



On the Wing

Summer 2008

How Are We Building? By David Watkins, Community Spiritual Director

“But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:10b-11)

Earlier this year I attended a conference at which one of the speakers quoted some disturbing statistics. According to a recent survey, 95% of churched teens said that they had a posi-

...**a part time commitment to Jesus Christ is no commitment at all.** tive experience in church and learned Bible stories there. Of

these churched teens, 61% will no longer be active in the church through their twenties. The speaker’s conclusion was this: “Our teens learned some

Christian facts, made friends and had fun, but they never had their faith life integrated into their everyday life.” This is a tragedy of eternal proportions!

I’m sure that we can all think of young people who have been through a Flight/Journey, learned facts, made friends and had fun, but go on to live in the world un-

changed. As a body of believers, it must be our com-

mon purpose to lay a solid foundation for our youth: Jesus Christ. It is not enough to go through the motions of a Chrysalis weekend; a life

built solely upon the weekend experience is destined to fall. Our youth must come to realize that what God demands from them is EVERYTHING, and that a part-time commitment to Jesus Christ is no commitment at all! We must be about the business of helping them integrate their faith into all aspects of life, as they journey beyond the weekend event and into a lifetime of growing up in Christ.

May we, as a community, commit ourselves to building up our youth on the only foundation that will last – the only one that will stand the test of eternity – Jesus Christ!



Journey #4 August 8-10, 2008

Green Pastures
Christian Campground
Meredosia, IL

Lay Directors:

Jack Hull/Patty Trone

Youth Lay Directors:

Stephanie Sharp
Jarrod Waldeck

Spiritual Director:

Ken Dees

Please keep the team & caterpillars in your prayers! And show your support by attending Candlelight and Closing, providing Agape, or helping with Outpost!

For more information, please contact Lisa Waldeck, Board Representative, at 217-531-7896 or email to lwald@uis.edu.



Come! Join the Outpost!



Did you really want to serve on this weekend, but had other commitments? If you have Saturday free, then join the Outpost!

Remember the agape found on your pillow, at your table, and in the dining hall? You could be the one making it!

Come, join others in Christian fellowship and lots of fun as you serve God “behind the scenes” creating agape, filling letter sacks, and helping with Apostolic Hour.

Come...8 AM Saturday, August 9. Blue cottage at Green Pastures. See you there!

ATTENTION ALL COOKS.....

Have you called Jenny?

We are always looking for cooks or helpers in the kitchen to serve for the Flight/Journey weekends.

Anyone who is interested in helping for part of the weekend or the whole weekend should call Jenny at 217-338-4273 or cell 217-257-5221.

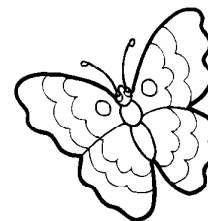
Join our team and help dish up a good time!

JOIN US....CHRYSALIS CLUSTERS AND JOURNEY #4 REUNION

Saturday, August 16, 2008

3:00 PM @ Schuylight Christian Coffee House
226 North Liberty Street, Rushville, IL

*After the Cluster, travel to Beardstown at 6:30 PM for the Saturday Night Service
(with Live Band!) at Beardstown First United Methodist Church.*



Saturday, September 6, 2008

3:00-6:00 PM @ The Loft

North Side of Square, Pawnee, IL

After the Cluster, come and worship at the Saturday Night Alive service at Pawnee United Methodist Church!

EVERYONE is encouraged to attend and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship!

For more information, please contact Scott Honnen at 217-243-9235.

The First Act of Agape by Lee Lacey, Community Lay Director

Just as you did, every person who attends a Chrysalis weekend must have a sponsor. But just what is sponsorship and who can be a sponsor?

Sponsorship is the first act of AGAPE before a Chrysalis weekend ever begins. Sponsorship is the foundation of a healthy, effective Chrysalis Community. Sponsorship is the way to pass on your Chrysalis experience to other youth. Sponsorship helps a Chrysalis Community fulfill its true purpose of the faith formation of young people and their development as Christian Leaders in the church and in the world.

All who have been a part of a Chrysalis Weekend can be a sponsor. After you finished your weekend, did you feel like you wanted to go out and tell the world about it? Sponsorship is one way to begin that process. But we must not

fall into the trap of ineffective sponsorship. Sponsorship is the most important job in the Chrysalis movement. Chrysalis is not just a "fix" for someone who is going through a crisis. Sponsorship is not a way to reproduce your own religious experience in someone else. The aim of sponsorship should not be just to get all your friends to go so they can have a fun weekend.

The Upper Room describes a number of prayers and hopes that should be used as a guideline for sponsorship.

These include giving young people the gift of three days apart:

- to experience the accepting and healing grace of God through Christian community

- to realize they are precious in God's eyes; that they are here on this earth for a holy purpose

- to discuss without judgment their

questions and struggles as young persons with peers and mature Christian adults

- to hear anew the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and the basics of Christian faith and life

- to make friends with other youth who share the faith and will support each other in living as Christians

- to develop relationships with mature Christian adults; relationships which might extend beyond the three days

- to be strengthened in their decisions to follow Jesus

- to be better prepared to live as Christian witnesses in home, school, church, and community

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•to learn what goes into building their lives and relationships on a solid foundation

•to bring new vitality to the church youth group upon returning; to inspire the sponsorship of other youth; to energize the body of Christ through young people whose hearts are on fire with the love of Christ.

One of the most important things you can do when thinking about sponsorship is to pray about it. Pray that you can find someone to sponsor who will benefit spiritually from a Chrysalis Weekend, someone who will be an effective leader in their church and who can effectively pass on their experience to others.

