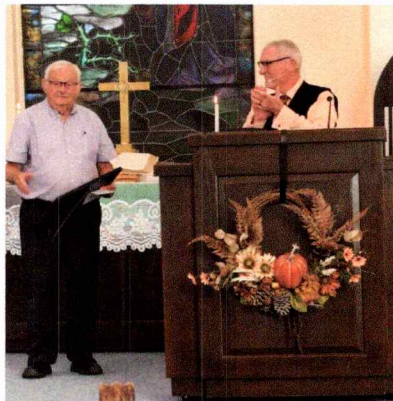




Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline

September 15, 2026

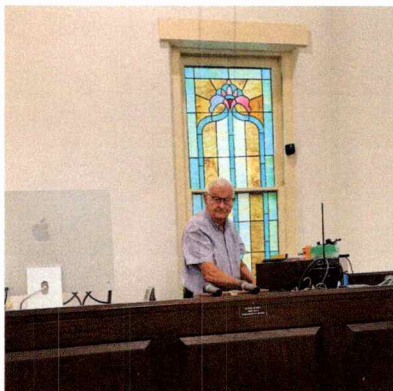
For Church Service on Sunday, Sept 13, 2026 Tribute to Charlie Nickel



Pastor Mike spoke and presented Charlie with a plaque.



Kay McKinney spoke and presented Charlie with a token of appreciation.



Charlie in the Sound Booth

Charlie, you arrive early before anyone else, testing the mics and making sure everything works so others can focus on the message.

Sometimes it might feel like being an Audio/Visual Technician at a worship service is a little like being an umpire in a baseball game. Why do I say that? Because the best umpire in a game is one that is not noticed. Some of us do notice but only because we work with you on different things and know what you do before and after the event. You crawl around in places above the ceiling in the lower level placing cable and wires; you work with our guest pastors, Elaine, Cindy, special music folks, funeral directors, guest speakers, and musicians at Seniors Alive, you move the projector before VBS then have to take it down and return it to be ready for Sunday's worship. You put the Mother's Day and Father's Day pictures of our loved ones on the screen which is a special part of each of those services. They always bring smiles, beautiful memories and yes, even a tear that rolls down our cheeks. You have placed the words of the hymns on the screen for each church service and placed the words in large bold type on paper for those who are having vision issues. You have worked closely with Pastor Mike over the years as he has just related. You have done these things and many more and all as a Volunteer, a devoted Volunteer. Your work has helped countless people hear the message clearly over the years.

Your work is matched only by your heart to help!

On behalf of the Church family, I present a gift to you as a token of our sincere appreciation for your dedication and devotion in serving as Audio/Visual Technician for our Church. In closing, to say you will be missed is truly an understatement.

We thank you. We all thank you!



written by Kay McKinney

Covington Church of the Brethren

Monthly Newsline



Birthdays

09/16 Bonnie Seitz
09/18 Ryan Stackhouse
09/18 Wm. Bitner
09/19 Wayne Angle
09/23 Pat McMaken
09/24 Carolyn Wolfe
09/27 Becky Mullen
09/29 Steve Batdorf
09/30 Bonnie Pura
10/08 Cindy Miller
10/10 Ada Fraley
10/11 Cassidy Cain
10/13 Mike Alexander
10/13 Dan Cain
10/22 Phyllis Rapp
10/23 Charlie Nickel
10/27 Erin Gibson
10/31 Hailey Yingst
10/31 Sydney Goodgame

Remembering our Military and Families in Prayer

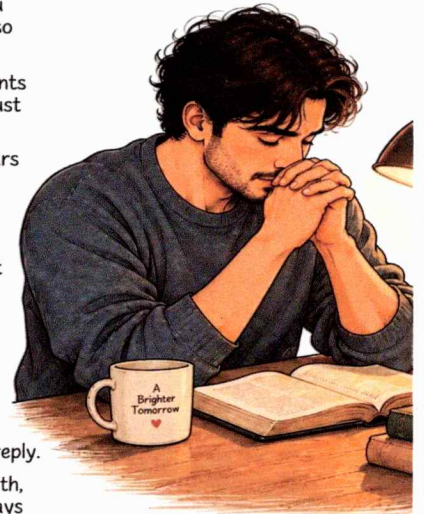
Danielle Alexander
(Michael Alexander & Brenda Fields' daughter)

