



The Happy Church November 2021 Newsletter

September-October Highlights

Flood Cleanup and Repairs

Work on the new Abbey continues. Bob Sidwell and Rich Bowers from Eastside Grace came down and roughed in all the plumbing. The crawl space under one part of the old trailer was only less than two feet high. When Rich and Bob came up from under the building each day, they had new scrapes and bumps on their heads. We are hoping to get siding on the Abbey by Thanksgiving. Next on the list is an electrician to run all the wiring from the panel box. Then, we'll need insulation, dry wall, etc. There is a lot left to do. All handy persons are welcome to come down and pitch in on this one!

Happy Soles Ministry

Vick Smith and Pastor John took on a project in the community. A family purchased a rent-to-own house that needed extensive work. Vick, an experienced plumber, roughed in the plumbing. Vick did 98% of the work, while John handed him tools and ran to the store to pick up parts. The original sewer lines were all cast iron and were not easy to cut through.

With Thanksgiving coming up, Centerville Grace and others are raising money for the Thanksgiving baskets. Due to Covid, we had a decrease in the number of food baskets needed this year. Eighty-two is still a large number to prepare and deliver. It was really difficult getting turkeys this year, but the Lord came through for us!

To get ready for Christmas, we had to get pictures of children and their wish lists for Christmas. It was difficult this year due to the kids' ministry being shut down for a few weeks from the covid spike. Connie, Chris, and Tiffany had to go to many of the homes who were not reachable by phone or through the social network. This year, 194 kids were sponsored for Christmas presents, which will need to be delivered to their homes. Ho Ho Ho!

It is turning cold, so we are currently trying to get ready for the winter coat give-a-way, including hats and gloves for the kids. Each year, we have coats left over, because it is hard to guess what sizes are needed. The coats left from last year got ruined in the flood, which means we are starting from scratch and our needs are much greater this year. If anyone feels led, you can send in a donation for winter coats to the address at the end of the newsletter.

Happy Acres

The Ott family continues to transition to their life here in Kentucky. There is still so much left to be done to turn their property into the ministry tool they have envisioned. There are hundreds of hours of work and thousands of dollars of funds needed to get their place into shape. Jason is an excellent mechanic and hopes to use the garage to supplement his income, while working with our ministry.

Someone gifted Jason with three pigs... a baby named Pork Rinds, a boar named Porky, and a sow named Chris P. Bacon. The farm continues to grow! All animals will be used as part of the ministry.



Happy Acres New Pigs/Dinners



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Happy Kids and Teens

November brought our ministry to the youth back into full swing. We were pleased with the turnout for both the Happy Kids' Night and the Teen Night.

They are able to earn "Happy Cash" for memorizing Bible verses, which they can redeem at our Thrift Store. Unfortunately, the flood wiped out all of the items we had in the store. The good news is that we have freshly painted walls and a new floor. The bad news is that the shelves are mostly empty. We could use some gently used toys and clothing (in good condition) to restock the store.



Our Empty Shelves for Kids' Prizes



Music Lessons

One of our ministries to the kids is to provide singing and music lessons. The lessons are on Saturday mornings. It has been very well received, and there are about a dozen children involved.

Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs

- Pray for a younger pastor & family - that they can dedicate themselves to building up the Clayhole Campus, much like the Tabor family has done at the Jackson Campus.
- Praise for the Jennings family that donated three motel-style heat pumps for the new Abbey.
- The Christmas tree for our sanctuary was destroyed in the flood. If anyone has a tall (8-10') Christmas tree to give away, please let us know ASAP before we need to purchase one.
- Praise for our teens that have provided so much help during the Kids' Night.
- Pray for funds that Jason needs for completing his home & mechanics garage in Jackson.
- Praise for Vick Smith, who is down from Wisconsin again for a week to help with repairs.
- Pray for Connie and Tiffany as they are near completion of their degrees in addiction counseling.
- Praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.
- We are considering starting a Celebrate Recovery Ministry at the Happy Church. Pray for wisdom as to when, if, and how to make it happen.
- Praise for the churches that sponsored kids for Christmas presents this year.

Donations

Centerville Grace is now managing the books for the Happy Church. Mail donations to:

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

OR

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