



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Friday, August 29, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Covington Church of the Brethren

- 8/31/2025 Ralph Mutzner's Funeral
Svc. @ Covington COB
- 9/01/2025 Labor Day
(Church office closed)
- 9/05/2025 Senior's Alive! Event
11:00 a.m. -Lower Level
- 9/10/2025 Deacon's Meeting
10:00 a.m. -Church Library
- 9/17/2025 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 9/17/2025 Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. in Church Library
- 9/26-27/25 District Conference @
Oakland COB
- 10/05/2025 Lower Level Reserved
12:30 p.m.
- 10/06-10/25 Cindy on Vacation
- 11/02/2025 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/08/2025 Apple Dumpling & Noodle
Event
- 11/09/2025 Congregational Bus. Mtg.

Food For Thought

*"If you make one person happy each day, in
40 years, you will have made 14,600 human
beings happy for a little time at least."*

-Charles Wiley ♥



Friday, September 5th at 11:00 a.m. will be the start of the third year of Seniors Alive! Thank you to all who attended the special outreach program August 1st and to the Roy J. Weikert Trust Fund for your continued support. The program for September will be the Troy Senior Dancers (line dancing) followed by The Honeycreek Cloggers. If you haven't already done so, please call (937) 473-2767 no later than September 1st to make your reservation for another day of fun, food and fellowship at Seniors Alive!

Covington Church of the Brethren is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.

***Make Your
Reservation!***

*Thank you to all of the volunteers,
and The Roy Weikert Trust Fund for
making this possible!*

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Covington COB Daily/Extended Prayer List *(updates are appreciated)*

Danielle Alexander and her family -Danielle and her National Guard Unit have been called to Washington D.C. for additional security needs. Prayers for their safety would be appreciated. Thank you

♥ **Southern Ohio District Interim DE, Nick Beam** has been released from the hospital. Nick and his family are thankful for your thoughts and prayers. He will be on medical leave from 8/25-9/07. Your continued prayers would be appreciated.

Dave & Linda Berrett - "Update on Dave. We had good news last week. Dave will not need surgery as the break is healing in line enough that continued intensive PT will help him gain more range of motion. As always, your prayers have meant a lot to us. Although other issues are ongoing, we feel blessed for this positive outcome. May God continue to comfort, sustain and bless each of you." -Linda Berrett

Bob & Denise Boyer -Bob is dealing with very serious shoulder issues.

Larry & Judy Clouse and family - Larry was recently admitted to Upper Valley Medical Center and diagnosed of cancer on his kidney. He was released to go home from the hospital but will be returning for a biopsy.

Bernice Davis' Florida home was left uninhabitable by Hurricane Milton's flooding and needs to be completely restored. Bernice has also been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in one lung. She appreciates our prayers for healing from the cancer and for the restoration of her Florida home *(Bernice is back home in Covington, now. Her health has recovered and she is doing well. Repairs to her Florida home are coming along well also.)*

♥ **Esther Fields and family** - Thank you to everyone for the beautiful get well cards for my foot surgery. They have meant so much to me. Continued prayers would be appreciated as I will need to be off my feet for the next 6-8 weeks to allow my foot to heal.

Ted Foster (Charlene Foster's husband) has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and is learning treatment options. Charlene and Ted are members at Brookville Church of the Brethren. Charlene is very active in leadership of COB camping ministries. She was Pastor Mike's first camp counselor, 55 years ago.

Ron Hyden's shoulder surgery at Upper Valley Medical Center, June 10th was successful. He returned home the same day to begin his recovery. Ron and his family are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Jane & Terry Lavy - Jane is starting a new chemo pill formula due to having some new spots to be treated. She is also using a walker due to knee pain. The treatments she got for her knee didn't work. Please continue to keep Jane and her family in your prayers.

