



The Happy Church April 2022 Newsletter

January-February-March Highlights

Flood Cleanup and Repairs

Work on the new Abbey continues. Chad Paris came down from northern Kentucky and helped John get all the inside walls insulated. Dry wall and insulating under the floor will follow. Any volunteers who want to work on the next phase with us are welcome! Contact Pastor John at 606-272-1154 or John@thehappychurch.org.

Happy Soles Ministry

The food ministry remained active from January through March. Howie and a group from northern Kentucky brought food donations to use as part of the food program. After the last batch of donations, we sent each kid home with a loaf of bread. Some of the donated items weren't in our standard food box, so they were added as a bonus. The donated food items are also used to feed the kids. We are getting ready for our Easter Food Boxes again this year. We estimate that we will pass out close to 100 boxes on April 16th. Eastside Christian from Milford, OH, will come down to help distribute the baskets.



Breanna Learning to Garden

As part of our scholarship program, we are also teaching kids gardening and lawn maintenance skills. They learn a good work ethic and get paid for doing it. Half of what they earn goes into a savings account.

We were excited to be able to award a total of 9.7K in scholarship money to 5 different students for the Spring semester. We are very excited to see how this program grows each year.

Clayhole

We have been experimenting with the hours for the Clayhole Church. The same preaching and worship team goes to both campuses. We changed the Clayhole service to 2 pm and had a chicken dinner to kick it off. We had a larger than normal crowd and a good time of fellowship after the service.



Clayhole Service

Happy Kids and Teens



Kids' Meal

We were pleased with the turnout for both Kids' Night and Teen Night once we got started up again. We had to shut down for a while as the highly contagious Omicron rapidly spread across eastern Kentucky. People were getting sick all around us, including our staff. Mike, Connie, Tiffany, Jason, and Renae all came down with Covid and have fully recovered. We got started back up again in February. In March, we started the kids on a program that 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.



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Kids' Worship and Teaching

Happy Acres

Pastor Jason has been slowly getting the Happy Acres Farm ready for ministry. In the meantime, he has been very active with preaching and teaching. His focus has been the teen ministry. He has been building great relationships with the teens. Praise as a group of 8 men from a Kokomo, Indiana men's group arrived on March 31st to help Jason pour his garage floor and work on the garage. We will include pictures of the completed work in the next newsletter. A group of kids recently came to visit the farm and they all enjoyed a horse ride on Blue. Blue is the gentlest of the 5 horses on the farm. We are beginning to see the great potential that Happy Acres will be when it is completed.



Jackson and Jaxon Checking Out the Pigs

Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs

- Praise as Tiffany and Connie finished their Addiction Counseling Degrees from Indiana Wesleyan University. Their graduation ceremony will be on April 30th at IWU.
- 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 a couple of large donations that came in to enable us to make repairs that were too expensive for us to pay for. The most expensive being getting the parking lot repaired and/or repaved as needed.
- Praise as Sierra Ott, Jason and Autumn's daughter, has been accepted to Vet School at Auburn University. She was accepted at 4 universities but chose to go to Auburn as they offer instate tuition for Kentucky students.
- Pray for more adults and children that want to be disciplined.
- Praise for our teens who have provided so much help during our Kids' Nights.
- Praise for the group from Kokomo, Indiana who came to help Jason with his garage. Pray for some additional funds he needs for completing his home & mechanics garage in Jackson.
- Praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.
- Praise as a younger pastor and his family have committed to join our staff in Jackson this fall.

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



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We had a special treat in March when the Grace College Drama Team put on the entire service for us. They were a big hit with everyone, especially the kids.



Grace College Drama Team



Happy Church Getting Award for Community Service



*Jackson (Connie and Mike's Grandson)
Riding Blue*



Jason's Garage Getting Ready to Pour Concrete



PreK - K Ministry on Kids' Night