

# On the Flight Line



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## Looking Back—Historic Flight # 1

July 2008—Tehachapi, CA.

What took years of prayer, planning and thousands of man-hours? You guessed it, Cornerstone Chrysalis Flight #1.

After years of making the trek to Channel Islands Chrysalis locations in Ventura, our High Desert Emmaus Community went through an exhaustive process of prayer, preparation and training to get Cornerstone Chrysalis ready for our first Flight. And our success was in no small part accomplished with help from our friends at Channel Islands Chrysalis who graciously supported us with much needed funds and ex-

perienced Team Members. Our thanks also to High Desert Emmaus team members; we could not have done it with out you.

As with many Chrysalis Communities, we hold our Flights at local churches to keep the costs as low as possible for Candidate & Team fees. Finding a suitable location is not easy and running a weekend Flight at a busy church facility takes a lot of grace, skill and organization. Our friends at Country Oaks in Tehachapi graciously agreed to host our first Flight. Their facility was perfect and the people at COBC embraced our Chrysalis Team Members with open

arms. They continue to go out of their way to support us and have agreed to host Flight #2 in July of 2009. May God continue to bless them.



Likewise, Christ Our Savior UMC in Quartz Hill has offered their facility and we look forward to Flight #3 at their facility in early 2010. Some build out will be necessary and we are looking for helpings hands and donors to make that possible.

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**Items of Interest:**

- Flight # 2 Dates:
- Girl's Flight—July 9th -12th
- Boy's Flight—July 16th —19th
- Team & Caterpillars Needed.

- Help us get ready for Flight #3
- Our Butterflies Speak Out
- Chrysalis Trailer—work in progress

## Meet our Butterflies from Flight # 1

We could not have been gifted with a better group of Butterfly's than those that God brought to us for Flight #1.

Our Girl's Caterpillars were: Jasmine Bailey, Netta Briggs, Marina Da Costa, Katelynn

Dearing, Jessica Hawley, Jessica Hewitt, Michelle Hobbs, Julie Hollister, Erica Horney, Jaime Mendizabal and Kelly Phillips.

Our Boy's Caterpillars were: Travis Cook, Stephan Cooper, Terry Fout, Aaron Haak,

Wesley Marvin, Parker Miller, Nick Phillips, Kyle Phillips, Steven Sehrer, Travis Tango, Ethan Worcester and Landon Belanger.

Welcome to our Community, we look forward to seing you all on Flight #2 in July 2009.

## Service Opportunity—CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #3 PLANNING BEGINS!

No, this is not a typo! The Cornerstone Chrysalis Steering Committee is already making initial plans for Flight #3. The committee is working with Christ Our Savior UMC in Quartz Hill to host Flight #3 and beyond. There are several facilities projects in the initial planning stages that will need to be completed in order to host our Chrysalis Flights. First is the installation of shower facilities. Second is the conversion of storage space into a food serving area. This is WHERE YOU COME IN! The committee will be coordinating work days with the Christ Our Savior trustees in order to turn the plans into reality. The congregation is excited about using the facility to support Chrysalis, but they NEED OUR HELP.

Please send us a quick note if you are willing to HELP OUT by donating your time, resources or talent and keep you eyes out for future announcements of opportunities to volunteer.



Above: Main Entrance  
Top Right: Sanctuary at Christ Our Savior  
Bottom Right: Fellowship Hall.



## Christmas Outreach: Loving Our Senior Citizens

Michelle Hobbs—one of our First Flight Alumna—took our Christian Action talk to heart and helped Cornerstone organize an outreach to senior citizens for residents of the Prestige Assisted Living Center in Lancaster, Ca.

Jeff and Lori Brothers were decorated by Cornerstone Chrysalis Elves during a pre-Christmas Gathering. Christmas cards with personalized greetings were also made and presented to the Seniors at Prestige.

mas musical presentation to the delight of the Seniors. A wonderful time of conversation, gift giving and fellowship followed.

Wooden ornaments made & donated by

Lise' Meyers led the Caroling and Christ-

**" I am so amazed at the youth who came here and took the time to visit with us and talk to us. Thank You so much"**

**Resident at Prestige**



## Our Trailer—Thank You, Family Life Pregnancy Center

Have you ever wondered where all the Chrysalis Flight "stuff" comes from and where it goes in-between Flights? Probably not, but our start up team sure has.

things we'd be really happy for God to provide.

would that work? You Bet!

Very early on in our planning stages, we identified a trailer as a key item needed for the storage of all of our Chrysalis essentials from Flight to Flight. So we immediately put that on our prayer list of

And God did just that. Shortly after we announced our new Chrysalis Community and our start-up needs, we got a communication from Kim Nixon from the Family Life Pregnancy Center in Tehachapi, California. They had an old trailer on their site that was used for storage—



Trailer—Before Picture!

## A Word From Our Community Spiritual Director—Wise Up!

To follow Jesus Christ is wisdom. The Bible says that Jesus “grew in wisdom...” (Luke 2:52)

God’s wisdom was at work in His son Jesus Christ when He came to us in the flesh, all the time going about doing good and modeling wisdom to us so that we could enjoy the life he planned for us.