Tyler Lambert (grandson of Wayne & Sharon Marshall) Prayers for Tyler's safety would be very much appreciated. He is in the navy and is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Tori Lamrouex (Sylvia Warner's niece). Tori recently fell and broke her leg. She is healing at home now and will need to undergo additional testing in September. Sylvia, Tori and family appreciate your prayers.

Continued

♥ Red Hearts Indicate
New or Updated Prayer
Messages

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Derrick & Shannon McCuiston and family.

Derrick had serious cancer surgery this week and will have a long road to recovery. (Shannon is Jerry & Vicki Longendelpher's daughter). Thank you.

Larry Minnich & Laura Minnich & Family -

(Terry Minnich's brother) has been released from the nursing home. He is home and continuing to recover. Carol & Terry Minnich are thankful for your prayers.

♥ **Angie (Shroyer) Smith** (daughter of Patsy Weyant). Angie underwent surgery 8/29/2025 at Kettering Hospital Main Campus to improve many of her ongoing health issues. Following surgery, she has been doing well. Angie, Patsy Weyant, and family are thankful for your prayers, and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

John Smith (son-in-law of Wayne & Sharon Marshall and husband of their daughter, Angie) John Smith's recent surgery went well and he is healing at home. He will need to undergo further surgery later in the year. Wayne & Sharon Marshall, and Angie are very glad he is feeling better and are thankful for your prayers.

Cheyenne (Jordan Wolfe's fiancée) - We are hoping her prayer warriors will get behind her for a good outcome from her 20 weeks of chemo treatments that began August 6th. Her second chemo will be August 20th. (Jordan is Ed & Carolyn Wolfe's grandson)

♥ **Steve Winemiller** (Pat McMaken's nephew) and family. Steve is in St. Rita's Hospital in Lima. He recently had a heart attack, had his heart shocked twice, and is now on a ventilator. He is also in a semi-coma to keep him from removing his tubing.

Richard and (wife) Lesley (Porter) Young and family. Richard had open-heart surgery two months ago and was doing well until he recently had a stroke. He has been at UVMC since having the stroke, and was recently moved to their Rehab Unit. He will be there for at least a month. Prayers for Richard and Lesley is greatly appreciated. (Lesley is the daughter of the late Ray and Dorothy Porter.)

Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Roberta Brock (Pastor Mike & Belinda's relative)

Christina Clark (Mother of Michelle Alexander's boyfriend Evan Clark)

Caitlin Cain Conner

(daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain and niece of Dan, Bonnie, Lonnie and Stacie)

Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens' sister)

Linda Newman (Carol Minnich's friend)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk

Mike & Carol Sawyer (Nancy Mack's relatives)

Brooks Smith & Family

Virginia & Norman Wolfe

Sheron Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law)

People of Israel & Palestine

Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer for EYN COB in Nigeria.

Some of you are unaware
of just how amazing you
really are. The way you make
people laugh, lift others up,
or spread some extra love.
You do this even though
you are struggling too, and
I think it makes you such
a beautiful human being.



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Please call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or e-mail is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and One-Call) are sent starting at 9 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m. each day.

We are thankful for everyone's thoughts and prayers for church family and friends.

Request Form:

Dear Church Family & Visitors:

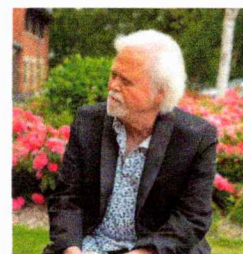
If you would like us to send out a Prayer Chain Message, a Pet-Friendly Prayer Chain Message, Speak to our Pastor, Need a Pastoral Visit, or would like to receive the Weekly News, "Request Forms" are available at each entrance to the church. Please fill one out and put it in one of the offering boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary. You can also e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100. Thank you!

