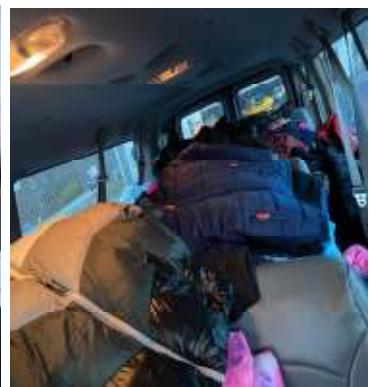




The Happy Church December 2020 Newsletter

November Highlights

Happy Soles Ministry



Coats Arrive by Air Mail

We usually wait until the weather gets cold before starting to hand out coats. If not, many of them get lost before the kids need to wear them. We received a large shipment of coats from Philip and Karen Plemmons. They flew them in from Asheville, NC. The coats will be handed out in the next few weeks. This year will be especially challenging due to the pandemic. We will be setting up racks indoors to have the kids pick out a coat, which will be a bit risky due to the Covid spike in the area. Please pray that this can be done safely for everyone.



Food Baskets Getting Delivered

We had 8 volunteers to deliver food baskets this year. We delivered 100 baskets by the time it was all said and done. So many people were affected by the pandemic this year, and needs were greater than ever before. In the bottom right picture, Brison had to walk over a long swinging bridge to deliver a basket. Pastor John got one third of the way across and called it quits. To say it was shaky is a big understatement!



Starting to Hand Out Winter Coats



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The Happy Church kids' Christmas is right around the corner. Since we cannot have a Christmas party this year, we will be going door to door to deliver the kids' gifts, as well as the Christmas Food Boxes. Centerville Grace will be bringing a crew down here to help with the delivery on December 19th. We have been blessed by so many generous, loving sponsors and churches. We have 190 kids sponsored for Christmas gifts this year!

Covid-19 Ministry Updates

We are chomping at the bit to start in-person services again, but Breathitt County is in condition red. Therefore, we have delayed in-person services once again. Unfortunately, we are starting to see Covid fatalities in our area and will likely be seeing more with the current spike in numbers.

Online-only live services will start this month and continue to be streamed live on Facebook throughout December at 11am each Sunday. Services can also be accessed any time after.

Teen Ministry

Teens continue to be highly active in the music ministry. Some of the teens have also helped with recording our services under the direction of Phil Tabor. They will continue to be part of these live services.

Clayhole Campus News

The Clayhole Campus is still on hold for reopening as well. John will be taking over the preaching duties at this location. Teens will be leading worship and helping to teach some of the Sunday School classes once we deem it safe to reopen.

Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs

- Pray for wisdom on how to keep connected with the congregation during this pandemic.
- Praise for Randy's job as an associate pastor in the Cincy area.

- We need 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 to move in. Some expensive tasks still need to be completed for the mechanic's garage and trailer. A septic system needs to be installed, and concrete needs to be poured for the workshop. Funds are needed for completion.
- 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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410 E. Social Row Rd.
Centerville, OH 45458

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