



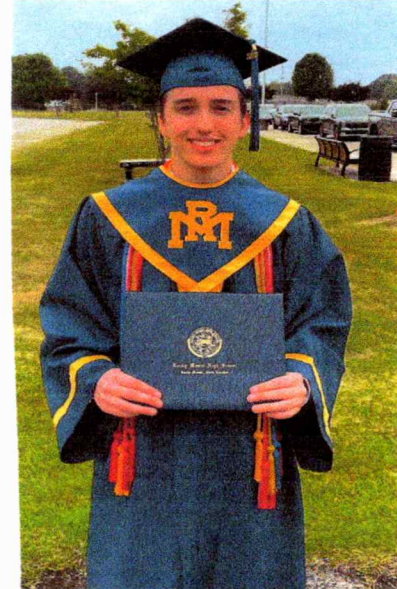
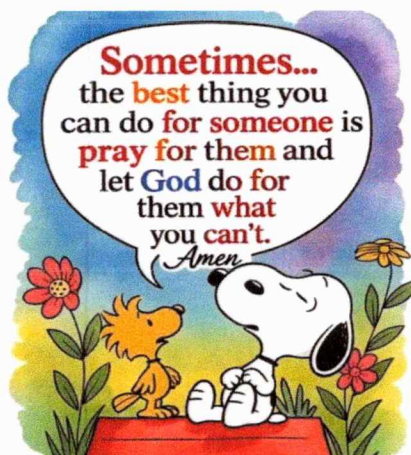
Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline

July 15, 2026



Covington Church of the Brethren

- 07/15/2026 **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jacks
- 08/07/2026 **Seniors Alive! Event**
Lower Level 11:00 a.m.
- 8/19/2026 **Church Board Meeting**
4:30 p.m. in church library
- 09/07/2026 **Labor Day**
(the church office w/b closed)
- 09/07-11/2026 **Cindy on Vacation**
- 09/29/2026 **Deacons will be making**
Communion Bread
10:00 a.m. -Lower Level
- 10/02/2026 **World Wide Communion**
- 11/08/2026 **Congregational Business**
Meeting
- 11/14/2026 **Apple Dumping/Chicken**
Noodle Dinner Day



Dustin James Willis

Our last Grandson to graduate High School, Dustin James Willis, Son of Amy Willis & Todd Willis Graduated with Honors, May 23, 2026 from Rocky Mount High School North Carolina. He will be attending North Carolina State in "Art Studies - Film"

Grandparents: Duane & Phyllis Rapp

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.

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Looking Ahead

Even in tough times, we are called to live out the Good News and to imagine new possibilities for living lives of faith and for the ongoing life of the Church.

7/12 – Romans 8:1–11
“Freed to Truly Live”

7/19 – Romans 8:12-25
“Birthing New Life”

7/26 – Romans 8:26–39
“Inseparable”

8/2 – Acts 2:17-18 / Luke 9:23-27
“Imagine” (Annual Conference Report)

8/9 – Romans 10:1–15
“Bridging the Gap”

8/16 – Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32
“Restored and Made Whole”

Remembering our Military and Families in Prayer

Danielle Alexander
(Michael Alexander & Brenda Fields' daughter)

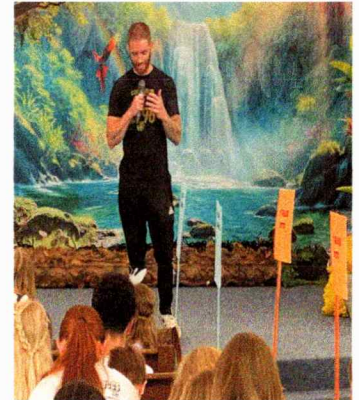
Jacob Finfrook
(Terry Finfrook's grandson)

Tyler Lambert
(Wayne & Sharon Marshall's grandson)

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

July 19th - Charleston COB
July 26th - Cincinnati COB
Aug. 2nd - Flat Creek COB
Aug. 9th - Mud Lick COB
Aug. 16th - Strait Creek COB

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2026 Vacation Bible School

Community VBS was held the week of June 15-19 at the Church of the Brethren with Stacey Moore serving as the representative for this year's lead church, St Teresa. One hundred thirty-three children from Pre-School (age 4) to 4th and 5th graders were registered and nearly 50 persons served as leaders and helpers. Bible stories, songs, crafts, and snacks were all part of the busy week. On Friday evening following the program, the children and their families were treated with ice cream and many toppings. Offerings collected during the week and at the Friday program totaled \$1,000 which will be given to the Covington Outreach Association to help Covington families in their time of need.



*Thank you to the many
volunteers who helped to
make this possible! ❤️*

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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

Robbin Adams (Marilyn Helman's daughter) is healing following surgery for a broken femur in her right leg. She is continuing rehab and is doing well. Robbin & Rex, Marilyn Helman and family are thankful for your prayers and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens' sister) Linda's eye surgeries were successful and she is seeing much better now. She is beginning therapy to try to strengthen her legs and hopes it will be more successful this time. Linda and her family appreciate your prayers.

