

# ROCKSIDE

## 2010 Newsletter

A look at the highlights and victories from the past year at Rockside Church.

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



## THEME OF 2010: HONOR

The focus this year at Rockside Church was to honor God, welcoming God among us, honoring His Word, His ways and other people. First Samuel 2:30 says, “Those who honor Me I will honor.”

### Celebrating Team Wins

Water baptism is like a team celebrating when one player steps on home plate. We gather at the community swimming pool to sing, listen to God’s Word, hear testimonies, pray and baptize believers. We close the night with a party celebrating this team win!



Joshua being baptized by his father, Gary Holsopple, and Tony Potelicki

### New Members

We were happy to welcome twelve people as member’s on New Members’ Sunday in April. **Marlene Barton, Rey and Jane Beringuel, Lou and Donna Cuilli, Diane Ehrlich, Diane Office, Elizabeth Pollert, Thom and Patti Ratajczak, Joe and Deb VonEnck**



Group shot of the baptism candidates

◀ Congratulations on your Baptism! Between the April 25th joint service at Bethel Temple, and November 7th at the Independence pool, the following were baptized: **Shirley Barton (and L to R) Joshua Holsopple, Rob Rogers, Kiyoko Wisniewski, Jim Dredk, Marie Dredk, Marlene Barton & Julie Federl**



Welcome to the family, new members!

## City Involvement



**Fall Fest:** Serving cotton candy and raising money for Acquire the Fire youth conference



**Home Days:** Represented with 40 participants, Rockside won 2nd place for best float!



**Holiday Fest:** Sylvia serving at the Rockside cookie decorating station

## A Church of Influence

Rockside Church has the honor of serving the community of Independence. We participate in city events, school functions, co-host the National Day of Prayer and are members of the Cuyahoga Chamber of Commerce.

## Rachel's Challenge ▶

### High School Assembly Program

It was our honor to co-host the school assembly program, *Rachel's Challenge*. Throughout the day, 950 students heard the presentation. The evening drew close to 1,000 students and parents to hear Rachel's father talk about his daughter's life and death at Columbine, as well as a gospel presentation by Frank Streter, the Youth For Christ leader in Independence.



Working together with 25 & Alive and Youth for Christ to co-host the assembly program in Independence Schools

## Annual Church Picnic ▶

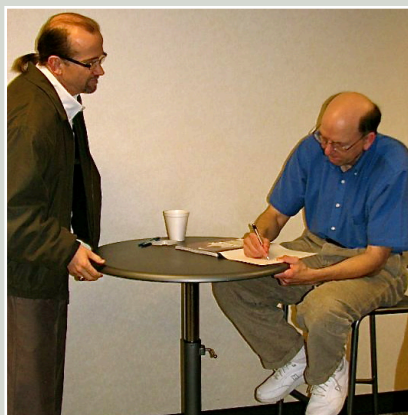
There's nothing quite like summertime! Taking church on the road, Rockside held an outdoor service at the Independence pavilion. Immediately following was a picnic with great food, laughs and games enjoyed by people of all ages. It's our favorite time of the year when families, guests and everyone in between are welcome to enjoy the beautiful season together.



Will Jason get there in time??

## Friends Day Services

Several times a year, Rockside provides a Sunday morning service specifically designed for friends and guests. The annual picnic (above) is only one of many fun Friends Days! We loved hearing ● **Rabbi Eric Lakatos** bring fresh life to the Scriptures in their original Jewish context. Visiting from the sports community was ● **Terry Pluto**, a columnist for the Plain Dealer holding dozens of awards for his writings. Bringing a concert, luncheon and worship clinic was ● **David Baroni**, a gifted musician and speaker. Rocksider's and visitors alike enjoy the variety of perspectives gained from our Friends Day guests!



Joe VonEnck talking with Terry Pluto after Friends Day in March



Lydia Travnik leading worship for the 4th of July Friends Day



Adam lead our team in the summer sports camp, serving 100+ inner-city kids

## Internships

Like a learning station, we love giving interns an opportunity to develop, grow and bless the church! **Adam Potelicki** completed a 13-week summer internship with a whirlwind of accomplishments and exposure to ministry, including his involvement in leading our team bridged to “Upward Sports Camp” (pictured left), serving 100+ inner-city kids. **Bryan Overbaugh**, a masters student at Ashland Theological Seminary, started a 12-month practicum in December 2010.