Jacob Finrock
(Terry Finrock's grandson)

Tyler Lambert
(Wayne & Sharon Marshall's grandson)

10 Ways to Pray to God for a Better Life

1. Be honest and speak from your heart.
2. Pray not only when you need something, but also to say thank you.
3. Take a few quiet moments every day, even if it's just a little time.
4. Share your worries, fears and hopes with Him.
5. Ask for the strength to be a better person.
6. Pray for peace, not just for answers.
7. Be patient and trust His timing.
8. Pray for the well-being of your loved ones.
9. Listen in silence too — sometimes peace is His reply.
10. End your prayer with faith, believing that He is always with you.



by Family Word

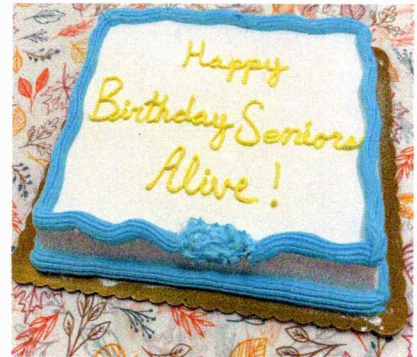
Prayer for the families of lost loved ones:

Family of Rik Minnich
who passed away
August 16, 2026

The Weekly News is available online:

<https://www.covingtoncob.org/newsline>

Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline



Seniors Alive!

Another fun day at Seniors Alive on Sept 4th with a local version of Trivia emceed by Jim and Linda Daniel and Pastor Mike Yingst as our time keeper. There were questions, answers, memories being mentally searched, laughter and high fives. A day of fun, food and fellowship enjoyed by the 78 people attending.

Recognition was given to Charlie Nickel, our sound and video tech, who is retiring after many years of service, devotion, and dedication to our church and for Seniors Alive. He will be greatly missed.

Recognition was also given to the Seniors Alive! Outreach program as we begin our fourth year. Many thanks to the Roy J Weikert Trust, Jim and Linda Daniel, Pastor Mike, the Seniors Alive team and the volunteers who are always wanting and willing to help. A special thank you to all who attend Seniors Alive and your many kind words about the event.

Dave Friend, Covington Police Dept Chief, will be the speaker at the Oct. 2nd Seniors Alive! He will be speaking about Scams and other things to be aware of especially as we move toward the holiday season. If you would like to attend, please call (937) 473-2767 to make your reservations no later than Sept 29th. See you on Friday, Oct 2nd at 11:00 for another day of fun, food and fellowship at Seniors Alive! Covington Church of the Brethren is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.

*Supported by the
Roy Weikert Trust Fund*

*Thank you to all of our Volunteers who
help make this possible!*

***Make Your
Reservation!***

Covington Church of the Brethren

Monthly Newsline



Looking Ahead

9/20 – (10:00 a.m.) Worship at Schoolhouse Park with Covington Christian Church.
Potluck meal immediately following worship.

9/27 – Guest Preacher – Pastor Pam Hitchcock
Pastor Mike is on vacation. (9/21 – 9/27)

Practicing Sabbath

We live in a culture that tells us our worth lies in what we produce, what we achieve, how busy we are, or how much money we make. On top of that, our technology makes us feel as if we must always be available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Consequently, rest feels like a luxury and the biblical concept of Sabbath seems even farther from reality. For three weeks, we will focus on reminding ourselves that our true worth lies in being children of God and sabbath rest is not a luxury, but is God's intention for us.

10/4 - Genesis 1:26–2:3
“Rest by Design”

10/11 - Exodus 5:1–9
“Rest as Resistance”

10/18 - Matthew 11:28–12:14
“Jesus as Sabbath”

10/25 – Guest Preacher – Pastor Pam Hitchcock
Pastor Mike is on vacation. (10/21 – 11/4)

11/1 - Guest Preacher – Pastor Pam Hitchcock
Pastor Mike is on vacation. (10/21 – 11/4)

Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline



The Church Board agreed the Weekly Newsletter would be published monthly beginning January 2026. One call, text, and e-mail will be used for the prayer chain. Continue to call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or email is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and one-call) are sent starting at 9:00 a.m. and not later than 8:00 p.m. each day.

