



The Happy Church June 2018 Newsletter

May Highlights

Project Happy Soles Ministry

Howie will be travelling to New Mexico in June to help prepare for the July 12-21 trip. He is still looking for a few skilled people to assist. He desperately needs a few skilled people including a carpenter, electrician and plumber. If you are interested, please contact Howie at 859-760-8021.



Howie's Group Feeding Breakfast to the Happy Kids

Tiffany Tabor, Mike and Connie's Daughter has graduated from High School. While in High School, she was taking dual credit classes at the local University that was partially funded by the Happy Soles scholarship fund. Two other Happy Soles scholarship students successfully finished up another year at Eastern Kentucky University. Abby Howard will be a Junior next year and her brother Austin will be a senior. Alex Feltner, another one of our Happy Kids also graduated from Jackson City High School in May.

Kid's City

Attendance for Kid's City was really high in May as we were averaging about 70 kids per night. We were scrambling to get enough vans and drivers to pick them up and take them home again. One of our van drivers had to make two runs to pick up all the kids on his route. To get them all home, we used a combination of the kitchen volunteers and some of the staff using their POVS. Attendance usually drops off during the summer, so we will probably be alright until fall. We have been using the outdoor picnic shelter whenever the weather permits. The kids really love being outside.

Special Surprise

Mike and Connie have been working really hard at the Happy Church for seventeen years and getting paid next to nothing. This year they got a special surprise from the Crowe family. They took Mike and Connie on an all expense paid trip to a resort in the Dominican Republic. I can't think of any other couple that is more deserving of something special like this.



Connie and Mike in the Dominican Republic

Short Term Mission Teams

We had three short term mission teams come to the Happy Church in May. The first team was from the Wilmington Christian Academy in Wilmington, OH.



Planting Grass



Group Picture

This group included two of John and Chris's grandchildren as well as their daughter and son-in-law. They were able to get a lot of maintenance done



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around the church. We had water and power lines run to the picnic shelter and chicken coop last fall. This left uneven piles of dirt across the center of the kids play area. They were able to even out the ground and then plant grass seed. The grass came in great and the play area has been restored. They also mulched the majority of the flower beds on campus and planted some flowers as well. They also painted 30 mother's day planters. We did not have enough flower pots painted up to go around. They also got lots of grass cutting and weed eating accomplished as well. They cleaned all the church van, both inside and out. I am sure I am leaving some things out, but we were so grateful for what they accomplished.



Flower Pots

Gardening

Community of Hope is a frequent visitor to the Happy Church. One of the things they do every year is to put on the Daughters of the King banquet at the Happy Church. They transform the sanctuary into a dinner theater and serve a delicious meal. After the meal, entertainment is provided by the Happy Kids as well as the Happy Church Band. This year, the event was well attended and filled up the entire room. They also



Daughters of the King Banquet

built a roof over part of the chicken yard to help protect the chickens from predators. They also finished carpeting the gym. When the gym was built, it had four metal walls. The result was that when you got any decent sized group in there, you couldn't even hear



Chicken Coop Roof

Gym Walls Carpeted

yourself think because of all the noise that kept echoing off of all the walls. The gym is so much more usable now.

We also had three young leaders that came down from Grace Church – Medina Campus. They were on an exploratory trip to see how they could be involved with the Happy Church some time in the future. They rolled their sleeves up and helped with the ministry while they were here.

Teen Update

The teen night attendance continues to be very strong. The series on spiritual warfare was concluded in May. It was very powerful and made some real inroads into some of the teens. Please continue to pray for our teens and so many of them have had difficult lives and are surrounded by drugs and examples of ungodly behavior.

We started something new this year that has been on our wish list for a very long time. We will have two teens who are doing internships. Cody Fouts, who will be a sophomore at Hazard Community and Technical College next year and is majoring in Computer Technology. He is doing an internship with Action Computer Services in Florence, KY. The Lord has graciously provided both a place for him to work as well as a place to live. Amber Shepherd will be starting an internship at Mr. Godwrench in West Chester later this month. Amber will be a senior at Wolf County High next year and is part of the automotive program there.

Clayhole Campus News

The first open gym for Clayhole started on June 2nd. In addition to the open gym, hot dogs and drinks were provided to all who came. This is a great outreach tool and it is hoped that this will be able to help to build relationships with the area youth.



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Community Christian Church, where Randy used to pastor, is coming down Jun 22nd-24th to start on the much-needed improvements and repairs to the Clayhole campus. Sonrise ministry will be putting on a VBS at Clayhole June 28th and 29th. They will also help with some work projects there.

Thrift Store

Our thrift store is struggling to have enough items to keep the doors open two days each month. Please pray with us for 12 churches to sign up to take collections of gently used clothing, household items, toys, furniture, and working appliances one month each year. We can make arrangements to pick up these items or you can make an adventure of it and bring them to the Happy Church yourself. Individuals can drop off donations at Humongous Bill's Carpets at 4053 Dixie Highway in Fairfield, OH. There is an area reserved for Happy Church donations.

Prayer Requests, Praises and Needs

- Continue to pray for our teens. Pray for their spiritual growth and a hedge of protection around them as many live in very difficult circumstances.
 - Pray for our volunteers and praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible
 - Pray for the Happy Kids. Many have very difficult living conditions.
 - Praise for Tiffany, Pastor Mike's youngest daughter. Pray her Nashville recording which will be released shortly, will be favorably received and would be able to minister to many hurting people.
 - Pray for 12 churches to sign up to supply our thrift store one month each year.
- Pray for funds to cover the now \$9000 repair costs to our recently acquired refrigerated truck. We will be using the truck to pick up donated refrigerated goods.
 - Pray the Ott family can sell their house in PA and raise support to join us in the ministry full-time. This is especially important to get them on board as John and Chris are having an increasingly hard time keeping up with the pace of the ministry.
 - Pray that funding comes to install a heat pump in the gym at the Clayhole Campus. This will enable the gym to be used year around.
 - Pray for some used sound equipment to be donated to the Clayhole campus. The old equipment is faulty and needs to be replaced.
 - Praise that the Cataract surgery went well for Chris Jacobson. Pray for her to heal from 4 broken bones in her foot from a biking accident during vacation.
 - Continue to pray for Randy as he gets treatment for a degenerative eye condition which can potentially result in blindness.
 - Praise for the positive changes that are occurring at the Clayhole Campus.
 - Pray for Randy to effectively transition the church to the Happy Church Model.