



On the Wing

Summer 2009

We Are Being Watched By David Watkins, Community Spiritual Director

1 Timothy 4:15-16 – “Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

Recently, I was mowing the lawn and looked up to see my 4-yr-old son, Gabriel, with his toy lawn mower “mowing” along with me. It made me think about how he is imitating me and how he will learn much about how to be a man and a dad from my example. That’s a scary thought sometimes!

In 1 Timothy 4, Paul has been giving instructions to Timothy, telling him to be a good minister of Jesus Christ, to train himself for godliness,

set an example with the purity of his life and be devoted to his calling. He tells this young pastor that if he will be diligent in these things, he will benefit not only himself, but those who are following his example. As a leader in the church, Timothy was being watched!

As we set ourselves to do the ministry of Jesus Christ through Promiseland Chrysalis, we too must understand that we are being watched. Whether you are a board member, team member, or new butterfly, your life will be an example of Jesus Christ to someone. You *will be* watched, and your life *will say* something not only about Chrysalis, but about Jesus Christ and what it means to be a Christian. We are being watched!

If we, as Christ’s ministers, are to set a good example, we must follow Paul’s instructions to Timothy. We must not make our relationship with Christ a mere religion that we can pick up and lay aside as we wish. We must remain always diligent in our training to be godly, in setting a good example with the purity of our speech, love, faith and action, in proclaiming the Gospel in whatever way the Lord has called us. In this way we will bless not only ourselves or Promiseland Chrysalis, but all those we have been called to serve. Then we will set a good example and our lives will proclaim louder than our words the glorious message of God’s grace, mercy, and love, and what it means to be in relationship with Him. We are being watched!



Flight #41

**Friday, July 31
through
Sunday, August 2**

Green Pastures
Christian Campground
Meredosia, IL

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LuAnn Miller

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

JOIN US....

CHRYSALIS CLUSTERS AND FLIGHT #41 REUNION

Saturday, August 8, 2009

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!*

Saturday, August 15, 2009

6:00 PM @ Schuylight Christian Coffee House

226 North Liberty Street, Rushville, IL

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

For more information, please contact Amy Watkins at 217-322-2981.





So Many Ways to Serve by Kelly Long, Community Lay Director

Greetings in the Lord!

These are always exciting days as we approach a flight; a great opportunity to praise God and show His love.

I am reminded of the account in Nehemiah of the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem. So exciting! What an opportunity for the joining together of a people, for working for a common goal and for praising God. It's a huge endeavor. Can you imagine? Building that kind of wall in a short period of time! Nehemiah knew where to start. He goes to God in Nehemiah 1: 11A. He knows his strength is given by God; and he prays: "and give success to your servant today."

It seems this is my prayer at the beginning of each day. That God will give success to the work that the Promiseland community has done, and that God will be glorified on every day after.

But, let's not forget Nehemiah's next steps. He goes to the people and recruits them to work, and they do! They each have roles to play, whether builder, or guard, or water bearer. God grants them success as Nehemiah has prayed for, and in 52 days (Nehemiah 6: 15) it is finished.

It did not come without temptation to quit, or without disagreements, or

without hard work, but the task was completed with God's direction.

As we look forward to the rest of 2009 and beyond I am thankful for a wonderful community, but wonder if we are tapping in to all the talents and enthusiasm for Chrysalis that are out there.

I implore you as you read this to pray diligently about how you might serve Chrysalis. Is God putting a desire on your heart, but you don't know where to start? Could you be an outpost volunteer, serve on a team, cook meals, provide agape, be a set-up volunteer, or prayer vigil participant? Wow! There are so many ways to serve.

Come on and join us! We look forward to getting to know you, sharing laughter, (and agape) and standing together in God's will.

First, pray.

Second, know that we need your help. We are counting on God to supply the hands and feet for each flight's needs. Each Butterfly will be blessed by your service, and you will be blessed for your service.

Third, run, do not walk to your phone, cell phone, or computer and let us know how you can serve. Call 217-370-1127 or email clong1@irtc.net. I look forward to talking with you!

