



# The Happy Church May 2020 Newsletter

## April Highlights

### Happy Soles Ministry

April was another slow month due to all the restrictions with Covid-19. Some of our families have suffered from layoffs due to the restrictions, but most of them continue to get their government checks. We continue providing food baskets to our needy church families while keeping 6 feet separation. We have delivered baskets for a few of the families that do not have transportation. Our annual Easter food baskets are still delayed. Most likely, they will get delivered later this month when conditions become more favorable/safe. We have decided to cancel all our summer groups this year. This decision was made partly to give the groups plenty of notice and partly because we do not know when it will be safe and prudent to host again.

### Corvid-19 Ministry Changes

The Happy Church services are available on Facebook each Sunday. The response has been surprisingly good, and we are reaching people who have never attended before. The children and teen ministries are also still cancelled. We continue to do 5 to 10-minute devotionals every day. The devotionals are being rotated between Randy, Jason, and John, with Mike preaching for the Sunday Service. We have had a good response on the devotionals as well, with favorable comments from as far away as Korea and Japan - the HC "global outreach". 😊

Breathitt County School buses were delivering breakfasts and lunches to all students that requested them. I am sure this was extremely helpful for many of them. The end of the school year was May 7<sup>th</sup>. After May 7<sup>th</sup>, the lunches were stopped, so pray that children get access to some free meals. With the Tabor's and Jacobson's having foster sons now, it has been interesting tutoring 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. I am not sure who was happier

when school ended this year - the adult tutors or the boys. School teachers are definitely underpaid!!

### Jackson Campus Construction



*Work on New Parking Lot*

Mike is especially happy that the construction on the new parking lot has begun. He has been wanting this for a few years now. Before Covid-19, our parking lot was filling up. We did not want lack of parking to inhibit our growth. We are thankful for a generous donor who has provided funds for this project.

### Happy Staff Updates

Janet and Randy are expecting a new grandson in June, as their son, Ethan, and his wife, Abby, are having a baby boy. Since they live here in Jackson, Janet is looking forward to babysitting for little Trent.

Mike and Connie's grandson, Jackson, just turned one year old, and he is the smartest grandchild ever! He lives in Indiana, so it is a bit of a drive to see him. Connie does not mind the drive though.

Jason and Autumn still need to sell their house in Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Shyana, is graduating from high school this year.

John and Chris continue to stay close to the house. Due to their age and underlying health conditions, they are both being cautious about getting out. Fortunately, there have been only two Covid-19 cases in Breathitt County as of May 8<sup>th</sup>.



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## *Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs*

- Please pray for wisdom as to how and when to get the HC ministry started back up. Feeding the children is an important part of our ministry. Our kitchen staff is composed of volunteers over the age of 60. They should be social distancing longer than younger folks. Plus, our HC kids have issues with social distancing and observing proper hygiene. We covet your prayers!!
- Please pray with us that reliable teens will volunteer to help in the kitchen.
- Pray for the Ott family, as they are dealing with a challenging situation with their daughter, Renee.
- Continue to pray for the Ott family to sell their house in PA. During the Corvid-19 crisis, selling a house could be quite challenging.
- Continue to pray for all our Happy Church kids. Pray that they stay safe from the virus and safe from abuse, being home more this year than normal.
- Pray for the right people to come and help to finish the Clayhole building project.
- Continue to pray for Randy's eyesight.
- Pray for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.
- Pray for wisdom as to when the Easter food baskets can be safely delivered.
- Pray for the health of the church staff and church family. John and Chris are especially high risk due to their age and underlying health conditions.

## *Donations*

- Centerville GBC is now managing the books for the Happy Church. Anyone mailing in donations should mail them to:

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