and the first episode is about the bitter waters at Marah (Ex 15:22-27). Lemons are bitter, but add sugar, and you get lemonade. Amid travail, it's often hard to see how things can take a turn for sweeter waters. How can something so remarkably troubling in our lives turn into a blessing?

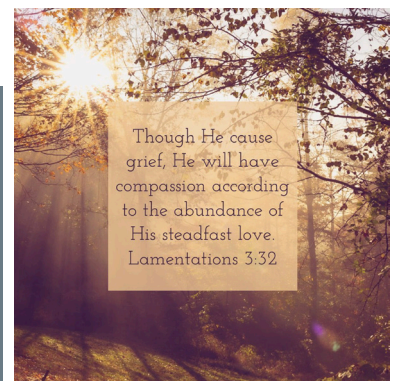
Our passage explains they had just left Egypt and were thirsty. They came upon some water, but the water was bitter. They longed to fill their cup but could not drink of this liquid, which otherwise would have healed their thirst. In the wilderness, the people constantly sought their own means of healing satisfaction to the point they wanted to return to the slavery of Egypt, their idols, and their metaphorical vomit.

Sometimes, in our vessels, we seek worldly medicinal anecdotes and antidotes as a means of quenching our thirst. Moses did not do this. He took the problem to Yah. Look at what happened. Yah really knows how to make lemonade out of lemons. Yah showed Moses a log that he then threw into the water to make it sweet.

Yah is able to heal all bitterness and sickness. He made it sweet. He can turn lemons into lemonade and make life sweet. The blessings and perceived curses are on the same proverbial coin. The coin is flipped by Yah but is caught by His own hand, which heals. Sometimes the healing comes in unexpected ways and even in ways we do not understand. Who would expect a log to bring sweetness? However, most know bitter waters can be made sweet by sugar. The Israelites should have learned a lesson as Moses taught them through Yah. Verse 26 says, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of Yah your Elohim, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am Yah, your healer (Yah Rapha)."

Trust He knows best.
 Listen to His voice,
 Do what is right in His eyes,
 give ear to His commandments,
 keep all His statutes.
 There is healing sugar
 in His Word!

Please send Tracy submissions for the next newsletter by August 26th. Poetry, stories, photographs, events, businesses, etc.
 Tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com



Though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love.
 Lamentations 3:32

Photo by Tracy Grijalva

The Qahal is now on BAND!
 Download the app and join the group. We will continue to send out information by email.
<https://band.us/n/aaa7A1daef66C>

Upcoming Qahal at the Park: August

by Tracy Grijalva

Once a month, the Qahal meets, uniting smaller fellowships together for praise and worship, study, and fellowship. We will be meeting at MLK Park in Morristown. We will have an open mic like last month and ask that if you have something to share, please keep it under 10 minutes.

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

Speaking of the kids, we will have a fun activity where they will learn about the Armor of Yah. This will take place while the adults are having their open mic time.

theQahal.org

Qahal at the Park

08.10.24 AT 1:00PM
MLK PARK IN MORRISTOWN, TN
350 W 9TH N STREET

PRAISE AND WORSHIP • FELLOWSHIP
BIBLE STUDY • YOUTH LESSON

PLEASE BRING A KASRUT DISH TO SHARE

THERE WILL BE A YOUTH BIBLE LESSON AFTER PRAISE AND WORSHIP

September Qahal at the Park

You may have noticed that the monthly Qahal meetings are on the 2nd Shabbat of the month. Due to the availability of MLK Park in Morristown, the September meeting is on the 1st Shabbat of September, the 7th.

Past Qahals at the Park: June

by Tracy Grijalva

It was a great Qahal at the park. Since I work with the youth, this article is primarily about them! We had a great time with a wilderness adventure game. The kids had to work together to solve various puzzles and activities. Some of the activities included a giant parachute and a replica of the Ark of the Covenant! It was a great time, and I thank all the adults that helped make it a success.



