



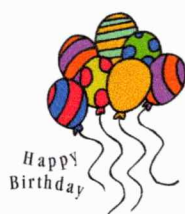
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August 15, 2024

Covington Church of the Brethren Event Calendar



- 8/21/2024** Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 8/21/2024** 4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
5:00 p.m. Church Board Mtg.
- Executive Committee Mtg.
immediately following
- 8/22-28-2024** Pastor Mike & Belinda
on vacation
- 9/02/2024** Labor Day
(church office closed)



Upcoming Birthdays

- 08/17 Chelsea Robinson
08/20 Irene Reynolds
08/22 Grace Miller
08/31 Belinda Yingst
08/31 Tony Angle

Seven Blessings of God

1. I have a home.
2. I ate today.
3. I have a kind heart.
4. I have good wishes for others.
5. I have water to drink.
6. I have clean clothes.
7. I am breathing.



Looking Ahead

Beginning July 28th we began spending five weeks reading through the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In John 6, Jesus identifies himself as the Bread of Life, therefore I am entitling this sermon series "Bread from Heaven." I invite us to spend the last month of summer walking through John 6 together as Jesus dives deeply into explaining all that it means for him to be the Bread of Life. We can truly live because the Bread from Heaven lives in and among us! And it is abundant living without end!

August 18 – John 6: 51-58

"Bread from Heaven: Life"
Annual Conference Report
by Belinda Yingst (delegate)

August 25 – Guest Preacher - Rev. Ralph
Schaafsma
Pastor Mike will be on vacation

September 1 – John 6: 56-71

"Bread from Heaven: Truth"



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We have had a few questions and suggestions for our prayer chain and would like to share how it is usually addressed.

When a prayer chain message is requested they are sent via e-mail, text, phone, noted for the office, and kept for the upcoming news.

Unless calls are an emergency, they are usually sent between 9 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m.

Prayers for surgery and procedures are usually sent the afternoon or evening the day before they take place unless requested otherwise.

Prayer messages and updates are sent by permission of the person, family, Pastor Mike and/or the Deacons, when they feel it's appropriate to send them. (Respecting the person's privacy).

Updates following recent prayer requests are important to those praying, and very much appreciated by our church family.

Weekly News prayer updates are also very important to those following the health of our church family and friends each week via our website and postal mailings.

Call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to request prayers and/or prayer updates.

We thank and appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers for church family and friends.



Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Melody Blankenship (Kathy Miller's friend)
Roberta Brock (Pastor Mike & Belinda's relative)
Ted & Rhonda Brumbaugh
Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens' sister)
David Frank (Kathy Miller's friend)
Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux
Tyler Lambert (in the military) -
(Wayne & Sharon Marshall's grandson)
Larry Minnich
Brandon Moyer (Kathy Miller's nephew)
Mark Must (Ron Hyden's stepson)
Linda Newman (Carol Minnich's friend)
People of Ukraine
Robin Reck
Brenda & Reverend David Rusk
Mike & Carol Sawyer (Nancy Mack's relatives)
Angie (Shroyer) Smith (Patsy Weyant's daughter)
Brooks Smith & Family
Sheron Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law)
People of Israel & Palestine

Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe
Home# (937) 526-4852
Cell# (937) 418-3034

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

Danielle Alexander has arrived to Kuwait. She and her family are thankful for your prayers for her travels and continued prayers for her overseas responsibilities with the National Guard for the next 9 months to a year.

Kay Alexander (Mike Alexander's sister) would like to share the following message:
"I would like to inform y'all that I'm doing good. Slowly healing from a double intense surgery. I was blessed with very good care of my sweet cousin that drove 3+ hours from NC to stay with me in Myrtle Beach, SC to care for me and very special friends. I want to say how much I've appreciated all the thoughts and prayers given for me. God is good. Thank you." - Kay

♥ **Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave Berrett has been released from the hospital to continue healing at home. Linda & Dave are thankful for all your prayers.

