

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 Nicole Shelumiel

Planning to Climb Mt. Everest

by Kate Coffelt

Imagine two men, both planning for an expedition to climb Mt. Everest.

The first, from the comfort of his sitting chair, devotes all his available time and energy into researching what to expect. He strives to understand what is known about the extreme terrain he is likely to face, and he considers the tools that will be needed. He works hard to become mentally prepared for what he imagines he will face, and discusses the details of his findings with others who are also looking toward an expedition. The man believes he has made good progress in understanding what this endeavor will entail, and appears to feel relatively confident about facing the challenges ahead.

The second man, in addition to researching and preparing on a mental level as much as possible, seeks to build his strength and endurance by overcoming the up-and-down challenges of each day. He rightly understands that if he is not strong enough to overcome in the trials of these 'ordinary' days, he will surely not have the stamina to prevail when the challenge of the day is Mt. Everest. Each day he seeks to recognize the daily challenges—some days predictable and some days unexpected—and to meet them with sure footing and strength-building discipline. He strives to remain self-aware, identifying his weaknesses and addressing them. Falling short requires honesty with himself, as he considers the stakes.

If it would be reasonable to compare the coming 'time of the end' to the overwhelming challenge of climbing Mt. Everest, I ask myself... which man am I??

Am I like the first- pouring my attention into an academic understanding of Scripture; having all the best translation tools, lexicons, and video teachings; discussing the various doctrines with others so focused, and striving to envision how I will overcome when greatly pressed...all from the comfort of my unchanging heart?

Or do I meet the inward trials of each day with the determination to 'crucify the flesh with its passions and desires'? (Gal 5:24) That sounds very dramatic, but on an ordinary day, it might mean holding my tongue or refraining from a comfort—perhaps too much eating or online viewing. It's a comfort that has become a bad habit or indulgence. If I can't prevail in those daily challenges, day by day building my strength and true confidence, how can I expect to get past spiritual base camp when the day of challenge arrives for me?

"Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." (1Co 9:25)

Even if I do not face 'the time of the end', I will certainly face the time of my end, and so the day of greatest challenge will surely arrive for me, and for us all. Words of advice from our Messiah, who overcame all things including death:

"I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire..." (Rev 3:18)

All praise and thanks to YAH, who assures us of His sufficient grace to support us in our times of trial; whether the ordinary day-to-day, or Mt. Everest.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." (Isa 43:2)

Please send Tracy submissions for the next newsletter by March 28th. Poetry, stories, photographs, events, businesses, etc.
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Photographer's Corner

This month there were some great photos submitted. Here are a few of my favorites. Thank you to everyone who sent in photos. I hope to see more next month!



Amber Rogers



Nicole Shelumiel



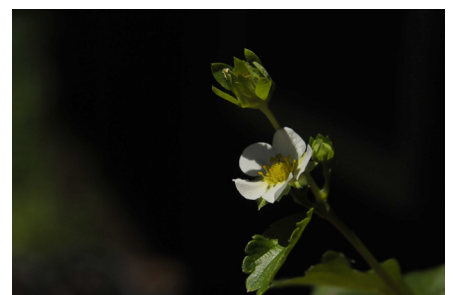
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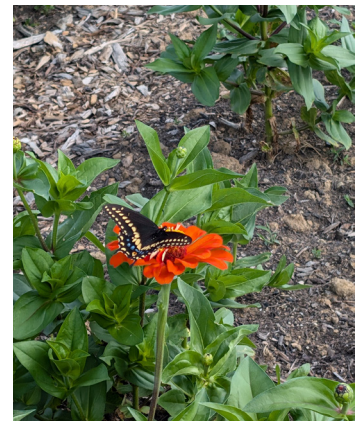
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Tracy Grijalva



Elena Grijalva



Amber Rogers



Nicole Shelumiel



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Molly Fleenor

Spring Feast Days!

by Tracy Grijalva

The Spring Feast Days are quickly approaching! The Qahal will use the calendar that Berean Echad follows, which is quite similar to the one that Steve Moutria from Torah Family adheres to. It is based on the sun, moon, and stars. Berean Echad begins the new year with the first new moon after the spring equinox. This connects to the stars and the Book of Ruth, though that warrants a deeper discussion than this brief write-up allows. The new month then starts with the first sunrise following the new moon conjunction, when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, resulting in the side of the moon facing the Earth being dark.