The prayer list will be in the Monthly Newsletter; however, updates are requested within three months of the original request. If an update is not given to Cindy, the name(s) will be moved to the Ongoing Prayer List. We all know the importance of prayer - the peace the comfort, the concern and the love for one another is so important to those in need. It is also important to give an update to all those answering our prayer requests. Remember when you send a prayer request, YOUR concern becomes OUR concern. It is important to give all those answering your request an update. We CARE too.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens' sister) Linda has been placed under Hospice Care. She has returned to the nursing home.

Dollie Hurley (Sylvia Warner's sister). Dollie is home from the hospital and seems to be doing a little bit better. She is taking breathing treatments at home. Dollie, Sylvia and family are thankful for your continued prayers.

Terry Finfrock. She was scheduled to undergoing a surgical procedure today Tuesday, September 15th.

Charlene & Ed Ingle and family. Charlene was recently vacationing with her family at Norris Lake, Tennessee when she had a mini stroke and is hospitalized in that area. She is feeling some better but would appreciate your prayers.

Shelly Lavy Ginter & Jerry Longendelpher are both facing serious health issues.

Mary Marino, a friend that Brenda Fields works with. Mary's daughter found her Friday (8/14) laying on the floor after Mary had fallen on Thursday. Fortunately, nothing is broken. However, her white blood count is currently very high. Prayers are very much appreciated.

Todd McAbee (Esther Field's nephew) was released from the hospital September 12th after undergoing a serious surgery. It is felt that all of the cancer was removed. Todd & Esther and family are very thankful for your prayers and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Larry & Lori Minnich and family - Larry (Terry Minnich's brother) has been admitted to Soin Medical Center and is being treated for pneumonia.

Kay Nickel's surgery to implant a cardiac defibrillator/pacemaker (August 7th) went well. Kay and Charlie are thankful for your thoughts and prayers for its success. Continued prayers for healing would be appreciated. Thank you.

Covington Church of the Brethren

Monthly Newsline

Kathy Perrine and her family (friend of Carolyn Wolfe and many others in the church). Kathy was recently hospitalized with breathing issues but is back home now recuperating. She really appreciates information she receives from home by mail, text, and e-mail and appreciates your continued prayers. To send a card please use the following address: Kathy Perrine

% Melissa McLeod
1314 Oak Hill Lane,
Murphy, TX 75094

Ernie Smith (Sylvia Warner's cousin). Ernie was taken to the hospital August 13th. His heart is out of rhythm, and he has pneumonia. Ernie lives in Georgia. Thank you

Dee Sutter (friend of Pat Lentz). Dee has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatments for it that are causing negative reactions.

Jean Swob (sister-in-law of Pat McMaken) has been released from Versailles Health Care to continue healing at home and is doing well. Jean and Pat & Rich and family are thankful for your prayers.

Norman & Virginia Wolfe - The doctors were unable to perform Norm's Cardioversion scheduled for August 21st. due to an issue with his blood. The procedure will need to be rescheduled. He has returned to the care center. Virginia & Norman are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer updates are very much appreciated.

Ongoing Prayer List

Robbin Adams (Marilyn Helman's daughter)

Bernice Davis

Jay Davis (*Bernice Davis's son*)

Sherry Dye (*Esther Field's daughter*)

Dan & Jayne Hobbs

Carol & Terry Minnich

Fred Mutzner (*son of the late
Ralph & Suzann Mutzner*)

Martha & Dean Nevin

Pastor Dan Poole

Robin Reck

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (*Patsy Weyant's daughter*)

Theresa Swob (*Esther Field's daughter*)

Jay Wackler

Alex Yantis (*nephew of Carol & Terry Minnich*)

Richard & Leslie (Porter) Young

People of Israel & Palestine

People of Ukraine

A Special Thank You to everyone for your kindness and prayers after my recent unexpected knee meniscus issue, and difficulty in trying to walk. I've also very much appreciated those who have helped me get work distributed over the last few days. It has meant so much. Continued prayers for healing would be much appreciated. - Cindy ♥

A Note of Thanks:

I convey my gratitude to all who sent cards and thoughts and prayers to me and my family at the death of my brother Kyle's wife, Sheron. We appreciated them very deeply. She is no longer suffering which is a blessing. - Peggy Zimmer

Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline



Covington Church of the Brethren

09/16/2026	Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
09/16/2026	Church Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
09/21-27/2026	Pastor Mike on Vacation
09/25-26/2026	District Conference Pleasant Hill COB
09/29/2026	Deacons will be making Communion Bread 10:00 a.m. -Lower Level
10/02/2026	World Wide Communion
10/12-16-2026	Cindy on Vacation
10/21/2026	Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
10/21/2026	Church Board Mtg. 4:30 p.m.
10/22-11/04/2026	Pastor Mike on Vacation
11/08/2026	Congregational Business Meeting
11/14/2026	Apple Dumpling/Chicken Noodle Dinner Day
11/26/2026	Thanksgiving
11/27-12/04/2026	Cindy on Vacation
11/29/2026	Advent (No Love Feast)
12/06/2026	Christmas Carry-in Party
12/28-01/04	Cindy on Vacation



Harvest Our Blessings!

*Above is our updated message board
to welcome everyone to our church
main entrance (Wall Street).*

*Thank you to Kay Mckinney
and Bonnie Seitz for this very pretty
and thoughtful message! ❤️*

Bethany Center "Food of the Month" "Canned Fruit"

The food of the month donations are appreciated to cover some of their most needed food items for families who have less. *(Donation boxes are available at our church entrances.)*

*If you have Pastoral and/or Deacon
needs while Pastor Mike is on vaca-
tion, please contact Cindy's Cell/Tex-
t# @ (937) 448-0100 or Sherry Lavy
@ (937) 214-5787. Thank you.*

Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline



Brethren in Song ♥

Sound Tech Needed

For nearly seven years, Charlie has been in the Sound Booth for the Sunday morning services, weddings, funerals and VBS; in the lower level for Lenten services and Seniors Alive! He has announced he will be retiring from the sound booth on Sept 20th.

Our sincere appreciation to him for his many years of volunteer work in this very important part of our Church.

If you know anyone who would be interested in serving in this position, please contact Kay at (937) 473-2767 or the Church office.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Office encourages us to pray for:

Sept. 20 - SOK District Conference
Sept. 27 - Greenville COB
Oct. 4 - Good Shepherd COB
Oct. 11 - Union City COB
Oct. 18 - Oakland COB

Remembering our Military and Families in Prayer

Danielle Alexander

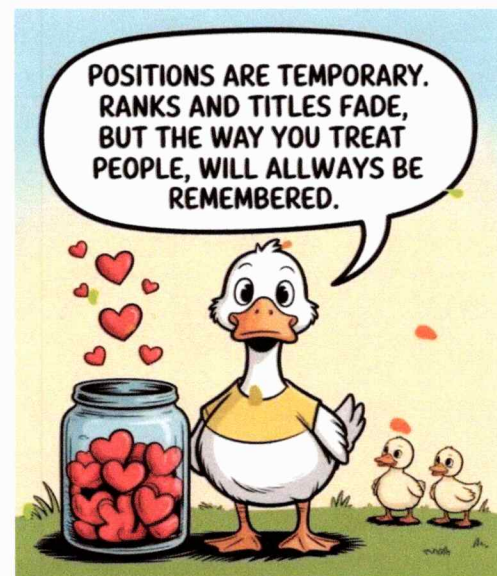
(Michael Alexander & Brenda Fields' daughter)

Jacob Finfrock

(Terry Finfrock's grandson)

Tyler Lambert

(Wayne & Sharon Marshall's grandson)



2026 District Conference: Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren

September 25 & 26, 2026

Theme: *The Least of These*

Registration is now open!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." — Matthew 25:45

This year's District Conference calls us to reflect on Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25 and to respond with compassion to those in need. As part of our theme, *The Least of These*, we are encouraging **all attendees** to participate in a district-wide collection of **non-perishable food items**. We invite you to bring items such as **peanut butter, pasta, canned meat, cereal, and other standard pantry staples**. All donations will be shared between **Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren**, our host congregation, and the **East Dayton Fellowship**, supporting their ongoing ministries to vulnerable neighbors. Your generosity helps us embody Christ's call to care for "the least of these" in our communities.

District Clerk needed!

