

July-December 2012 ROCKSIDE Church

“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD...AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR...” MATT. 22:37-39



Gina Bellitto, Elizabeth Pollert and Josh Holsopple at the Christmas Party

Joyfully Loving One Another

- During the **Tailgate Lunch** at our building after the parade...
- Celebrating the **9th anniversary** of the church...
- At the **Christmas Party** at the Chalet and toboggan chutes...



Matt Emmerling bowling with John Mark and Luke Wisniewski, JD Wyatt, and Aaron and Josh Holsopple.

Growing Forward In...

- Joyfully loving one another • Enlarging the team to minister • Being an influence in the City of Independence • Partnering with City Reach Church • Loving Missionaries •

ENLARGING THE TEAM TO MINISTER

- **Life Groups** met in homes studying DVD driven curriculum, “The Circle Maker,” releasing gifts in people to facilitate, teach, host, gather, encourage and love.
- **Children’s Directors, Carlos and Tracy Orsoco**, provided a combined Kid’s Service with hands on learning about Fruit of the Spirit on August 5.
- **Ladies’ Tuesday morning Bible Study** by Cathy Monnin and **Men’s monthly breakfasts** lets people connect for spiritual growth.
- **Gary Craun** was credentialed and brought on staff as Team Pastor. His sermon series through July was garnished with a book list, resources and focused prayer for marriages.
- Worship leader, **Britton Roberts**, taught an enlightening Wednesday night series to grow us in our understanding, revelation and experience of God in worship.



Pastor Gary Craun and wife, Barb Craun, are celebrated as the newest members of our team.

- **Matt Emmerling’s** 60 day winter internship resulted in encouragement and fun for students, including an evening of cosmic bowling and teaming up with **Youth For Christ**. On the first and third Mondays, Rockside

Youth joins with the teenagers from the city of Independence at the local highschool.



Every pre-school to college student was prayed for on Student Sunday.



Ladies night out in Mosher's backyard with missionary guest, Jamie Loker.



We had an all time high mission's giving in 2012! 38% of disbursements went to missions!



Jim Egyud, Kevin Bryant, Paul Mosher and Lou Guilli pose at the tailgate lunch following the parade.

Being a Church of Influence

LOVING OUR MISSIONARIES As a Christmas gift to our missionaries, we gave a **night of worship and prayer** on December 14. From the city and the nations, missionaries and those who love them gathered to worship, lead by Britton Roberts, and join with missionaries who prayed for

their needs in person or e-mailed requests from afar. We shared a time of holiday snacks and distributing \$50 gifts to each missionary we support, reminding them we are their partners. As an experiment exploding beyond expectation, we're planning again for May 19 and Dec 13, 2013!

MISSIONARY GUESTS

SEPT 2

Mike & Ilona Hadinger (Oaxaca, Mexico)

OCT 7

Guy & Kathy Deal (Int'l Ohioans)

OCT 28

Ken and Sheri Patrick (Builder's Int'l)

NOV 4

Randy Young (The Agora Group)



IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

- **Cotton Candy Booth:** a Holiday tradition bringing fun, support for our city and profit for Youth for Christ during the fireworks gathering



John Macko divvies up a nice portion of cotton candy at the firework show.

- **Parade:** Rockside's band played, as walkers passed out candy and cards sharing Christ (left).

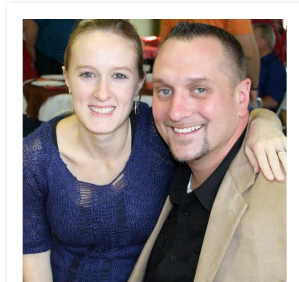
- **Fireball Run:** Pastor Donna prayed at the race's opening (below).



PARTNERING WITH CITY REACH

Pastor Justin and Suzie Maslanka and the Hope House guys have warmed their way into

our hearts and lives as our "cousin church". We've teamed up for "Prayer Pushes", financially contributed, provided 40+ volunteers for the **Block Party** outreach on August 25 and the **WinterFest** stocking give-away, dinner and service on December 16. We love these guys and are blessed by our partnership!



Pastor Justin and Suzie Maslanka