

# ROCKSIDE CHURCH

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

June 2005

## "PROFESSIONAL" PRAYER MEETINGS



Dr. Joe at his medical practice in Strongsville.

The gifts the Holy Spirit gives to Christians are not limited to use inside the walls of our church buildings.

The gifts were intended for use throughout the week where we conduct business and connect with other people such as in the court room (Acts 4:5-12\*) in the city streets (Acts 5:12-16) *outside* the gate of the temple (Acts 3:1-11) in the

hospital room (Acts 9:32-35), in the prison (Acts 5:18-21) at the backyard barbeque of the spiritually hungry (Acts 10:23-48).

**Dr. Joe Bocanegra** hosted us for a prayer meeting March 7 in his medical office as we prayed for the blessings of God to be extended to and through his medical practice. **Dr. Josh Fischer** directed a prayer meeting February 21 as we prayed for the leaders and mission of the University where he serves as Dean. On June 3, we visited **Cherie**

**Mosher**, a teacher in the Cleveland City Schools, during her lunch break. On **Saturday**

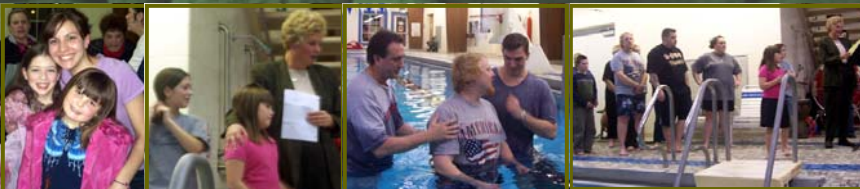
**June 25**, join us in the back of a semi-trailer truck at our parking lot as we pray for those who are professional drivers.



Dr. Josh at Indiana Wesleyan University.

\*(these are chapter and verse references to the Book of Acts which is in the New Testament of the Bible).

## SECOND WATER BAPTISM SERVICE



Using the Independence Community Pool for the second year in a row, 13 people followed the Lord's instruction by being BAPTIZED in water on Sunday evening, February 13. Congratulations! **Jay Allen, Sommer Allen, Mackenzie Allen, Alex Macko, Scott Macko, Laurie Macko, Nicole Macko, Marge Macko, Gary Travnik, J.D. Wyatt, Heather Lynch, Paula Dadaian, Vanessa Griggs**

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Bill Morgan leads a prayer segment.

Insurance Agent Bill Morgan led a prayer segment for business professionals in the workplace as part of the National Day of Prayer noon hour commemoration on Thursday, May 5. Thanks to Father Bruce Riebe, Dr. Fischer and Rev. Mike Strange for leading prayer segments.

Rockside Church's theme in 2005:



"Your Potential Our Priority"

## BOB LENZ SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES



The City of Independence welcomed Bob Lenz in March.

Special thanks to all who were a part of the BOB LENZ School assemblies and rally on Monday, March 21st in Independence!!! Free pizza and prizes were given away at night! Special guest...AJ the animated illusionist was amazing! Bob challenged students to remember that we are all valuable, to have courage, and to have respect Sponsored by the City of Independence's Twenty-five and Alive, Rockside Church, Independence Presbyterian Church, and Independence United Methodist Church. For more information on Bob Lenz, check out [www.lifepromotions.com](http://www.lifepromotions.com)

## YOUTH BAND PLAYS AT "WINTERBLAST"



On Sunday, February 21-Monday, February 22, the Rockside Youth Band lead worship at *WinterBlast*, the Ohio District's event for 5th and 6th graders. The youth band prepared for over six months for this enormous task then "warmed up" by leading worship at Rockside Church Sunday morning prior to the event and did a fantastic job! The band has grown to include Josh Rivera on drums, Ryan Potelicki on jim-bay, Shannon Potelicki on keyboard, Adam Potelicki on acoustic guitar, Darian Sekanic, electric guitar and Dana Travnik with vocals. Bryan and Lydia's leadership to this team has yielded strong and solid growth. Rockside took two students to the event.



Darian, Josh and Adam

## NEW MEMBERSHIP



After attending training for new members, family and friends came to celebrate and observe on Sunday, March 20 as the following people became members. Congratulations to... **Paula Dadaian, Karol Germany, Vanessa Griggs, Bill Lee, Heather Lynch, Lori Macko, Scott Macko, Linda O'Flanagan, Patrick O'Flanagan.**

## FAMILY SPIRITUAL NIGHT



The kids help act out a Bible story.

Family Spiritual Night took place Saturday, April 30. This was an evening for the entire family to worship, pray and learn about the Bible. The kids helped Miss Lydia teach a Bible story about being strong and courageous.

## FAREWELL TO BRYAN KARAS, MINISTRY INTERN



Bryan says goodbye to Rockside Church.

Our core value of *empowering people for ministry* came full circle on Sunday, April 24 as we prayed over BRYAN KARAS and released him to step in to a full time position with **707 Ministry** as music/arts minister. A reception in his honor as well as a memory book and love offering were given to our friend. Bryan's journey with Rockside Church began in July of 2003. During all of 2004, Bryan served a ministry internship using his gifts in music, teaching, creating curriculum, graphic design, leading prayer segments, influencing youth and, well, running errands. We thank God for the huge investment Bryan leaves with Rockside Church and we pray God blesses Bryan and expands his territory beyond belief!