

ROCKSIDE CHURCH UPDATE

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

SPRING 2003

MISSIONARIES TO THE CITY



Dr. Carol Salewski displaying a replica of the first churches in Ohio.



Core group member Tony Potelicki (left) running the Rockside booth at the Independence Civic Center.

WHERE WE'VE BEEN & WHERE WE'RE GOING...

- 2/2 Westshore Assembly of God, Lakewood, Pastor Bob Pavetic
- 2/9 NewSong Church, Cleveland Heights, Pastor Randy Young
- 2/16 New Beginnings, Youngstown, Pastor Tom Fortini,
- 2/16 First Assembly, Girard, Pastor John Musgrave
- 2/21 Willow Praise A/G, Willowick, Pastor Larry Bogenrief
- 2/23 Harvest Ridge A/G, North Ridgeville, Pastor Kevin Crow
- 2/23 First Assembly, New Philadelphia, Pastor Larry Fletcher
- 3/2 First Assembly, Wadsworth, Pastors Roger & Lori Loomis
- 3/2 Calvary, Willoughby, Pastor David Welle
- 3/9 Victory Christian Center, Lowellville, Pastor Dave Thomas
- 3/12 First Assembly, Miamisburg, Pastor John Switt
- 3/16 Word of Grace, Chesterland, Pastor Michael LoPresti
- 3/16 North Bloomfield, Pastor Rich Whipkey
- 3/23 First Assembly, Vermilion, Pastor Chuck Davis

On Sunday, March 2, the city of Independence held an **Ohio Bicentennial Celebration** at the city's civic center. Rockside Church sponsored a booth at the event covering the topic of how the gospel came to Ohio. At the booth, free "Ohio" cookies (made by ladies from Poland New Life A/G) were handed out to each visitor. The cookies were frosted with a red cinnamon heart candy where Independence is located on the map. This was a great opportunity to meet and network with other organizations, and to get the name of Rockside Church out into the



We thank the ladies of Poland New Life A/G for the 50 dozen cookies they baked for this event!

community. Our display (created by Dr. Carol Salewski, core group member) is being displayed in the lobby of the civic center for the next month. As missionaries to our city, we want to express that we are here to serve the people and invest in what they value: civic involvement and community pride. We continue to look for opportunities to be woven into the community.

PASTOR DONNA'S CORNER

These last six months as a church planter have been the most enjoyable months of my 17 years in the ministry! One aspect I am *just loving* is traveling around to various churches itinerating. We get to meet new people, see how other churches "do church" and learn from them. Sometimes the fellowship with the pastors and families afterwards is the highlight of the day. There are some great pastors in Ohio! I'm learning how much we need friendships among us. God made us to function best in community. I'm thankful for my pastor friends!

-Pastor Donna L. Barrett

Lead Pastor



Vaso & Lydia Suhodolsky, Pastor Kevin Crow & family, and Pastor Donna Barrett while itinerating at Harvest Ridge A/G.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS

Join us in prayer everyday for different needs:

Monday: Pre-Christians

Tuesday: Finances

Wednesday: Pastors & leaders of Greater Cleveland

Thursday: Ministry effectiveness & anointing

Friday: Youth & Kids' Ministry

Saturday: Core Group Members

Sunday: Church facility

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

- The **Rockside Worship Band** had its first commitment on Friday, February 21 at Willow Praise A/G in Willowick. Special thanks to Pastor Larry Bogenrief who allowed us to “test out” our brand new band on his congregation!
- Rockside Church held two “Prayer Pocket” events in the last month. Special thanks to Missionaries Jim & Jamie Loker who directed a recent prayer event.
- John Smith from Wadsworth Assembly of God, a local Independence policeman and A/G credential holder, surprised our core group by his abrupt appearance during a core group meeting in a business building on Rockside Road. Officer Smith presented a challenging teaching to our core group about conducting small groups.
- Pastor Randy & Becky Young were our guests at the Independence Town Hall on February 13. Pastor Randy challenged our core group with how we view pre-Christians. Our core group took a field trip to NewSong Church in Cleveland Heights. We looked over the shoulders of those leaders who oversee the areas of ministry that we will have at Rockside. We were able to see a portable church successfully at work!
- Pastor Matt Anderson was guest speaker in our core group meeting on February 28. Then he interviewed Pastor Donna on a donated 15-minute radio spot on 1220 AM radio on Saturday, March 1. The core values of Rockside Church were able to be broadcasted on the air.
- On Wednesday, February 26, Pastor Donna attended an Independence City Forum Luncheon featuring The Honorable H. Akers speaking on “The Spirit of Regionalism” and how local communities are working together to meet today’s economic challenges. Rockside Church is the newest member of the Chamber of Commerce for Cuyahoga Valley who sponsored this event which afforded some great chances for networking and visibility.



The first worship service lead by Rockside Church at Willow Praise A/G.



Officer Smith teaching about small groups at a core group meeting.

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Becky Young, Pastor Donna Barrett, and Pastor Randy Young

Special thanks to Pastor Randy Young who is COACH to this church plant. He and Pastor Donna converse weekly and he addresses the core group periodically.

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The Youth Worship Band lead in worship for the first time

The leadership team of Rockside Youth Ministries (lead by Jason Scherer) is busy preparing for the first official youth event of Rockside Church—2003 Ohio Youth Convention. The youth and leaders presented the entire iteration service at a youth service at North Bloomfield Assembly of God on Sunday, March 16. The youth lead worship, presented a drama skit, and Jason spoke. The evening concluded with a pizza party.



Lydia Suhodolsky with some of the youngest core group members: Andrew Link and Moriah Mosher



The children’s ministry team of Rockside Church (lead by Lydia Suhodolsky) has begun meeting to distribute curriculum and brainstorm about the direction that Kids Church will take. Please pray for the creativity needed to reach the children of Greater Cleveland!