



The Happy Church June 2019 Newsletter

May Highlights

Happy Soles Ministry

Whenever we do outreach into the community, we consider this part of our Happy Soles Ministry. Community of Hope from Indiana came to visit during the early part of the month. They baked a lot of home-made cookies and visited families both near the Jackson and Clayhole churches. Their goal was to show love and evangelize.

Visiting Groups



Putting Carpet on the Walls

Community of Hope of Indiana usually makes one or two visits to the Happy Church each year. As usual, they tackled a lot of projects that needed to be completed. When the gym at the Jackson Campus was first built, it was lined with metal. As it turned out, the noise was deafening due to all the sound bouncing off the walls. The metal was taken down and replaced with carpeting. This made the gym much more useful. They completed the project in two different trips and were able to finish it this year. They also weeded and mulched all the flower beds around the campus. The staff enjoyed a sumptuous feast they prepared for us. The Sunday School teachers were also thrilled as they taught all the kid's Sunday schools.



Group Picture

Summer Intern

Brandon Rooks is one of our summer interns this year. He is a student at Johnson University in Tennessee. Mt. Carmel Christian Church near Cincinnati is his home church and is where Randy Adam's son Aaron is the Youth Pastor. Brandon is interested in cross-cultural ministry and eastern Kentucky provides a lot of opportunity for that. We hope to keep him busy with ministry opportunities, and yes, mowing the grass is ministry too.



Intern Brandon Rooks

Kid's City

Kid's City keeps going strong and continues to be the main focus of our ministry. We have been getting around 60 kids K-6th grade every Thursday. I, Pastor John, was really encouraged the other day when three parents told me how much the kids love coming to the



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Happy Church. One of the kids always calls me to remind me to pick him up. He calls it fun night. We really feel Kid's City is successful when the kids can hear the gospel and still consider it fun and keep coming. Chris always prepares a nice dinner for all the children, so I'm sure that keeps some of the kids coming back! We have been blessed by so many that help us to continue this ministry. The expansion of the playground last year is really helping to attract the younger children. Since we now have four vans at the Jackson Campus, we need more van drivers. This is really a good problem to have.

Teen Update

It is exciting to see the spiritual growth in some of the teens. Amanda is a prime example. Last year she didn't seem all that interested in The Message and now she is fully on board. She asked to be able to share her testimony to the other teens.



Briana Brewer with John and Chris

We had three of our teens graduate from High School this year. That is a 100% graduation rate in an area that is considerably worse than that. They might have graduated anyway, but I am sure that the ministry of the Happy Church really aided them in their success. One of the graduating teens wrote, "you have given me opportunities that I would never have had".

Mike's son, Phil, is filming a 12-episode series call "The Pact" in Jackson this summer. The series is designed to help teens deal with today's problems and issues. About one hour before teen night, Mike got a call that they needed extras for a movie scene being shot in the high school cafeteria. So, we brought our teens to the cafeteria and they became part of the movie and also

got to see how a movie is made. Even the staff learned a lot.



*Teens on the Movie Set
Momentum*

This year we have 13 teens and 3 youth leaders, who need sponsorship for Momentum Youth Conference (buildmomentum.org). The Happy church has been blessed to receive 15 partial scholarships from CE National toward Momentum making it much more affordable. However, we still need \$127.00 per student. Our teens are super excited to go again this year. When we ask them what their favorite part of Momentum is, 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. It's hard deciding which students will get these scholarships, as many more are wanting to attend than the scholarships available. If God chooses to bless us with more monies than needed with the 15 scholarships, we would pay the \$375 per youth worker (cheaper than the student price) allowing more teens an opportunity to attend. Please pray God's will be done concerning who goes and who stays, and that the Holy Spirit will be at work in the heart of each person that goes. We thank you so much for your prayers and support.

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 completed several projects at the Happy Church Campus in Jackson over the years. This year they will be coming down to build an addition to tie together all three building at the Clayhole Campus. 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 and a sound booth.



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Upcoming Schedule

- Wednesday Bible Study at Clayhole
- Thursday Kid's City at the Jackson Campus
- Friday Teen Night
- Sunday Service
- Centerville Grace mission trip June 20-23.
- Riverhills CC mission trip June 26-30
- Jun 25-29 Eastside Grace advance construction team
- July 5-7 Eastside Grace advance construction team.
- Eastside Grace main construction team Jul 8-13
- July 15-17 Bertram's and Smith's mission team.
- July 24-28 Horizon Mission Team

Prayer Requests, Praises and Needs

- 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 bad eye has now become his good eye. He will be getting surgery to repair the other eye June 10th soon. Continue to pray all goes well.
- John is continuing to have issues with his partial epilepsy. Pray the new medication he is on will stop the seizures so that he will be able to drive again.
- 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.
- Pray for an abandoned teen in a very difficult foster care situation.
- Pray for our volunteers and praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible!
- Centerville GBC is now managing the books for the Happy Church. Anyone mailing in donations, should mail them into

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