Sandy Bowman and her family - "I am doing very well. My foot is out of the cast. I am gradually using my walker each day. Thank you for all your prayers." - Sandy

Vanessa Clark (Ron Hyden's sister). Vanessa's surgery to put a plate and pins in her wrist was successful. Ron Hyden and family are thankful for your prayers.

Caitlin Cain Conner - "We are requesting on-going prayers for Caitlin. She is the daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain, niece of Dan, Bonnie & Lonnie and Stacie. Caitlin was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She the mother of 1 1/2 year old Valerie, wife to Tyler. Prayers are greatly appreciated!"

Bob (Bernice Davis' Nephew) needs our prayers for healing. He is dealing with heart issues and the after effects of a bone infection.

Nevin Fessler (Phyllis Rapp's brother) - Nevin has been released and will be starting Cardiac Rehab at Upper Valley Medical Center. Nevin, Phyllis & Duane Rapp and their family are thankful for everyone's prayers and concerns. They have been very much appreciated.

Norman & Donna Gayhart (sister-in-law of Kathy Miller). Norman is under Hospice care and is having issues with passing blood. Thank you.

Jane & Terry Lavy & Dan & Tawni Batdorf
Jane Lavy is undergoing a new chemo treatment. She is also dealing with severe knee pain that cannot be properly dealt with while she is receiving chemo. Dan Batdorf is recovering from recent heart surgery. Thank you.

♥ **Gary Lentz** (Dave Lentz's brother) - Gary is starting radiation and chemo treats on his chest cavity to try to eliminate pain from cancer. Dave & Pat are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family - Sharon's blood issue has improved with the treatments being effective. Sharon & Wayne and their family are very thankful for your thoughts and prayers for healing for both of their health issues.

Kathy Miller - "I am extremely fatigued and nauseous. Recent blood work indicated low hemoglobin levels, prompting me to begin a series of five weekly iron infusions that started on July 23. Additionally, I have commenced a new treatment targeting the protein responsible for the growth of the tumors in my abdomen wall. Those IV treatments are scheduled every three weeks. Your continued prayers are deeply appreciated."

♥ *Red Hearts Indicates New or Updated Prayer Messages*

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♥ **Carol & Terry Minnich** - Carol is currently taking outpatient therapy and is doing well. Terry & Carol are thankful for everyone's prayers, cards, and concerns.

Ralph Mutzner is healing at home from his knee replacements. He and his family are thankful for your continued prayers for healing.

Rylon Mutzner, (14-year-old great-grandson of Ralph Mutzner) of Piqua, Ohio. Rylon is undergoing radiation due to having cancer in his left shoulder at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Ralph Mutzner and family are thankful for your prayers.

Gary Pitt's (friend of Norman Wolfe) cancer has returned. Prayers would be appreciated.

Phyllis & Duane Rapp - Phyllis' did well with her kidney stones surgery August 8th at Upper Valley Medical Center, and the surgery was successful. Duane & Phyllis are thankful for your prayers and would appreciate continued prayers for healing. Thank you.

♥ **Irene Reynolds** - Irene will be having cataract surgery in her right eye on August 22nd at Miami Valley North. Irene, Nancy & Jim Thompson, and family are thankful for your prayers

Jill Stephenson (Virginia & Norman Wolfe's neighbor) needs prayers for healing from eye surgery July 18th.

♥ **Sylvia Warner** is feeling much better and is thankful for everyone's thoughts and prayers.

"Thank you for your prayers for **Eve Welborn**, her biological brother, JT, and their families. The bone marrow transplant 7/24 went well and now we pray for no complications. The Montgomery Welborn family sincerely appreciates the many prayers and well wishes."