Past Events: Shavuot

by Tracy Grijalva

Shavuot at the park was incredible! A great group gathered for praise, worship, fellowship, and study. The children had an exciting lesson on the Ten Commandments and created miniature wood tablets that they could take home with them. Thanks again to all the adults who helped out! I couldn't do it without you ladies!!!!



Past Qahals at the Park: July

by Tracy Grijalva

The July Qahal at the Park was a great time. The kids learned about the Aaronic Blessing and the significance of having the tallit over them. They even made a 10-foot-long tallit! They used glue to attach the decorations, so it needs a bit of sewing before its debut. I am hoping to have it done for the August Qahal! Thanks again to all the adults who helped with the kids' lesson!



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
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
Contact: Eric Schaefer – 423.426.0923
Contact: Moises Grijalva – 423.300.2089
Rogersville, TN 37857
Services begin at 11am.

Tri-Cities Torah

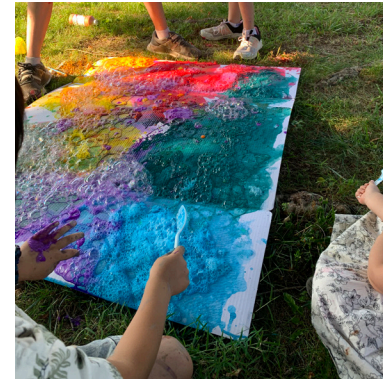
Contact: Dan Whittaker – price1020@aol.com
Various locations - email for more details.



Shabbat Youth Activities

by Tracy Grijalva

We have been having a great time learning over at Harrogate on Shabbats. Some of the highlights include making the Ten Commandments board, learning about and creating a high priest breastplate, learning about the 12 tribes and making flags, and finally, learning about Matthew 6:25-34 (ask one of them about the tooth miracle).



Camp Mashiach and other summer fun

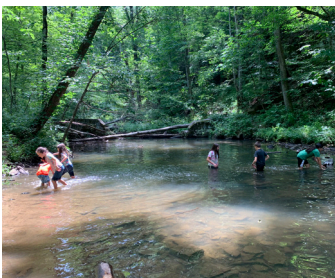
by Tracy Grijalva

Many from the community attended Camp Mashiach this past July. Some went as campers, and others went as servants. I heard many great things about camp and things that the campers experienced and learned. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped make a difference in the youth's lives.

Photos taken can be found at: <https://www.campmashiach.com/private-photos>
Password: C@mp2024!



While friends and family were away at camp, some of the other children played in a creek at the Cumberland Gap State Park and went on a fun field trip to The Museum of Appalachia. They had a great time exploring the grounds and having a good time together.



Alpha and Omega

Poem by Anonymous

Why did you stop when the journey's just begun?

Had Christ stopped at Calvary, the battle would not be won.

But He rose triumphant over death, and hell, and sin.

Calvary's just the beginning of the battle you must win.

Why did you stop after one mile on the way?

Do you think it is enough to be baptized in His name?

You did run well, who did hinder you to not obey

All of His commandments along the gospel way?

If you speak in tongues and prophesy, does that bring you fame?

When the sick have recovered and demons cast out in His name;

When tithes have been paid, and you trust in His grace

When you understand all mysteries, have you finished the race?

Where do you stop as you travel the Way?

Everything he commanded, you have done, can you say?

When you've gone the last mile and you finally pause

The end that you see, is the beginning; the cross.

