

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



## **Rockside Church**

Pastor Donna L. Barrett, Lead Pastor



### **Why this location?**

Just 8 miles south of Cleveland, Rockside Road in Independence is a business area that attracts over 35,000 professionals each day. Interstate 77 is a major artery flowing out of Cleveland and crosses Interstate 480 making Rockside Road just minutes from anywhere. After pinpointing existing Assembly of God churches on a map, this area was one with several adjoining suburbs with no church of this type within a large radius.

### **When does it start?**

The core group will meet for several months for the purpose of prayer, worship, leadership development and knitting our hearts together around the core values God has established. Just as a building's foundation must be strong before the visible part is constructed, this infrastructure of Rockside Church will make for a stronger foundation once public services begin in the Spring of 2003.



Rockside Road is considered to be the “contemporary version of downtown Cleveland.”

### **What are our core values?**

1. Prayer
2. Be Missionaries to the city
3. Relevant Ministry
4. Worship
5. Kingdom-Minded World View
6. Life Giving Freedom Living
7. Empowering people for ministry
8. Care for Leadership
9. Simplicity
10. Grace

### **Who's the Church Planter?**

How our journey prepares us for God's purpose! First as a paralegal for seven years, then serving on staff at Highway Tabernacle in Youngstown, Ohio for ten years, Donna observed the legal aspects of new churches and new church plants being mothered. As an associate at Bethel Temple in the Cleveland area for the past seven years, she received a wide variety of experience which allowed exposure to every aspect of ministry imaginable including a season as interim pastor. Born in Ohio and serving there all her life, Donna L. Barrett is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God, with a love for Cleveland and a call to missions. She has a passion to see the United States turned around through church planting, a hunger to help believers enjoy life-giving, freedom living; and a heart to equip believers to reach pre-Christians with the best news around!



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## How will this work?

A team from the General Council of the Assemblies of God led by Director Paul Drost came to Ohio and conducted a Church Planter's Bootcamp in August which Donna Barrett attended. They equipped those attending with tools and resources, teachings, and opportunities to learn the most effective way to see churches

planted in the United States. Home missions recommends that the core group meet weekly for about 6 months to establish unity, to pray, study and worship together, develop leadership, etc. This method provides the strongest environment for a public launch which will take place in the Spring of 2003.

During this time, Donna Barrett is available to itinerate at various churches in hopes of spreading the vision, raising prayer support and financial support. On Sundays, the core group will take "field trips" to various churches in the area to observe and learn.



Church Planters' Boot Camp at Heartland Conference Retreat Center in August, 2002

## The Focus on Prayer



Mike Noble, Director of the IHOP, signing in at the Prayer Summit.

### Prayer needs:

A facility to conduct services  
Spiritual growth of the core group  
Services to open for itinerating  
Forming of home groups and journey groups  
God's provision of finances, equipment, and staff  
Signs and wonders and miracles so that all will know that JESUS IS LORD!

With prayer as our first core value, the first event held was a PRAYER SUMMIT over a Friday and Saturday where 82 people passed through at some point in prayer. Various pastors from around the Cleveland area led one-hour prayer segments. PRAYER POCKETS were held recently throughout a few days and Rockside Church core group is sponsoring NIGHT-WATCH at the International House of Prayer in Cleveland from midnight to 6:00 a.m. on December 13. An e-mail prayer chain has been established to share prayer needs for the ministry.



Crown Center Plaza on Rockside Road in Independence, Ohio.

## Our Needs List

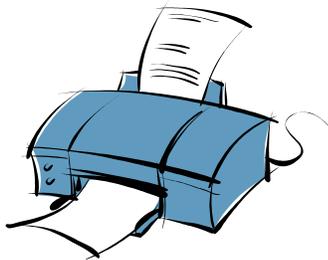
To give you an idea of the type of items a new church needs, here is the wish list we are asking God to provide...

### ITEMS A NEW CHURCH NEEDS FOR START UP:

#### OFFICE:

(start-up office estimated at \$5,500)

- HP Laptop computer \$1199 + \$240 for 3 year service plan
- Software (Microsoft office, publisher, Quick Books, Membership +)
- HP 4 in one copier \$599 + \$100 for 3 year service agreement
- phones
- letterhead
- envelopes
- business cards
- assorted office supplies
- files
- bulletins
- offering envelopes
- offering bags
- communion supplies



### EQUIPMENT FOR SERVICES:

(portable church estimated at \$40,000)

- Vivitek Lumen XGA Dta/Video Projector \$2,495
- 2 main speakers
- 4 monitor speakers
- 4 microphones
- 2 wireless microphones
- speaker cables
- monitor cables
- microphone cords
- cassette/CD player
- snake cable
- 16 channel board
- amplifier/equalizer
- drum set and rack
- 4 microphone stands
- curtains and background
- lighting system
- stage platform
- pulpit or lectern
- large vinyl signs
- sandwich signs
- interior signs
- name tags
- trailer to transport portable church



### NURSERY/CHILDREN'S AREA:

(estimated at \$3,000)

- 4 collapsible cribs
- changing table
- baby supply kits
- crib sheets
- blankets
- rocking chairs
- toys
- baby swings
- storage bins
- registration cards
- Children's Church materials; curriculum; supplies

### REFRESHMENTS:

(estimated at \$1,200)

- coffee makers
- portable kiosk
- large thermos
- garbage cans
- bulk items and supplies

If you would like to support Rockside Church in a financial way, please designate funds in the following way.

Mark your gift: **Rockside Church New Plant, Account #8040** and mail to:

Ohio District Council  
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or

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