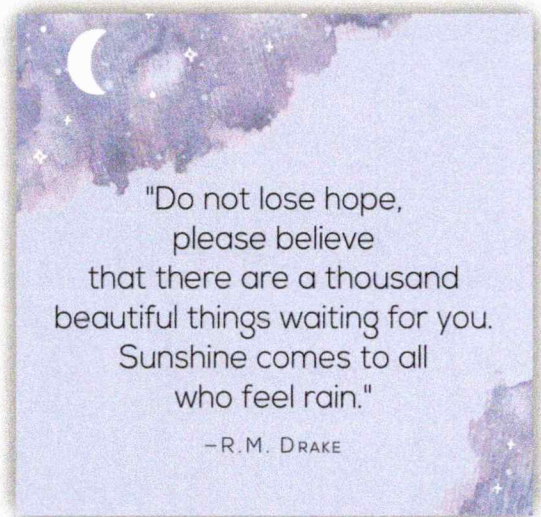
Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia is taking cardiac rehab. Please keep she and Norman in your prayers.

Thank you ♥

Our family appreciates your thoughts, prayers and cards at the passing of my sister, Carolyn Stone and we are very thankful.

God bless, Pat & Rich McMaken

The Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer this week for Strait Creek Church of the Brethren.



*Did you know butterflies rest when
it rains because it damages their wings?*

*It's okay to rest during the storms of life.
You'll fly again when it's over.*



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“Thank you” to everyone who attended our August 2nd Senior’s Alive! event. We were blessed to have 92 people join us (including volunteers). The meeting featured Terry Lavy, where we learned about “Plants & Conservation.” We also enjoyed a wonderful salad bar lunch!

Our next Seniors Alive! Meeting will be held Friday, September 6th beginning 11:00 a.m. One year ago in September was the Kick Off for the first Seniors Alive! outreach program supported by the Roy J. Weikert Trust Fund. On this Seniors Alive! first birthday, Linda Daniel, trustee of the Roy J. Weikert Trust will be sharing some thoughts about her uncle and Seniors Alive!



We will also be welcoming Kelley McKinney Elam, licensed health insurance agent/broker. Kelley is contracted with 9 different insurance carriers. We will learn about the changes in Medicare due to the Inflation Reduction Act passed by Congress in 2022. We hope you can join us!

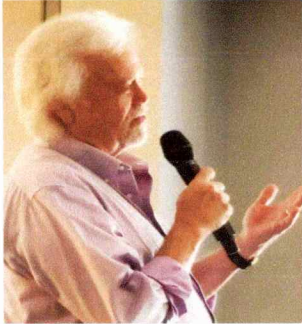
To make your reservation, please call Kay McKinney at (937) 473-2767 by September 1st. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, please call and cancel it. Your reservation is very helpful in planning our food for this event. Seniors Alive! is held at Covington Church of the Brethren, 101 N. Wall Street, Covington, Ohio. The Church is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.

Supported by the Roy Weikert Trust Fund



Make Your Reservation!

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Merrill Osmond

My dear friends

Success can be one of the greatest blessings in life. But if humility isn't embraced during the process, selfishness and pride can raise its ugly head and create problems for everyone around us. We should never forget to always say "Thank You," to always remember our roots and what made us who we are today. We should never forget to pay it forward, and always remember it's not always about us.

You're loved, Merrill

Helping Those In Need!

The Bethany Center would very much appreciate your help in providing non-perishable Foods for those who in need in Miami County (including sheets and blankets that are in short supply).

Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to our church building for food, as well as sheet & blanket donations that will taken to Bethany periodically.

Bethany also accepts clothing donations throughout the year. If you would like to also donate clothes, please drop them off at the their service location: 339 South Street, Piqua, OH 45356.

For more information, please contact Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650 or Esther Fields (937) 216-3293. Bethany supports all Miami County residents (including Covington)



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:
Office# (937) 473-2415
Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100
E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

God-spelled backwards

When God made the Earth and sky,
the flowers and the trees.

He then made all the animals, the fish,
the bird and the bees.

And when at last he'd finished, not one
was quite the same.

He said, "I'll walk this world of mine
and give each one a name."

And so he traveled far and wide,

And everywhere he went, a little
creature followed him until it's
strength was spent.

When all were named upon the Earth
and in the sky and sea, The little
creature said, "Dear Lord, there's
not one left for me."

Kindly the Father said to him,
"I left you to the end. I've turned
my own name back to front and
called you Dog, my friend."

-Author Unknown

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