



Inspire

Hope for the World

Transformed Hope

I enjoy walks in the springtime, and seeing all the beautiful flowers blooming (although my allergies don't enjoy the fragrance so much). As I take my daily walks, enjoying the beautiful nature around me, I get stopped in my tracks every time I see a butterfly. There is something so mesmerizing as I watch it flutter by in all of its colorful glory. Every time I see a butterfly, I am awed and amazed; it takes my breath away.

How can such a small thing bring me such joy and hope? I don't remember enjoying much about Science class when I was in school, but I always enjoyed learning about how the ugly caterpillar would form into a chrysalis and be hidden away from the world for a time, but then would break out and be transformed into something completely new. It entered limited to crawl on twigs and leaves, and leaves free to flutter and fly, displaying new markings and colorful designs on its newly formed wings.

Butterflies serve as a glorious reminder of the hope of transformation we can have in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, ***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come!*** Before Christ we were ***dead in our transgressions and sins*** (Ephesians 2:1), but we don't stay dead. If we receive Christ as our Savior, we become new: ***But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions*** (Ephesians 2:4-5). He transforms us into new creations. Gone is my dead life of sin, and now I have a new life in Christ!

Once a caterpillar becomes a butterfly, he never goes back to what he was before. I need to remember the transforming work Christ has done in my life as well. The enemy of our souls, the devil, loves to remind me of what I have done in the past—the sinful habits and patterns I had or the wrong choices I made. When those old thoughts come to mind, I need to focus on the transformed hope I have - the old is gone and the new has come. I am no longer a caterpillar bound to the world of sin; I am a butterfly, transformed into a new life in Christ!

INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

Anaheim, CA is starting a new WM program—a women's brunch where they will try different breakfast spots in their community.

Estrella Mountain, AZ had their divisional Emergency Disaster Services Director come and share what the Army does.

Fairbanks, AK prepared "blessings bags" to hand out to the community. The assistant Corps Officer took them and gifted them to the homeless.

Federal Way, WA made reusable shopping bags to raise money for Women's Ministries projects.

Fountain Valley, CO have a prayer/praise board. They love to watch their prayer requests being moved from the prayer list to the praise list. It gives them a visual of what God's doing in and through them.

Hemet, CA are reading the *Lineage of Grace Series* by Francine Rivers. It is a series of 5 historical fiction novellas that detail the story of woman in the lineage of Jesus Christ. They have already read the books on Tamar and Ruth.

Phoenix Kroc, AZ learned how to make dumplings.

Roseburg, Or did a "Meet Me" meeting where they all engaged in getting to know each other a bit more—shared some memories, learned they have some connections they did know about and basked in the invitation of Jesus to "Come and See."

Yakima, WA made seasonal floral pieces for the office staff as well as for a nursing home.

Commissioner Colleen Riley—Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Colonel Donna Igleheart—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

Hopeful Butterfly Crafts for Spring



3D Glitter Paper Butterflies:

[https://](https://www.craftymarie.com/2015/02/make-amazing-3d-paper-butterflies-for.html)

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Butterfly Tree:

<https://rhythmsofplay.com/diy-butterfly-tree/>



Butterfly Wreath:

[https://](https://www.survivingateacherssalary.com/budget-friendly-spring-or-fall-butterfly-door-wreath-home-decor/)

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Butterfly Note of Kindness:

https://www.babysavers.com/how-to-make-an-origami-butterfly-note/#_a5y_p=4383631



Monthly Bible Trivia

Questions—Stop & Smell the Flowers

April Showers bring May Flowers. What does the Bible say about flowers?

1. On what day of creation did God create flowers (Genesis 1:11-13)?
2. In the tabernacle instructions, God told Moses to make a lampstand of pure gold with cups shaped like this flower (Exodus 37:17-22)?
3. When Solomon builds the temple, the inside of the temple was cedar carved with gourds and what (1 Kings 6:18)?
4. Job 14:2 speaks of the frailty of human life. It says that we spring up like flowers and what happens to us?
5. In Song of Songs (Song of Solomon) 2:12, Solomon likens the season of spring, when flowers appear as the season of what?
6. In Isaiah 35:1, scripture reveals a beautiful picture of the kingdom's blessing as Israel returns home, and describes the wilderness blooming like what kind of flower?
7. According to Isaiah 40:8, Isaiah says the grass withers and flowers fall, but what endures forever?
8. In Hosea 14:5, God tells Israel that repentance brings blessing, and says that the will blossom like what kind of flower?
9. When Jesus taught about not worrying, He said that the flowers of the field are dressed more splendidly than who (Matthew 6:29)?
10. In the parable of the sower, what are the four types of soil that seeds ended up in (Mark 4:1-8)?