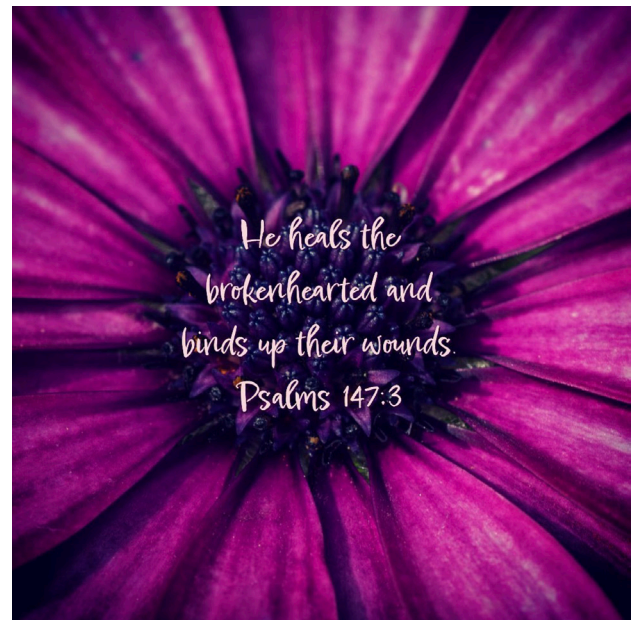


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Upcoming Events

by Tracy Grijalva

A lot is happening these next couple of months. Included below are some flyers and a brief description of each event. Please reach out to Moises if you have any questions. His number is 423-300-2089.

Demo Day in Sneedville

by Tracy Grijalva

Sunday, Aug 4th (beginning at 1 pm and late notice) is a workday at Moises and Tracy's property to get 'the lower house' gutted and ready for a much-needed renovation.

A brother has recently moved to the area, staying with the Grijalva's and working for Cody at his concrete plant. The lower house is in pretty bad condition from previous travelers, so in addition to prepping the house for renovation, this work will help make this brother's stay at the property a bit cleaner once the nasty material is moved out of that house.

Please consider making the effort - many hands are needed.



Shalom Studios: Free Food!

by Tracy Grijalva

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 18th!

Shalom Studios has been working hard all summer, writing and creating costumes and props for their upcoming Series, The Children of Israel. Check out page 9 for more info.

They are picking up where they left off from The Freedom Story and improving their production with this new series. August 18th will be an opportunity for all of us to show support to this talented group of youth.

We will have a complimentary Mexican lunch available while the kids will have a lemonade stand and bake sale. Shalom Studios merchandise will also be available, along with some homemade items that the youth have made. All proceeds will go directly to the youth group for audio/video equipment, props, and costumes. If you cannot make it but would still like to donate to this group, please contact Tracy at 423-300-1389.



Rogers' Baby Shower

by Tracy Grijalva

Michael and Amber Rogers are expecting a baby boy in October! Help us celebrate this great blessing on Sunday August 25th at the Kuhn's home in Rogersville.

We kindly ask that you RSVP to Bob at 252-634-4100.

Michael and Amber are registered at BabyList.com and kindly request books rather than cards for their little one. They are trying to keep things as natural as possible. You'll notice a lot of clothing items that are organic and most of the toy options they've picked are wood and natural silicone in muted colors. Second-hand items are also welcomed, but they'd like to keep plastic toys, plastic dishes/ bottles etc., to a minimum. Thanks!!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CO-ED BABY SHOWER HONORING

Michael & Amber Rogers

AUGUST 25, 2024 FROM 11AM TO 1PM

THE KUHN'S HOME

365 BALL RD, ROGERSVILLE, TN, 37857

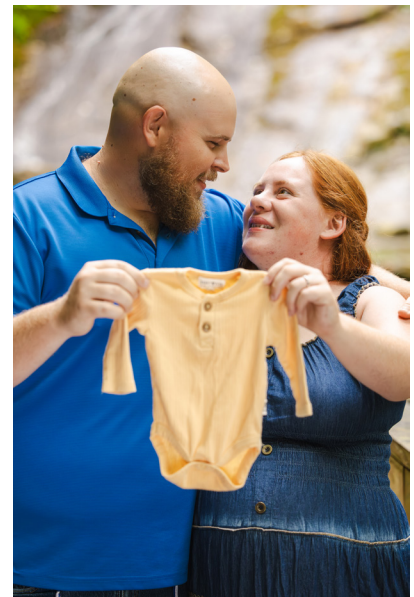
KINDLY RSVP TO BOB AT 252-634-4100

Registered at babylist.com

BOOKS FOR BABY



One small request, we hope it's not hard, please bring a book instead of a card. It doesn't matter if it's well loved or brand new, either way your book will remind the baby of you. By signing your book we will remember to share this special gift from you even when you're not there.



