

THE QAHAL

Monthly Newsletter

ISSUE NO.1



Qahal: Assembly of the tribes

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

Genesis 28:3

NEWS AND EVENTS

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Prayer Garden

Sneedville, TN

Much work was done to prepare the historic prayer garden, located at Berean Echad Springs Fellowship in Sneedville, for the Feast of Shavuot. We have been told by the previous owners of the property that this area was used many years ago by pioneers as a place to gather for prayer and fellowship. A large decaying wooden cross, podium, and decaying wooden benches were there when we first moved to the property. There is a sense of peace found in this area.

Due to time and a lack of upkeep, this meeting area had become overrun by wild mountain vegetation and fallen trees. In an effort to restore the area and make it an inviting area to gather, grading was done to remove fallen trees, large rocks and to flatten the land. The area was then further cleared by hand and fast growing rye grass was scattered. A timely thunderstorm came the same night the seed was scattered and gave the entire area a great watering. Within a few days, the entire area was covered in soft grass.

The whole area was looking beautiful as the afternoon sun rays shone through the trees. The Friday leading up to Shavuot, despite the weather forecast not looking great for the feast day, we went and cleared some areas around a few trees, planted flowers and other plants and made decorative borders with rocks. Bug repellent citronella torches were put into the ground.



If anyone would like to donate to the beautification of this area, pleas bring flowers, plants, lights, or anything else you have on your heart.

PRAYER GARDEN

(cont.) Despite many prayers to hold off the rain for Shavuot and bring sunshine, it ended up raining for the feast day. The garden received nourishment from the water, but it was slightly disappointing that we were not able to celebrate there. This garden will be used for future feast days and potentially Hebraic weddings.



Natural benches made by a man in Rutledge from re-purposed telephone poles were purchased and arranged in the garden.



Perennial flowers were planted around some of the trees and rocks placed as decorative borders.

THE FEAST OF SHAVUOT

Despite, the plans to celebrate this feast outdoors in the historic prayer garden on the property, rain came. It was a cool day in the 60s with a lot of drizzle. Thankfully, we had the fellowship building as a backup area to gather. A wonderful group came together, some from nearly 3 hours away, to fellowship and honor Yah. There was great food, discussion, teaching, and worship. Even though the day did not go as originally planned, it was a very blessed time.



The two J's (Jason and Jonah) led the group in praise and worship.

SUKKOT

Sukkot is quickly approaching! We plan to celebrate Sukkot locally at our property here in Sneedville. Tents will be set up at the lower house. There will be campfires, lots of food, fellowship, worship, etc. We will be utilizing the restored prayer garden and hope to have some solar lights up in time for the feast for some beautiful ambiance. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly with renting outhouses, etc.

There is also a group going to Georgia to celebrate. For more information on this location, please contact Tab Bregg.





Did you know we have several campers who are registered for camp, but are in genuine need of scholarships to attend camp? Currently, CM needs about \$3,500 in scholarships this year to help campers in need attend camp. Last year, with the amazing gifts from several generous donors, we were able to bless 30 campers by helping them attend camp and experience real life changes. If you are able to help bless others by donating to help campers attend, please email info@bereanechad.com or text Moises at 423-300-2089

FAMILY MINISTRY

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Deuteronomy 11:19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.



A new ukulele program for the children to teach them to praise Yah with song and dance.

We are instructed to raise our children as Yah described. Every Shabbat the children gather under the tallit and we sing and pray a blessing over them.

We felt something more was needed for the children during Shabbats. We want them to be actively engaged and excited to learn about Yah's word and apply it to their lives.

With the help and blessings of members of this group, we have created a children's program in Sneedville.

During the adult study portion of Shabbats, we have done lessons, crafts, and music with the children, both in our home (a short walk from the fellowship building) and quietly in the building. We hope and pray to eventually have a dedicated room just for the children, but until then, we will continue meeting with them in our home.

This is a new program, so any help or advice is greatly appreciated. Please see Tracy if you are interested in assisting.



Animated Moe

Once a week, we post an animated devotional featuring the cartoon character "Moe" on www.youtube.com/@BereanEchad. Here is an example of a recent

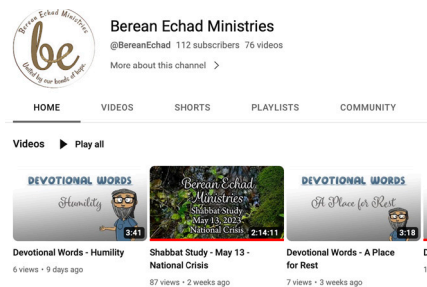
It is beautiful to know we can receive rest every Shabbat. It is not like we cannot do this through the week, but a set-apart day has been given as a reminder to observe in holiness. It is necessary to enter into His rest and lay our burdens at His feet, renewing ourselves from the weekly troubles. In our meditation, let our souls proclaim, "how great thou art." It is not the silence of meditation that we seek but in the stillness of heart and mind we await His strength and in our sorrow find comfort in lifting up His word. Praising Him in wait replenishes our fatigued spirit and brings rest to our weary minds. Those who wait, let us become filled so that we may pour once again. Those who are weary, breathe the breath of Yah so we may walk in blessed assurance. Let us think on His strength and gain His renewed will in us knowing we can find rest in Him, for in His greatness, we mind our meekness. Shalom and be blessed!