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District is seeking a new District Clerk. The position, previously held by a volunteer, has now been designated as a paid role. A job description is available on the district website. This position may be filled by either a man or a woman. If you—or someone you know—would be willing to serve in this vital leadership role, please contact Interim DE Nick Beam (nbeam@brethren.org) or Trent Smith, District Board Chair (pastortrent@happycornerchurch.org) for more information.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Women's Retreat Registration Open

Oct. 2–3 at Bergamo Retreat Center Presenter: **Paula Bowser** — *"Doorways to Hope in Troubled Times"* **Registration open through Sept. 16.** More information and forms available online.

Save the Dates

- **Fall Quilting & Crafting Day Camp** — Oct. 19–21 at Oakland CoB
- **Fall Family Gathering** — Nov. 6–8 at Cricket Holler
- **Junior Winter Blast (K–5)** — Jan. 8–9 at Cricket Holler
- **Senior Winter Blast (Grades 6–12)** — Jan. 15–16 at Cricket Holler

Support CRM with RaiseRight

Turn everyday purchases into support for Camping & Retreat Ministries. Buy gift cards or eGift cards through RaiseRight—brands give up to **20% back** to CRM programs. Enroll at **raiserright.com** with code **MGV2V7Y2G92N**. Questions? Contact **Carrie** – cdrees23@gmail.com

Amazon Wish List

New items have been added to the Camp Sugarwood Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref=wl_share

Disaster Ministries Updates

Flood Response S. Ohio/KY BDM supplied five-gallon buckets, cleaner, trash bags, gloves, toothbrushes, and more to flooded communities in Indiana. We also connected Church World Service with a church in Anderson, which received **60 Hygiene Kits** and **72 Cleanup Buckets**.

Volunteers needed— Nine volunteers are needed Oct. 11–17 for the Buncombe County trip. **Skilled and unskilled workers welcome.** Housing at Sylvan Lodge; transportation, housing, and food covered. Contact **Helen Wolf** – 937-902-3475 to join the crew.

Sewing Bee – Sept. 26—9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church.

Sewing school bags for CWS kids' kits. Bring a sewing machine and extension cord; prep work available for non-sewers. Bring a sack lunch.

Fundraising Highlights

- **Ice Cream Social (Aug. 1):** About **320 attendees**; raised **\$9,000** for BDM.
- **Golf Scramble (Aug. 15):** Twenty-five teams participated; proceeds support BDM and Camping & Retreat Ministries. Final total coming soon.

Save the Date

- **Cleanup Bucket Assembly:** Thurs., Oct. 8 at 6:30 PM, Bullen Ultrasonics, Eaton.
- **Appreciation Dinner:** Sat., Nov. 21 at 6:00 PM, Salem Church of the Brethren

Salem Church hosts Chicken BBQ

Salem Church of the Brethren Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru

6037 Phillipsburg-Union Rd. Englewood, OH 45322

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Time: 4:00 pm - until sold out

Price: \$15/dinner

Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, green beans, applesauce, dinner roll, and a cookie

*For more information on what is happening in SOKD as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sodcob@brethren.org **before the 15th of the month.***

Nature Walk

P	I	T	S	R	R	A	I	N	L	I	A	R	T
E	C	O	A	B	U	T	T	E	R	F	L	Y	U
T	S	Q	U	I	R	R	E	L	T	S	U	D	A
S	N	I	W	W	M	U	S	H	R	O	O	M	S
S	I	B	O	P	E	N	S	T	S	F	S	A	R
N	A	I	R	L	I	A	F	L	O	W	E	R	S
U	T	R	M	S	T	L	L	R	Y	L	T	E	R
S	N	D	S	S	E	A	E	T	O	U	E	F	C
T	U	S	N	A	F	S	V	A	L	L	E	Y	S
R	O	A	V	R	T	R	L	I	V	F	M	W	R
E	M	S	E	G	M	A	P	M	U	E	E	O	E
A	E	T	T	U	K	N	O	A	L	E	S	B	V
M	A	R	I	E	V	S	L	P	D	F	U	N	I
W	S	M	S	L	S	A	R	S	A	M	F	E	R

SQUIRREL
 PETS
 LAKES
 RAIN
 GRASS
 WEEDS
 FOREST
 VALLEYS
 WATERFALLS
 BUTTERFLY
 FUN
 SUN
 WORMS
 MUSHROOMS
 MOUNTAINS
 BIRDS
 STREAM
 TULIP
 MAP
 FLOWERS
 DUST
 TRAIL
 RIVERS
 LEAVES

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/9918039/>