Sukkot

by Tracy Grijalva

The fall feast days are quickly approaching! We realize there are many calendars in this group and will share feast day gatherings as we are made aware. For anyone looking to gather for Sukkot at the end of October, Berean Echad will be feasting in Harrogate.

This Sukkot gathering will be focused on the youth with a youth camp-like feel. We will have youth bible studies, activities, games, crafts, and theme nights. Be on the lookout for Sukkot shirts that we are working on designing soon.

For more details, please contact either Moises or Tracy. We ask that you RSVP to Tracy at 423-300-1389 so we can plan activities and food accordingly.

No specific cost is required for this; however, we ask that you contribute at least what your family would spend on your weekly groceries, as all food and paper products will be provided. Consider that the tithe you set aside for your feast should be used. There will also be activities, games, and crafts, so if you can help support this, we would greatly appreciate it.



Shalom Studios

by Tracy Grijalva

Shalom Studios has been working hard this past summer preparing to start filming their new series. The Children of Israel series will pick up where they left off at The Freedom Story. Each episode of this series will be 10-15 minutes long and featured on Berean Echad's YouTube channel. The episode they are currently working on begins in Exodus 15 with the bitter water that is made sweet.

They have updated their costumes for this series, including brand-new beards and sandals. They also plan to shoot some of the scenes on location. The youth are learning new skills, such as operating video equipment, handling a boom pole and audio recorder, creating costumes and props, drama and acting, music production, and computer editing, to name a few. They even had a surprise visit from "Concrete Pharaoh"! Cody from A-1 Concrete brought one of his trucks over to pour footings for a new addition at Berean Echad in Harrogate.

We are so excited to help this talented group grow in all aspects of this endeavor. Aside from the skills mentioned, they are also learning a lot about the Bible - if you have to act it out, you must know what happened! They are growing together as a youth community, learning how to play together, work together, and problem-solve when difficulties arise.

Please continue to encourage them when you can. You can do this by coming to their event on August 18th. Besides being a lot of fun, it will be an excellent opportunity to show love and support to the youth. The groups about every other Thursday in Harrogate. If your child would like to be involved, please contact Tracy.



Sin is Common to Every Being

From the Heart & Home of Bill & Rosemarie Call

Human beings rank sins. We rank other's sins usually greater than our own. Truly it is the sin we are convicted of and that we never thought we were capable of that if we repent of it before Him and we then receive forgiveness as a result that can transform our entire life.

When we recognize the reality of our failings, accept, repent, are forgiven, and move forward to walk in forgiveness that we begin to understand His great love from a humble yet assured perspective.

I know that no matter whether I get my desired outcomes in this life that I can always fall into His arms and know I am safe, loved, and protected.

Your greatest failing can be your greatest lesson IF you are willing to look at it and accept its reality. It is amazing what comes when you choose Him. We have many examples from scripture.

Peter never thought he would betray Him once let alone three times! Yet, when He spoke to him on the shore afterward asking him if he loved Him, he was forgiven, restored, strengthened, and instructed. He moved on humbled and assured.

Paul never thought he would end up counting all his previous knowledge as dung and would go forward to side with the very ones he had previously martyred and persecuted. He moved forward humbled and assured.

Joseph didn't know when he was thought to be bragging by his brothers about the dreams he had hinting that someday his family would all bow down to him that he first would find himself in a pit, sold, falsely accused, be in a dungeon all before he would be raised up to second in authority over all of Egypt. When asked by those same brothers if he would please forgive them for what they had done to him, he moved forward in humility knowing it was all in His plan and he was assured that he did not need to meet out justice himself on his brothers. Likewise, his brothers having lived all those many years with their guilt, learned humility, repented to him and their father, and moved forward assured that they had been forgiven and he would provide for them.

Jonah didn't know his hardheadedness of not wanting to minister in Nineveh due to his own premise that they were not worthy that he would soon be in the belly of the great fish. After he was humbled, he obeyed and a great many came to the Father.

