



Pebbles for Thought

Newsletter for **The ROCK**

Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom

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It's Here!

We've been watching it go up, piece by piece and now, it's almost time!

The next two weeks, we have some exciting events already planned for The ROCK. This Friday, we will have a Banquet and Dedication service. This is a church family event, with food provided by Holly Chasteen and a small worship service and dedication to follow. Details are in the box above. *Banquet is by reservation only.*

Dedication Banquet

Friday, October 21, 2011

Banquet starts at 6:30p

(\$7/person or \$20 max/family)

Ceremony starts 7:30p

Open House

Thursday & Friday, October 27-28

7:00p-9:00p

Saturday, October 29

10:00a-2:00p

Next week, October 27-29th, 2011, we are planning to have an Open House for our friends and community members. Details for this are also in the box above, but to make this happen, we're going to need some volunteers to help out.

Here are the needs:

- Bake Cookies/Brownies – buy snacks (chips, etc)
- Set up Thursday – 6p
- Breakdown Saturday – 2p
- Greeters
- Work Refreshment Table
- Work Information Table(s)
- Give Quick Tours
- Supervise Gym Activities



Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer and in the Sunday School classes. None of these things is very involved, but please plan to be at the ROCK approximately 15 minutes early for a quick "training." If you are bringing food, you can start dropping it off in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday night – please mark for "The ROCK." – *Any questions, please contact Jo Collas at rcollas@cinci.rr.com or 513.836.7216. Thanks!*

Special Offering for the ROCK

Now that the ROCK is near completion, I want to appeal to you to prayerfully consider a special offering to the ROCK. Many of you have already been giving regularly and faithfully to the ROCK and for that, we are very grateful. It has turned out to be even more wonderful and beautiful than we had imagined. The final touch is the installation of the Teraflex gym floor.

When we began this project, we thought that it would cost around \$20,000. But it turned out to cost almost double that. Our ROCK funds have now been exhausted. We have been able to purchase most of our gym equipment from savings we have made by painting the building ourselves. But we still need some funds to buy other furnishings: a refrigerator, microwave, tables and chairs for the café, and a few other things for the conference room.

So we are asking that we all pray about this and give as God leads. You can give any time, but this special offering will be taken at the banquet and the following Sunday, October 23rd.

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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ROCK Offering

(as of Oct 16, 2011)

Needed Weekly: \$883

YTD: -\$1,413

Donations sent to:

Fairfield First Baptist Church

1072 Hicks Blvd.

Fairfield, OH 45014

Attn: The ROCK

ROCK Ministries

Fairfield First Baptist Church is full of hearts for the community, which is why The ROCK is a perfect fit for us to reach out to those outside our church family. Here are just a couple ministries that are going on:

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

American Heritage Girls is a non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

Troop OH3017 is chartered by Fairfield First Baptist Church and meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 6-8p. If you'd like to attend a meeting and see what it's all about, please contact Christy Ballard at OH3017@yahoo.com or 513.737.5455. Come join the FUN!



COUNCIL ON AGING OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

From Jen Roth on Council on Aging:

Some of you are aware that I work for the Council On Aging for Southwestern Ohio or COA. I am a Licensed Social Worker and my title at COA is Care Transitions Specialist. I have been working with the elderly in our community for the past 5 years. I have helped families navigate the care needs of their family members and loved ones. I also am a trainer for the "Healthy U" program. This is a grant funded program that helps people of all ages on how to better manage their chronic disease. We cover a range of issues from High Blood pressure, Congestive Heart Failure, COPD, and diabetes. If anyone would like more information about the services that are available through COA or would like to sign up for a "Healthy U" training, please give me a call at 513-263-0400 or email me at jenroth9@yahoo.com. I would be glad to help in any way that I can. I will also be at the Open House for the "Rock" with information about the programs that COA offers. Thanks so much and God Bless - Jennifer

OTHER MINISTRIES/ACTIVITIES

We have already received interest from co-ed volleyball leagues and are planning on starting an open gym night! There will be much more to follow so keep your eyes and ears open for the latest news. We'll work hard to make sure you are informed.