This year, if you are at one of the locations shown in the image below, you can actually see when the moon conjunction occurs—no computation needed! For everyone else, a website like timeanddate.com can be used. For New Tazewell, this event happens at 6:57 am on March 29th.

In summary, for New Tazewell, TN, the spring equinox falls on March 20th. Therefore, the next new moon is used for the start of the year. This happens at 6:57am on March 29th. Next, we look for the following sunrise, which is at 7:31am on March 29th. Thus, the first day of the first month is March 29th! Happy New Year!!!

2025 Moedim Spring

PESACH (PASSOVER)
4/11/25

CHAG HAMATZOT (UNLEAVENED BREAD)
4/12/25 - 4/18/25

YOM HABIKKURIM (FIRST FRUITS)
4/13/25

SHAVUOT (PENTECOST)
6/1/25

Fall

YOM TERUAH (TRUMPETS)
9/22/25

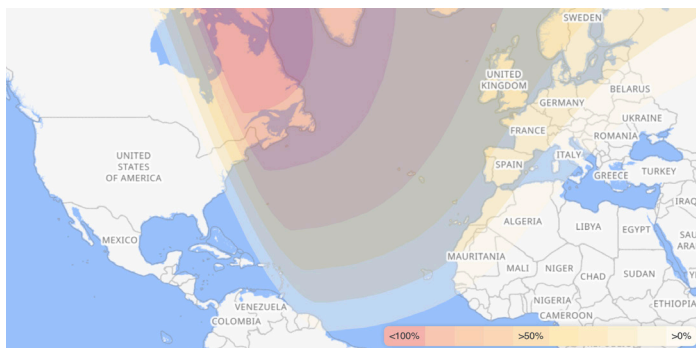
YOM KIPPUR (ATONEMENT)
9/30/25 - 10/1/25

SUKKOT (TABERNACLES)
10/6/25 - 10/12/25

SHEMINI ATZERET (8TH GREAT DAY)
10/13/25

Days to request off work: 4/12(UB), 4/18(UB), 6/1(Pentecost), 9/22(Trumpets), 9/30(sunset)-10/1(sunset)(Atonement), 10/6(Sukkot), 10/13(8th Day)
All feast days begin at sunrise except Yom Kippur.
Lunar conjunction times used are from Knoxville, TN.

Partial Solar Eclipse on March 29, 2025



Passover!

We will be celebrating Passover and Unleavened Bread on April 11th and 12th in Rogersville. More details will be shared in a few weeks, so mark your calendar now! On Friday, we will come together for a Passover dinner. From 5pm to 6pm, we will set up the projector to show the movie the youth created last year—The Freedom Story. Please arrive no later than 6pm so you can participate in the meal and fellowship.

The next day, Shabbat, we will gather for the first day of Unleavened Bread. There will be a special activity for the youth; more details on that will follow as well. Please aim to arrive by 2pm, as we will start the activity at 2:30 PM, followed by fellowship, praise and worship, and a meal.

THE QAHAL

-HAPPY-PASSOVER

Join us for a Passover dinner on Friday and fellowship on Shabbat for the first day of Unleavened Bread.

There will be a special interactive Passover walk-through on Shabbat for the children!

More details to come!

HAWKINS CO RESCUE SQUAD
955 E McKinney Ave, Rogersville, TN

FRIDAY
April 11th
AT 5PM*

SHABBAT
April 12th
AT 2PM

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE
REMEMBER - NO LEAVEN!

*We will show The Freedom Story - A Passover Movie (a film made by the youth last year) from 5-6pm.
Please arrive no later than 6pm.

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: Moises Grijalva – 423.300.2089

279 Keats Drive

Harrogate, TN 37752

bereanechad.com

Services begin at 3pm. Call or text for more information.

Roan Mountain, TN

Contact: Dan Whittaker – price1020@aol.com

Rogersville, TN

Contact: Kate Coffelt – 513.807.9654

Contact: Moises Grijalva – 423.300.2089

Rogersville, TN 37857

Services begin at 11am.

The Journey of His Ways Changes You

From the Heart & Home of Bill & Rosemarie Call

This journey of His Ways changes you, if you submit to His Will.

He has changed my heart in so many ways.

When I started this journey, I was so zealous. When He showed me truths in His Word that I had never seen before, I wanted to shout each of them from the mountain tops (closest thing to that I have is FB).

