

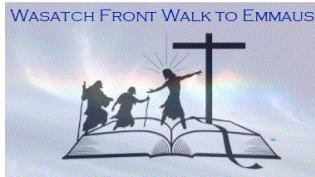
# Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus

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# Wasatch Front Emmaus News!

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

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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### CALENDAR EVENTS

- November 18 Gathering—Community UMC, Ogden, UT
- **Men's Walk: April 26 - 29, Big Canyon Ranch, Wanship UT**
- **Women's Walk: May 3 - 6, Big Canyon Ranch, Wanship UT**

### OUR DAILY BREAD!

#### JOHN 6:38

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me.”



### Upcoming Events

[CLICK HERE FOR CALENDAR](#)

Our Next Gathering—November 18, 2017 4pm—5pm in Ogden, UT

Location: Community UMC

[163 E 4800 S, Washington Terrace, UT 84405](#)



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## EXTRA! EXTRA!

### It's Time To Begin Recruiting Pilgrims!!!

Applications can be taken without Funds. Do Not Let Money stand in the way. There are scholarships available.

[Applications can be found on the Website.](#)

Also, the Upper Room has a video that may be helpful to educate your pilgrim on the walk. [Video Link](#)

## REMEMBRANCE... *Remembering His words..*

**“Do this in Remembrance of Me.”**



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

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Such a simple yet fitting scripture to remember always, but especially this time of year. I so often question myself when it comes to motives. Am I REALLY doing what I think is God’s will or am I doing things according to my own will?

Here, there is no question. We are told what His will is. That we be thankful in all circumstances.

The Holidays can be a very difficult time for so many reasons. Loneliness and depression seem to be even more crippling during this time of year. Where these ailments exist, Hope is being overshadowed with the things overwhelming us.

When we give thanks always, we are not only recognizing who is in control, but we are trusting He who is in control. We are demonstrating Hope and Trust. It can be the beginning of healing.

When people see this kind of attitude and character in us as believers, we can be a light of hope for others while we are glorifying God.

May we take time each day and praise him in gratitude. Perhaps by consciously taking time to give thanks, we will become the light he has empowered us to be.

~DeColores

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### PRAYER NEEDED...

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

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

[wasatchemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:wasatchemmaus@gmail.com)

Please pray for our veterans and those who are actively serving our Nation. God Bless them all!

### Central Texas Victim

Please pray for all victims, family and friends of those who have suffered from the recent Shootings in Texas. Pray for their comfort, recovery, health and welfare and that God can be glorified in this tragic event.

### Pilgrims and sponsors

Please pray for pilgrims, sponsors and staff for the next walk.

## 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.

**FOURTH DAY GROUPS:** (If one will not work, or your group is not listed, please contact Paul at [wasatchemmaus@gmail.com](mailto: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 (1st&3rd) 830am—930am**—Community UMC 163 W 4800 S Ogden 84405 - Pam 801-540-3205



*Remain Focused*



## THE URGENCY OF NOW

Matthew 6:33-34 (English Standard Version): “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

I am always amused when I read in the Bible about angels and other divine encounters and the words “fear not” in some way are part of the dialogue. My usual reaction to the task given in this divinely inspired intervention is fear is a perfectly *reasonable* response. Often the task seems daunting. For example, Mary and the message that she would be blessed to be the ‘God bearer’ who would bring Jesus into a less than welcoming world. Another example is Moses and his Burning Bush encounter where he is told to go back to where a death sentence might exist, he doesn’t really know. Other examples abound, but repeatedly, God calls the names of ordinary people, and in their response, they become extraordinary.

This beautiful passage quoted above from the Sermon on the Mount tells us to “seek first the kingdom of God.” As a result of this Kingdom seeking as well as seeking the associated right relationship with God there evolves out of that guidance “to not be anxious about tomorrow.” Seek God’s Kingdom. Seek a solid relationship with God. Don’t sweat tomorrow. These are good words.

As I write that, I am reminded of a sermon I preached last year on the idea of “now.” Sometimes we let “now” operate as a tyrannical and dictatorial leader. I called that understanding “the tyranny of now.” That tyrannical now leads to anxiety and fear. I contrasted that tyrannical now, with an important now couched in urgency. I called it “the urgency of now.”

