

SOUTHERN OHIO CHRYSALIS
Cornerstone United Methodist Church
808 Offnere Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Southern Ohio Chrysalis Board would like to take this opportunity to express to you our pleasure in having your child participate in the upcoming Chrysalis weekend. We would also like to share some information with you regarding the purpose of this non-denominational spiritual weekend.

In nature, “chrysalis” is the growth stage between caterpillars and butterflies. While on the surface it may look as though nothing is happening, a delicate process is changing the caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly. Symbolically, during the Chrysalis weekend, the youth are brought to the realization that Jesus Christ can transform us into something beautiful if we open ourselves to Him and allow the transformation to occur. The intent of Chrysalis is to inspire, challenge, and equip young people for Christian action in their daily lives. It is hoped that following the Chrysalis weekend the participants will continue to grow spiritually and will become active members in their home churches.

There is an excellent chance that your child will be changed by the Chrysalis experience. Allow me to explain. Often youth return home having had a mountaintop experience, filled with an abundance of joy and excitement. This is due to a spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ. It also comes from an intense time of study and fellowship with others their age.

I urge you to be supportive of your child’s experience by being open to listening to what they have learned and by sharing in their joy. Another way you can be supportive is by encouraging your child to continue to grow through Bible study, prayer, daily devotions, and involvement in a share group. The young people will be challenged during the weekend to do these things and your encouragement would be very helpful.

We will recommend to your child that they join a spiritual share group. This group is made up of youth who have attended the Chrysalis weekend, as well as other interested Christian youth. The purpose of the share group is to help these young people continue to grow spiritually. If there are no other Chrysalis youth in your area, your child might want to join an Emmaus share group. Emmaus is the adult equivalent of the Chrysalis youth program.

The Chrysalis weekend concludes with a service that begins at **4:15 p.m. on Monday** in the sanctuary of **Cornerstone United Methodist Church (Portsmouth, Ohio)**. You are encouraged to attend. Please arrive at the church by 4 p.m. and enter the 9th Street entrance. Signs inside the building will direct you to the meeting location.

I appreciate your participation and would encourage your prayers and support for your child during and following the Chrysalis weekend.

If I can be of any assistance to you and/or your child, please contact me at (740) 821-4438. Should a family emergency arises during the Chrysalis weekend, you can contact me at the same number.

May God bless you.

In Christ,

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