We need your enthusiasm, your prayers and your help.

Fly with Christ!



**"how can i serve?" you ask....
let me count the ways.....**

outpost.....gutbucket.....agape maker.....
..attend candlelight or closing..... pray.....
sponsor.....kitchen helper.....team service.....etc.

if you have questions, contact a committee member to talk about volunteer opportunities!

**for agape ideas go to:
http://www.geocities.com/chrysalis_agape/**

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In the Field: Greener On My Own Side



It's never easy when it comes to relationships. When you're not in one, you might be complacent for a while, but eventually you wish to be involved with someone. Then when you do find somebody, numerous other prospects, who neglected you previously, want you all of a sudden. I blame this effect on the infatuation with the unattainable. Now that you are in a monogamous relationship and unavailable to anyone else, others find this trait exceptionally attractive and want to be with you only because they cannot be at present. Subconsciously, they realize for some obscure reason, someone else found a good quality in you and claimed you for their own. Curiosity coupled with jealousy acts as a temptress as they seek to discover why another cares for you while they bear the guilt of writing you off prior as nothing special.

Veering away from too much psychology, let's focus on the position this inflicts upon you. Now you are faced with open temptation posing as curiosity because you are apt to succumb to a small feeling of doubt whispering that who you have now is not good enough. Someone elsewhere looks better. Nevertheless, you must remember the importance of fidelity. Bailing on your commitment for trite reasons exhibits weakness in character.

Tangible relationships with a significant other are in most respects the same as you should treat your own relationship with Christ. He illustrates compassion towards you unconditionally, and that feeling should be reciprocated mutually.

This is when jealousy emerges on the other side. Because Satan cannot claim you in that very moment, he is willing to go to great lengths to persuade you to forsake God in pursuit of something better. He cares naught for those he has already exerted authority over as they need no further influence to remain followers. He will waste his efforts on you, the unattainable, by offering a lush veneer of materialistic pleasures.

Do you want to know why it looks greener on the other side? It's because God is SO bright that while we are basking in His light, we have to wear sunglasses to avoid going blind. Thus everything around us has a darker tint to it. When you naïvely venture over to the fence to glimpse beyond, you're obliged to take off those shades and squint to find a hint of light over there. As your eyes slowly adjust to the dimness, you perceive the grass to appear greener over there. Then temptation creeps in and you begin to wonder—What else am I missing over there? Is it better than what I have now? Should I pursue it?

Stop there. Be content in your relationship with Christ. Respect it, stay loyal, and don't entertain a wandering eye. You should be thinking—How can I surprise Jesus today? What small act can I do to make Him happy? How can I remind Him how much I care? Forget about yourself and center on strengthening the relationship with Him. When you remove yourself from the equation, external temptations dissipate and fidelity follows.

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Newsletter Announcement
 In an effort to save mailing costs, the Chrysalis Committee has decided to post the newsletter on the website at www.promiselandchrysalis.com instead of mailing it to households. However, if you would like to request a hard copy, we would be glad to send one to your home address. Please contact Amy Watkins at (217) 322-2981 or by email at: pookypie03@gmail.com if you have questions or want to request a copy.

Did you know?
 All forms and registration information are on the website and can be printed right from your computer! Registration forms, health forms and team service requests are waiting for your use. There is also tips and help in sponsorship. Fly on over to www.promiselandchrysalis.com and print today!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chrysalis Flights, Green Pastures Christian Campground, Meredosia

Flight #41, July 31-August 2, 2009

Flight #42, November 20-22 (Girls Only Flight)

Flight #43, February 2010 (Boys Only Flight)

2009 Central Illinois Emmaus Walks (www.ciemmaus.com)

Men's #220Q July 9-12, Quincy University

Women's #221Q July 30-August 2, Quincy University

Men's #222 October 15-18, Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Camp

Women's #223 October 29-November 1, Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Camp



What time is it?

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

Chrysalis Flight 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., Lake Springfield Christian Assembly

Walk to Emmaus Apostolic Hour & Candlelight: Saturday at 8:30 p.m., Lake Springfield Christian Assembly