



# The Happy Church March 2020 Newsletter

## January & February Highlights

### Happy Soles Ministry

January and February were quite a bit slower after a very busy December. We continue to do our food box ministry for needy families. They come in and get a food box once a month, if they are faithful to come to a Bible Study or church service. This seems to be working out very well. If someone says they are starving, we give them a supply of survival rice until they can come in and go to a service. The stipulations of our food program have evolved, because we have seen some abuse of it in the past.



### Breakfast at Clayhole

Howie and the breakfast bunch made their monthly trek down to the Happy Church Jackson campus in January and to the Clayhole campus in February. They brought food donations from Master Provision in Northern Kentucky which were distributed after the service on Sunday.

### Kids' City

Kids' City at the Clayhole and Jackson Campuses continue to be very well attended. The attendance often drops after Christmas but continues to be very strong this year. We typically have 50-70 kids in K-6<sup>th</sup> grades attend the Jackson Campus for Kids' City. Oakdale Christian School teens continue to join us and are actively involved in all aspects of this ministry.

### Teen Update

The teens are taking leadership roles in many of the Happy Church ministries. Trevor Fugate is now a permanent member of the worship team. His singing skills have been honed for many years by lessons from Connie and Mike. Connie continues to invest many hours in developing our teens into accomplished singers. Some of the teens are leading the worship for teen night and are also a big help for Kids' City. At the Clayhole Campus, teens take care of almost the whole program. There are instances where I have taken notice of some of the fruits of the teen ministry. The Bible Quizzing teens recently went to the bowling center to bowl and have some pizza as a reward for their hard work. As we were getting ready to leave, one of the employees commented to us that we had a great group. He said this, not only due to their good behavior, but also because they cleaned up after themselves and put everything away. After one of the recent teen nights, the kids were singing worship songs as we drove them home. That was a special moment.

### Clayhole Campus

Building improvements at the Clayhole Campus continue to move forward. Bob Sidwell and Scott Thompson, from Eastside Grace in Columbus, came down in January to continue the work on the new addition. The furnace and A/C are finally up and running. It provided heat for three existing rooms at the church, which was a welcome relief. A funny story came out of hooking up the heating system. Once the heating system was up and going, we noticed a horrible smell coming from it. It is not uncommon to get a bad smell when you first start up a unit. Steve then noticed a noise coming from the fan. When he went to investigate, he found a dead possum in the unit! At least he thought it was dead. You never know about those possums! 😊



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Approximately 60% of the sheet rock was recently hung. Lots of finish work will still be needed. This includes finishing drywall, painting, installing floors, installing insulation in the attic, and doing trim work. If anyone would like to come down and help, we would welcome you! Please contact John at 606-2154 or Randy at 606-272-4444.



*One of the Teens Hanging Drywall*



*Drywall Up*

## [Christmas Party Video](#)

Have you seen our Christmas Party video yet?

<https://vimeo.com/383522864>

## [Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs](#)

- We are thankful for our donors who help make the Happy Church Ministry possible!
- Pray for Connie as she continues to heal from a broken kneecap. Her surgery was successful, and she is getting better every day.
- Continue to pray for healing for Debbie Clemons' and Jason Ott's broken legs. Jason is healing quickly, but Debbie's healing has been a little slower.
- Continue to pray for more van drivers.
- Continue to pray for the Ott family to sell their house in PA.
- Continue to pray for Kids' City at Clayhole. Pray that the children continue to 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.
- Continue to pray for Randy's eyesight to improve. It has recently declined as cataracts have developed.
- Pray for the Tabor and Jacobson families as they work with their foster sons. Pray that their father completes the court ordered tasks that are necessary to get his boys back.
- Pray for the Ladies' Bible Study which meets on Wednesdays at 10am.
- Pray for our volunteers.
- Pray as we plan for our summer mission teams.

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