



► JEREMY DRAZDIK, RYAN HORAK, AND ANDREW LINK
.....EASTER EGG HUNT



► ROCKSIDE KIDS AND PEBBLES
.....CHRISTMAS PARTY



► VICTORIA DRAZDIK HELPING IN
.....KID'S CHURCH

Rockside Church

2008

"Taking the unchanging love of Christ to an ever-changing world."

Leaders, Self-feeders and New Believers

► Leadership Tour

The Ohio District hosted two leadership tours in the Greater Cleveland area. Over 20 people from Rockside participated in each of the leadership events, followed by fellowship at the Cheesecake Factory and Bakers Square. In conjunction with the tour, we had a follow-up meeting to continue the dialogue as pertaining to Rockside Church.



▲ Kevin Bryant being water baptized by Jason Winkler and Mike Wisniewski



▲ Annual Church Picnic and Friends Day

► Journey Groups

Thank you to Paul Mosher for faithfully teaching the Bible study and to Brian and Cherie for their generous hospitality! The Monday night Bible study studied John, Acts, and Romans in 2008. Now meeting at Rockside, the night includes fellowship, food, prayer and Bible study.

► Baptism

We celebrate with the individuals who made a public confession of their faith in Christ by being water baptized this year. Congratulations!

Gina Bellitto
Kevin Bryant
Tina Caruso
Valerie Horak
Jesse Jordan

Chris Mickovic
Breahna Phillips
Alexandria Webb
Luke Wisniewski

Prayer at Rockside

January of 2008 began with 40 days of prayer and fasting, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Connection Point prayer gatherings. Continuing the prayer initiative throughout 2008, the traveling prayer meeting, led by Dan O'Keefe, met monthly at various locations (pictured on right at Gypsy Beans & Co, Cleveland), Connection Points met each Thursday, and Sunday's service was kicked-off weekly with pre-service prayer.



Missions and Community



▲ Rockside at the Holiday Fest



▲ Booth at National Day of Prayer



▲ Catch Phrase at the Spring Fling



▲ Heather, Amber & Vaso after youth

Independence, Cleveland, Madagascar, Peru, Kent State...

► Missions

We had many missionary friends walk through the doors of Rockside Church this year, whether for a Sunday morning service or a Thursday night prayer gathering. Some guests included: Isaac Smythia, Jesse and Raelyn Cook, Emily Cernoia, Ty Silva, Rachel DeRubertis, Nate Dodd, Richard Beottiger, and Bill and Lena Shrader.

► Community

In 2008, Rockside hosted a cotton candy booth at the Independence **Fourth of July Celebration**, participated in December's **Holiday Festival**, sponsored the **National Day of Prayer** held at the High School, hosted two **Friends Days** with Praise-appela and Leannette Lopez, and have become members of the **Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce**. We also volunteered at Cleveland's **City Mission**, in bringing a meal and leading the worship service.

Welcome in 2008!

► Staff

Giving young people a good first experience in ministry while gaining the benefit of their presence is a value that we embrace. **Amber Helms** certainly has enriched Rockside Church by joining the staff as Team Pastor for 2008, bringing depth to our prayer focus, kids, and youth ministries. Amber is a graduate of North Central University, is licensed with the Assemblies of God and has a calling ultimately to international development and missions.

NEW MEMBERS!



Debbie Angel

Gina Bellitto

Tina Caruso

Jim Egyud

Joanne Egyud

Amber Helms

Alex Macko

Nicole Macko

Cathy Monnin

Paul Mosher

Chelsea Wyatt

JD Wyatt

Happy Fifth Anniversary Rockside! We enjoyed a rich message of "Celebration" by Pastor Matt Anderson, followed by a fantastic meal catered by Valley Tavern in September, 2008.

Rockside Youth and FUSION!



YOUTH CONVENTION

The teens have had a great year in 2008, meeting every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month and taking part of many activities including Fusion, Convention, Camp, an All-Night-er, Vaso's surprise birthday party at Carvel Ice Cream, Signature, Encounter, and canvassing for Open Door Church in Akron. We have a fantastic group of teenagers and are looking forward to another great year in 2009!



FUSION



Ice Cream after service