As He allowed me to go through various things, He mellowed me. I still absolutely LOVE Him and His ways, but He has allowed me to come to understand that each one will come to understand as they too submit to Him, humble themselves, get quiet, observe and come to truly know that He is sovereign. In His good time of leading and guiding each one according to what He alone knows they need or will accept, He draws all who will have eyes to see and ears to hear unto Himself.

I look back in scripture and realize Joseph served under a pagan Pharaoh. He couldn't have had much freedom to keep the sabbath or feast days, yet He had His perfect purpose and will for Joseph as no one can argue.

He drew many prominent ones out of lives that were contrary to how He calls His people to live and will live in His Kingdom such as Rahab, Ruth, Abraham.

He had a special calling for Samson whom He wanted to basically infiltrate the society that was adversary to his own.

He commanded Hosea to marry a prostitute. He has His perfect plan for each one to bring about His perfect will.

We must submit to Him, for we know not exactly what He will ask of us to bring about all that is prophesied and written in His Word.

Don't get me wrong though, don't take this observation as a loophole to knowingly excuse disobedience to His Word. No, only if He requires a thing of you that's not of your own will and you have clear direction that He is asking it of you.

My point in all of this is....

We are arrogant when we say that just because we see something in someone else's life that we can't reconcile with obedience to Him.

We know nothing.

He knows everything.

Let's just obey and live how He is asking us individually to live. Let's not pass judgment on people prematurely. When we do this, we are setting ourselves in His place.

We can understand that a person's actions may not be good in the moment, but we do not know what He is speaking to them, what they are hearing, what they are wrestling with, what they are near to submitting to!

Be kind, be well, heal, help another. Love one another.

Helping Hands Work

by Tracy Grijalva

During the February Qahal, Kevin and Moises discussed our goal of supporting the Qahal community with their projects. Many members submitted proposals, and Kevin has taken the lead in organizing efforts to provide assistance where needed. This past Sunday, a group gathered to help Nicole with tree felling (see photos), and on the 30th, we plan to assist the Huths with their ongoing cleanup efforts. Please contact Kevin for more information.



Past Qahal - February

by Tracy Grijalva

This past February, we met at Holston Electric Cooperative. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the location, and we hope to sign up early in the fall before it fills up.

Brad gave an excellent study titled "Purpose of the Spirit: Intersection of Faith and Spirit." Ideally, I wanted to have the video edited on YouTube by the time this newsletter was published, but that didn't happen this month. It will be up soon, though, so be sure to subscribe to the Berean Echad YouTube channel so you don't miss it: [YouTube.com/@bereanechad](https://www.youtube.com/@bereanechad). Thank you, Amber, for sharing this photo—I completely forgot to take some myself!



Next Qahal - March

The next Qahal will return to Hawkins County Rescue Squad in Rogersville.



Ladies' Get Together

Rosemarie is doing a fantastic job working with everyone to organize the upcoming ladies' get-togethers. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the plan is to have the ladies meet once a month for fellowship. The tentative schedule is provided in the table below, but please keep in mind that it is subject to change. Be sure to watch for newsletters and Qahal emails where announcements will be made. That said, on March 16th, we will gather at Kate's to discuss wild plants and tinctures! While there are ways to create alcohol-free tinctures, the version using vodka will be the focus of our discussion. We hope you can join us—please contact Kate to RSVP!

Date	Locale	Topic/Theme
3/16	Kate's - Rogersville	Tinctures
4/27	Rosemarie's - Kingsport	Needlecrafts
5/25	Tracy's - Sneedville	Bath Bombs, etc
6/29	Nicole's - Johnson City	Recipe Exchange
7/27	Christine's - Mosheim	Meat Preservation
8/31	Amber's - Mosheim	Canning
9/28	Open for volunteers	Open for ideas
10/26	Open for volunteers	Open for ideas
11/30	Open for volunteers	Open for ideas
12/28	Open for volunteers	Open for ideas



Shalom Studios

by Tracy Grijalva

You may have seen some of the Shalom Studios youth at the February Qahal during Brad's study. Dalton was busy ensuring participants had the microphone while Molly filmed. As mentioned on a previous page, this video should be completed soon!

Regarding the Children of Israel series, your patience will be rewarded. At the time of writing this article, Dalton and Molly have sent over the soundtrack files to me; once I finish Brad's study, that will be next on my production to-do list. We will send out an email once the series premieres, so keep an eye out!

