



The Happy Church June 2020 Newsletter

May Highlights

Happy Soles Ministry

May was, once again, slow due to all the restrictions with Covid-19. The impacts in the community are quite varied. There are a portion of the families who have been laid off, depending on their jobs, and a large number who continue to get their government checks. For those, the government Covid-19 checks they received have improved their financial status. We continue providing food baskets to our needy church families. Some of the food baskets need to be delivered for families without transportation. We are waiting for conditions to improve before we deliver the annual Easter food baskets which were delayed.

Jackson Campus Construction



Work Finished on New Parking Lot

Mike is especially happy that the construction on the new parking lot has finally been completed. Before Covid-19, our parking lot was filling up, so we did not want parking to inhibit our growth. A generous donor has provided funds for this project. Now all we need is to start having services again.

Clayhole Campus Construction

A contractor is in the process of finishing up the new addition at Clayhole. We had to move ahead, because water was leaking in the door and birds were trying to make nests in the rafters. Depending on funds and costs, this work should be finished this month.

Corvid-19 Ministry Changes

The Happy Church Service has been airing on Facebook each Sunday. We continue to get a good response and plan to continue broadcasting the services once church opens again. We are still publishing 5 to 10-minute devotionals every day and plan on continuing until live church services begin. The children and teen ministries are also still on hold. We have had some of the teens that sing and perform drama come to practice, being careful to maintain 6-ft distancing.

Happy Staff Updates

Janet and Randy are expecting a new grandson any day now. Their son, Ethan, and his wife, Abby, are having a baby boy. Since they live here in Jackson, Janet is looking forward to babysitting little Trent.

Mike has been working on updating the lighting and sound equipment needed to broadcast church services. Mike's son, Philip, is coming on staff part-time to head up the music and technical services. This will enable the Happy Church to continue broadcasting the services live, in a format and quality needed to hold the interest of viewers.

Jason and Autumn still need to sell their house in Pennsylvania. Jason has been travelling back and forth between PA and KY, hauling equipment and personal goods. Some of the missionaries in the old days used to burn their boats when they arrived so they would not be tempted to move back. I think it is safe to say that Jason and Autumn have burned



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their boat, as they have already purchased property here. Jason is still trying to raise support so he can be on staff full-time. He works in PA to earn money to support the family in PA and then travels to KY to set up a place to live and work. At first, he will have to be working at least part-time in KY to support his family, until his full support comes in.

John and Chris promised to take their foster son, Nathaniel, to see the ocean while he was with them. He had never seen the ocean before. As soon as it was possible to travel outside of KY, they took him on a trip to Virginia.



Nathaniel, Cody, and John at VA Beach

Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs

- Please pray for wisdom as to how and when to get the ministry started back up. Feeding 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. In addition, our HC kids have issues with social distancing and observing proper hygiene. On top of that, research has shown that the virus spreads much faster indoors. We covet your prayers!!
- Pray for our teens. There are a few that struggled with depression before Covid-19 and are now getting worse.

- Pray for wisdom 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 Covid-19 crisis, selling a house will be quite a challenge.
- Continue to pray for all our Happy Church kids. Pray they keep safe from the virus and safe from abuse, being home more this year than normal.
- Continue to pray for Randy's eyesight.
- Praise 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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