



# The Happy Church October 2019 Newsletter

## September Highlights

### Happy Soles Ministry

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Howie and the breakfast bunch made their monthly trek down to Jackson. They brought down a pickup truck full of food donations that were given out after church on Sunday. They made their usual great breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon. They also served orange slices, orange juice and milk. They always come down on the last Saturday of the month as the kids' pantries are usually bare by the end of the month. The kids really love this monthly breakfast. One of our teens said she craves Howie's chocolate chip pancakes!



*Howie's Breakfast*

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, Tim and Martha Ann Ellison "aka Mr. Godwrench" came to the Happy Church to give away two donated vehicles to two Happy Church young ladies that graduated from High School in the spring. In the past, Tim would come down and give out free oil changes in the community but is taking a break from that this year. Tim said that he is going to commit to two cars each year to be given out at the Happy Church! He is doing this to honor Bruce Bryce, who has been one of Tim's most faithful donors. The events will be known as the Bruce Bryce "Shine on Jackson" Scholarship Fund. This year the cars were given to Briana Brewer and Amber Shepherd. Many of you might have heard Briana sing. Briana is a student at Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC) and is planning to get her 2-year RN degree there and then to

continue on to get her BS in Nursing after graduation. This summer, Briana got her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and is currently working part-time at the local nursing home and going to school full-time. The other car was given to Amber Shepherd. Amber did an internship with Mr. Godwrench last summer. While working for Tim, he could see what a hard worker she was and the determination she had. Amber is also a talented musician and singer. She also took classes at HCTC and became a CNA. For now, she is currently working at the nursing home here in Jackson until deciding on whether to pursue other degrees or certifications. There is a video that shows the giveaways at: <https://vimeo.com/362474625>



*Briana and Amber*

### Kids' City

Oakdale Christian School is partnering with the Happy Church once again this school year to help with our Kids' City. According to Linda Clark, the Oakdale kids love coming and we love having them come. They are great at interacting with the kids and some of the Happy Church kids have really become closely attached to them. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we had our first Kids' City at the Clay Hole Campus. Kids' City is for kids 4-years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. More updates on that in the next newsletter.

### Teen Update

The Clayhole Campus has officially become part of teen night. Teen night rotates between the Jackson and Clayhole campuses. Since both campuses are in Breathitt County, most of the teens know each other already. Also, some of the Jackson kids were related to some of the Clayhole kids. The teens have been going through a series about being under authority. Parental authority can be very challenging for them as some parents are in jail or are not present, having abandoned



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them. One of the teens recently shared with me that sometimes he needs to go to the doctor, but neither his mom or dad is sober enough to drive or their car is out of gas or broken down.

## Clayhole Campus

Jeff and Lynn Evans from the Community Grace Brethren Church in West Milton had indicated that they would be joining the staff of the Happy Church. They will no longer be able to come because Jeff's mother took a fall and broke some bones and will be in a long recovery process. Please pray for her healing. The construction project at the Clayhole Campus still needs a lot of work to see it to completion. An immediate priority is to get the two new bathrooms at the back of the church completed. Some mudding needs to be finished, a floor installed, and the sink and commode need to be installed. Once all the furnace venting is done, then a bunch of dry wall needs to be hung and finished.

## Happy Family News

Mike and Connie's daughter Vanessa was married on September 14<sup>th</sup>, in Kokomo, Indiana. It was a joyous occasion and I am sure that it really pulled on the heart strings of Mike and Connie as they saw their oldest child getting married. One of the highlights of the wedding was the father daughter dance. Vanessa and Mike cooked up a routine that had the whole reception rolling. The DJ said he had done hundreds of weddings and he had never seen anything quite like it. Check out the video at: <https://vimeo.com/360429668>.



*Tabor Family Wedding Photo*

## Upcoming Schedule

- Tuesday Evening Bible Study at Clayhole
- Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Study at Jackson
- Wednesday Kids' City at Clayhole Campus
- Thursday Kids' City at Jackson Campus
- Friday Teen Night (alternating between the Jackson and Clayhole Campus)
- Sunday Service at 11 am
- Bible quizzing after church on Sunday

## Prayer Requests, Praises and Needs

- Pray for Debbie Clemons and Jason Ott. They both have broken legs.
- Continue to pray for more van drivers.
- Pray for the Ott family. They have a 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 Kids' City at Clayhole. Pray that the kids that come will invite their friends and neighbors.
- Pray for additional mature Christian Sunday School teachers.
- 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 Connie and Mike who just took in two brothers who were taken from their family and John and Chris who took in the third brother.
- 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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