

October - 2024

Dear Friends,

With this letter you should have received a 2025 daily planner. To say this year's calendar has been a challenge is an understatement. We often talk about how behind we are due to increasing numbers of orders and that has not slowed one bit. As has been the case for many of you, life is also very hard to keep up with in this day and age we live. It was my hope and prayer that we would see things like increases in office space and some other blessings by the time we reached this volume of demand. However, that has not happened for reasons only The Lord understands. That said, we have decided to make some changes in the way the calendar is put out. For the last two to three years we basically have not had a pre-order season because we are scrambling to get the calendar produced at all. Thus, as of the 2025 calendar, we are ending our normal pre-order and simply going to the system that's been working the last year or so. The biggest change everyone will see is that white order cards will now be going out in the Sept./Oct. issue of Shaqah instead of pre-order cards and no cards will be sent out in the Nov./Dec. issues. When each year's calendar is available we will begin sending to those who have sent in yellow cards from the previous year and then turn to the orders we have received. Of course, all subscribers who have not already gotten a calendar, will have one sent with their Nov./Dec. issue of Shaqah.

While on the subject of orders let me also point out, as difficult as it is to fill all the orders for calendars, books, etc., we are more than behind. Thus, for all those who order calendars late enough in the year that we can't get to your order before the next year's calendar is going out, we will simply send you the newest year's calendar when we get to your order. We apologize that it has to be this way but we simply cannot keep making the current year's calendar once we begin producing the next year's. So to be fair to everyone as best we can this has become necessary. I realize not all of you have access to the internet but if you do, please remember the PDF version of the calendars from all years going back to the year this project began are still available through our website. It is my hope that this information helps everyone understand what is going on and why patience is truly a virtue when you order from Living Springs. I ended this segment of the letter last year by saying we were determined to continue this project for another year and here we are ready to begin yet another. However, if you're reading this letter it means God has made a way for us to continue for 2025, and we pray God will bless our efforts so we may continue to be the blessing we seek to be to all of you!

### **Counting The Days**

For those new to this project, *Counting The Days* is the companion book for the calendar. If you don't already have this book, we are still trying to make it as easy as possible for you to get your copy. Inside each 2025 calendar there should be a pink card you can use to order *Counting The Days*. Simply check the box on the card and it will only cost you a stamp to send it to us and request your free copy of *Counting The Days*!

Also, remember that the companion book is part of the general materials available to order from Living Springs, and this means you don't need a pink card to order a copy! Also, if you know someone who does not have a calendar but wants to order one and would also like the book, please let them know it is cheaper for us if they order both at once. This also means those ordering multiple copies of the calendar, who truly believe the individuals they are giving them to would like the book, should let us know how many companion books they want sent along with their 2025 calendars as this saves postage for everyone!

### **Yellow Card**

As already mentioned, if you sent/send in the yellow card for the purpose of letting us know you

want the next year's calendar, we automatically put you on the list of those who will get the next year's calendar when it becomes available. No matter when yellow cards are received calendars are sent as soon as your order can be processed. Thus, if you've sent in your yellow card there is no need to send back a white card to get your 2025 calendar unless you believe it's just been so long we might not have gotten your yellow card. Keep in mind that each year's calendar is sent automatically to those who subscribe to *Shaqah* by regular mail. This means, as a regular print *Shaqah* subscriber, if this calendar is not something you are interested in receiving, please take a moment and use the yellow card to let us know that and we'll do our best to keep a note on your subscription information.

### **Not A Subscriber and E-mail Subscribers**

If you're not a subscriber or are an e-mail subscriber to *Shaqah*, please use your yellow card to tell us you want the following year's calendar. If you do not tell us, you will not receive one automatically.

If you're not a regular print subscriber to *Shaqah*, nor did you order a 2025 calendar from us, you likely got one because someone has sent this year's calendar to you as a gift! We want you to know this has not added you to a mailing list, and we will not continue to send calendars year after year unless you order one, or someone continues to request it for you! If the calendar is not something you want, please use the yellow card to let us know, and we will do our best to keep that on our records. Be sure to put your name and address on the return address portion of the card. Both of these are important so we don't refuse requests for other people who might share your name, and please be aware that if your address changes, we may fail to identify you in the future!

### **More Calendars**

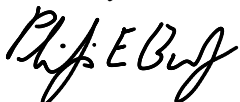
Those who would like to give one of these calendars to others for witnessing, as a teaching tool, or just to share with a friend as a gift can still simply write or e-mail us to order more. You can also visit our online Resource Shop. The drop-down menu gives you a chance to order up to five, because, as with all our materials, we do our best to provide these free of charge. This doesn't mean we are unwilling to provide more than five when we are able, but for larger quantities, we ask that you make the request directly to help us know we have it correct. If you would like more than five calendars, you can still use the online Resource Shop form and make your request in the comment box!

### **PDF Calendar**

As always, there is also a PDF version of this calendar which is available for download from our website. You can print this version for yourself, or to give to others. For reference and study purposes, all previous years are also available to download in PDF. Just visit [www.livingspringsinstitute.org](http://www.livingspringsinstitute.org), click on "Learning Center," then "Calendar Project," then the PDF calendar icon.

Let me say again this year, helping people walk daily in faith is the reason we do what we do. We are grateful for all those who enjoy receiving our materials and find them useful to your walk with God! May God bless each of you with the strength to continue serving Him no matter what the cost!

Sincerely,



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