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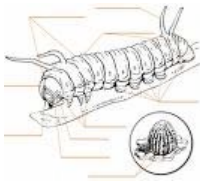
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[Post Resurrection Meditation!](#)

A Butterfly Is Hidden In A Caterpillar



Suppose a visitor to our earth from another planet were to see a caterpillar on a rosebush, and that a conversation could take place between them. It might go something like this: “How ugly you are, and how gross, doing nothing but eat, eat, eat all day long,” says the visitor. “True,” replies the caterpillar, “but I won’t always be like this. Someday I’ll have beautiful wings and fly from flower to flower.” “A likely story,” says the visitor with a laugh.

A few days later this stranger finds a hard brown chrysalis on the rosebush, and is surprised to hear the caterpillar’s voice saying, “Now I’m worse off than before. You think I’m dead because I can neither move nor eat, but soon I shall have a resurrection and fly in the sun.” “Poor deluded worm,” says the visitor, “you’d better accept the fact that your life is over.”

But about three weeks later the stranger, strolling in the rose garden, is surprised to hear the caterpillar’s voice again. Looking for the chrysalis, he sees one beautiful wing and then another unfolding from its cracked shell. “You see,” says the voice, “my resurrection has come,” and spreading its wings the butterfly flits away to enjoy its wonderful new existence.



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Who could imagine a crusty shell hanging under a leaf would one day become a colorful vibrant butterfly? Instead of crawling on leaves, it now flies over the treetops catching the rays of the sun reflecting life and beauty.

Who could imagine a lifeless body under the ground could one day become a living, vibrant IMMORTAL person? One reflecting the Life Giving “Son” as we rise to meet him in the clouds!

Seems impossible, doesn’t it? But with God all things are possible!
IT IS HARD FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD. WHEN THE DISCIPLES HEARD THIS THEY WERE GREATLY ASTONISHED, SAYING, WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED? BUT JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID TO THEM, WITH MEN THIS IS

ers at the camp was Eric Liddell, the Olympic runner whose story was told in the movie, *Chariots of Fire*.

All the best to you and the church."

- Forrest Colgrove, 3-19-08, Wheelersburg, OH

OUR SYMPATHY to Karen Cain and her relatives in the untimely and sudden death of a 44-year old cousin, Tammy Moore, in Missouri. Karen flew down Friday & returned yesterday for the visitation and service.

PASTOR KEN HOWE extends his warm greetings to the Bedford congregation during this wonderful season. Ken was pastor here from 1982 to 1984.

COMMUNION DEACONESSES for next Sunday will be Marge Reed and Pam Weaver.

IT'S NEXT SUNDAY!!

GOLDEN CORRAL, a buffet restaurant, was selected as the place to hold our annual Dutch Treat church outing. Meal is \$9.95 / \$11.45 with drink. There should be a map on its location on the back table.



"MARCH"-ING FOR MISSIONS MONTH OUR SPECIAL MISSIONS PROJECT

We are earmarking this money to help our late Pastor Beder's family in Peru – his wife and 5 children (pictures by vortex) - **PLUS** helping a team to visit in April other believers in Uruguay who want to be baptized and begin a new church their country.

PRAY FOR: Czatt Family (by KCain), Edith Speer (therapy), Pastor Linford Moore (1-23, heart attack), Phil May (job search), Sonny Koston (burned), Mellisa (by JWetzel), Marti Wohn (by GWhaley), Jeff Stoneman (cancer, by Whaley), Ruth Schuld (treatments), Ken-Kathy Cramer, Terry James (cancer, by Roper), Evelyn Pennington, Jack Hearp, Ruby Korode, Gene & Gloria Faehrich, Jacob Hinton*, Kathy Reed*, (*by Skip), W.C. & Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Andrew Weaver, Jackie Schuld, Dan & Rachel Cain (internship / teaching degree), **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington **Military:** Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Those serving in other countries:** Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. **Colleges / Churches:**

RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

APRIL 2008 / (We're Extending "MARCH"-ING FOR MISSIONS for 2 weeks into April)

- 06 Monthly observance of the Lord's Supper
- 06 Annual All-Church Dutch Treat Outing / Golden Corral

Future Dates: May 11, Mother's Day / May 17 Andrew Weaver's wedding / Jun 15, Father's Day / Jul 12, Rachel Weaver's wedding / Aug 24, SS picnic / Sep 21, SS Mtg

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

Musicians: Frank Roper and Sharon Cain

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

447 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

450 Trust and Obey

Prayer / Offering

Missions Video / Pam Weaver

Message: "Caught Up To The Third Heaven"

Key Texts: 2 Cor 12:1-4; 2:1-4; 10:9-11; Texts from ch 11 & 12;
2 Pet 3:5-7, 13; Rom 8:18; Rev 2:7; Heb 12:1-3

When We See Christ

(Master Chorus Book / Printed as insert in your bulletin)



Pastors, at their meeting last week, the Georgia Board of Regents approved Clayton State University's purchase of Atlanta Bible College. Before the end of June we will close the sale and begin leasing the campus.

Our agreement will allow us the flexibility to lease for up to thirty-six (36) months.

Please pray for God's leading as we continue to develop plans to expand to two sites in the Atlanta metropolitan area...one to the northeast and one to the south.

– Gary Burnham, 3-26-08