



Pebbles for Thought

Newsletter for The ROCK

Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom

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Groundbreaking Ceremony

Sunday March 20, 2011
after the 10:45a service.

DON'T MISS IT!

Where We Are

And Now Announcing: THE ROCK!!!

God never ceases to amaze me! A year ago, it seemed that the building of the Rock Center was never going to happen! The church was giving, everyone was praying but nothing was happening. The proverbial brick wall!

And then – wait for it- That still small voice of our Lord was heard.

We invite everyone to join us for the ground breaking of the Rock! Sunday March 20th right after the 12:00 service we'll gather in the side yard (Future Home of the Rock) to start turning our vision into a reality.

ROCK Offering

(as of Mar 6, 2011)

Required to Date: \$7,947

Received to Date: \$8,203

Over Budget!: \$246

Donations sent to:

Fairfield First Baptist Church

1072 Hicks Blvd.,
Fairfield, OH 45014

Attn: The ROCK

Join us for the first scoop of dirt in anticipation of the door opening to the ministry that God has blessed us with the opportunity to share in.

Keep praying for the Rock and how God wants us to use the building – remember the name: Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom- how are we going to do that?

Always looking UP,
Jo Collas

From Our Youth Pastor

If you would have told me a year ago that in February we still would have not begun construction on the Rock, I would have certainly been sad, and possibly a bit discouraged. However, if there is one thing I've learned through this entire process, it's these three words:

It's God's timing

In my life, I am constantly trying to put my timeline on things. I construct a plan that makes logical sense, and that plan seems like the only possible way something can happen. And yet, over and over again, God makes things happen His way, not my way. And looking back, it's always clear that God's way is best!

You see, if we would have moved forward with the initial building plans 4 years ago, we would most likely be in over \$1 million debt right now! Thankfully, we trusted in God's timing. Then He led us to a contractor who could build us a slightly smaller building (better suited for our needs) for less than half the price! And then, if we would have moved full steam ahead with the new building plans in November, construction would have been stalled out due to record snow cover throughout December and January! Thankfully, we were patient and trusted in God's timing.

We have now signed the contract with the builder, and made our initial draw to pay for the final permits and the bulk of the lumber. We were able to take advantage of low lumber cost due to seasonality by purchasing now. We have also decided on a longer 10-year fixed rate financing option to ensure no surprises down the road with interest rates. All of the pieces have fallen into place for construction to begin once spring breaks!

There is no sadness or discouragement in my heart. Rather, I can confidently tell you that I'm full of excitement and completely encouraged! I know we are following God's lead through this entire process. As the days go by, more and more ministry opportunities keep coming our way, each one having its own specific purpose and function. I can't wait to see and experience all of the amazing ministries that will happen in the Rock, and I am confident that it will be used in big ways to further God's kingdom.

Your very excited youth pastor,

Brian

This newsletter is to make the supporters of The Rock aware of progress and needs in the building process. Many in Fairfield First Baptist Church have prayed over the project and started some of the ministries that will come under the umbrella of The ROCK. We have sought to be "faithful with little" so that God may bless us with much. Testimonials of these ministries will be shared here as well. If you would like to be added to the circulation of this newsletter, please contact Sarah Russell or sign up in the lobby outside the sanctuary.

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