

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 a Council Member

by Michael Rogers

Teach Us to Number Our Days

Every year with the coming of Winter, our verdant country seems to slowly wither into shriveled browned fields. The dull nature of winter often invites a longing for spring. It's a time to slow down, a time to reflect on the past growing season and a time to plan for the future. It's also a season that we are bombarded with the traditions of man.

This past November, I was shopping in the grocery store when the speakers blared, "All I want for Christmas is you". A familiar somberness fell upon me as I was reminded of the Christmas season. My experience is that music always seems to be the herald of the annual transformation soon to follow. Buildings and streets are adorned with lights and decorations. A flood of Christmas-themed movies, TV show specials, and even video game holiday updates populate the various screens in our lives. Not to mention the constant barrage of Christmas commercials, and season's greetings of "Merry Christmas!" Every year, it seems that no matter where we go and no matter what we do, some part of our lives is touched by the influence of the Christmas "spirit"

Having grown up delighting in Christmas, when I was new to the Way, this time of year was fraught with temptation to participate in the festivities. In the years following, the same festivities would provoke my zeal and anger. But eventually, I saw the season with more empathetic eyes toward those who are still in bondage to that particular deception.

The commonality that I have noticed within myself for all of these stages of spiritual growth was that I just wanted the season to pass as quickly as it could. And for the past several years, it has passed often without fanfare. Just another day, soon passed to join in a long line of yesterdays.



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As many of you know, this past fall, I became a father. My son Elijah is growing so much day by day, and my wife and I already know that we are going to blink, and our adorable baby boy will be a grown man. I can feel the days slip through our fingers like sand, and I don't want to miss a moment of his little life.

As I ponder my experiences, Psalm 90 is brought to mind. Particularly, Verse 12 which reads, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." And continuing in Verse 14, "O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."

It seems clear that our days are all numbered, and it would be a foolish thing to wish or pray any of those days away. Even when we are fatigued by Satan's influence on the world, or when we are in the midst of a cold bleak winter season and ready for spring, or when we are just having a bad day. Instead, we should learn to rejoice and be glad for each and every numbered day we have for we never know when it shall be our last.

Hanukkah Party

by Tracy Grijalva

A wonderful group came together on December 29th to celebrate Hanukkah! There was a lot of delicious food, fantastic fellowship, and the youth put on a really entertaining skit telling the story of the Maccabees. They even performed a fun cover of a song!

Additionally, there was a picturesque photo booth filled with balloons. If you had a photo taken, you should have received a link to a private gallery from me. If you didn't, please send me a text message, and I will get that to you! 423-300-1389.



January Qahal

by Tracy Grijalva

The next Qahal meeting will be on January 18th at 1PM in Rogersville. We will start with praise and worship, followed by an open mic, Bible study, and then oneg. I had prepared a fun beeswax candle-making craft for the Hanukkah gathering, but the youth were enjoying playing outside in the warm-ish weather so much that I forgot about the craft. I will bring it to the January Qahal for any youth who are interested in participating.

[BAND Group \(click this link\)](#)

[Facebook Group \(click this link\)](#)



February Qahal

by Tracy Grijalva

The February Qahal will be at a new location in Rogersville - at the Holston Electric Cooperative. This is at 1200 W. Main Street.



Youth Skits

by Tracy Grijalva

After getting to know the youth, it became clear that this group loves the performing arts. You can probably tell from all the work they do at Shalom Studios. To complement the larger productions they are working on, they also put on short skits with a goal of one each month. They are hoping to have the next one at the January Qahal—it will be Nehemiah's Wall.


If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, the last skit they performed during the Feast of Trumpets is now on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/@bereanechad>

Revelation Studies


by Tracy Grijalva

Moises has been on a short break from his studies, during which he was asked to prepare a series of lessons on the book of Revelation. We decided to record these lessons and upload them to our YouTube page. There are a total of six parts (as of this newsletter, I still have one to edit; I hope to have it uploaded soon).


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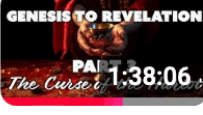
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Are you Preparing for His Kingdom?

From the Heart & Home of Bill & Rosemarie Call

If you were to want to go to a foreign land and didn't speak the language, even a slightly intelligent person would attempt to learn the language in order to get the most out of the experience. If one only plans on a short stay, perhaps a very limited understanding of the place, language, culture, and ways will suffice, though, only for a very limited experience. However, if one is planning on LIVING in this foreign land, then one would be wise to investigate and engulf oneself thoroughly in learning everything they possibly can ahead of time so as to make their life in the foreign land the best they possibly can.

