



The Happy Church September 2019 Newsletter

August Highlights

Happy Soles Ministry

At the end of July and the first part of August we completed the annual Bookbag, School Supply, and Shoe Event. This event was made possible through the Happy Soles ministry which includes many churches and individuals. The Lord continues to provide the funds and volunteers to make this all happen. This ministry has helped so many needy children in Breathitt County and has paved the way for us to continue to minister effectively in the area. The link to the video for this event is:

<https://vimeo.com/353716156>



Clayhole Campus Kid's Getting Backpacks

Visiting Groups

Community Christian

A small but mighty group from Community Christian Church in Hamilton, Ohio came to help finish the building project at the Clayhole Campus.



Part of the Community Christian Work Team

They came for the weekend and were able to tackle a lengthy punch list. First, they finished the wiring for the new addition. Next, they sealed up all the eaves and soffits on the new addition. Then three new windows were installed to allow more natural light into the area. Finally, a doorway to the gym was framed and installed allowing direct access into the gym.

Churches in Mission (CIM)

Churches in Mission normally brings groups to the Happy Church at least once each year. They bring groups that come with a real zeal to serve and minister and this year was no exception. CIM brought Journey of Life Church from Williamsport, MD. They had quite a busy schedule. The first event on their schedule was to have a VBS. 25 children attended the VBS.



Part of the 25 Kids at the VBS

In between all the events scheduled for the week, they took on some ambitious projects working on the new addition. One of the projects was to finish the Sunday School room which was in the upstairs of the gym above the kitchen. They painted all the walls and installed flooring to get it ready to be used for Sunday School. Janet was ecstatic as the space was desperately needed. There are still a lot of projects that need to be done, so anybody who wants to come down and help, you are more than welcome. Especially needed are dry wall installers and folks that know how to install duct work.



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Churches in Mission (CIM) - Continued



One of the events scheduled was a clothing giveaway. From the picture below, you can see the mountains of clothes that were available. It was a huge success and anything that was left over was sent to the Methodist Mountain Mission which operates thrift stores in eastern Kentucky.



A Mountain of Clothes for the Clayhole Community

They also held a food basket giveaway. 120 food baskets were distributed to needy families. Activities like this serve two purposes. The most obvious is to provide food to those who need it. The second is to get to know the people in the area and make some connections that can be followed up on. Everyone that got a basket wrote down their contact information and will be able to get a visit.



Part of the 120 Food Baskets Given Away



*Free Haircuts Were Given
Kid's City*

One of the things that we are excited about is that we plan to start a Kid's City on Wednesday evening at the Clayhole Campus! We hope to get it started sometime in late September or early October. As part of that effort, we conducted a training session for all our volunteers on how to minister to children. Included were all the volunteers from the Clayhole Campus. They will observe how we do things at the Jackson Campus, before we launch the Clayhole Campus Kid's City.



Kid's City Training



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Teen Update

The teens came back from Momentum, the national youth conference, pumped up and ready to minister! The conference really helped them to become bolder and more eager to share their faith. It also gave them a vision to minister to others. See momentum link below.

<https://vimeo.com/349995785>

When the Teens were in Ohio, they ministered at the Dream Center. Video: <https://vimeo.com/348055873>

<https://vimeo.com/348055634>

Connie and Mike go to Florida each August to relax after a hard summer. A generous donor allows them to use their condo. Each year they take some teens with them.



Teen Trip to Florida

Clayhole Campus

Jeff and Lynn Evans from the Community Grace Brethren Church in West Milton have been praying about coming to the Happy Church to minister for some time now. Just recently, they sensed the call to come and join the ministry. They both have roots in Eastern Kentucky, which is a first for the Happy Church Staff. They plan on coming around the first of the year and will be ministering mostly at the Clayhole Campus.

Upcoming Schedule

- Tuesday's Ladies Bible Study at Jackson
- Wednesday Bible Study at Clayhole
- Thursday Kid's City at the Jackson Campus
- Friday Teen Night (alternating between the Jackson and Clayhole Campus)
- Sunday Service

Prayer Requests, Praises and Needs

- Praise for the seven baptisms in July and early August! One of the people getting baptized, had not been to church in 30 years. He came to the service and received Christ and was baptized an hour later.
- Continue to pray for more van drivers.
- Pray for the Ott family. They have a serious prospective buyer for their house in PA.
- Pray for the Ott family to be able to raise funds so they can pay the moving expenses to move to Kentucky and join us in the ministry full-time.
- Pray for the start of Kid's City for Clayhole and also for incorporating the Clayhole teens into the teen group.
- 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 the right people to come and help to finish the Clayhole building project.
- Praise that Randy's eyesight continues to improve.
- 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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