

a GOD SIZED VISION

The Staff and Board, as well as their spouses gathered at Heartland Conference Retreat Center in September to see God for a God sized vision for Rockside Church.

Discovering God Sized Vision in 2015

Knowing that healthy churches start at home with leadership, and move from the inside out, Rockside held its first ever overnight Staff/Board/Spouse retreat at Heartland Conference Retreat Center in September. Together, we did team building exercises and enjoyed good food, but most importantly we had an opportunity to pray, fellowship and worship together around an evening bon fire. The Staff, Board and their spouses prayed through and discussed the surveys that Rockside's completed on our 11th Birthday Sunday. Then, with markers and white boards, we delved into a GOD SIZED VISION for Rockside Church. The vision was subsequently launched on Sundays in November and continues on today and into 2015.

Seeking God for the Rockside Church Family.



Joe working hard not to "rock the boat" during this team building exercise.



What better place to pray together than out in God's creation at Heartland Conference Retreat Center.



"And you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-Acts 1:8

Growing Together

Daytime and Friday night LIFE GROUPS yielded growth in facilitators, new friends, great sharing of food and delving into the study of God's word together! Then on Wednesdays in August, Rev. Carlton Smith brought outstanding Biblical teaching!



An Artistic Makeover

The sanctuary got an artistic makeover this year! Featured above is a borrowed mural that now graces the wall, and below you can see the new stage designed by Rob Durr.



(Left) Jeff Thompson, Director of Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ, visited to receive our donation of proceeds from record-breaking Cotton Candy sales in spite of the rain at the July 4 City's Celebration!

Student Ministry

Pastor Caleb Fletcher finished an 18 month run with a Bon Fire at the Holsopples' home and passed the baton of student ministries to Ryan and Lisa Smith. They hit the ground running with the 2 day REACH CONFERENCE which saw over 1,000 Ohio students gather together in Youngstown for outreach, worship and learning. Monthly PIZZA & PRAYER has been a great way to pull students together. Each student was gifted with a Prayer Journal that they are working through together. Ryan and Lisa also give regular video shout outs on Facebook!



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CHALET & TOBOGGAN CHUTES bring together generations, invited guests great food, silliness, and fun and rich conversations.

Rockside partnered with our Cleveland Church planters to assist in several outreaches! A special thank you to Pastor Gary Craun who served as our liaison to the area churches.



(Left) Tracy Walker & Donna Cuilli teaming up with a new friend to serve together. (Top) Jim Mack helping with kids games.

Conquering the Toboggan Chutes at the Christmas Party.



The Rockside Family together at the Chalet.

