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Graduates

Our church celebrated five 2025 graduates this May. Josh Combs, Megan McIntosh, and Taylor Smith all graduated from the County High School; Tara Strong graduated from the City High School; And Brianna Imhoff graduated from Hazard Community Technical College's Nursing Program. Moving forward, two of the four high school graduates plan to attend in-state universities in the fall, one is heading to a trade school, and one is undecided. All four have been offered Happy Soles scholarships.



Mother's Day

This Mother's Day we held an after-service flower planting activity for our happy church kids and teens. With a selection of flowers and pots, our kids got to pick and plant their flowers themselves before gifting them to their mothers.



New Family on Campus

The Napier family moved into one of our houses on campus this past month. The five of them are currently staying here as they wait for their future home to be built. The family was forced to move in 2022 due to flooding in the area. Their new home is expected to be finished around November–January.



Chicken Run

Eggs galore! With 28 chickens running around in the Happy Church coop, we have been able to provide fresh eggs to our pantry and congregation as well as bring new experiences to some of our kids.



Upcoming Recital

As we leave the school year, our music program is ramping up to prepare for our summer recital. Set to perform on July 19th, our students are finalizing songs and solidifying all the skills they have gained over the past months. If you would like to be involved in teaching, sponsor a student (for one or more lessons), or help contribute to instruments, please reach out to Vanessa Blinn at 765-661-8987.



“Jill” of All Trades



Our highlighted individual this month is college student, Amanda Tharp (21). Amanda has been a member of the Happy Church since 2015, originally starting as a kids' night attendee at the age of eleven.

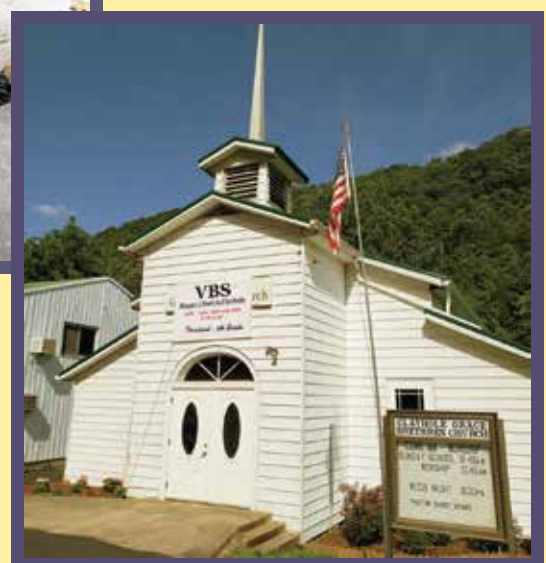
When not in Jackson, she is at the University of Pikeville getting a degree in Film and Media Arts and Theatre through the help of the Happy Church College Scholarship. The church began fostering her love of music and ministry in her early teen years and she joined the worship team in 2020 during the pandemic.

On the Sundays she is not singing, she is back in the tech booth helping set up our services and livestreams. After church, working alongside our other music teachers, Amanda runs voice lessons through our music program. She helps teach verses to children on Kids' Night. Her Friday evenings are spent preparing meals for our recovery meetings (soon to be Celebrate Recovery, pending completion of training). While not fully delegated to any specific role, Amanda has managed to find diverse learning opportunities in many of our various programs while continuing to grow as a helper and follower of the Lord.



Clayhole Updates

As of May, FEMA has obligated funds toward the restoration of the Clayhole Church building. We are incredibly grateful to be starting the process. Along with the good news regarding FEMA, Community of Hope came down and fixed the floors at the Clayhole double-wide.





Community of Hope

Along with working on our Clayhole campus, Community of Hope did many jobs around our Jackson Campus. They helped build a shed, planted a garden, and cleaned up around the grounds.

Prayer Requests

- Be praying as we are seeking "higher ground" - literally. Land suitable for our ministry is EXTREMELY difficult to find here in Breathitt County.
- Pray for more helpers for us.
- We also value your prayers for our finances! While all our bills are paid, our donations have declined over the last few years as expenses have risen. We'd love to hire more staff to replace the Jacobsons and the Keefers, but additions like that add more expense. We are excited for what God is doing, and we'd love to move forward with a plan to be even more effective at reaching Breathitt County for Jesus.

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