Jerry and Sarah Roberts dedicated Charlotte Joan, born on May 21.

## Rockside Kids

Students graduating into 6th grade move from Kid’s Church to joining the adults on Sunday mornings. Welcome Rockside Kids’ Graduates! **Jeremy Drazdik, Joshua Holsopple, Moriah Mosher & Johnmark Wisniewski** Bibles were given to these students, as well as to **Ethan Bocanegra** for moving into the next age bracket in our children’s ministry.



Ashley, Joshua, Hannah, Katie, Robbie, Moriah and Ethan having fun in the bounce house!

## ROCKSIDE YOUTH



Playing ultimate frisbee at FUSION



Making snuggie history at the YFC sponsored CAVS game



Students at Acquire the Fire convention

## Rockside Youth

Rockside Youth met each month in 2010 for youth service and FUSION—an energetic night of games, food and faith discussion! In addition, they got together weekly throughout the summer for the 10 week series, “Plan B,” and attended the Acquire the Fire youth convention downtown in October.

## New Missionaries:

Dale & Becky Cuckow, *North Asia*  
Craig & Liz Corbin, *Senegal*  
Gary & Janice Dickenson, *Congo*  
Doug Hollis, *Indonesia*  
Harvey & Maria Skinner, *Italy*  
Isaac & Terry Smythia, *Uruguay*  
Ashley Snyder, *Bangladesh*

Missions continues to remain a central core value at Rockside!



## Prayer Guests:

Greg & Shaylyn Ford  
*Church Planters, Columbus*  
Peter & Sandy Jorgensen  
*Wycliff Bible Translators, Mali*  
Christine Little  
*Medical Missions, Zambia*  
Bill & Lisa Oakley  
*Church Planters, Copley*  
Joe Weser  
*Chi Alpha, Youngstown State*

## Missions and Outreach

Rockside Church is dedicated to bringing the Gospel to the Nations. Under the leadership of Cathy Monnin and the Mission's Committee, missions and outreach are continually a focal point at Rockside Church. **Faith Promise Sunday** guests, Jim Palmer and Paul Burkhart shared the heart of missions in 2010, giving us the opportunity to respond financially. These commitments enabled Rockside to give over 33% of 2010's total expenditure to missions and outreach!



Lou & Donna Cuilli, Paul Mosher & Brian Mosher supported **Love, INC** at their annual banquet.

## Local Spotlights

We've had opportunities this year to intentionally spotlight and additionally donate to various local and international ministries including: ● **Laura's Home** for women (Rescue Mission in Cleveland) ● **Grace Church** (inner-city outreach in Brooklyn), ● **Patti Ratajczak** (Crisis Pregnancy Center in Cleveland) and Rebecca Moreland with ● **Rahab Ministries** (reaching women trapped in prostitution and drugs in Akron). We've also heard from Ohio church planters and Chi Alpha leaders from college campuses. We continue to pray and bless ministries like these and others as they are hands-on in taking the Gospel to the streets!

Keep on praying for our missionaries!

## Connection Points

Our weekly prayer gathering met on Wednesdays as a way for believers to connect with God and others. To partner prayer and missions, strategic connections were made with various missionaries and guests. We have been honored to join in prayer with and for many individuals and ministries this year (listed above). Lets continue praying for all our friends committed to these ministries here and abroad.

The **Peacemakers** series, facilitated by Cathy Monnin, met on Wednesdays and involved over 47 people interactively learning how to Biblically resolve conflict and bring reconciliation in our relationships.

## Merry Christmas and Happy 2011!

We close the year in many ways to remember the reason for everything we do, Jesus Christ. The annual **Christmas Party** at the Chalet is fun for all generations, with great food, tobogganing and new friends. Telling an old story in a new way, **Ken Keene** presented a Christmas Drama challenging our hearts to make room and welcome Jesus in. We remembered Jesus' birth and sang carols at the **Christmas Eve Service**. We now look forward to what God has in store for 2011!



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