This past fall, we decided as a group to include some homeschooling alongside the Shalom Studio meetings. We chose to offer an electronics class, as this is typically something homeschoolers may not do at home with their parents. I am teaching the kids the fundamentals of electricity, starting with static electricity and progressing to circuits at our next meeting. Once we cover the basics of circuits, we'll touch on electromagnetism and motors before moving into Arduino. This will be a lot of fun, and the kids will have the opportunity to code and build some electronics projects.

We are also very excited about an upcoming field trip in April! We will be visiting a homestead where the kids will learn about raising sheep - a timely lesson for Passover! The family is allowing us to bring our filming equipment, so we will capture some footage of the Children of Israel with the sheep.

If you would like to get involved with Shalom Studios, please come and talk to me. We always welcome new youth to the group and will catch them up to where we are in class while finding a role for them in the filming. If you are an adult and want to help mentor, we are always looking for individuals who desire to teach the youth skills in theater, music, set design, costumes, soccer (every meeting includes time for gaga ball, basketball, soccer, capture the flag, etc.)... the list goes on. If the Father has placed it on your heart to share some of the skills and talents He has given you and pass them on to the next generation, please heed that calling!

Shirts and Hats

by Tracy Grijalva

I had a great time designing the shirts for Shalom Studios and for Sukkot, so together with Moises, we have designed a shirt for Passover! We decided to invest in a heat press to produce the shirts in-house, which provides more flexibility for designs and orders.

For this design, I will be using HTV (heat transfer vinyl) on 100% cotton navy shirts (Bella+Canvas) and hats.

If you're interested in ordering a shirt, since Passover is just around the corner, I need to receive your order by Friday, March 14th. Shirts will cost \$20, and hats are \$23. I will accept cash, check, or Venmo (@CountryDandelions) at any time except on Shabbat. To place an order, please send me a text message at 423-300-1389 (no orders will be taken on Shabbat).



Shirts 100% Cotton, Bella+Canvas (\$20+)

Available Sizes

Adult XS	YS (6-8)	0/3 M (onesie)
Adult S	YM (10-12)	3/6 M (onesie)
Adult M	YL (14-16)	6/12 M (onesie)
Adult L	YXL (18-20)	12/18 M (onesie)
Adult XL		18/24 M (onesie)
Adult 2XL (Add \$3)	2T	
Adult 3XL (Add \$4)	3T	
Adult 4XL (Add \$5)	4T	
Adult 5XL (Add \$6)	5T	

Hats (\$23)

Structured Trucker (100% Cotton)
Unstructured Cap (100% Organic Cotton)



Calendar (cont.)

March

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Tree Removal Johnson City	10	11	12	13 Shalom Studios 11:30	14 Passover Shirt Orders Due	15
16 Ladies' Get Together at Kate's -Rogersville- (plants/tinctures) 1:00	17	18	19	20	21	22 Qahal at Hawkins Co Rescue Squad 2:00
23	24	25	26	27	28 Newsletter Submissions Due!	29
30 Tornado Cleanup Deer Lodge	31					

Calendar (cont.)

April

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
		1	2	3 Shalom Studios Field Trip! 12:15	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Passover Dinner Hawkins Co Rescue Squad 5/6:00	12 Unleavened Bread Hawkins Co Rescue Squad 2:00
13 Unleavened Bread First Fruits (1)	14 Unleavened Bread (2)	15 Unleavened Bread (3)	16 Unleavened Bread (4)	17 Unleavened Bread (5)	18 Unleavened Bread (6)	19 (7)
20 (8)	21 (9)	22 (10)	23 (11)	24 (12)	25 Newsletter Submissions Due! (13)	26 (14)
27 Ladies' Get Together at Rosemarie's -Kingsport- (needlecrafts) 1:00 (15)	28 (16)	29 (17)	30 (18)			

Calendar (cont.)

May

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
				1 (19)	2 (20)	3 (21)
4 (22)	5 (23)	6 (24)	7 (25)	8 (26)	9 (27)	10 (28)
11 (29)	12 (30)	13 (31)	14 (32)	15 (33)	16 (34)	17 (35)
18 (36)	19 (37)	20 (38)	21 (39)	22 (40)	23 (41)	24 (42)
25 Ladies' Get Together at Tracy's -Sneedville- (bath bombs, etc) 1:00 (43)	26 (44)	27 (45)	28 (46)	29 (47)	30 Newsletter Submissions Due! (48)	31 (49)

Calendar (cont.)

June

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
1 SHAVUOT (50)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Ladies' Get Together at Nicole's -Johnson City- (recipe exchange) 1:00	30					