What an awesome thought.

Growing in wisdom does take conscious effort on our part. Wisdom is a choice. We must think about it. The Book of Proverbs tells us how valuable wisdom is and encourages us to go after it with every-

thing we’ve got! So, what is wisdom?

Simply put, wisdom is being grounded in the fear of the Lord. It doesn’t mean being afraid of the Lord. It means acknowledging the reverence and awe that is due to our Creator. Wisdom gives us the focus we need to live out our lives on a daily basis as well as the ability to know God better through His son, Jesus Christ.

The wisdom formed in Chrysalis helps young people to connect with other Christ-centered people who have a passion to share the love of Christ with others. Being a part of this movement may be one the wisest things you do!



Pastor Norma Guerrant  
Community Spiritual Director

## Meet Michelle Hobbs—Flight #1 Butterfly

“For the majority of my life, I had a hard time forgiving myself. By going on the Chrysalis weekend I was able to feel and know the REAL love of Jesus.

This was a huge stepping stone for me because it helped me to realize that God is not a mean and unforgiving God—something I had known in my head, but not in my heart.

Now every time I can not forgive myself, I

try to remember how much Jesus loves me and what kind of love he really has for me.

This is what Chrysalis has meant to me. Not only was it a fun getaway, but it was so much more.

It was a time where I discovered God’s love.”



Left to right: Michelle Hobbs, Julie Hollister

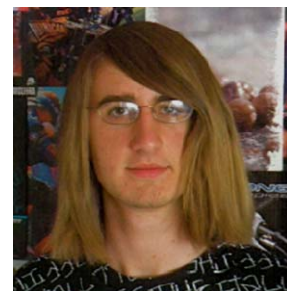
## Meet Steven Sehrer — Flight #1 Butterfly

At first, I wasn’t sure what to expect from the Cornerstone Chrysalis Boy’s Flight #1.

I did receive a lot from my experience, which included getting closer to God, meeting new friends, and eating great food.

Chrysalis gave me a deeper understanding of God and how to better apply His Word to my life. On the weekend, there

were teachers who have been through life’s struggles and they told us how they got through them with God’s help. Chrysalis gives you food for your soul and what is so great about the experience is your next time you can work it and see other Christians grow. I look forward to working with all of the guys on my Flight to make the next Chrysalis a great experience for others.



Steven Sehrer

## Cornerstone Chrysalis



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Chrysalis is not a program or a ministry as much as it is a movement in the Body of Christ to equip and enable young Christians to a life of service in their church, family and community.

Serving youth and their churches in Southern California from Burbank to as far north as Tehachapi, CA., Cornerstone Chrysalis' 72-hour weekend consists of daily talks, small group discussion, prayer, communion worship, fun and laughter under the supervision of adult and youth members of our Community, designed to help our youth take ownership of their faith and develop a closer relationship with Jesus.

## Fly with Christ!



New! Cornerstone Chrysalis is on FaceBook—[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)  
Our Website: [www.emmauswest.org](http://www.emmauswest.org); click the Chrysalis Link for info and applications

## Sponsorship—the heartbeat of Chrysalis

The aim of Sponsorship is the heartbeat of Chrysalis—to encourage the spiritual growth of young Christians as disciples of Jesus in support of our member churches and communities.

Sponsorship of other Christian youth to a Chrysalis Flight is an act of discipleship and faith. Just as the Gospel is spread from one person to the next, so goes Chrysalis Sponsorship. In fact, without new youth being Sponsored, our Community would stagnate. Sponsorship fee is \$ 75.00.

### Who Is Chrysalis For?

Chrysalis is for people between 15 and 18 years of age who are ready to think about the realities and struggles of life at a more adult level. "What am I going to do with my life?" "Who do I want to become?" "What does it mean to live as a follower of Jesus?" "What relationships are lasting and meaningful?" These are some of the questions for which Chrysalis has answers.

### Who Should I Sponsor?

Young people who are actively attending church and youth groups; leaders in your youth groups; mature youth and leaders at your school; youth in the church who are not involved in youth group activities; youth who are clearly looking for answers, whom you know and can approach to share this awesome weekend. Sponsorship is an act of agape love for God and his people.

### How Do I Sponsor?

1. Pray to God for direction and for Him to guide you in your search for someone to sponsor. Work with your youth pastor as well.
2. Share with your candidate your personal experience with Chrysalis and provide them info on the dates; ask for a commitment from them.
3. Work with a parent or Chrysalis adult to help coach you through the process especially regarding agape for your caterpillar.

4. Pray daily for that individual that Satan will not keep them from attending. Sponsorship itself is spiritual warfare, so expect the unexpected.
5. Join the Flight Team for the next Flight. You'll get more support and encouragement from your peers and experienced community members.
6. After the Flight help them plug into Hoots and Gatherings.

### What Forms Do I Need?

1. Have your friend fill out both sides of the Candidate Reservation Form. Both of you will sign the form.
2. Fill out a Team Application form for yourself. If you are 18 years or older, a background form is required as well.
3. Commit to attend all team meetings. If transportation is an issue let us know—car pools can be arranged.

Enjoy the blessings of Sponsorship!