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Join Us!

- ☉ Gathering, Bryan Wesley UMC, January 20, 7:30 pm
- ☉ Gathering, Epworth UMC, January 26, 7:30 pm
- ☉ Boys' Flight # 16, Sendoff, February 9, 8:00 am
- ☉ Boys' Flight # 16 Candlelight, February 10, 8:00 pm
- ☉ Boys' Flight # 16, Closing, February 11, 4:30 pm

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Winter Greetings!



In James 1, we hear about considering it joy when trials come to us. In fact God is talking about trials and difficulties of many shapes and sizes. My goodness, sometimes it is difficult to find joy when I stub my toe let alone when I face a job loss or the death of a loved one.

God has really been teaching me some things over the past several weeks. Just when I thought that I had been given about all I could handle, more was placed on my plate. The key thing to remember was that I had

been given all that I could handle, but with God I was able to face much more.

By experiencing some difficult times I learned to rely on God even more and I was able to allow others to experience a blessing by blessing me and my family.

I know that God is Good, All the Time, and I trust him fully. I praised Him in the midst of my trials and beyond, and I thank Him for the lessons He taught me. I appreciate the trials I faced because of the lessons they provided.

My life is still not trial-free, and I know that the trials I have faced and will face are smaller than many of the situations you experience. I pray that you, too, can find joy in the adversity so that you can learn about the overwhelming strength of God's goodness and love!

God Bless You!

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Accepting Board Nominations

Please take time to nominate yourself or another in the Chrysalis/Emmaus Community to serve on the 2007-2008 Board. Email Lana ASAP at leadership@nwochrysalis.org for more information.



Upcoming Events

Be on the lookout for information on the upcoming HOOT, Reunion, and details about the Chrysalis-led Gathering at Epworth UMC.

Share the Love

I must share the Gospel so that others understand that it's good news for them.

If you truly depend on Jesus, and your friends know that fact, and you're loving them like Jesus says, then you're ready to open your mouth and tell them the Good News. The Good News is that Jesus wants to rescue everyone!

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."
Romans 5:8 (NLT)



they will be rewarded individually, according to their own hard work."
1 Corinthians 3:7-8 (NLT)

Youth for Christ USA. Retrieved on October 29, 2006, from <http://community.gospelcom.net/Brix?pageID=7444>

"The ones who do the planting or watering aren't important, but God is important because he is the one who makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose. Yet

2007 Emmaus Board

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Who Participates and Why?

Chrysalis is for the development of Christian youth who...

- wish to gain fuller understanding of God's love for them
- are ages 15-18, of any Christian denomination
- may have questions about prayer, study and Christian action
- understand that being Christ's friend (a Christian) involves responsibility
- are open to dedicating every day life to God

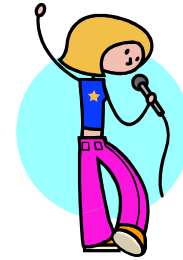


Butterflies from Girls' Flight #16, November 10-12, 2006

Katie Bowers, Bryan, OH
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Youth Networking with Youth

I met Melissa three years ago. She was like any other 8th-grade girl: full of energy, fascinated with 8th-grade boys, seeking independence from her parents, and trying to figure out who she was. She heard that our youth group met at the church on Sunday evenings, so she decided to check us out. Melissa was from an unchurched family. She knew nothing about Christianity, worship, or the language of theology. But she enjoyed the youth group. She started learning about God; she had fun and looked forward to coming back each week. Soon she asked if it would be OK to invite some of her friends. I enthusiastically said yes and told her how I wished that other teenagers would witness to their friends and invite them to the group. She looked at me and asked, "What does *witness* mean?" You see, Melissa didn't care about church language; but she knew that she wanted to invite others to come and join the group. Melissa invited friends, who invited other

friends; and before long, our group size had doubled. Here was a girl who had never been in a church before; but within six weeks, she had invited a friend to come and see what the youth group was about. She didn't know anything about Jesus telling his disciples to be his "witnesses to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Melissa just wanted to tell her friends about the joy she had found through the youth group. Our sixteen-month-old son is at the stage where he doesn't want to share his toys. The church or a youth group can become like that. Sometimes we don't want to share. But at the heart of the gospel we find that Jesus asks us to share his love with others.

Teach to Reach

Like Melissa, our teens may not understand church lingo. But if they have found something exciting, they are eager to invite their friends to youth meetings.

- Encourage your teenagers to network with their friends.

- Organize a Bring a Friend Night.
- Train a few teenagers to visit friends and bring them to youth.
- Set up a phone-calling or e-mail club. This is one network that can have a tremendous impact.

Vital Statistics

The most effective network to unchurched teens is through friends inviting friends. Herb Miller, in his book *National Evangelism Team Leader's Guide*, cites the following percentages concerning how people become involved in church through:

- Crusades (.01%)
- church visitation (1%)
- church programs (4%)
- the pastor (4%)
- walking into the church (4%)
- A friend's invitation (70-90%)

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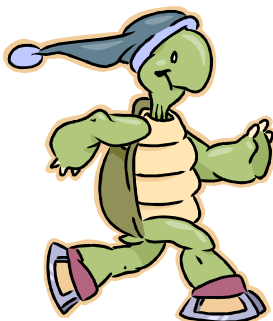


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