



Greetings!

One of the benefits I have with my ministry as Executive Director of Youth for Christ in the Wabash Valley is that it is necessary for me to watch the cultural trends of the youth of our day. Right now I am actively reading several books that help me as I observe what is going on with the kids in our area. As many of you know my ministry consists of reaching out to the Middle School and High School youth of Clay and Vigo Counties. Mary Schroer works in Clay County while I spend much of my time in Vigo. We by no means do this work alone. As a matter of fact we work extremely close to the area youth pastors and youth sponsors of the area in reaching out to these youth.

As of the most recent data available (2011-2012 School year) the combined Middle School population for Clay and Vigo Counties was 4535 while the combined High School population for both counties in the same time period was 10,579. From these figures approx. 4320 kids were in the age range who could attend a Chrysalis last year. Assuming that 10% to 20% of the kids may be considered believers we would have approx. 430 to 860 kids who would have been eligible to attend a Chrysalis. Needless to say we didn't get even 2% of the potential population.

All the information we have in youth ministry and even in secular education today tells us that the main influencers in the lives of the kids are not their friends, youth pastors or even celebrities, but family!! Especially parents. Now this being said the best way to get to a youth today is to get to the parent and to influence them that the spiritual needs of their kids are not only vital but absolutely necessary for them to thrive if not survive in our world.

As the courts of our land wrestle with questions that challenge the most fundamental issues that just one generation ago wouldn't be an issue **IT IS EVEN MORE IMPERATIVE THAT PARENTS FULFILL THEIR ROLES OF RAISING UP THIS GENERATION.**

Please don't take it for granted that your kids believe as you believe. We are seeing more and more that they aren't. If you question this please go out and buy the book "You Lost Me" by David Kinnaman. Kinnaman researched the material for this book with the Barna Research Group and the results are staggering. More and more youth are leaving the church and not returning. So why do I bring this up? Because according to the research (and our own common sense) it is the parent who helps the youth build their future here on earth. **IF WE ARE TO BE OBEDIENT TO THE LORD WE MUST TAKE OUR TASK SERIOUSLY AND SEE THAT OUR PRIMARY ROLE NOW IS TO PARENT RIGHTLY.** I say this with as much conviction that I have dropped the ball at times too.

If you have attended an Emmaus please take the time to encourage your son or daughter to attend one of the weekends we put on each year. Also if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at tramseier@juno.com I would love to hear from you.

Tim Ramseier

Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director



From our Community Lay Director...

Grace and Peace to you all,

Since it has been quite awhile since we have shared a newsletter with the community, I would like to take time to catch everyone up on how things are going with Chrysalis.

As spring approaches, it is time to focus on our upcoming spring flights, Girls' Flight 71 (April 12 to 14) and Boys' Flight 72 (April 19 to 21). Both teams have begun preparations as they meet to plan two amazing weekends for our incoming caterpillars. Please keep the team and participants lifted in prayer.

Community, we need your support! What's the most important contribution you can give us? PRAYER!! Continual and unending...it is such a vital part of what makes a Chrysalis weekend succeed.

There are also many other ways to give back to the community through servanthood. Some of these opportunities include:

- serving on the Chrysalis board
- organizing Hoots
- serving as a registrar
- publishing newsletters
- volunteering in various ways

Elections for board members will take place in June. There are still unfilled positions from last year's board, especially high school aged youth. We are desperately in need of two boys and two girls in this area. In the back of the newsletter, as well as on our Facebook page, is a nomination form for Board of Directors. Please complete this form and mail electronically or by using the address listed on the form.

Philippians 2:3 - 4 says "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Pray for your fellow brothers and sisters as you help us move God's Kingdom closer to completion in Him.

Fly with Christ!

Lee Anstead
Community Lay Director

Team List



Girls Flight # 64

April 12—14

Merom Conference Center



"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."Romans 12:2



Leadership:

Lay Director - Jamee Reberger*
Youth Lay Director - Caitlyn LeLoup*
Assistant Lay Directors -
Jennifer Flater
Melissa Sawyer
Mandy Barnett
Board Rep - Lisa Metz

Clergy:

Spiritual Director - Bob Kumpf*
Assistant Spiritual Directors -
Gary Scroggins*
Mary Schroer*
Toni Cooksey*
Jamie Williams*

Music:

Annette Smith (Head)
Madison Jackson
Meredith Heffner
Linda Thomas
Olivia Stockton

Table Leaders:

Adults -
Lisa Deakins
Jodee Beder
Emily Myers
Lynn Broyles
Lynn Padgett
Youth -
Morgan Booe
Sarah Sanders
Lexi Barnett
Mannah Mace
Samantha Dyer

Logs!!!

Head - Lisa Denker
Assistant Head - Jessica Metz
Adults -
Jane Jackson-Mace
Linda Fowler
Shannon Belzile
Rose Miller
College -
Brandi Allen
Darcy Bass
Hannah Brown
Kendall Fowler
Youth -
Sadie Allen
Gabi Pruitt*
Hannah Jones
Mikala Atkinson
Hayley Hayhurst
McKenzie Killeen
Michaela Allen
Maggie Messmer
Katie Souder
Brandi Rhoads
Katie Maurer

CATERPILLARS:

Check the website:
www.elshaddaiemmaus.org

For the latest updated information
about the caterpillars.

