

On the Wing

Winter/Spring 2010



Our Everyday Witness By David Watkins, Community Spiritual Director

Titus 1:16- *“They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him.”*

As a history fanatic, I’ve done a great deal of reading about the Civil War. The commander of the Union forces, General McClelland was a revered officer. He was a West Point graduate, an expert at training troops, marching in parades, and making speeches. In battle, however, he was timid, unimaginative, uninspiring, and therefore ineffective. Despite his best words, he will always be remembered by his actions on the field of battle.

In the letter to Titus, Paul sharply criticizes the church in Crete. They claimed to know God, but their actions told a different story. It didn’t matter what they said on Sunday, the witness of their everyday

lives told the true story—their hearts were far from God.

As we carry on the ministry of Promiseland Chrysalis, we must understand that this is NOT a weekend Flight ministry, but an everyday life ministry, designed to draw young

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people into a closer walk with Jesus. We can say all of the right words on a weekend, but if our actions away from the weekend do not back them up, we’ve accomplished nothing. The witness of our lives will always prevail over the testimony of

our words!

As we begin yet another year of ministry in Promiseland Chrysalis, it would be wise for all of us—adults, youth, laity, and clergy—to give careful thought to our ways. If we claim to belong to Jesus Christ, but live in worldliness and sin, we void our Gospel message. If we promote the importance of clusters, reunion groups, etc., but fail to participate in them, we proclaim that Christian fellowship and accountability are unimportant. But if we strive to walk daily with Jesus Christ, allowing Him to transform our hearts and conform our actions, our lives will be a Gospel message that the world can never deny!

Fly with Christ!



BOYS Flight #43

**Saturday, February 13
through
Monday, February 15**

Green Pastures
Christian Campground
Meredosia, IL

Lay Director:
Sean Morrison

Youth Lay Director:
Ryan Witt

Spiritual Director:
David Watkins

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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!

YOU'RE INVITED...

CHRYSALIS CLUSTER AND FLIGHT #43 REUNION

Saturday, February 20, 2010

6:00 - 8:00 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.

God's To-Do List by Kelly Long, Community Lay Director



The holidays came and went so fast that it seems kind of dreamlike. "What do we do everyday?" I catch myself asking. Sometimes it seems that Friday is here and I don't remember what happened each day before. The shopping, cooking and cleaning, the card to a friend, the call to the committee for the meeting, church, bible study, spend some time with family and a little sleep. . . . and then it starts again. Is this what God wants me to do?

How about you? Is it a blur sometimes?

I remember going to a graduation ceremony where the speaker spoke some critical words to the starry eyed graduates. He said, "You can start today living your life, and then continue to repeat each year like the first year, or you can make every year fresh and new by consciously making plans for change." That stuck in my busy heart. As the New Year begins, what will I do this year that will make 2010 different and better than 2009?

God has His own ideas: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11.

God has plans for us! WOW, but am I stepping on God's plans with all the daily plans of my own? Of course. The world is very stimulating, visually and emotionally. It is incredibly easy to get sidetracked into what "needs" to be accomplished on my to-do list and those little boxes next to each item are just begging me to CHECK THEM OFF!

So, we need a concentrated effort to make 2010 the year of God's to-do list. Start finding joy in the things God is calling us to do and be, not just the things we see for ourselves. Our vision can be pretty small.

Choose to be open in our hearts and minds and give Him the choice of what we put our time, talents, energy, and money into.

What a year it could be!



Don't you bet God is prompting us this year to put at the top of our to-do list the words of the poet Robert Browning?

"Grow old along with me the best is yet to be."

And then in 2010, we snuggled up in God's arms and let Him guide our path and fill our hearts with love, and walk in close communion with Him.

Can you think of it? God picking up His big ol' pencil and marking the box on that to-do list with a joyful, loud voice, CHECK!

Are You Praying and Preparing?



Journey #4 will be held this summer, July 30- August 1, and it's never too early to start praying for that friend, family member, co-worker, classmate, or acquaintance who might be the perfect candidate for a Journey weekend!

The Journey will be co-ed and is for young adults age 18-24 who are out of high school.

What you waiting for? Start praying and preparing.....you can start by visiting the Chrysalis website at www.promiselandchrysalis.com to print off a registration form and gather all the details about being a sponsor.

Come Help at Outpost!

Outpost for Flight #43 is Sunday, February 14, starting at 8:00 a.m. until Candlelight.

Boys, girls, youth and adults are all welcome!

Meet in Library, located in basement of main building.

It's a great day of fun, fellowship, agape making, serving meals, secret agape delivery, & entertainment for the participants.

Please bring \$10 to help defray expenses.

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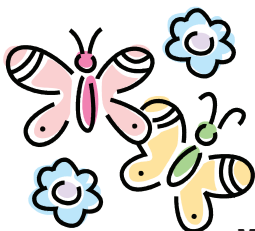
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Redefining Greatness

An excerpt from author Richard Foster's book, Celebration of Discipline:

As the cross is the sign of submission, so the towel is the sign of service. When Jesus gathered his disciples for the Last Supper they were having trouble deciding who was the greatest. This was no new issue for them. "And an argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest" (Luke 9:46). Whenever there is trouble over who is the greatest, there is trouble over who is the least. That is the crux of the matter for us, isn't it? Most of us know we will never be the greatest; just don't let me be the least.

Gathered at the Passover feast, the disciples were keenly aware that someone needed to wash the others' feet. The problem was that the only people who washed feet were the least. So there they sat, feet caked with dirt. It was such a sore point that they were not even going to talk about it. No one wanted to be considered the least. Then Jesus took a towel and a basin and redefined greatness. ✚

The Kitchen Crew Needs You!

Helpers are needed in the kitchen for the upcoming Flight weekend.

If you want to work behind the scenes, have a lot of fun, and use your gift of service to 'feed the flock', contact Kitchen Coordinator, Jeannie French.

Give her a call at 217-416-6514
or by email at
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On the web....On the Chrysalis website you will find everything you need to sponsor someone on a Flight or Journey including:

- registration forms
- health forms
- team service requests
- tips for sponsorship

Fly on over to promiselandchrysalis.com today!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chrysalis Flights, Green Pastures Christian Campground, Meredosia

Flight #43: February 13-15, 2010 (Boys Only Flight); Prep Weekend is January 29-31

Journey #4: July 30-August 1, 2010 (Co-Ed); Prep Weekend is July 23-25

Flight #44: November 19-21, 2010 (Boys Only Flight); Prep Weekend is November 5-7

2010 Central Illinois Emmaus Walks (www.ciemmaus.com)

Men's #224: February 25-28, Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Camp

Women's #225: March 11-14, Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Camp

Men's #226Q: July 8-11, Quincy University

Women's #227Q: August 12-15, Quincy University

Men's #228: October 14-17, Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Camp

Women's #229: October 28-31, 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.

Walk to Emmaus Apostolic Hour & Candlelight: Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Walk to Emmaus Closing: Sunday at 5 p.m.

