



# The Happy Church January 2022 Newsletter

## December Highlights

### [Flood Cleanup and Repairs](#)

Work on the new Abbey continues. A group from Eastside Christian, along with a group of three from Kokomo, Indiana, came down and started running the electric wires. Brian, Larry, and Tom, the group from Indiana, found us on the web. Brian is retired and was looking for how he could use his gifts in helping others. The Kokomo three came down and finished roughing in all the electric. They also installed the heat pumps, which will allow us to stay warm while we work. We are now ready to start insulating. Dry wall will follow. Any volunteers who want to work on the next phase with us are welcome! Contact Pastor John.



*Wiring in the Abbey*

### [Happy Soles Ministry](#)

December is the busiest month in ministering to local children and families. This year, our sponsors helped provide Christmas gifts for 220 kids, 94 Christmas dinner boxes, and 100 winter coats. We actually had more people who wanted to sponsor than we had kids - PTL! Due to Covid, we were not able to rent the college gymnasium for the Christmas party. God brought us lots of helpers to deliver the gifts and food boxes to individual homes. At the Clayhole Campus, we were able to gather most of the families together to open their presents at the church. The number of kids at Clayhole is much smaller than Jackson. Centerville Grace came down to help assemble the Christmas food boxes and delivered them, along with the Christmas gifts. Phil Tabor put together a video

showing the Christmas festivities. (Hearing Brianna sing in the background of the video is worth the viewing.) Click this [Vimeo](#) link to view the Christmas video.



*Packing Christmas Food Boxes*



*Delivering Christmas Food Boxes*



*Opening Presents at the Clayhole Campus*



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*Coats for Kids*

## *Happy Acres*

Jason has been slowly getting the farm ready for ministry. In the mean time, he has been very active preaching and teaching. His main focus has been the teen ministry. He has been building great relationships with them.

## *Happy Kids and Teens*

We were pleased with the turnout for both Happy Kids' Night and Teen Night once we started up again. Then, the highly contagious omicron started locally after Christmas. People were getting sick all around us, including our staff. Mike, Connie and Tiffany all came down with Covid and have fully recovered. Jason and his daughter, Renae, also came down with the virus in January. In February, we are looking forward to starting the kids on a program which teaches Bible basics in 7 booklets with 35 verses to memorize. If they complete all 7 booklets, they will have the opportunity to attend a local camp for a week, free of charge. They also will be earning "Happy Cash" for memorizing the verses, which can be redeemed at our Thrift Store. Music and voice lessons will also continue in February for about a dozen children.

## *Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs*

- Pray for Connie Tabor, as she recently lost her father.
- Praise for all the families and churches that contributed to the purchase of coats and Christmas presents for our kids.
- Praise for Eastside Christian for providing funds for the Christmas Dinners this year.
- Pray for more adults and children that want to be discipled.
- Praise for our teens who have provided so much help during our Kids' Nights.
- Pray for funds that Jason needs for completing his home & mechanics garage in Jackson.
- Praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.
- Pray for Connie and Tiffany, as they are near completion of their degrees in addiction counseling.
- 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 couple who donated the boxes we used to deliver the Christmas food.
- Praise for the ladies in Ashland who donated homemade Christmas pillowcases, bags, and new pillows for our kids.
- Pray for a younger pastor & family to dedicate themselves to building up the Clayhole campus, much like Connie & Mike did at the Jackson campus.

## *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

Donate online at:

[www.TheHappyChurch.org/Donate](http://www.TheHappyChurch.org/Donate)