Happy Church

September Newsletter

Flood Relief

We have wrapped up the last of the groups for the summer. We are so thankful for all the hard work, time, and generosity of everyone who has helped us, as well as our community, recover from this disaster. In the church we only have a few smaller projects left to complete. While our list of repairs is still long we are thankful that only one year after the flood we are able to hold services, kids night, teen night and more with new and improved facilities.

Flood Relief Appreciation Dinner



We are excited to announce that we have a volunteer appreciation dinner! It is going to be <u>Saturday</u>. October 7th at

<u>lpm</u>. If you have helped at any point with the flood relief we would love to bless and thank you! If you are interested in joining us for this event, please RSVP on our Happy Church Facebook page or text Vanessa Blinn at 765-661-8987. She will be happy to provide further details or discuss accommodations with you and will get back with you as soon as possible.

Kids Night



Some exciting news for Kids Night... is that we are partnering with Oakdale



Christian Academy again this school year. Oakdale generously hosted and ran our kids nights after the flood. Now they have offered to continue to help and be involved in our kids night programming! As the school year has begun we are beginning to settle into new rhythms with new faces. There are so many people who are faithfully serving that we cannot name them all. However, There are a few notable changes. Penny Ramsey has taken over the kitchen organization. Jeff and Elise(Rico Suave) Hammond, Cass Hennie and Penny Ramsey have taken over the food preparation for our kids nights. Kelvin and Paige Napier are faithful volunteers. Mary Crowe runs our preschool kids night and Allie is getting the nursery up and running for kids nights as well. Please pray as we are building new systems for keeping our kids safe and keeping our volunteers and staff above reproach.

Church Nursery



The Blue room which was previously used for enrichment and as a kids classroom has been turned into the Happy Nursery. We are having a baby boom in the happy church and are so excited we have a place for both babies and mommas. This area has already been put to good use with some women

streaming the service in the nursery. We are so thankful for the hard work and generosity of so many to provide everything from nursing gliders and toys to shelves and a fridge. We have had so many groups help get this room off the ground and add their own personal touches. Please pray that this space becomes a welcome space for all the young mothers(and babies) visiting the Happy Church.

Church Basement

As I am sure many of you are aware, there was over a foot of water in the church basement, flooding the kitchen, dining area, and classrooms. While it was a great loss, we are thankful that this provided an opportunity to do a much needed remodel. Before the flood we had a small galley kitchen with a broken double oven next to a small office/dining area. After the flood, we expanded out the kitchen to encompass the dining area. Thanks to a generous donation from Seth and Erin Nash at Community of Hope Church and his company Grabill Cabinets, we have brand new and beautiful custom cabinets. We have also had an electric griddle and industrial fridge donated from God's warehouse. Harold and Nelson from Horizon Church in Newton. OH helped by putting in an awesome tile backsplash. To just name a few huge helps to this overwhelming project!



We also knocked down the wall between the craft room and small classroom to create a large classroom area. The main hall in the basement has brand new flooring and ceiling, drywall and paint. The only projects left in the basement are putting in vent terminations in the drop ceiling and finishing the drywall and painting in the utility room.

We have been blessed to be able to bring kids night back. The new space has been wonderful. The kitchen has been a new favorite for our faithful kitchen volunteers as well as all the groups that have had the opportunity to use it.

Prayer Requests

• Please pray that we are able to reconnect with the kids and teens of Jackson as we strive to rebuild our ministry to them.

: Please pray for the Lord's continued provision and guidance at the Happy Church.

Until next month...

2 corinthians 13:11-14

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.