



The Happy Church July 2019 Newsletter

June Highlights

Happy Soles Ministry

Every month we receive donated food from the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). We use the donations in two ways. At the end of each weekly Kid's City, we send a prize home with all the kids that behaved. They go home with a bag of chips or whatever was donated that month. At the end of each month, we put out the rest of the donated items from ASP on tables for people to take home. Some items are more popular than others. Most months everything is cleaned out, but we had a hard time getting rid of the cauliflower pretzels that tasted like burnt broccoli! ☹️

Jerry Reiner from Project 52 made a food delivery at the Happy Church on June 26th. He brought down lots of fresh vegetables and fruit to distribute to the community. This was a real treat as these items tend to be very expensive in the stores.

Visiting Groups



Out to See the Wild Horses

Centerville Grace and their senior high youth group were at the Happy Church from June 20th- 23rd. They were a huge help as they finished projects all over the Happy Church Campus. Some needed repairs to lawn equipment were also completed. The Sunday School teachers were also thrilled as the Centerville group taught all the kids' Sunday classes and gave the Sunday message.

On June 25th, we had two groups arrive on the campus. The Eastside Grace advance team from Columbus, Ohio arrived to start the addition to the Clayhole Campus. The goal of the project is to

connect the three buildings together. This is no small task when you consider the roof lines and the different heights of all the buildings. The floor must be built so that you can go from one building to the other, without going outside. An additional requirement is that wheelchairs can easily be used.



Building the Floor

River Hills Community Church (RHCC) arrived on June 25th and stayed until June 30th. The group was split between the Clayhole and Jackson campuses. At Clayhole, they painted the paneling in the front of the church and the gym grey. It really made the place look better. The steeple was also repaired.



Painting the Clayhole Sanctuary



Painting the Clayhole Gym

One of Connie's joys is to make her yard and the Happy Church Campus look beautiful. With all of her grandma duties lately, she had let one of her flower beds slide. Connie was really thrilled as RHCC had a professional gardener on the team and



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he totally rehabbed her flower bed! The plants were getting a bit overgrown in her old one.



Old Flower Bed on Bottom New Bed on Top

Emmie's Place was really spruced up. The deck was power washed and painted and the gutters were cleaned out. They also cooked and served the food for Kid's City and teen night. The grand finale was on Saturday, they invited all comers to enjoy a free meal at Thatcher's Restaurant. Thatcher's specialty is smoked meat. The Happy Church band provided entertainment for the festivities. Each person was able to get smoked pork and up to four sides. A good time was had by all!



RHCC Crew Serving Sides at Thatcher's

Kid's City

Our kids really love coming to our Kid's City each Thursday! We are constantly seeing new faces as kids invite their friends. Unfortunately, among the poor kids that we minister to, there is a lot of turnover due to family situations. The good news is that we now have four vans at the Jackson Campus! The bad news is that we need more van drivers.

Teen Update

One of the highlights of the summer for many of our kids is to go to camp. In order to qualify, they are required to finish seven booklets and memorize six verses in each of the booklets. The booklets clearly lay out the gospel message and the kids hide the Word of God in their hearts. We had seven kids go to middle school camp this year. Trevor, one of our senior high boys, served as a counselor at the camp.



Happy Campers

We have been really blessed by how well our teens have grown in their musical abilities! This includes learning how to play instruments as well as their singing ability. The teens have had the opportunity to lead worship in other churches each year. This year they were asked to lead worship at a nearby church that was having a teen revival with teens from many places in eastern Kentucky. The teens were received very well and were also challenged by the message they heard. When our teens performed for one of our visiting groups, they asked Brianna if she was going to become a professional singer.



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Brianna Performing at Thatcher's Restaurant

Momentum

This year we have 17 kids and youth workers going to Momentum, the Grace Brethren annual youth conference (buildmomentum.org). When we ask the teens their favorite part of Momentum, they often say the main sessions (the worship/ message times). The messages and Bible studies are always very relevant, addressing today's issues with teens. Life changing decisions are made each year.

Clayhole Campus News

We are excited for the summer groups who will be ministering on the Clayhole Campus this summer. Eastside Grace near Columbus has built several projects at the Happy Church Campus in Jackson over the years. The advance team has already started building the foundation in June. In July, they will return to continue building the addition that will tie all three buildings together. It is a very ambitious project and will need some additional funding to be able to get it all done. In addition, they will be installing two handicap accessible bathrooms in the back of the church. They will also be building a sound booth.

Upcoming Schedule

- Wednesday Bible Study at Clayhole
- Thursday Kid's City at the Jackson Campus
- Friday Teen Night
- Sunday Service
- July 5-7 Eastside Grace advance construction team.
- Jul 7-13 Middle School Camp
- Eastside Grace main construction team Jul 8-13
- Jul 11-13 Faith Fellowship Alliance Mission Team.
- July 15-17 Bertram's and Smith's mission team.
- July 24-28 Horizon Mission Team

Prayer Requests, Praises and Needs

- Please pray the Holy Spirit will be at work in the heart of each person that goes to Momentum.
- Continue to pray for more van drivers!
- Pray the Ott family can sell their house in PA and raise support to join us in the ministry full-time.
- Praise as Randy's vision is getting better. Pray he heals completely, and his vision gets better as it heals. Pray he can be fitted with glasses.
- John is continuing to have issues with his partial epilepsy. He has been seizure free for 2.5 months with the new medication. If this continues, he will be able to drive again soon.
- Pray as we plan a Kid's City for Clayhole next year.
- Pray for additional mature Christian Sunday School teachers for the Clayhole and Jackson Campuses.
- Continue to pray for all our Happy Church kids. Pray for their spiritual growth and a hedge of protection around them as many live in very difficult circumstances.
- Praise for our visiting groups and all the things they accomplish.
- Pray for our volunteers and praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.
- Centerville Grace is now managing the books for the Happy Church! Anyone mailing in donations, should mail them into
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