

Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus

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Wasatch Front Emmaus News!

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.



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The Goal for this newsletter is to promote and encourage growth. Growth in our relationship with God, with others and as a community.

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CALENDAR EVENTS

- July 15 Gathering—Aldersgate UMC, Brigham City, UT
- September 16 Gathering—Grace Community Bible Church, Sandy, UT
- November 18 Gathering—Community UMC, Ogden, UT

Upcoming Events

[CLICK HERE FOR CALENDAR](#)

Our Next Gathering—July 15, 2017 3pm— 5pm

**** SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ****

Location: Aldersgate United Methodist Church

[235 E 850 S, Brigham City, UT 84302](#)

Please plan to attend and encourage others in Emmaus to attend this special event. We are prayerful for a great turn-out .



EXTRA! EXTRA!

Western Regional Leader Rick Hornbeck to speak at July Gathering.

Please join us for this special event as Rick gives an encouraging talk specific to the Wasatch Front Walk To Emmaus group.

July 15, 2017 from 3:00-5:00pm at Aldersgate United Methodist Church

[235 E 850 S, Brigham City, UT 84302](#)

OUR DAILY BREAD!

Thessalonians 5:14-18 (NASB) -
¹⁴ We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. ¹⁶ Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. "

REMEMBRANCE... *Remembering His words..*

“Do this in Remembrance of Me.”

The Lord's Table



These are the words of Jesus to his Disciples at the Last Supper.

Having a Servants Heart.

Mark 10:44-45 Jesus states; “and whoever wants to be first must *be slave* of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Slave is often translated “Servant”. When we contemplate the life of Christ, we recognize that He served not only man, but God the Father. Equally, we should try to first serve God and secondly serve others.

As a servant, we obey our Master; His commands. Loving God and loving others are the two great commands as expressed in both Mathew and Mark “**Love 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 your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**”

The hierarchy is clear, First Love God. Build and strengthen your relationship with God. This equips us to better serve others.

By serving others, we are obeying God and glorifying Him. Seek to be of service to others and be aware of opportunities God puts into your day to serve.

~ De Colores

Mark 10:44 “and whoever wants to be first must *be slave to all.*”

PRAYER NEEDED...

Please let us know of anything you would like the community to pray for.

Please send Prayer Requests and Gratitude messages with the subject EMMAUS PRAYER to:

wasatchemmaus@gmail.com

See the South Africa Prayer needs in “Grace Around the World” (June Newsletter)

Thank you for your prayers for Phil Evans. Surgery on Monday went well. Pray that the results for the biopsy are encouraging and that no chemotherapy will be needed.

FOURTH DAY!

Romans 12:5 states; “So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

For those who have not taken the opportunity to become part of a Forth Day group, we encourage you to do so. Much of our success as disciples and as Christians relies on fellowship.

Through fellowship, we are able to continue to grow and to encourage others in their walk.



Remain Focused

FOURTH DAY GROUPS: (If one will not work, or your group is not listed, please contact Paul at wasatchemmaus@gmail.com.)

Men's:

Wednesdays 7am—Left Fork Grill (68 W 3900 S , Salt Lake) - Dennis 435-512-2186

Friday 7am—Dee's Restaurant (4700 S Redwood Rd, Kearns) -

Saturdays (2nd&4th) 9am—10am—Community UMC 163 W 4800 S Ogden 84405 - Gary 970-371-5129

Women's:

Wednesday 7pm - Homes (West Jordan, So Jordan, Riverton) - Nancy 801-915-4304

Saturdays 8:30am— High Point Coffee (7800 S. 1735 W. off Redwood Rd)

Saturdays 830am—Dee's Restaurant (Washington Blvd, Ogden) - Ruth 801-547-8044

Saturdays (1st&3rd) 830am—930am—Community UMC 163 W 4800 S Ogden 84405 - Pam 801-540-3205



TRIALS AND BLESSINGS

As I sit at my computer with a fresh cold and a ticket in hand for my trip to Michigan, I cannot help but reflect on how our lives are so often a mixture of trial and blessing. The trials remind us of how much we need God. The blessings show us how God is already at work in our lives.

In our life together in the Emmaus community, we have also encountered trials and blessing. We have gone through a season where our best efforts did not end with the hoped for week-ends. However, these trials have brought us to our knees and led us to accept fresh ideas and to open ourselves to God's renewing (and disturbing) Spirit.

It is easy to overlook the blessings, but they are abundant. The board has worked hard and faithfully to renew our energy. They are bringing in outside help to encourage and inspire us. Committee members are meeting and brainstorming. 4th day groups are supporting us on our continued walks with Jesus. Individuals are reaching out to friends they made on their walks, and friends who met while working on a walk are forging new bonds as well.

But this is not enough. This year of trial is teaching us that we need everyone to step up and pitch in. We cannot wait until the last minute to commit to help. There is urgency to our task.

And we who have been blessed by Emmaus are called to bless others with this experience as well. The Emmaus message of God's grace and love cannot continue to spread without our hands and feet and voices. We have been blessed to be a blessing. May we answer yes to this call.