Remember that the quality of sponsorship impacts the Caterpillar, the health of the Chrysalis Community and the churches being affected by Chrysalis.

There is one more sponsorship matter that I would like to tell you about. Many Butterflies have parents who have never experienced an Emmaus weekend. As a Butterfly who has completed a Chrysalis weekend, you may sponsor someone on an Emmaus weekend. One of the greatest gifts that any of you could give your parents is to sponsor them on an Emmaus weekend.

Have a great today and better tomorrows. Fly With Christ!!! Love Y'all & God Bless.

><> Lee <><

Calling All Clergy!

Clergy: If you have served in Emmaus or Chrysalis or any similar 3-day weekend, we'd like to hear from you. Please fill out this form and mail it to David Watkins, 417 W. Jefferson St., Rushville, IL 62681.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please circle Yes/No to the following questions:

- 1. Are you ordained? Yes / No
- 2. Have you graduated from seminary? Yes / No
- 3. Are you involved in ministry full-time? Yes / No

Thank you!



In an effort to reduce costs, we are mailing one newsletter per household. Please share your copy with other members of your family!

PROMISELAND CHRYSALIS

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Rushville, IL 62681

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chrysalis Flights/Journeys, Green Pastures Christian Campground, Meredosia

Journey #4, August 8-10, 2008 (Prep Weekend: August 1-3; Anointing Service: August 3 at 4:00 p.m.)

Flight #39, November 21-23, 2008 (Prep Weekend: November 14-16; Anointing Service: November 16 at 4:00 p.m.)

2008 Central Illinois Emmaus Walks (www.ciemmaus.com)

Quincy Men's Walk #214Q, August 28-31, and Quincy Women's Walk #215Q, September 25-28: Quincy University
Men's Walk #216, October 16-19, and Women's Walk #217, October 30-November 2: Villa Maria, Springfield

What time is it?

Chrysalis Team Anointing Service: Sunday at 4 p.m. during prep weekend, Green Pastures

Chrysalis Flight/Journey Registration: Friday from 10-11 a.m.; Sponsor's Hour: Friday at 11 a.m., Green Pastures

Chrysalis Apostolic Hour & Candlelight: Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Green Pastures

Chrysalis Closing: Sunday at 4:30 p.m., Green Pastures

Walk to Emmaus Sponsor's Hour: Thursday at 8 p.m., Villa Maria

Walk to Emmaus Apostolic Hour & Candlelight: Saturday at 8:30 p.m., Sugar Creek United Methodist Church

Walk to Emmaus Closing: Sunday at 5 p.m., Sugar Creek United Methodist Church

“How Can I Help?” You Ask?**Emmaus Walk#216 Responsibilities October 16-19, 2008**

PROMISELAND CHRYSALIS.....Setup and take down Saturday Apostolic/Candlelight Service at 7:30 PM

CROSSROADS.....Clean up at Villa Maria 5:00 PM

DECATUR.....Setup and take down Sunday Closing service at 4:00 PM

HARVESTLAND.....Transport of personal belongings from Villa to Sugar Creek UMC 4:00 PM

LINCOLNLAND.....Serve Saturday night refreshments after Candlelight and cleanup

GREAT RIVER.....No job assigned on this walk

Emmaus Walk#217 Responsibilities October 30 - November 2, 2008

PROMISELAND CHRYSALIS.....Serve Saturday night refreshments after Candlelight and cleanup

CROSSROADS.....Setup and take down Sunday Closing service at 4:00 PM

DECATUR.....No job assigned on this walk

HARVESTLAND.....Setup and take down Saturday Apostolic/Candlelight Service at 7:30 PM

LINCOLNLAND.....Transport of personal belongings from Villa to Sugar Creek UMC 4:00 PM

GREAT RIVER.....Clean up at Villa Maria 5:00 PM

Changes in 2008....

- The fee for Caterpillars to attend a Flight or Journey has increased from \$25 to \$50 per person.
- Candlelight service will start at 7:30 PM on Saturday.
- Closing will start at 4:30 PM on Sunday.

 **PROMISELAND CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #38** 

March 7-9, 2008

Front Row: David Watkins, Ron Hursey, Jim Heaton, Jeanne Shriver, Becky Graff

Row 2: DANIEL EWING, JACOB LINDSAY, Mike Shriver, Bob Clark, Marissa Schaefer, Mo Somers, Scott Honnen, Terry Walters, Dylan Grant, Jack Weller, Mike Wilson

Row 3: Debbie Bartz, Cheryl Dickerson, Brittney McClain, Alex Middleton, Ryan Witt, Phil Bartz, Leighton Rector, TYLER BREUER, Denny Devino, Craig Long, JEFFREY HARRIS, Mike Conant, Andrew Austin, Tim Briney, Jordan Schaefer, Mark Dickerson

Row 4: HANNAH HEDINGER, KARI BOWEN, KALEY GROUNDS, Ayanna Karasek, Kelly Lascelles, Emily Cohenour, Jaymee Toler, Katelin Long, Mindy Crum, TYLER KIRKHAM, Sarah Shriver

Row 5: Larry Brown, BRIAN CALDWELL, Kate Prefountain, Betsye Reid, Elizabeth Gardner, Kara Mueller, DEMI BRADEN, TIRSSA SCHAEFER, BRUTTANI COLBROOK, Bethani Hursey, Drew Long, Kasia Schaefer, LILY KURFMAN

Not pictured: Brenda Brown, Jerry Wade, Michelle Werries
CAPITALIZED NAMES ARE NEW BUTTERFLIES