



The Happy Church June 2022 Newsletter

April-May Highlights

Flood Cleanup and Repairs

Work on the new Abbey continues. Community of Hope from Indiana insulated and installed drywall on over half the ceiling. The framework for the back deck and stairs were also completed. The next steps are to complete the deck and siding and finish installing the drywall. 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.



John and Zane Installing Drywall

Happy Soles Ministry

With the help of Eastside Christian Church from Milford, OH, we passed out 100 Easter Food Boxes again this year. Many families were blessed.



Putting in the Happy Church Garden

Community of Hope, along with the Jackson teens, worked hard getting the garden put in. With the price of

food going up, this produce will be very helpful. We will have more than enough to feed the kids and share with the community.

Clayhole

We are very excited to see some new faces at the Clayhole Campus. Sometime this fall, Alan and Ally Kiefer, along with their two daughters Ada and Scarlet, will be moving into the Clayhole parsonage. They will be coming from Centerville Grace Church, where Alan has been working as the interim youth pastor. It will be so helpful to have a daily presence on the Clayhole campus.

We had one baptism at Clayhole in May (picture below). A group from Hamilton, OH will be at Clayhole in July and will work on many of the unfinished projects.



Clayhole Sunday School Class and Teen Helpers



Rhonda's Baptism at Clayhole

Teens

Connie and the staff have been teaching job and life skills to some interested teens. The teens earn money as they learn job skills and are required to save one half of their earnings. Sammi, the teen girl in the picture below, has been one of our best workers and has gone



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on to get a good paying job, doing some weed eating on a farm in the local area.



Sammi Learning the Zero-Turn Mower

After school let out for the summer, we had a special teen night and took the whole group for bowling and pizza in Beattyville. The kids had a blast and so did some of the adults. 😊 None of the kids were able to beat 72-year old pastor, John.



Jackson City Graduation

We had six of our teens graduate from high school this year. We are so proud of Breanna, Amy, Amanda, Trevor, Trent, and Allison.

Kids' Ministry

We are encouraged at the turn out for Kids' City. We are seeing new children being added on a weekly basis. The kids always enjoy the visiting groups that come to help us minister. The children earn points for attendance and for memorizing Bible verses each week. These points are called "Happy Cash." We then allow the children to go into the thrift store and spend their Happy Cash on new and like-new children's toys, bikes, games, and clothes that are donated to the church. We do this about once each quarter. If you have anything to donate, please let us know.



Kids' Worship

Happy Acres

Pastor Jason has been making steady progress getting the Happy Acres Farm ready for ministry. As the teen pastor, many teens have already been out to the farm and have been learning how to drive tractors, bale hay, and even muck stalls. Even though they work hard, they really enjoy their time on the farm.

Visiting Groups



Community of Hope

Community of Hope is a frequent visitor to the Happy Church. They helped get the garden in and worked on the Abbey.



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Broadway Christian

Broadway Christian brought a group of high school seniors to minister for a week at the Happy Church. A couple of the kids went out to Happy Acres to help with the farm and the rest of the group worked diligently on projects around the campus.



Howie and the Breakfast Bunch

Howie and his helpers came in April to feed the kids a full breakfast on the last Saturday of the month. By the end of the month, most of our kids' families are out of money. They look forward to a breakfast with sausage, bacon, pancakes, and scrambled eggs.

Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs

- Pray for Alan and Allie Keefer and their two girls as they prepare to move to Jackson to join the Happy Church Staff.
- Praise for all the groups scheduled to come down and minister with us this summer.
- 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.
- 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 groups that come and minister with us here in Jackson.
- Pray for some additional funds for Jason that he needs for completing his farm and mechanics garage in Jackson.
- Pray for the Girls' Club that Connie has started to minister to girls ages 7-12.
- Praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.

Donations

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410 E. Social Row Rd.
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