Dan & Jayne Hobbs - Dan has finished occupational and physical therapy and is currently in speech therapy. Your prayers are very much appreciated. God bless, Dan and Jayne

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.

Jaxson (Sylvia Warner's great-grandson and grandson of Yvonne & Herb Lear). Five-year-old Jaxson underwent doctor-developed SPML surgery in Texas on 6/12. The doctors were able to help with more than they had planned and are confident it went well. *(The initial surgery was to help him improve chronic pain and enable more movement in his legs.)*

Larry & Lori Minnich and family - Larry (Terry Minnich's brother) is back home now. He continues to need our prayers as he tries to regain strength. Carol & Terry are thankful for your prayers.

Tom Mullen's ablation procedure (7/9) went well. Becky & Tom and their family thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers.

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Starting today,
*Let's choose to focus on what we can control.
No point in stressing over something you
can't change.
Let's move on and grow stronger. ♥*

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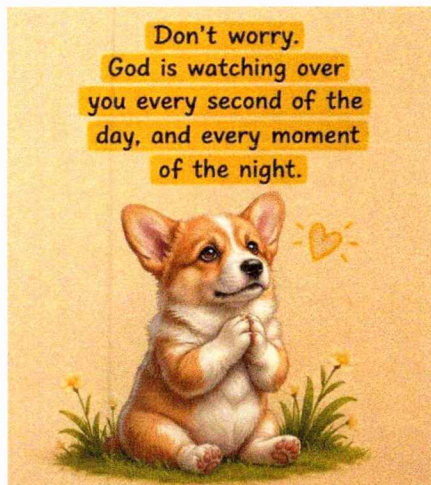
Kathy Perrine and her family (friend of Carolyn Wolfe and many others in the church). Kathy was recently hospitalized with breathing issues but is back home now recuperating. She really appreciates information she receives from home by mail, text, and e-mail and appreciates your continued prayers. To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

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

Phyllis & Duane Rapp -Phyllis is recovering at home from kidney stone surgery that was successful June 1st. Prayers for continued healing would be appreciated.

Irene Reynolds has recovered from her recent fall and is being released from home wound care. Her leg has healed, and she very much appreciates all your prayers, calls, and cards during her recovery time. She misses all of her friends at church, and hopes to return soon. Irene, Nancy & Jim Thompson, and family are very thankful for your prayers and send their blessings to all of you.

- Nancy & Jim Thompson



Ongoing Prayer List

Bernice Davis

Jay Davis (*Bernice Davis's son*)

Sherry Dye (*Esther Field's daughter*)

Michael Hinnegan (*father of Kierra & Chace*)

Dollie Hurley (*Sylvia Warner's sister*)

Elaine Kraus

Todd McAbee (*Esther Field's nephew*)

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

Norman & Virginia Wolfe

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

Richard & Leslie (Porter) Young

Sharon Zimmer (*Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law*)

People of Israel & Palestine

People of Ukraine



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

Pet Prayer Chain Update:

Pandora (Nancy & Jim Thompson's Pomeranian) went to MedVet to her Ophthalmologist for an update on her eye today. Pandora is blessed that it is completely healed and the cornea is now smooth. Her eyes are bright and open wide. Two of her meds were discontinued, with only an ongoing daily eye drop. Jim & Nancy are thankful for your prayers.

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Seniors Alive!

Seniors Alive returns on Friday, August 7th at 11:00 with Dr. Brian Olson, D.C., presenting a program concerning "Health and Nutrition for Seniors." He will be giving us information to help us manage our health with knowledge and skills leading us to an even better quality of life. Please make your reservation no later than August 3rd by calling (937) 473-2767. Covington Church of the Brethren is a handicap accessible church at the Wall Street entrance. Fun, Food and Fellowship on August 7th at Seniors Alive!

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&
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*Supported by the
Roy Weikert Trust Fund*

***Make Your
Reservation!***

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

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Birthdays

07/15 Shirley Reasor
07/16 Dave Berrett
07/16 Marcus Thelen
07/22 Daniel Dunton
07/24 Melodie Huffman
07/26 Alyssa Goodgame
07/27 Mauriena Cain
07/27 Vicki Longendelpher
07/28 Andy Hittle
07/29 Sandy Bowman
08/01 Don Dunton
08/05 Kay McKinney
08/07 Kay Kurkowski
08/09 Jeff Longendelpher
08/10 Kerri Burba
08/11 Patsy Weyant
08/11 Elizabeth Konz
08/17 Chelsea Robinson
08/20 Irene Reynolds
08/22 Grace Miller
08/31 Belinda Yingst
08/31 Tony Angle

“Checking-In” w/ Pastor Mike

Please join us every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. for our 12-15 minute You Tube video sent via e-mail. Pastor Mike briefly reflects on the many ways scripture shines the light of Christ on our day-to-day living. To be added to our church e-mail list, please send a message to covingtoncob@gmail.com.