* denotes speakers

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Boys Flight # 72

April 19—21

Merom Conference Center



LEADERSHIP

- * Jim Deal—Lay Director
- * Tyler Allen—Youth Lay Director
- Michael Pruitt—Asst. Lay Director
- Brad Seymour—Asst. Lay Director
- John Konkey—Board Rep

CLERGY

- * Kevin Barnes—Spiritual Director
- * Chris Lee
- * Jeff Lee
- * Rick Tilford

MUSIC

- * Evan Deal
- Tyler Mattox—Head
- Cam Quinn
- Ben Wood

Table Leaders:

- * Mick Adams—Adult
- * Harrison Barnes—Youth
- * Andrew Corder—Youth
- * Bob Miller—Adult
- * Kevin Montgomery—Youth
- * Jerry Purcell—Adult
- Chuck Speer--Adult

LOGISTICS

- Lee Anstead—Head
- Sam Atkinson
- Corey Gibson
- Andrew Konkey
- Noah Lawrence
- Matt Mullenix
- Jac Padgett
- Mike Rennick
- Zeph Smith
- Mike Stoehr

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Chrysalis Board Election

The Chrysalis Board Election is coming soon! This year the Chrysalis Board will continue to follow in the footsteps of the Emmaus Board and issue a form for nominations to come directly from the Community. The ballot generated by these nominations will be sent out by the end of May. Board Members are required to attend at least nine board meetings each year and be willing to fill positions of service to the community. Attendance at Chrysalis functions is an expected priority.

I _____, nominate _____
to serve on the West Central Indiana Chrysalis Community Board of Directors.
He/she has been contacted and is willing to serve according to the stated terms.

Signature _____, Phone _____

Mail to: West Central Indiana Chrysalis Nominations
P.O. Box 306 – Brazil, IN 47834-0306

OR E-mail to: lanstead69@yahoo.com

- by May 26, 2013

Open positions are:

Adult (3-year term)
Adult (2-year term)
Adult (1-year term)
Clergy (3-year term)
Young Adult/College-Age Female (2-year term)
Youth (1-year term)

Each nominee must be in agreement
with his/her nomination. This
signifies that he/she will be
willing to serve according
to the above stated requirements.

Twelve Steps to Sponsorship

Plan. Plan with other sponsors to sponsor more than one young person from your church, if possible. They will have friends with whom to go and with whom to share their NEXT STEPS. Plan especially to sponsor those whose leadership and involvement will vitalize the youth group and church.

Pray. Pray about those you would like to sponsor and others God would lead you to sponsor. Pray for the young people's openness to God's call to discipleship, not for how to get them to go on a Chrysalis three days. Trust God to motivate the young people.

Set an appointment. Share with potential "participants" the purpose of Chrysalis, its benefit for you, some of the positive aspects of the Chrysalis three days, and the follow-up dimension. Also, make an appointment to share in more depth with the parents or guardians the basic elements and value of Chrysalis. Alleviate their concerns. Provide the information and assurances they may need.

Extend an invitation and seek a commitment. Explain the cost. Have the attitude that you are giving young people a wonderful gift rather than that they "need" to go. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form.

Collaborate as co-sponsor. Work with another young person or adult as co-sponsors, if that will help. Sometimes it takes more than one sponsor to get the job of sponsorship done well. Young or inexperienced sponsors often need to work with a mature co-sponsor. If you are a Conference Room Team member, find a co-sponsor to bring the person to the Chrysalis location and to pray during Sponsors' Hour.

Make preparations for the young person. Continue to pray for him or her. Enlist the support of the pastor. Personal gifts are not given on the Chrysalis three days. Collect ten to twelve personal agape letters. Do not ask the team to deliver personal gifts to the young person from you or from anyone else during the three days. Make sure the person being sponsored knows what to bring, what clothes to wear, and that he or she will be expected to stay on-site throughout the three days.

Make sacrifices for the young person. Plan to handle whatever responsibilities need attention on behalf of the young person during the Chrysalis three days, such as feeding the dog, mowing the yard, changing the tires, baby-sitting. Think about things you can do that will really help the young person and even make it possible for him or her to go to Chrysalis.

Support Chrysalis during the three days. Sign up for the 72-hour Prayer Vigil, be present at Sponsors' Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Invite the young person's parents to Send Off, Sponsors' Hour, and/or closing, where appropriate. Prepare the parents for the nature of the Closing experience.

Encourage new "Butterflies" to join Next Steps groups. Give them an opportunity to talk about their three-day experience and what it meant to them. Help the new "Butterflies" find a group. Start a group with them, if necessary.

Take your "Butterfly" to Hoots or Gatherings. Invite new "Butterflies" to go to Hoots or Gatherings with you for a couple of months or more. Help them feel that they are a part of what's going on. Help your "Butterfly" know how he or she can participate in the Chrysalis Community, support upcoming Chrysalis three days, and perhaps someday be on teams.

Help new "Butterflies" act on new commitment. Encourage them to share their experience with their pastor, youth group, and youth leader. Invite them to become part of your church and youth group, if they don't have one. Encourage them to follow through on fresh hopes and dreams, decisions and changes they feel God is calling them to make.

Help new "Butterflies" be sponsors. Assist them the first time they sponsor someone else. Make sure they know the responsibilities and expectations of sponsors. Above all, be a model sponsor yourself. Set a good example.