



VISIONS

Fly With Christ

January / February 2007

Dates to Remember	
Girls' Chrysalis Flight # 9	January 13-15 2007
Girl's Candlelight Monroe UMC	Sunday January 14 8:00 pm
Boy's Chrysalis Flight # 7	February 17-19 2007
Boy's Candlelight Monroe UMC	Sunday February 18 8:00 pm
<p>The Flights are being held at Monroe UMC in Monroe, Ohio</p> <p>All are encouraged to show your support for the Emmaus / Chrysalis Community.</p>	

Men's Walk #23	March 8—11 2007
Women's Walk #27	March 22—25 2007
<p>The Men and Women's Walks will be held at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio</p>	

Brothers and sisters of the Northern Lights Emmaus and Chrysalis Community,

The time is upon us when we Chrysalis folk are deep in preparation for the upcoming flights. As you very well may know, the girl's flight is in January and the boy's will follow in February. As we approach these very exciting times, I would ask that you all be in prayer for these flights. I know many of you will sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil, but as the flights approach, I would ask that you begin praying even now. These weekends have such potential to show God's love to the young people in such a new and different way, that I believe we as a community are called to be in prayer even in these weeks before the flights. Also, I would encourage each of you to be in prayer about potential youth in your local churches who may be ready to attend a Chrysalis flight. It is only through the support and prayers of the Emmaus community that the Chrysalis community can function. So, I thank you in advance for your prayers and I look expectantly to what God will do these upcoming flight weekends in January and February.

Fly with Christ,
Benji Sayre
Community Spiritual Director

Our Greatest Commandment Is...

'**Love (agape)** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: '**Love (agape)** your neighbor as yourself...' Matthew 22:37-40

Agape. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia defines agape, as the term used by the early Christians to refer to the special love for God and God's love for humanity, as well as the self-sacrificing love they believed all should have for each other. Jesus stated that agape for God and others is our greatest commandment.

As I read the scripture, there were several things that came to mind. The first was that we should agape God and people all the time. I thought. I love God, family, co workers, neighbors and all the people that matter in my life. I re-read the verse and thought some more. Then it hit me. Jesus said love God with your heart, mind, and your soul. Love Him with everything you have. We are to love Him when we get that promotion or when we lose that job. We are to love Him when our earthly needs are met and when we think they aren't met. Our second commandment, we are to love others as we would love ourselves. I do, I thought. That little voice speaking to me, you don't understand not just the people that matter but everyone. We are to love others even if we don't agree with there life-style. We are to love that person at work that manages to get under our skin or the person believes in Allah or the person who sin is visible to everyone. We are to love others as we love ourselves. There should be no distinction. This wasn't a suggestion or helpful hint. It is the greatest commandments of our life. Wow, so how do we do that? The scriptures really began to reveal more to this agape love.

"Love (*agape*) is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a. The scripture really began to resonate. It appeared based on Corinthians, agape or love is not just a feeling. It is an action. An action that isn't based on self seeking happiness, pride, or guilt. Agape is intentional and unconditional, it is forever. We have to continually express our agape for Christ and others. In essence, we must show God our commitment to Him and others through our actions. We can't just feel that, we must do that, everyday. Wow, so what does that mean? When that crazy driver cuts us off in rush hour traffic, we must be gracious. When we are asked to use our gifts to help at church, we must not horde them. When we see that someone has a need that we could fill, we must act. When God calls us to a greater cause, we must follow. Agape is an action.

I remember my first walk, receiving that physical and written agape. I thought what a blessing to be on this end of agape. Words can never really describe that feeling. What would this world be like if giving, receiving, and feeling that agape was everyday?

AGAPE needed for Flights

In Agape,
Corey Tucker

Girl's Chrysalis Flight # 9 Team

Table of Confusion

Lay Director	Lisa James
Assistant Lay Director	Molly Malany Sayre
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Assistant Spiritual Director	John Gordon
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Courtney
Emily
Nicole

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Misty Bridges
Lynne McCollum
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Adult Kitchen	Sue Gutttag
Youth Kitchen	Jen
Youth Kitchen	Megan

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Agape— adult	Carla Pemberton
Agape—Youth	Danielle
Agape— Youth	Bethani
Agape —Youth	Amanda

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Logistics—Youth	Danielle
Logistics—Youth	Kaitlin

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Music—Adult	Jan Rickard
Youth Music Lead	Birttany
Music—Youth	Tiffany

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Youth Prayer Lead	Lauren

Board Rep / Technician

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FLY WITH CHRIST

Hello from the Northern Lights Chrysalis Community!

It is an active season for our community. Our flight season is in full swing; both Greg Armour and Lisa James have been meeting with their teams for their upcoming flights for months. We seated an excellent board in October, welcoming Cory Tucker (The River), Melissa Bertram (Faith UMC), Trent Patrick (Monroe UMC), and Dawn Olson (Monroe UMC) to our crew. As a board, we are looking and listening for the ways we can be more faithful to the Spirit in our outreach, community building, and opportunities we offer teenagers in our area. It is an exciting time to be involved with Chrysalis!

Personally, I am honored to still participate in a Chrysalis movement after attending my Chrysalis flight as a caterpillar in 1996. While I don't remember much from my weekend, subsequent Chrysalis experiences were deeply formative in my life as a disciple of Christ and as a Christian leader. My church youth group was small and had inconsistent leadership, so at Chrysalis Hoots, I found a peer community of Christians with whom I could learn and laugh. I experienced the importance of fellowship and accountability in my high school share group. I learned about making prayerful decisions as a youth member of the Chrysalis board. Since my youth group wasn't going, I went to Ichthus, a music festival, with my Chrysalis friends. While still involved and in leadership at my church and with my youth group, my experiences in the Chrysalis community as a teenager acted as a very necessary and encouraging supplement to my Christian growth. I am so thankful for the adults and older students who made the Chrysalis community available to me.

As I have received, I desire to give. My hope is that the Northern Lights Chrysalis Community, while maintaining important relationships with the strong youth programs in our area, can also support smaller churches and youth ministries as a supplemental Christian community for teenagers. Through Hoots, share groups, and serving on the board, I hope that we can offer youth experiences of fellowship and leadership that will grow them as disciples and Christian leaders. I hope that our community will be responsive to new directions to which we may be called by the Spirit.

If you have teenagers in your church family or community who may be interested in Christian discipleship and leadership, please share the Chrysalis experience with them. (No coercing or bribing, please!) If they are interested, please complete the application on the website. If you know of a teenager who has completed a flight and would like to be more involved in the Chrysalis community, please have him or her contact me or anyone on the Chrysalis board. Finally, if you would like to be instrumental in the life of a generation of teenagers through Chrysalis, contact us. We would love to have you.

Thank you for your continued support of the Chrysalis community. Fly with Christ!

Molly Malany Sayre, Community Lay Director

2007 SAVE THE DATES!

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Candlelight 8:00 pm

Emmaus Walks

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Saturday March 10
March 22—March 25
Saturday March 24
September 27—30
Saturday September 29
October 18—21
Saturday October 20

Men's Emmaus Walk # 23 at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio
Candlelight 8:30 pm
Women's Emmaus Walk #27 at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio
Candlelight 8:30 pm
Men's Emmaus Walk #24 at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio
Candlelight 8:30 pm
Women's Emmaus Walk #28 at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio
Candlelight 8:30 pm

Gatherings

January 12
February 9

Cornerstone United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm
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Opening for all flights and walks. Get your registrations turned in ASAP so God can begin to make awesome changes in the lives of others.



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Matthew 4:19