Okay, some of you may already know where I am going with this...we aren't going to a foreign land, but anyone longing and hoping to be in His Kingdom, too, should be prepared! He has laid out for us in His Word who the sovereign of the Kingdom is what the expectations are regarding conducting one's life inside said Kingdom, as well as what happens when people do not meet the requirements, say for entrance no matter your station in life will be inside His gates.

We are told that if one shows up for the party (wedding feast) improperly clothed that we will be shown the door. Now, this doesn't mean, as has been said for generations, that we go to hell instead of "heaven", but that we are to be outside the the party that celebrates the establishment of the Kingdom being set up.

We are also told that if we do not abide by the rulership of the Kingdom, such as gathering when He says gather, then drought will be on our land. Right now, He is giving each of us the opportunity to learn and practice for life in His Kingdom and even preparing for the possibility of ruling and reigning with Him!

What do you want?

Do you even have an interest in entering the Kingdom?

Do you care to be at the party?

Do you perhaps desire to be standing alongside Him!?

I know I do! So, yes, this is why I began forsaking this world in 2010 when He heard my cry to know His ways, when I saw how very fallen and insufficient and lacking everything was that I had grown up learning even in the multiple churches I had been a part of.

I implore you that if you have any interest whatsoever in living in His Kingdom, begin seeking Him, His ways, the ways of His Kingdom.

He also tells us in His Word that even if we begin walking now according to His instructions that He will bless any and all who will seek Him first, forsaking all others here and now in this life and in this land in which we currently reside.

I don't know about you, but to me, that is a 'no brainer'...as for me and my house we will serve YAHU'AH!

Prayers for you and yours to be blessed (to walk in His ways... thereby allowing Him to bestow His blessings on you) and not cursed (reaping the outcome of not receiving His blessings).

Father, please wrap them all up in your arms and comfort them now and as life plows onward.



FOR YOU HAVE
BEEN MY HELP, AND
IN THE SHADOW
OF YOUR WINGS
I WILL SING
FOR JOY.
PSALM 63:7

photo by Olivia Huth

Support the Qahal

We will be having a ladies' afternoon get together on January 30th at Kate's house. Please RSVP to Kate! We hope to see you there.



Support the Qahal

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Qahal. Together, we have been able to reserve meeting spaces, provide costs for activities and snacks for the youth, provide paper products for eating, make songbooks, host Zoom meetings, support technology and administrative overhead, and more. We have been asked, so here is the link if you would like to support the various needs of our Qahal online. This is also where you can donate to Shalom Studios which will help pay for their filming equipment and other supplies they need. <https://theqahal.org/support/>

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 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.

2025 Feast Days

by Tracy Grijalva

As you may now have a new wall calendar waiting for important dates to be written on it, I have compiled the Feast Days that Berean Echad will observe this coming year. We recognize that many different calendars are used within this group and welcome others to share the dates they are celebrating Yah's Holy Days so that we can inform the group.



Roan Mountain, TN

Contact: Dan Whittaker – price1020@aol.com

Rogersville, TN

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 Community Page!

We have a brand new page on the website where brothers and sisters can go to find out needs within the community. If you have a need, or can fill a need please send those to: contact@theqahal.org.

<https://theqahal.org/community-needs/>

Community Needs

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Immediate Needs!!!

This can be anything urgent that needs to be taken care of immediately.

To be included on this page or to find out how to help please send an email with the subject **COMMUNITY NEEDS** to contact@theqahal.org.



Why we serve:

Romans 12:3-8:

3 For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. 4 Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, 5 in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. 6 According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the standard of faith; 7 if service, in service; if teaching, in teaching; 8 if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

Financial Needs:

This could be tools such as cameras, a family member that needs food or housing, etc. The member would need to be aligned with their information being added publicly, but we can also add the need and exclude the name.

Work Available:

This can be any kind of job that needs to be done such as a plumbing issue or a car that needs fixing. It could also be for business owners that needs an employee with a specific skills set.

Work Needed:

This could be any member that needs a job or is willing to be of assistance with a specific skills set.

Services Needed:

This could be things like someone who needs a home health nurse, house keeping, childcare, etc that a member needs done for free

Items Needed:

This could be any furniture, car, appliance, etc that a family member is in need of. Going to the body first should be the priority.

Items for Sale or Free:

This could be anyone that has something to get rid of including the items mentioned in Items Needed and more. Photos can be included