I doubt Moses knew he would ever be capable of killing someone. When he found himself in that reality and he fled into the desert and was humbled he found himself standing before Him and being enlisted into one of (if not the) greatest ministries of all time. Even still he didn't feel equipped or worthy, if you will, to walk in that destiny.

He came to spend the greatest amount of alone time with the Creator of All. His face shone so greatly that the ancient Israelites couldn't bear to look upon him. The secondary glory of all the immense time he had spent with Him was so awesome they who hadn't spent time with Him were overwhelmed and unable to bear it. Wow! He was once a murderer. Let that sink in! Humble yourself before Him!

Thinking again of Peter, we today think someone who denies Him is forever doomed but Peter wasn't. I need to ponder that more. Well, of course, the difference is he repented. He did an about face. He made a complete turn around. They who do not repent of denying Him are doomed.

David was gravely remorseful when he realized his depravity of taking another man's wife and having that man killed in battle so he could have his wife without having to endure the shame of his sin. He fell on his face before Him. He was so greatly humbled that he was called a man after His own heart.

Father is most definitely about 2nd chances....to them who repent and humble themselves and pray to be led according to His will and not their own!

Over and over and over and over again this plays out in scripture!

Once they were humbled, repented, were forgiven, then they obeyed, and moved on is assurance.

I pray someone who needs this reads it and turns to Him having recognized their sin, repented to Him about it, received His forgiveness in order to walk out their own purpose and destiny for which He made them.

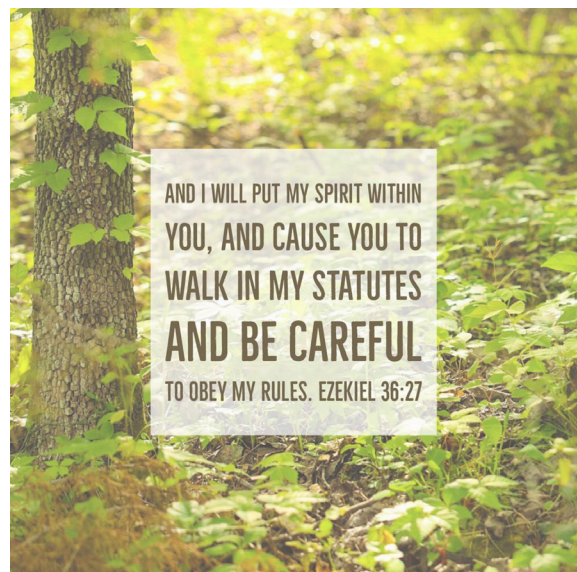


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Bible Study/Discipleship Meetings

by: Bill and Cheryl Fuentes

Bible Study/Discipleship Meeting

Discipleship Bible studies are being held at the Fuentes home (at 4240 N. Mohawk Rd, Mohawk) on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The Bible study begins about 7 but there is a time of "food and fellowship" from 4:30 until 7. Come for all or come for a part of it.

For the next two months we will be discussing the principles of the doctrine of Christ. We will be studying lesson 4, principle 3 at the first meeting in August. Listed below are the questions that have been discussed at previous meetings and the questions for the first August meeting.

Becoming Mature Believers in Christ

Hebrews 5:12 – 14 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat. For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong drink belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. For though by this time, you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

In your understanding, describe what you believe is the milk of the word.

Hebrews 6: 1-2 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

List the foundations or principals of Christ and then find 2 scriptures that confirm your understanding of what each of those principals are.

Principle 1 of the Doctrine of Christ: Laying the Foundation of Repentance from Dead Works

1. What does "repentance" mean?
2. What is the meaning of "dead works"?
3. Are there examples of dead works in the Bible? If so, find scriptures that pertain to them.
4. In your understanding, why is the foundation of the repentance from dead works (and the rest of the principles of the doctrine of Christ) considered the "milk of the Word"?
5. Using scriptures, how do we move on from dead works?

Principle 2 of the Doctrine of Christ: Faith Towards God

Where possible, please find one or two scriptures to back up your understanding of each answer.

