



The Happy Church December 2019 Newsletter

November Highlights

Happy Soles Ministry

For Thanksgiving, the Lord provided funds to distribute 131 Thanksgiving food baskets to the families of the Happy Kids. This was a big effort and lots of thanks go to so many that make this happen each year.



Save a lot Checkout Tape

Centerville Grace provided the vast majority of the funds needed for this Happy Soles outreach and Community of Hope came down to help hand out the baskets. Howie and the breakfast bunch made their monthly trek down to the Happy Church. They brought food donations along with them from a local food bank. We added these extra items to the food baskets that were being prepared. While the breakfast bunch was feeding the kids, the baskets were being assembled in the Gym. After lunch, the baskets were all distributed by Happy Church staff and volunteers from Community of Grace.



Assembling Thanksgiving Baskets

We heard many heartwarming comments about what a big blessing it was. Some shared that

without the basket, there would not have been any Thanksgiving at their house this year. The group from Community of Hope had a lot of first-timers this year. There were some very tender moments as they saw how many of the families lived and heard about their stories. Charlotte and her group went to deliver a basket and it turned out to be the wrong house. After talking to the family living there, they delivered it anyway and were able to bless the family. When they were done, they used all the baskets, so it worked out perfectly.



Delivering Thanksgiving Baskets

While the Thanksgiving Baskets were being put together and distributed, another crew from the Community of Hope and the Happy Church were busy remodeling Mike and Connie's Basement. With the addition of Brison and Zech to the Tabor family, a living space was desperately needed. The crew was able to totally rip out all the old deteriorated floor tile in the basement and then install some nice vinyl laminate flooring. In addition, all the old light fixtures were changed out. It made a night and day difference. The boys now have a nice room to call their own.



Installing New Flooring



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Kid's City

Kid's City at the Clayhole and Jackson Campuses continue to be very well attended. The Clayhole Kid's City has grown faster than expected, which has been welcome news. The teens have been taking a lead in running the Clayhole Kid's City. It is exciting to see them take charge of the worship and game time. The Jackson Kid's City campus continues to have a very good turnout and at times, we use all four of our 15 passenger vans along with one or two staff minivans to get them all home.

Teen Update

The launch of teen night at the Clayhole Campus started out hopeful and then has dwindled down to just one or two teens coming. Pray that we could get more teens from Clayhole interested.

We took a group of teens bowling last month. Even though some of them had never bowled, they had loads of fun. Chris and Connie were the high rollers for the night. The teens had a blast and are asking when we were going to do it again.



Teen Bowling



Dairy Queen after Bowling

Clayhole Campus

The construction project at the Clayhole Campus still needs a lot of work to see it to completion. A group from Eastside Grace in Columbus is planning on coming down in December to finish the duct work. There is still a lot of drywall that needs to be hung.

Upcoming Schedule

- Dec 11th – 13th Winter Coat Giveaway
- Dec 19th Kid's Christmas Party
- Dec 21st Christmas Food Basket Delivery

Prayer Requests, Praises and Needs

- Continue to pray for healing for Debbie Clemons' and Jason Ott's broken legs. Pray for quick and complete healing.
- Continue to pray for more van drivers.
- Pray for the Ott family to sell their house in PA.
- Praise for money that has been pledged to help the Ott's move.
- Pray for the Kid's City at Clayhole. Pray that the kids continue to invite their friends and neighbors.
- Pray for additional mature Christian Sunday School teachers.
- Continue to pray for all our Happy Church kids. Pray for their spiritual growth and a hedge of protection around them as many live in very difficult circumstances.
- Pray for the right people to come and help to finish the Clayhole building project.
- Continue to pray for Randy's eyesight to improve
- Pray for teen boys that are now part of the Tabor and Jacobson families.
- Pray for our volunteers and praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.
- Centerville GBC is now managing the books for the Happy Church. Anyone mailing in donations, should mail them to:

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