Brethren Disaster Ministries

A new short-term BDM site will be open for eight weeks this fall in Johnson County, TN for Hurricane Helene recovery. BDM will be partnering with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). There is room for nine volunteers on the Oct. 12-18 crew. Housing will be at the First Christian Church in Mountain City, TN. To join the crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

My dear friends,

Some people are here to bless you - others will hurt you. But we're only on this earth for a few short moments. Those who cause pain will carry it until they learn to bless. That's why we forgive, not because they deserve it, but because we refuse to carry their darkness. When you've been blessed, rise above the hurt. Let your healing speak louder than their harm. Let them see what it means to be touched by the hand of God. -You are loved, Merrill ❤️



Merrill Osmond



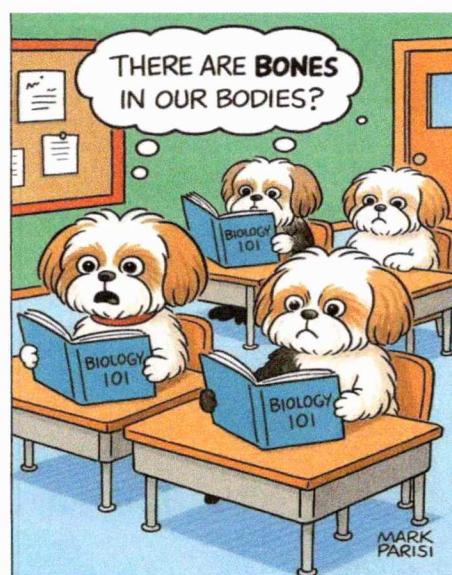
"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

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August 31 - Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16
“Known by Our Love”

September: A Good Time to Reboot

This time of year is often a time of renewal, especially for those with school-age children and grandchildren. Even for those of us who haven't been in a classroom this century, it can be a time for reinvention and renewal, getting back to a routine after the activities and relaxation of summer. In very personal letters to fellow followers of Jesus, Paul outlines some of the most practical transformations that occur in the life of a disciple, ranging from the reconciliation of broken relationships to finding peace in a world bent on possession. Christ is making all things new, even us. As students head back to school, and summer gives way to fall, this series reminds churchgoers us that it's never too late to make a new start.

September 7 - Philemon 1–21
“Reconcile Relationships”

September 14 – 1 Timothy 1:12–17
“Reimagine Regret”

September 21 - 1 Timothy 2:1–7
“Reframe Prayer”

September 28 - 1 Timothy 6:6–19
“Rethink Happiness”

October 5 – World Communion Sunday
Luke 17:5-10
“The Power of the Faith You Have”
We will celebrate Holy Communion during worship.

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A Deacon's Meeting will be held, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library.

New Sign Board Update

We are half way through being able to purchase our new sign board with having donations so far in the amount of \$5,205.00 as of August 24th. We know it has been slow moving.

The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project. Every little bit helps.

Upcoming Birthdays



08/31 Belinda Yingst
09/01 Nancy Mack
09/04 Duane Rapp
09/05 Tom Mullen
09/07 Ann Stackhouse
09/10 Ed Wolfe
09/14 Kevin Ganger
09/16 Bonnie Seitz
09/18 Ryan Stackhouse
09/18 Bill 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

Be a little gentler with yourself today.

*You're carrying more than most
people will ever realize.*

*You're showing up, staying strong,
and doing your best.*

Give yourself the same grace you ❤️ *give everyone else.*

-@unshakable.she

Bethany Center

Helping Those in Need in Miami County

"Food of the Month"

"Boxed Pasta"

Non-perishable foods are always needed. 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.)*

Thank you for helping us support this important Miami County outreach *(including Covington families).*

"Checking-In" w/ Pastor Mike

Please join us on-line every Thursday morning for our 12-15 minute website video. Pastor Mike briefly reflects on the many ways scripture shines the light of Christ on our day-to-day living. (e-mailed Thursday mornings by 9:00 a.m.) Thank you!

