

October - 2025

Dear Friends,

With this letter you should have received a 2026 daily planner. Those who order from us know we are still very far behind. As always, the blessing is the increasing numbers of people ordering materials from us, but keeping up with the demand has been hard. We still have not seen things like increased office space and that is not helping us with the increased volume. However, it's never all bad news. It's just the struggles of a ministry truly doing what God wants in a world that increasingly is opposed to it. With that, I remind all of you that last year this caused us to make some changes in the way the calendar is put out. For a couple years prior to last we simply were unable to truly do a pre-order season. Thus, as of last year, we ended our normal pre-order and are simply going to the system that's been more able to get the work done. The biggest change is, of course, 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. issue. When each year's calendar is available we 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*.

Because we are still running behind by this year, also remember 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 the newest year's calendar when we get to your order. Again, we apologize 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. With that, let me say again this year, for those who can access the internet the PDF version of the calendars from all years going back to the year this project began are still available through our website. Just keep in mind that patience is still a real virtue when you order from Living Springs. However, as I said in last year's letter, if you're reading this letter it means God has made a way for us to continue into 2026, 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 2026 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 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! 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 2026 calendars as this saves postage for everyone!

Yellow Card

Again, 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 2026 calendar unless you believe it's just been so long we might not have gotten your yellow card. Keep in mind that if you're a regular print *Shaqah* subscriber, it will come automatically, so if this calendar is not something you are interested in receiving, please take a moment and use the yellow card to let us know. 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 2026 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 as well. 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 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 already mentioned, there is also the PDF version of this calendar which is available for download from our website and very often available before print calendars start going out! 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, click on "Learning Center," then "Calendar Project," then the PDF calendar icon.

It continues to be our highest goal to help people find faith and walk daily in faith! We pray the calendar is a valuable tool in helping each of you do just that. We are always so grateful for those who enjoy receiving our materials and so grateful for the encouraging words some of you have sent to us! We keep doing what God makes possible for us to do, and we pray we can find ways going forward to get materials to all of you in a more timely fashion. May God bless each of you for taking part in this ministry, and we pray you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of The Lord Jesus Christ as we await His call to our true home with Him!

Sincerely,



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