Moises
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YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Part of our ministry is to spread Yah's word past the doors of our fellowship. One way we can do this is through technology. As many know, Moses has a lot of studies and teachings he has worked on throughout the years. We have been able to create and publish the first parts of a series entitled "The Lost Legacy of Ephraim". We are still working on completing the remainder of it, and hope to this year.

Three times a week, we post to our YouTube Channel. This includes two "shorts" featuring video scripture and one short devotional. Check out the channel and subscribe to get updates.



<https://www.youtube.com/@BereanEchad>

UPCOMING SHABBATS

Shabbat Zoom - If you cannot be with us physically, considering joining our Sneedville Shabbat virtually. Beginning at 3pm (or 2pm when in Bean Station), we will open the Zoom room. The study portion normally begins around 5 or 6pm. Please make sure to use your name on Zoom as a participant so we know who is with us. Meeting ID 677 063 0462, Password: shalom

3 JUN

📍 3pm - Sneedville (2392 Sherm Mountain)
Please note - No Rogersville meeting this week. Eric will be leading the study in Sneedville.

17 JUN

📍 3pm - Sneedville (2392 Sherm Mountain)
📍 11am - Rogersville (110 Strahl Dr)
Rogersville study TBD.
Eric will be leading the study in Sneedville.

10 JUN

📍 2pm - Bean Station (112 Adriel Dr)
Please note - No Rogersville or Sneedville meeting this week. Moises will be leading the study continuing his talk from last month. The first part, titled "National Crisis" can be found on our YouTube channel, please watch.

24 JUN

📍 11am - Rogersville (110 Strahl Dr)
📍 3pm - Sneedville (2392 Sherm Mountain)
Rogersville study TBD.
Tim and Michelle will be leading in Sneedville regarding the personality tests relating to our gifts. Please email info@bereanechad.com if you would like to participate.



Women's Meeting ZOOM

MEETING ID
677 063 0462

PASSWORD
shalom

2nd thursday of every month

7PM-8PM | JUNE 08

FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER

Join us for a time of prayer and fellowship. This month's ice breaker question: What moment, from all stories of the Bible in which a woman plays a key role, touches or affects you most deeply, and why?

Email info@bereanechad.com to get reminders and other announcements

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

We are working to develop a community directory to help unite fellow believers in the area. If you would like to be included in emails and other correspondences, please send us your contact info. If you own a business please send us that information as well.

info@bereanechad.com

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

- A-1 Concrete: Cody Payne (423) 869-3616
- Guitar Solutions: Michael Lynch (423) 300-1803
- Paramount Plumbing: Austin Kaufman (423) 426-4691
- Remount Handyman Services: Michael Van (920) 819-7158
- TABS Autobody Supply: Tab Bregg (865) 993-4500



ELDER'S ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday, June 6 @ 7pm



MEN'S ZOOM MEETING

Every Wednesday @ 8pm
Meeting ID: 677 063 0462
Password: shalom



WOMEN'S ZOOM MEETING

2nd Thursday of every month @ 7pm
Meeting ID: 677 063 0462
Password: shalom

For more information, please email or text: info@bereanechad.com; Moises @ (423) 300-2089; Tracy @ (423) 300-1389

PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT CLASS

On Shabbat, June 24th, in Sneedville, Tim and Michelle Williamson will be leading a personality assessment class.

We have realized that using some of these tools might be a beneficial way to provide an intake for those interested in our community and wanting to be integrated into it, so they can understand their strengths and communication styles.

In order to conduct the assessment some advance "homework" is requested:

Please write out a one page "testimony" of how you have seen Yah have a hand in your personal development regarding skills, abilities, talents, and gifts. We will share these first. It can be bullet points but something written so that everyone can have some thinking time in advance.

Please go to <https://store.gallup.com/p/en-us/10108/top-5-cliftonstrengths> to purchase (\$20) a StrengthsFinder test. They may have a group rate if you call them for those that would like to purchase together. You can also get the full report (\$60) but the top 5 is often the most informative. This is the only paid test.

Please email us at info@bereanechad.com to be sent important documents that need to be filled out for participation.

This is the general format of the class/workshop:

- 1) Part 1: Discussion of testimonies as a way to discover Yah's gifts in our lives (living stones vs bricks)
- 2) Part 2: Disclaimer
- 3) Part 3: Going over the main excel with everyone's results
- 4) Part 4: Our workshop notes for each test, info graphics, and questions
- 5) A presentation of SF Domains (strengths, ordered by frequency in the group)
- 6) A very brief description of love languages and VIA and their use in group settings
- 7) A description of The Function Clarifier Test info - all the cars for everyone with links to additional info under each car (last pages), how to score the test directions (middle), more info on functions (first part)
- 8) Part 5: Conclusion and Last Comments

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

If you have any news, photos, or articles that you would like included in next month's newsletter, please email info@bereanechad.com

HELP WANTED

Newsletter - If you have experience with Adobe InDesign - let us know!

YouTube Content - If you have experience with Adobe Premiere, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Audition or Adobe Character Animator - let us know!

Email us info@bereanechad.com if you want to volunteer to help.

