

## Our Core Values

**PRAYER** ~ Simple communication with God, or prayer, is to the believer what breathing is to a body. When we pray, God works. We pray weekly prior to Sunday services at 9:45 am.

**WORSHIP** ~ Contemporary and passionate worship creates an environment that welcomes God and helps us connect with Him. In this type of atmosphere, individual needs are met and people are refreshed.

**RELEVANT MINISTRY** ~ We strive to give practical tools to assist people in the journey of life. What you hear on Sundays is designed to help in a practical way Monday through Saturday.

**WORLDVIEW** ~ In the foundation of this church is a passion to help spread the Good News of Christ around the world through giving, sending, praying and going.

**LIFE-GIVING FREEDOM LIVING** ~ Christ came to prepare us for heaven as well as help us enjoy the journey along the way. A higher quality of life and freedom is natural for the person connected with Christ.

**EMPOWERING PEOPLE FOR MINISTRY** ~ Every follower of Christ is most fulfilled when serving. We strive to equip, support, release and empower people to serve God.

**CARE FOR LEADERSHIP** ~ The person is more important than the work he or she does. Genuine ministry is simply an overflow from the life of a leader who is well cared for and connected to Christ.

**MISSIONARIES TO THE CITY** ~ We are interested in investing back in to the community. We strive to understand the culture, the language and the needs of our community in order to build bridges of relationship.

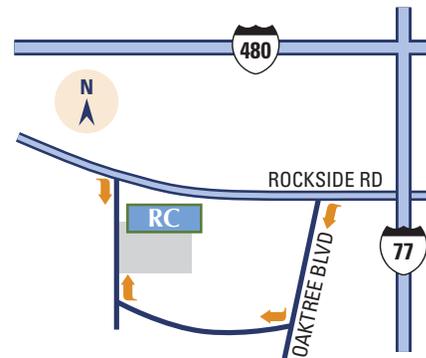
**SIMPLICITY** ~ Less is more when done well and with purpose. We streamline church activities so believers have more time to foster relationships with Christ, their family, and those with whom they work, live and play.

**GRACE** ~ Church doesn't have to be a place where pretending and hiding occur. We offer a place where every person can find love, acceptance, and unmerited favor.

## Our Location



Rockside Church is casual, contemporary and conveniently located just ½ mile west of I-77 on Rockside Road in the **Indiana Wesleyan University Building** across from Applebee's. From the east, turn left on Oak Tree Boulevard, turn right at the first utility road, continue until it ends, and turn right into the IWU parking lot.



## ROCKSIDE CHURCH

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*The church is incorporated in the State of Ohio and a General Council church with the Assemblies of God, Springfield, MO.*  
www.ag.org

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



Sundays | 10:30 am

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## Our Team



### REV. DONNA BARRETT

Prior to entering vocational ministry in 1985, Donna worked 7 years as paralegal in a law office. She is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God, served as a youth pastor 10 years in Youngstown, as associate pastor seven years in Parma,

and is the founding church planter and lead pastor of Rockside Church. She sees the church as a place of influence among the community, a vital partner for world missions, a house of prayer, and an equipping station for attendees to represent Christ well where they live, work and play.

» *Get to know our pastor at [dbarrett.blogspot.com](http://dbarrett.blogspot.com)*



### DR. GARY CRAUN

Gary holds a doctorate of ministry degree and several decades of ministry experience as a staff pastor, church planter, and more. As a credentialed minister, Gary was a bi-vocational pastor employed full time with AkzoNobel

(Glidden Paint) as a research chemist prior to his retirement. He and his wife, Barb, have four children and 14 grandchildren.

» *Get to know our team pastor at [garycraun.blogspot.com](http://garycraun.blogspot.com)*



### VASO SUHODOLSKY

Vaso brings years of church ministry experience and has been part of Rockside Church leadership team from the church's beginning in 2002. Vaso has served in various roles over the years filling in as needed and is presently serving as admin

support and coordinating the Children's Ministry. Her ministry experience mixed with her exposure to the business neighbors through her employment in the Rockside Road business corridor makes Vaso a great representative and networker.

### CATHERINE MONNIN

Catherine holds a B.A. from the University of Mount Union and a masters degree from Case Western Reserve University. She served as the Branch Services Director of Cuyahoga County Public Library prior to retirement. Catherine chairs the missions team, teaches, provides congregational care, and oversees relationships with missionaries and community organizations on behalf of Rockside Church. She is a certified Relational Wisdom ([rw360.org](http://rw360.org)) instructor



### BRITTON ROBERTS

Britton is a gifted musician and vocalist, recording artist, and teacher of music. He leads worship, gives oversight to musical teams and spiritual care to musicians. Britton plays in various venues throughout the country and has released his second solo album Britton and his wife, Amanda, married in 2007, enjoy their young son, Carrick.



### RYAN & LISA SMITH

Serving as youth directors, Ryan and Lisa Smith were married in 2010. They met each other where they both worked as facilitators in youth therapy groups at a non-profit mental health agency. Lisa is a licensed independent social worker. Along with Ryan's background in social services, he recently graduated from the Ohio Center for Broadcasting. The Smiths bring care, creative ideas, spiritual stability and fun to student ministry. They enjoy watching their daughter Annabelle and son Aaron grow and spending time together.



## What to Expect

On Sundays from **10:30 am to noon**, guests are greeted in a casual, friendly atmosphere. It is all designed to connect people with God through music, messages from the Bible and prayer, and to connect with one another over coffee and snacks. Cross-generational interaction is valued, and we have specialized areas for children designed for their ages.

**Rock-A-Bye Baby Nursery / Birth through Age 2**

**Pre-School Pebbles / Ages 3 through 6**

**Rockside Kids / Grades 1 through 5**

**Rockside Youth / Students grade 6 through 12** have activities and ministry opportunities throughout the month.

Life Groups, Bible Studies, Praying Gatherings and Socials weekly

*See our weekly bulletin, website,  
or our **Facebook page** for current details.*

## What We Believe

**WE BELIEVE** that the Bible is the Word of God and our guide for life.

**WE BELIEVE** in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who forgives our sins when we ask and is our Savior and Friend.

**WE BELIEVE** God heals people in response to prayer.

**WE BELIEVE** God's plan is for followers to spend eternal life in Heaven.

*For a detailed description of beliefs and perspectives on contemporary issues, log on to [www.ag.org](http://www.ag.org)*

*Opening in September of 2003, Rockside Church intentionally selected a location that positions it among the business community and that allows redirection of traditional church building funds towards missions, locally and globally.*