De Colores,
Olga

SPONSORSHIP

HOW DO WE SPONSOR?

1. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a walk.
2. Make an appointment with the person or couple for the person of discussing participating in Emmaus.
3. Extend an invitation; invite the prospective pilgrim to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ, not just an event to go to. Share your faith; explain the basic elements of the Walk, its' purpose, and follow-up dimensions that help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than that he or she needs to go.
4. Ask the person to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage equal commitment by both.
5. Continue to pray for your prospective pilgrim, prepare agape letters, and enlist the support of their pastor. Collect 8-12 personal agape letters. Do not ask the team to deliver personal gifts during the three days. Mark an "F" on the immediate family letters for them to be read first.
6. Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil and your presence at Send Off, Sponsors' Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Support the pilgrim's family by house sitting, baby sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help is needed.
7. Encourage the pilgrim in his or her Fourth Day involvement. Give your friend an opportunity to talk through and appropriate the experience. Help the pilgrim find a group, or be prepared to start a group with him or her for a period of time until others join the group. Take the pilgrim to Gatherings as your guest for a couple of months.
8. Help the pilgrim reenter his or her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
9. Inform the pilgrim reenter his or her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
10. Help the pilgrim sponsor others

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the pilgrims, for the Emmaus community, and for the church. It demonstrates agape love, making us instruments of prevenient grace.



TID-BITS

A recent Barna study entitled “*Competing Worldviews Influence Today’s Christians*” (Summary)

What the Research Means

“This research really crystalizes what Barna has been tracking in our country as an ongoing shift away from Christianity as the basis for a shared worldview. We have observed and reported on increasing pluralism, relativism and moral decline among Americans and even in the Church. Nevertheless, it is striking how pervasive some of these beliefs are among people who are actively engaged in the Christian faith,” Brooke Hempell, senior vice president of research for Barna, says.

“What stood out most to us was how stark the shift was between the Boomer and Gen-Xer generations,” Hempell remarks. “We expected Millennials to be most influenced by other worldviews, but the most dramatic increase in support for these ideals occurs with the generation *before* them. It’s no surprise, then, that the impact we see today in our social fabric is so pervasive, given that these ideas have been taking root for two generations.

“The challenge with competing worldviews is that there are fragments of similarities to some Christian teachings, and some may recognize and latch on to these ideas, not realizing they are distortions of biblical truths. The call for the Church, and its teachers and thinkers, is to help Christians dissect popular beliefs before allowing them to settle in their own ideology,” Hempell says. “Informed thinking is essential to developing and maintaining a healthy biblical worldview and faith as well as being able to have productive dialogue with those who espouse other beliefs.”

[Link to article:](#)

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

**** New Leadership Opportunities — Job Descriptions and Application Forms**

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

[In April, Emmaus Ministries staff announced a new leadership structure](#) that will provide innovative and efficient ways for Emmaus Ministries staff to partner with local communities and provide spaces in which individuals can experience and grow in God’s love.

Job descriptions and application forms are now available! If you feel led to join the team, the highlighted links will take you to the [POSITION DESCRIPTIONS](#) and the [BLANK APPLICATION FORM](#) (also available in an easy [autofill version](#)).

We are counting on you!

For more information, see the video from staff and read an article about the structure by clicking [here](#).

The following [video from Emmaus Ministries staff](#) details the significant shift in the community support structure that will be in effect January 2018.

For more information, contact Stephane Brooks at sbrooks@upperroom.org

**** News From Upperroom website**



FROM THE BOARD

Board Goals for 2017

1. Include more Clergy from outside our present community to attend and participate in future Walks to Emmaus.
2. The community should provide a schedule for monthly meetings which should provide six months in advance of future Walks to Emmaus.
3. Investigate the possibility of using a Conference Center to house and feed future Walks to Emmaus.
4. Receive and listen to objections of past participants of the last walk.
5. Communicate better within the Walk to Emmaus community, pilgrims, Clergy, and volunteers.
6. Reach out to get broader participation from non-denominational and other mainline Christian Churches.

These goals were discussed and it was agreed the Communications and Planning actions must start right away for the Walk to Emmaus for 2018.



“Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.” Psalm 116:7

FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

During Phil’s Recovery, We asked that he rest.

This article was pulled from



Thought: Return Unto Thy Rest

“Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.” Psalm 116:7

This verse is one I find myself going back to often. It’s amazing how quickly I cease resting in God’s care and provision and allow myself to be anxious—whether over a loved one, finances, health, a stressful situation, a decision, a mistake, or something as simple as whether I remembered to lock the front door.

But there’s no cause for anxiety—the LORD has dealt bountifully with us. He has saved us from sin and hell and given us eternal life with Him in Heaven. He is over all things and is working all things together for good for them that love Him (Romans 8:28), even the suffering and sorrow that’s in the world because of man’s sin. No matter what is going on, we can rest in His care.

On a practical level, next time your heart feels anxious, ask God to help you return to resting in Him. Then choose to replace those anxious thoughts with memories of God’s care and love, truths about who He is and what He’s done, Scripture, and praise.

“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7.

Peace be with you!

Phil Evans

Wasatch Front Lay Director

