



The Butterfly

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Update from the Hoot!

On March 14, the Chrysalis community gathered for an evening of worship, prayer, communion, fellowship and lots of Jesus love. Our March Hoot was very well attended and we all had a wonderful time gathering together. Special thanks to Chuck DeBrosse for leading worship, Elizabeth Burns for sharing about Epiphany and Therese Lehman, Beth Holten and Don Burley for sharing the communion message.

Please watch the Chrysalis website and newsletter for information about our next Hoot following the summer weekends. Looking forward to seeing you in a few months!



Girls' #47 Report

I was very blessed to be the Lay Director of Girls' Chrysalis #47! It was exciting to see how the team came together and how smoothly the weekend went. God had it all planned long before the first team meeting! I hope and pray that the weekend was a blessing to you, butterflies! I want to encourage you to continue growing in your walk with the Lord by studying God's Word, letting Jesus shine through you in your everyday decisions, and praying without ceasing! Use what you have learned to become a leader in your church, youth group, or college group. Find a Share Group and stay active in the Chrysalis Community in some form or another. As Christians, we need to support each other, as well as spread the Good News to those around us! I am amazed at all the ways God has led me to serve Him since going on my Chrysalis weekend! I never dreamed I would be a Lay Director some day and now I am so glad that God called me out of my comfort zone, in order to serve Him, as well as to grow more myself. I pray that your lives will be filled with hope, peace, and joy! Let your light shine!

God Bless,
Wendy Blosser
Lay Director #47

13 years after my original weekend, I still learned new things about God and my relationship with God during WOGC #47. That is the amazing thing about Chrysalis-God uses each experience to continue to mold me into who He wants me to be! ~Elizabeth Burns, WOGC #21

Future Dates	
Girls' #48	July 10-12, 2009
Boys' #48	July 24-26, 2009
Girls' #49	January 16-18, 2010
Boys' #49	February 13-15, 2010

Mailing Update

The West Ohio Chrysalis newsletter is available online on the website. If you do not wish to receive a copy of the newsletter by mail but wish to remain in contact with the community please ask to be put on the email list for updates regarding the community.

Email to westohiochrysalis@sbcglobal.net

Additional Thoughts from Wendy

Two things have come to my mind this week. Are you prepared for eternity? Are you prepared in the event of a fire? What do these have in common? Nothing much except that we must be PREPARED. Last weekend a mobile home fire claimed the lives of four young children in my hometown, three of which attended the elementary school where I teach. It has been an extremely sad week for the community. We always take for granted that everything will be fine and think that it will never happen to us, but the truth is, things do happen. Are you prepared? Do you have working smoke detectors and a plan for your family to get out of the house? At school, we practice once a month getting all those 900+ little kids out of the building as quickly and quietly as possible. It really is amazing! But, do we practice at home or look for fire exits in other public places? Friends, please do. We must be prepared.

What else must we be prepared for? Eternity. Are you prepared? Do you know where you or your friends or family members will spend Eternity? Don't take for granted that you have tomorrow. You just may not. Talk to those around you and share your faith, hope, and love with them. I see so many people who have lost hope or wonder if they have a purpose on Earth. I'm sure you have met people like this, also. We must have courage like my 5-year old son who witnessed (though I doubt he knows that he did) to another little child at the sitter's this week. He was just having a conversation! I was amazed at what he said when a co-worker told me what he told her child! I wondered if I even witness like that. We must also pray for the right actions and words to witness to others, and pray that their hearts will be open to what we have to say. Keep loving them to God and never lose hope. When a tragedy occurs, it can be hard to explain why it happened, but God always makes something good come out of it. We may not know what it will be for a very long time, but no matter what, we must live for Jesus and be prepared for Eternity. There's no better time to start than now. Are you prepared?

Wendy Blosser

WOYWC #7

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to be able to announce that Don Burley and I (Thérèse Lehman) are committing two years to be Chrysalis Community Spiritual Co-Directors. Don will be overseeing the January and February flights and Thérèse will be overseeing the July flights. If you know of a pastor (or are reading this and you are a pastor) willing to help serve amazing young Christians on a Chrysalis flight, please contact Don or I.

It was so exciting to see so many people at the Hoot in March. If you weren't there – we missed you and hope to see you at the next Chrysalis event which will be the Girls/young women's and Boys/young men's flights. At least try to come to the Candlelight and/or closing ceremonies.

On a spiritual note ('cause I'm a spiritual director!) I would remind you to spend some special time during Holy Week preparing your heart to receive Jesus anew at Easter. Our young teens have been "Dying to self" in order to "Rise with Christ" at Easter and learning/experiencing different ways in which to spend some time being still before God to be able to "know" and feel Christ at Easter. It is my challenge that you will not view Easter as just another Sunday or another holiday but an opportunity to celebrate the risen Lord with all your friends and family. Even in these hard times, we CAN find something to celebrate – JESUS! He is ALWAYS the right answer to our problems. See you at a Chrysalis event soon.

In Christ,
Therese Lehman

Financial Help Needed

If you are in the position to make a financial donation to West Ohio Chrysalis, please consider the following project. The West Ohio Chrysalis Board in cooperation with Greene Street UMC and Greene Street Day Care will be installing a video projector, screen, and new sound system in the Conference room. The primary use will be for Chrysalis weekends (ie music, talks, etc.) Please send your donation to West Ohio Chrysalis at 415 W. Greene Street, Piqua, Oh 45356. Donors will have their name with Walk # listed in the Conference Room. This is a great opportunity to help Chrysalis improve the Conference Room.

