



The Happy Church January 2020 Newsletter

December Highlights

Happy Soles Ministry

On December 12th, we had our big winter coat distribution to the Happy Kids. So far 143 coats, hats, scarfs, and gloves have been given away. A very kind lady from California heard about the Happy Church and sent us a full box of beautiful knit stocking caps. Another nice lady sent us some awesome knit caps from Virginia. Classic Stitch, an embroidery business in Miamisburg, OH had an order of hats cancel, so they embroidered the hats with the Happy Church logo. Lots of warm kids in Jackson, thanks to our many donors!



Winter Coat Distribution

Clayhole Campus was blessed with not only coats and hats but also blankets provided by a group from Maryland who donated blankets for each child.

<https://vimeo.com/382347334> Winter Coat Video



Clayhole Blanket Distribution

Each year, groups come down to help us with the massive job of wrapping all the donated presents. This year we had presents that came from KY, IN, OH, VA, TN, NC and MD. Horizon Church collected all the presents from the churches in the Cincinnati

area and brought them to the Happy Church in a box truck. All the presents were then wrapped by volunteers from OH, NC, IN and MD who came to help. Many hands make the workload light. Some of the men from these groups did repair projects around the Happy Church Jackson campus and some did construction work out at the Clayhole Campus. We sure appreciated the help!!



Maryland Group Wrappers

This year's Christmas party was held at the Lee's College Gymnasium on December 19th. When you see the size of the crowd, you can see why it is not held at our church anymore! A group from Centerville Grace came down with a large crew to help. One hundred pizzas and lots of cookies fed the crowd. Centerville took care of all the logistics of setting up and organizing so that the gifts could be given quickly and efficiently. These folks are organization geniuses.



Christmas Party

There were over two hundred kid's that received gifts this year at the Christmas party. It was a real joy to see their faces light up as they opened their gifts. I've



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talked to so many of the kids that tell me they normally don't get any Christmas presents at all from their family. The time of the year they normally get gifts is when the tax return money comes in April.

Link to Christmas Party Video below:

<https://vimeo.com/381893610>



A couple of Happy Kids getting their Christmas Gifts

The Lord provided funds to distribute 125 Christmas food baskets to the families of the Happy Kids on Dec 21st. Howie and the breakfast bunch made their monthly trek down to the Happy Church. They brought food donations from Master Provision in Northern Kentucky which were added to the items normally given in the food baskets.



Food Box Deliveries

We didn't have any groups down here this year to help with the Christmas food boxes, so the staff, teens and some Clayhole folks stepped up and assembled and distributed the food. Some of the families which received the boxes would not have been able to have a special meal for Christmas without the box. A big thank you goes to all the

people who helped with funding this year's Christmas food boxes.

[Christmas Video 2019](#)

<https://vimeo.com/383522864>

[Kids' City](#)

Kids' City at the Clayhole and Jackson Campuses continue to be very well attended. The big events for the Kids were the winter coats as well as the Christmas party. The kids were all looking forward to these annual events.

[Teen Update](#)

The teens have really been stepping up to the plate helping with the ministries of the Happy Church! The teens are leading the worship for teen night and are also a big help for Kids' city. At the Clayhole Campus they virtually take care of almost the whole program. Some of the teens performed music at the Christmas party. They did a really great job and their abilities are improving almost weekly with the help of Connie and Mike. The teens also helped to assemble and deliver the Christmas food boxes this year.

[Clayhole Campus](#)

It has been exciting and rewarding to see the growth of the children's ministry at the Clayhole Campus during 2019. Children's Sunday School has seen a lot of growth, and the Kids' night has been started and continues to grow. The Clayhole kids sang a song just before Christmas during the service.



Clayhole Kids Singing

The adults at Clayhole are becoming a huge help, joining in to help with ministries at both campuses. A group from Clayhole came to put together and distribute Christmas food baskets this year. We would have been hard pressed to do it without their help.



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Clayhole Campus (Con't)

A big chunk of work got done on the construction project at the Clayhole Campus. A group from Eastside Grace in Columbus came down and installed the gas line to the new furnace and finished insulating 98 percent of the duct work. Insulating the duct work would have been easier for a contortionist, but somehow Bob Sidwell, who is over 70 years young, was able to get it done. The remaining electric work was also completed. Eastside Grace is coming down again January 22nd to hang some dry wall, finish the heating/AC insulation, and install insulation in the ceiling. Lots of finish work will still be needed. This would include finishing drywall, painting, installing floors, and trim work. If anyone wants to come down and help, please contact John or Randy.

Baptisms



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Upcoming Schedule

- Jan 22nd Eastside Grace team will come down to hang drywall and complete the furnace/AC work.

Prayer Requests, Praises and Needs

- Pray for Connie. She broke her kneecap and had to have surgery. Pray she heals quickly.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for the Ott family to sell their house in PA.
- Continue to pray for the Kids' 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 Zechariah, Brison, and Nathaniel that are now part of the Tabor and Jacobson families.
- Pray for the Ladies Bible Study which meets on Wednesday at 10 am.
- Pray for our volunteers and praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.

Donations

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

The Happy Church
410 E. Social Row Rd.
Centerville, OH 45458

www.TheHappyChurch.org/donate