



ROCKSIDE CHURCH

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

If anyone is in Christ

First Water Baptism Service



He is a new creation.

Rockside Church gathered to celebrate the water baptism of 10 people on Sunday, March 28. This landmark baptism service was held at the Independence Indoor Pool. The following individuals were water baptized:

- Rikki Germany Nada Benjamin Kelly Fischer Marion Macko
- John Macko Ryan Potelicki Valerie Rae Kelly Macko Michelle Rae
- Monica Seiling



The old has gone,

First Membership Class



The new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Rockside Church welcomes its first wave of new members on Sunday, May 16th. Membership training sessions were taught by the pastoral team. Core group members Billie Jo Seiling and Tony Potelicki shared first-hand about the importance of prayer and tithing. We welcome the following members:

- Nada Benjamin
- Jay Brown
- Teresa Brown
- Bryan Karas
- Jean Lee
- Monica Lyons
- Anthony J. Lyons
- John A. Macko
- Marion Macko
- Eileen Rae
- Valerie Rae
- Diana Raeder
- Melanie Raeder
- Richard Raeder
- Darian Sekanic
- John Sekanic
- Serena Sturman
- Audrey Vainer
- Richard Vainer
- Cheryl Wyatt
- Johnny Wyatt

Congratulations!

Baby Dedications

Four new babies were dedicated to the Lord in the past six months!



Rebekah Sanders
Parents: Dannie & Amy Sanders



Hannah Winkler
Parents: Jason & Heidi Winkler



Mackenzie Rae
Parent: Valerie Rae



Ian Fischer
Parents: Josh & Christine Fischer

Family Movie Night



Everyone from Rockside Church was invited to participate in "Family Movie Night" on Saturday, April 24th. Every child a part of the weekly ministry at Rockside was represented! The movie "Hermie" by Max Lucado was enjoyed along with games, popcorn and prizes. The kids are looking forward to another night like this, and parents are just as anxious!

What's Been Happening?

11/13 Zoning hearing with the City of Independence granted approval for the year 2004 for



Christmas Social at Palace Theater

building use and Indiana Wesleyan University renewed their lease with Rockside Church as well.

11/17 Co-hosted a holiday grief service with Heartland Hospice.

11/23 FIRST MISSIONS FAIR with presenters Dan & Beatrice Klaehn, missionaries to Nicaragua, Mike Noble, Director of International House of Prayer, Angela Zeleznik, Director of Twenty-five and Alive, The Lokers from Oaxaca, Mexico, Kim Stevens from Love in Christ, Inc. followed by a dinner.

11/30 Holiday event to the Cleveland Orchestra.

11/30 Finished Forty Days of Purpose with 9 small groups and 59 participants.

1/2-1/3 Annual ALL NIGHT PRAYER MEETING at the International House of Prayer in Parma, Ohio.

January sermon series: "The Power of our Words"

1/11 Installed the first advisory board: Dr. Joe Bocanegra, Jacquie Potelicki, and Dr. Joshua Fischer. Bryan Karas joined Rockside Church as a Ministry Intern



Pastor Donna, Lydia and Advisory Board pray for Bryan Karas.

1/12-1/16 WEEK OF PRAYER with the following guests:

Monday, Matt Anderson

Tuesday, Mark Miller

Wednesday, Jim Loker

Thursday, Dan O'Keefe

Friday, Bryan Karas

1/18 Second new wave of JOURNEY GROUPS including:

"Celebrate Recovery"

"Lessons from the Vine"

"Making Marriage Work"

"Screwtape Letters"

2/1 - FIRST ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING with charter members which was the Core Group.

March sermon series leading up to Easter: "The Passion of the Christ," with a weekly emphasis on communion celebrated a variety of ways.



Missionary Visit

Missionaries Greg & Kelly Preston visited Rockside Church on Sunday, March 21. Afterwards we enjoyed an all-church dinner.



Missionaries Being Supported

- Dailey, Steve & Beth (Philippines)
- Klaehn, Dan & Mrs. (Nicaragua)
- McCammon, Sharon (Lithuania)
- Kisiel, Tracy (MA - El Salvador)
- Rostorfer, Jay & Carrie (Madagascar)
- Love In Action (Cleveland, Ohio)
- Lokers, Jim & Jamie (Oaxaca, Mexico)
- International House of Prayer (O'Keefe, Dan)
- Alexander, Jeff & Sara (OSU—Chi Alpha)
- Walent, Steve & Christina (Germany)

Total Monthly Support \$720

rocksideyouthministries

Rockside Youth Ministry moved from meeting in a home to the public setting of the Indiana Wesleyan University building in Independence this winter. We continue to study the Alpha group material on 1st & 3rd Fridays each month, as we prepare our students to reach out to their friends. We studied 40 Days of Purpose, ministered at a Sunday evening service at Glad Tidings A/G in Cleveland, held an entertaining Christmas party, ran the Church's All-Night Prayer meeting, attended the Ohio Youth Workers Conference, and recently had lunch at Beachwood Mall. Lots of fun and purposeful events are scheduled for the upcoming months as we prepare for growth and reaching teens that have yet to know Christ.



BGMC Giving

The kids at Rockside Church take their missions giving seriously! BGMC was started in September 2003, and in four months the children gave \$122.48! The children are learning that God can use them to make a difference around the world.

