

# The Happy Church October 2020 Newsletter

## **September Highlights**

#### Happy Soles Ministry



#### Second Effort for Shoes & School Supplies

In-person school for Breathitt County was scheduled to begin on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Realizing that quite a few kids had not gotten shoes when we first did this in August, we drove around and picked up kids in the vans for the first time since the Covid-19 shutdown. In August, some of the families did not have transportation or were not able to make it to Hazard that day. This time, we had three vans of mask wearing kids and drove to Hazard to Shoe Show. So far, we have provided 137 pairs of shoes & backpacks and over 160 bags of school supplies.

The scholarship committee met in September and was able to allocate \$5,500 in college scholarships for the Fall Semester and \$3,000 for the spring semester. More may be allocated in the spring as funds become available.



Picking Up School Supplies After the Shoe Show Trip

#### Teen Ministry

Phil Tabor joined The Happy Church as our audiovisual tech early in the COVID-19 pandemic. He is the reason we look and sound so good in our videos. This has increased our Facebook viewers from a few hundred to thousands of viewers currently. The teens stepped up and have grown exponentially through this. They are well on their way to being great servant leaders.

The teen music team was able to go whitewater rafting in Tennessee. This served as a great team building exercise.



Teens Whitewater Rafting

## Clayhole Campus News

The Clayhole campus is scheduled to resume live services on October 18<sup>th</sup>. John will be taking over the preaching duties, while the teens will be leading the worship and helping to teach some of the Sunday School classes.

### **Covid-19 Ministry Updates**

Prerecorded services continued to be streamed on Facebook during September at 11am. Services can also be viewed at any time after the initial video has aired.

Live services are scheduled to begin at the Jackson campus on October 11<sup>th</sup>.



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### **Happy Staff Updates**

Jason and Autumn still need to sell their house in Pennsylvania. They have two people that are currently interested, but they are having a technical issue with the title. Pray that the issues with the title can be resolved quickly.

Connie and Mike took the teens to Destin, Florida for team building for the teen musicians/singers. A good time was had by all. Connie is busy doing her online classes to get her BS in Addiction Counseling.

John and Jason are still working to get Jason's trailer move-in ready. Some expensive tasks still need to be accomplished. A septic system needs to be installed, and concrete needs to be poured for the workshop. Funds will be needed for completion of these things.

#### Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs

- Pray for Janet and Randy as they transition to Ohio.
- We are needing a better refrigerator for the Clayhole Campus. The current one is old and rusted. If anyone has one to donate, please let us know.
- Pray that 100 feet of the property next to the Happy Church gets donated to us. A family is considering doing this. If this happens, Ed and Margaret plan on putting a double wide on the property.
- Please pray for wisdom as to how and when to get the children's 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, many with underlying health conditions. Plus, 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 wisdom for Jason & Autumn Ott concerning their daughter Renee.

- Continue to pray for the Ott family to sell their house in PA and to get their trailer here in Jackson ready to live in.
- Continue to pray for all our Happy Church kids.
  Pray they keep safe from the virus and safe from abuse, as spending more time at home tends to increase the incidence of abuse.
- Praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.
- 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.

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