A dark, atmospheric background image featuring a crescent moon in the upper right corner and silhouettes of palm trees along the bottom and sides. The text is overlaid in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Sometimes
you have to stop
worrying. Have
faith that things
will work out, maybe
not how you planned,
but just how God
planned it to be.
Amen**

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples

September, 2025



Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

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"Embracing our Imperfections"

September 26 & 27, 2025

Oakland Church of the Brethren

Our 2025 District conference is just around the corner. Your Program and Arrangements Commission has been busy planning and now all we need is you!! Four videos that illustrate how we are already living into this concept have been created and are available for viewing and/or downloading on the district website. You are encouraged to hop on the website and check them out, then share them with your congregation members in as many ways as you have available. We encourage all to attend district conference. We want it too be an inspiring time of fellowship and worship with others in the SOKD. Check the website for more information including the schedule, CEU events, reports and business and service project.

All are welcome to attend all, or any part of the conference. If you plan to only attend the Friday evening worship, there is no need to register. Otherwise, delegates and non-delegates will need to register. You may register for the entire conference on any part of the conference online. Registration fees: Friday only-\$45; Saturday only-\$30; Entire conference-\$65.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Camp Sugarwood Save the Dates!

Fall Sewing and Crafting Day Retreat: October 20-22 at Oakland
Women's Retreat: October 31-November 1 at Bergamo Retreat Center
Fall Family Gathering: November 14-16 at Cricket Holler
Elementary Winter Blast: January 9-10 at Cricket Holler
Jr and Sr High Winter Blast: January 16-17 at Cricket Holler
Winter Sewing and Crafting Day Retreat: February 5-7 at Happy Corner
Information for these events can be found at sodcob.org or from your camp ambassador after October 5.

Camp Ambassadors Meeting

Camp Ambassadors meeting will be held at Salem CoB on October 5 from 3:00-4:30. Camp Ambassadors come to find out what Camping and Retreat events are happening this Fall and Winter. In addition to event information, we will have a time of devotion, play a game, have snacks, fellowship, and perhaps sing a song or two.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the individuals, groups, and businesses that donated to the BDM/CRM Golf Scramble. Your support through this fundraiser is vital for the flourishing of our collective ministries. Thank you.

Thank you also to all the volunteers that took part in making the Golf Scramble a success! Thank you, thank you. May God bless you through the work of your hands and hearts.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

With Appreciation – August was fundraising month for S. Ohio/KY BDM. There were about 285 people in attendance at the Ice Cream Social, raising about \$8,000. The Golf Scramble that was held with Camping & Retreat Ministries had 26 teams, and we're awaiting the amount raised. The Darke County Fair parking at Orthopedic Associates had proceeds of nearly \$3,000. We appreciate the support of the S. Ohio/KY District!

Rebuilding in KY – Flood recovery continues in KY, as we partner with HOMES, Inc. Houses are being built in Chestnut Ridge, a higher ground property in Knott County. We'll have crews working here Sept. 7-13 and Nov. 9-15. There are openings on both crews.

Volunteers Needed Oct. 12-18 in TN - A new short-term site will be open for eight weeks this fall in Johnson County, TN for Hurricane Helene recovery. BDM will be partnering with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Volunteers are needed Oct. 12-18. Housing will be at the First Christian Church in Mountain City, TN. To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee – On Sat., Sept. 27 come at 9:00 AM to Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road to sew school bags. The bags are already cut out, so sewers just need to bring their sewing machine. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. This month there will not be work prepping items for Church World Service kits.

Save the Date!

Cleanup Bucket Assembly – Thurs., Oct. 23, 6:30 PM, Bullen Ultrasonics, Eaton

Appreciation Dinner, Sat., Nov. 22 at 6:00 PM, Troy Church of the Brethren

Pittsburg Church hosts "Biblical Exploration" Event

Mel Menker will be leading a weekend conference on "Biblical Exploration" at Pittsburg Church of the Brethren on October 10th and 11th. The cost is \$30 before October 1st and \$35 after that date. The opening session begins at 3:00 pm on Friday. for more info go to www.pittsburgcob.org

For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio 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 VVthe 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.**

Labor Day Weekend

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