1. What is your understanding of faith? Find scriptures that define your understanding.
2. What does it mean to have faith towards God?
3. Why do we need faith? Are there scriptures that tell us? If so, what are they?
4. Find 3 examples of men or women in the Bible who showed faith towards God and explain their faith.
5. Why is faith towards God considered "milk"?

Principle 3 of the Doctrine of Christ: Doctrine of Baptisms.

Strong's G909 Baptismos, interprets as "baptisms", 1 time in the New Testament (Hebrews 6:2) and is also interpreted as "washings", 3 other times in the New Testament. As it is used in the New Testament, it means "a washing, purification effected by means of water. Notice that the word "baptisms" is plural.

In answering the following questions, use scripture whenever you are able.

1. What are some examples of "washings" in the Bible?
2. Besides being baptized or washed in water, what are other examples of being baptized?
3. What is the purpose of baptism?
4. In your understanding, why should we consider the implications of being baptized before we take that step?

Calendar

by Tracy Grijalva

A lot is going on these next few months! To help summarize things, I am including the next three months on calendar events.. The Feast Days listed are for Berean Echad. We realize folks within the community are following other calendars, but I am only including this event calendar for conciseness. If you would like to share events you are opening up to the group that follows a different calendar, please email me (tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com) before the next newsletter, and I will include it. You can also touch base with leadership within your fellowship.

AUGUST

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
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4 10am Work day in Sneedville (pg 7)	5	6	7	8 11am Shalom Studios Filming (pg 10)	9	10 1pm Shabbat at the Park (pg 2)
11	12	13 Bible Study at Fuentes (pg 12)	14	15	16	17
18 1pm Shalom Studios BBQ (pg 7)	19	20	21	22 11am Shalom Studios Filming (pg 10)	23	24
25 11am Rogers' Baby Shower (pg8)	26	27 Bible Study at Fuentes (pg 12)	28	29	30	31

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SEPTEMBER

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
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October

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		1	2	3 Feast of Trumpets Meeting to be announced soon.	4	5
6	7	8 Bible Study at Fuentes (pg 12)	9	10	11 Day of Atonement Meeting to be announced soon.	12
13	14	15	16	17 SUKKOT (pg 9)	18 SUKKOT	19 SUKKOT
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27	28	29	30	31		

Shalom Studios Merchandise

by Tracy Grijalva

Shalom Studios is selling merchandise to support the ongoing filming of the new series. All proceeds and donations directly support this youth group. Immediate funding needs are for audio and video equipment, props and sets, and costumes.

If you would like to place an order, please print the last page of the document and return it to Tracy in person or by mail. If by mail, please make a check payable to Tracy Grijalva and send it to 2392 Sherm Mountain Road, Sneedville, TN 37869. Orders are due August 23rd and will be ready by about September 20th.

REGULAR HAT



TRUCKER HAT



MUGS



Shalom Studios Merchandise (cont.)

Adult Shirt Sizes

XS - 5XL

Youth Shirt Sizes

3/6m, 6/12m, 12/18m

2T, 3T, 4T, 5T

YS (6-8), YM (10-12), YL (14-16), YXL (18-20)



Columbia Blue



True Royal



Navy



Vintage Black



Asphalt



Storm



Dusty Blue



Kelly



Military Green



Team Purple



Gold



Maroon



Red



Mauve



Pink

Shalom Studios Order Form

ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	COST
Mug (\$12/ea)		_____	_____
Hat (\$20/ea)			
Regular		_____	_____
Trucker		_____	_____
Shirts (\$20/ea)			
<i>Clapperboard Design</i>			
Columbia Blue	_____	_____	_____
<i>Dove Design</i>			
Columbia Blue	_____	_____	_____
True Royal	_____	_____	_____
Navy	_____	_____	_____
Vintage Black	_____	_____	_____
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Purple	_____	_____	_____
Gold	_____	_____	_____
Maroon	_____	_____	_____
Red	_____	_____	_____
Mauve	_____	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL (cash or check only - payable to Tracy Grijalva, due August 23rd) _____
If Shipping, add \$15 to the order and write your shipping address on the back of this paper.
Orders will be ready by about September 20th.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____