

Fall 2003

# Rockside Church

Pre-school Pebbles



Youth Journey Group



Membership Sunday



Independence Homedays Parade



Rockside Kids



Sunday Service



## Membership Sunday



On Sunday, August 17, 2003 Rockside Church accepted 37 charter members. Rev. John Wootton, Executive Secretary of the Ohio District, officiated the membership and spoke in the morning service.

The Link & Bocanegra families, Pastor Donna, Lydia Suhodolsky, and Rev. John & Bridgette Wootton



The first baby dedication service was also held August 17 for:

Abigail Noelle Elizabeth Link; Bradley & Holly Link, parents

Ethan John Arturo Bocanegra; Joe & Cindy Bocanegra, parents

## Grand Opening



Mayor Fred P. Ramos of Independence presents a proclamation to Pastor Donna.

Assistant to the mayor, Ron White, were in attendance. Mayor Ramos presented

Sunday, September 7 was the first public service held by Rockside Church. The Honorable Fred P. Ramos, Mayor of Independence and Assistant to the mayor, Ron White, were in attendance. Mayor Ramos presented

## Open House

Rockside Church's Open House was held Sunday, August 31 at 2:30 p.m.



Supporters at Rockside's Open House.

This was an opportunity for supporters and people from the community to become more familiar with Rockside Church and to tour the facility. Featured guests included Rev. Robert Crabtree, Ohio Superintendent, Rev. Jim Armpriester, Ohio Director of Church Planting & Revitalization, Rev. Russ DeBord, Pastor of Bethel Temple (mother church) and Rev. David Welle, Cleveland Sectional Director of Church Planting.

Missing was Rev. Randy Young, Coach and Cleveland Presbyterian.



The Rockside Band opens the dedication ceremony at the Open House with a sample worship set.

Rockside Church with an Official Proclamation of welcome on behalf of the City of Independence.



Sights from Grand Opening

## Missions Trip Report



Lydia & PNG friend cutting down bananas in the jungle.

Lydia Suhodolsky, Rockside Staff Pastor, participated in a month-long Bible translation missions trip to Papua New Guinea in July, 2003. The trip was a life-changing and extreme missions experience. Lydia and her teammates were able to help resident missionaries translate more of an unknown language group with the long-term goal of translating the Bible into the group's native tongue. This is an enormous task! There is a great need for translators on this mission field. Thank you for your prayers & support.

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## Missions Emphasis Launched in Kid's Ministry

Sunday, September 28 was the launching of BGMC in Rockside Kids Ministry. BGMC stands for "Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade" and serves as the missions giving outlet for the children of the Assemblies of God. Kids have the opportunity to save up change all month long in a special "buddy barrel." Then they bring their "buddy barrels" into service on the fourth Sunday of every month, which is missions Sunday in Rockside Kids. The kids learn about a specific country and pray for the missionaries and people of that country. We hope to establish a heart for missions in each of our children.



"Buddy barrels" are distributed to each child at Rockside Church.



The total for the first month of BGMC giving was \$17.30... in CHANGE!

A PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE CAMPAIGN

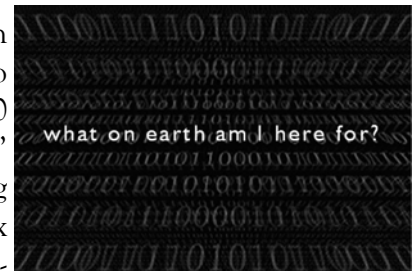
## 40 Days of Purpose



Rockside Church is participating in a spiritual growth campaign outlined to the book "40 Days of Purpose" by Rick Warren. The campaign includes six weeks of small groups meeting once a week, a teaching series on Sundays to reinforce what is being read daily in the book and an overall realization of the five purposes for which we were created: worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

## rocksideyouthministries

Rockside Youth Ministry is also apart of the "40 Days of Purpose" and will be meeting weekly for six weeks on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting October 15. The youth meet to worship, study the Bible, play video games and eat. There are monthly activities to be a part of such as a recent trip to Six Flags in September. For more information about the youth ministry, email [youth@rocksidechurch.com](mailto:youth@rocksidechurch.com).



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