At times, “now” can be tyrannical, but at the same time, “now” can be something we need to treat with urgency.

When do we see “now” as a Golden Calf and when is it the very voice of God?

I wonder if the answer isn’t in the ideas of learning to trust in the Spirit. Before fourteen of the Emmaus talks we invite the already present Holy Spirit to “come.” Like many of the biblical characters, too often we react with fear when that Holy Spirit does come and speak a voice with an “urgency of now.”

This is an important winter for the Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus Community.

There is urgency in the air and I perceive it is divinely inspired. My prayerful take is that the very survival of this community hinges on two successful walks this spring for both men and women.

Based on how we have approached these walks, we need commitments from pilgrims much earlier than in the past. This is not a tyrannical now, but it is an urgent now.

We are about the task of making God’s reign, God’s Kingdom, God’s Kin’dom, just a little larger by showing, I hope, forty new pilgrims God’s love and Grace in a weekend of renewal. I also suggest, we need to approach getting new pilgrims with urgency. I do not think it is a tyrannical “now” to urge us to be focused on, “now,” on inviting non-Emmaus souls to experience this weekend of Love and Grace.

We need to be about this hospitality and invitation, now.

Dennis Shaw  
Spiritual Director for the 2018 Men’s Walk

### 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.

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.



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### New Website

The Wasatch Front WTE is in the process of making [website changes](#). PLEASE VISIT THE [SITE](#) AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO:

[wasatchemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:wasatchemmaus@gmail.com)

### Tid-Bit

#### Russell Moore Reveals Why The Church Won't Be Intimidated by Shootings in Response to Texas Massacre

After a Southern Baptist church in rural Texas suffered the deadliest church shooting in US history, Russell Moore penned a powerful op-ed reflecting on why such tragic events don't intimidate the Church.

"While millions of other Christians were singing hymns or opening their Bibles or taking communion this past Sunday, at that very moment, a gunman was opening fire on the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas," Moore, the president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, began an op-ed published in the *Washington Post*. "This, the largest church shooting in history, ends with 26 people killed. Several children were among the fallen, including pastor Frank Pomeroy's fourteen year-old daughter Annabelle. Whatever the shooter's twisted objective might have been, we do know this: it won't work."

[Link to Article](#)

## GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

### The Emmaus Experience



The aim of Emmaus® is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. Several important components of the Emmaus® program work together to accomplish this aim.

The three-day Emmaus® course in Christianity moves church members to new levels of openness and commitment

as disciples of Christ. People reexperience the gift of God's love and emerge from the Emmaus® weekend with a desire to pass that love on to others. The three-day course strengthens persons' conscious union with Jesus Christ as the embodiment of God's grace, truth, and compassion.

A layman from Tennessee wrote, "I learned the importance of a life of piety, study, and service and their interrelationship in providing a life in grace. I felt the immense power of God's love and grace and new insights into ways of sustaining and increasing my openness to that grace. I developed a new longing to share my experience of Christ with others with hopes that they too can feel what I feel. Although my Christian journey started a long time ago, the progress and growth due to my Emmaus® experience is invaluable to me."





## 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.

Please join us November 18th at Community UMC in Ogden, UT.



## Colossians 1:17: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together

### FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

When I was about 10 years old, I attended a small EUB church in rural West Virginia. EUB stood for Evangelical United Brethren, a church so like the Methodists, that they merged and became United Methodists back in 1968.

One of the children who attended the church really loved to sing. Her favorite song was “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.” I’ll bet most of you know this song, but here is the closing verse as a refresher:

*“He’s got everybody here in His hands,  
 “He’s got everybody there in His hands,  
 “He’s got everybody everywhere in His hands,  
 “He’s got the whole world in His hands.”*



We live in a time when harsh division has gripped the United States. We also live in a time when absolute horror is manifested on the streets, concert venues, and even in a rural Texas church.

Yet even in the face of the unspeakable evil, that little girl was entirely correct. Christ does have the whole world in His hands.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Colossians 1:15--17, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. **He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**”

How good it is to rest in the assurance that this God who loves us, and calls us to action, is the One who holds all things together. No matter what we are experiencing, may His love be clearly visible in each of us.

De Colores!

Phil  
Wasatch Front Lay Director

