



# The Happy Church November 2020 Newsletter

## October Highlights

### Happy Soles Ministry



### Getting Ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Everywhere you go, you see changes being made due to the Wuhan Corona Virus. Looking ahead to the biggest ministry events of the year, we've had to figure out how to handle Thanksgiving and Christmas without the kids coming to the church. Normally, as the kids come to kids' night, we get their pictures and their wish lists. This year, we've had various people texting pictures to us and going to homes to take their pictures.



### Visiting and Texting

The one thing that is not different is that so many generous, loving people and churches are still coming forward to sponsor the kids. So far, we have 190 kids sponsored for Christmas. I would not

be surprised to see at least 200 before time to deliver the gifts. Food baskets for Thanksgiving will be delivered to homes by volunteers and staff. Centerville Grace will be coming down to deliver Christmas food baskets, along with the Christmas gifts. We are still trying to figure out how we are going to disperse winter coats, hats, and gloves. Hopefully, it will be a combined effort with the parents to get kids to and from the church for this.

### Covid-19 Ministry Updates

We were ready to start in-person services again, but Breathitt County went into condition red. Therefore, we have once again delayed the live services. We have seen the first virus fatalities in our area and may see more, as the virus has moved into the local nursing home. As we are on hold once again, we will prayerfully decide when to begin in-person services.

We had two special online presentations last month. We filmed a service from the top of "Crowe" mountain for one, and the other was a Christian sitcom written, produced, and directed by



### Teens performing from "Crowe" mountain

Phil Tabor. Phil and the teens constructed the set and spent hundreds of hours rehearsing, performing, and editing the presentation. If you have not seen it yet, below is the link to their



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production called "A Message in a Bottle."

<https://www.facebook.com/thehappychurch/videos/672132253427238/?vh=e&d=n>



*The Set from "A Message in a Bottle"*

Pre-recorded services will continue to be streamed live on Facebook throughout November at 11am each Sunday. Services can also be accessed any time after.

## Teen Ministry

Teens continue to be very active in the music ministry. Some of the teens also help with the recording of our services under the direction of Phil Tabor. The teens are chomping at the bit to be able to meet for the teen group. However, we continue to use caution.

## Clayhole Campus News

The Clayhole Campus is still on hold for reopening as well. John will be taking over the preaching duties. The teens will be leading worship and helping to teach some of the Sunday School classes once things open up again.

## Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs

- Pray for Janet and Randy as they continue their 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.

- John and Jason are still working to get Jason's trailer ready for move in. Some expensive tasks still need to be completed for the garage and trailer. A septic system needs to be installed, and concrete needs to be poured for the workshop. Funds are needed to complete these tasks.
- 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. 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.
- Continue to pray for all our Happy Church kids. Pray they keep safe from the virus. Also pray that they stay 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

## Donations

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

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Centerville, OH 45458

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