The “Checking-in” videos can also be viewed from the church’s website at covingtoncob.org or our Facebook page at “Covington Church of the Brethren” Thank you!

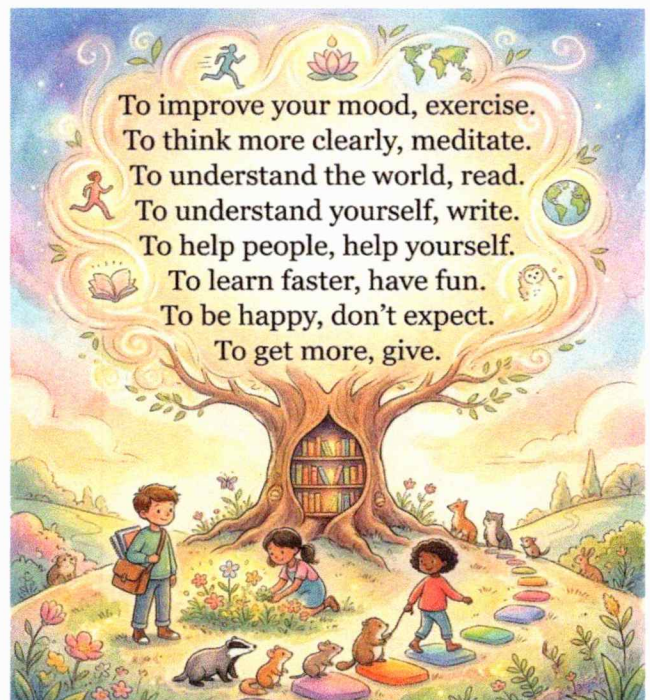
Bethany Center **“Food of the Month”** **“Boxed Pasta”**

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.)*

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!



Smile & Shine

2026 District Conference: Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren

September 25 & 26, 2026

Theme: *The Least of These*

Registration is now open!

This year's District Conference invites us to reflect on Jesus' call to care for "the least of these" from Matthew 25. Friday's sessions will help us better understand the needs of our neighbors through a guided Poverty Experience, followed by presentations from district ministries serving the homeless, immigrants and refugees, foster families, and others in vulnerable situations. The afternoon will also include practical guidance on finding and writing grants to support local outreach. All are encouraged to attend and engage in this meaningful day of learning and service.

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, and the Board is in the process of updating and clarifying the responsibilities to better support the work of the district. 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

Save the Dates — details coming soon. • **Women's Retreat:** Oct. 2–3 at Bergamo Retreat Center, with Paula Bowser. • **Fall Quilting & Crafting Day Camp:** Oct. 19–21 at Oakland CoB. • **Fall Family Gathering:** Nov. 6–8 at Cricket Holler. • **Junior Winter Blast:** Jan. 8–9 (Grades K–5) at Cricket Holler. • **Senior Winter Blast:** Jan. 15–16 (Grades 6–12) at Cricket Holler.

Support CRM with RaiseRight

Turn everyday purchases into support for Camping & Retreat Ministries! Buy gift cards through RaiseRight and up to 20% goes back to CRM programs. Use eGift cards, reloadable cards, or the mobile app. Enrollment code: **MGV2V7Y2G92N** at raiserright.com Questions: Carrie – cdrees23@gmail.com

Camp Sugarwood Amazon Wish List

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

Disaster Ministries Updates

Hurricane Helene Recovery: BDM is now serving in Yancey County, NC, partnering with the local Long-Term Recovery Group and Beacon Network. Volunteers helped repair Micaville Presbyterian Church, which now houses the work teams. Service continues through mid-August.

Volunteer Trips: Volunteers needed for fall trips: **Sept. 6–12, Oct. 11–17, and Nov. 8–14.** Contact Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee: July 25 at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church. Sewing school bags for CWS kids kits. Bring a sack lunch and a sewing machine if you have one; prep work available for non-sewers.

Ice Cream Social: Sat., Aug. 1, 4–7 PM at Happy Corner CoB. Enjoy supper, homemade ice cream, music, and Share-A-Meal tickets. All proceeds support S. Ohio/KY BDM.

Share-A-Meal Hosts Needed: Choose a date, menu, and number of guests. Tickets sold at the Ice Cream Social. Hosts cover meal costs; proceeds support BDM. Contact Paula Connerley at 937-266-7171 or paula.connerley@icloud.com.

Golf Scramble: Sat., Aug. 15 at Beechwood Golf Course. Sponsored by BDM and CRM. Registration forms available soon at SODCOB.org or contact Kevin Dull at montpres57@gmail.com.

Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren celebrates 150th Anniversary

Good Shepherd CoB celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year! Join them for a special worship service on **August 16 at 2:00 PM**, followed by fellowship and light refreshments. Come enjoy music, memories, and thanksgiving for all God has done.

*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 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.***

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