

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

- January 20th Gathering—TBD
- **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!

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (*Isaiah 7:14*)”

Upcoming Events

[CLICK HERE FOR CALENDAR](#)

Our Next Gathering—January 20, 2018

Location: To Be Announced



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.”

The Lord's Table



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

Micah 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Taking time to really contemplate the prophecies regarding the birth of Christ leaves me awestruck. In Micha and Isaiah, Christ is foretold nearly 700 years prior to the event. In Genesis 49:10 it is foretold that Christ would come from the Tribe of Judah as early as 1700 BC.

For many, this is simply a time of year to spend time with friends and family and to exchange gifts. They have no idea the significance of Christ's birth and the unbelievable biblical teachings regarding the event 17 centuries before it occurred.

All that is and all that ever was has been purposed from the creation of time was done out of Love for us. We are part of that Divine Purpose.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us not forget how significant and awesome it is. It was purposed from the beginning of time and purposed as a Gift to us.

May your hearts be filled with His love, overflowing upon those around you during this amazing time of year. May we share the Gift of Christ through word and deed.

~DeColores

Isaiah 7:14 : “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”

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

Emmaus Family

Please pray for Jay Sam-bamurthi and his family both here in Utah and in India. Jay's father passed away December 5th in India. Pray for comfort, healing and strength in the knowledge of Jay's father now being in the presence of our Holly Father.

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.



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



MORE OF GOD'S GRACE

Dear friends of Emmaus,

The previous times I've written for this newsletter I've talked about Preventive Grace and Justifying Grace so you probably know where I'm going with this for this month- Sanctifying Grace! You got it!

Sanctifying Grace is the gift of God that provides the desire and the power to grow in our relationship with God, Christ and the Holy Spirit- forever! Growth requires maturity and movement toward perfection. To do this in our faith requires the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and direct us so we carry out God's love in action toward ourselves, others, God and the world that God has created for us.

Sanctifying Grace is the process of opening ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us. It takes four steps for that to occur in each and every one of us. These steps are not a way that we earn God's love or a place in the Kingdom. We have to want to change and be transformed by that Spirit because we've accepted the love and grace of God through Christ.

The first step is to restore our relationship with God and others. We need to have a fresh start in life so we can know we are beloved children of God (Romans 8:15-17). We need to be healed of the sickness that sin gives us. This requires forgiveness and repentance. We receive this through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The second step is to impart this new life, new light, new strength and new heart into our lives so they become a part of who we are and we experience a change of heart. We take on new attitudes and live in new ways because of the love of Christ in us (Ephesians 3:14-19). This is where we become transformed to be the people that God created us to be.

The third step is the perfecting of ourselves into the image and likeness of God, Jesus, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. This is where conversion takes place and that takes time. It is a lifelong process for all of us where the gifts of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) help us grow and build up the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12-14). Sometimes this perfecting means that there has to be some pruning of the dead branches so the good, new branches can grow as well as possible. It might involve some pain as we move toward being perfected in our intention to be loving in any and all situations. This is both God's Call and God's Promise to each of us. It is the doctrine of "the more". God has more love, more power, more peace and more joy in store for us.

The fourth step is equipping us to do the work of Christ in the world as we are the hands and feet of Christ in reality. It is being transformed and changed and growing so we care for the least, the last and the lost around us (Matthew 25:31-40). The Holy Spirit empowers and equips us with all the resources and gifts we'll need to be the people of God.

These steps are natural for us but we live in a world that doesn't always understand that reality of the spiritual world. We have to develop disciplines that help us to make that spiritual world more real through: Prayer, Study and Action. We're called to open our hearts to receive grace as a gift (Romans 5:5). We don't earn it or deserve it, but God wants us to have it. The community around us helps us to practice, encourages us, strengthens us and helps guide us in this lifelong process of Christian maturity that all of us are called to follow.

Are you part of a 4th Day Group, a reunion group that can help you continue to grow? Are you attending the Gatherings where we can be empowered and encouraged by others like us in this spiritual journey? If not, look for one. Our Christian faith means little if we don't let God flow in and through each of us. How is God using you for the Kingdom of Heaven? God bless all of you!

Let this Advent, Christmas and New Year season be a time when you renew your devotion to be sanctified by God's Grace!

Love,

Gary

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.



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

Musical Resources Needed

If you have wanted to learn guitar and work towards becoming a musical resource, please contact **Susan Jelus**. She is offering guitar lessons to teach songs and cords.

susanjelus@gmail.com

Life's Most Difficult Task

Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Sadhu Sundar Singh, a Hindu convert to Christianity, became a missionary to his people in India. Late one afternoon Sadhu was traveling on foot through the Himalayas with a Buddhist monk. It was bitterly cold and the wind felt like sharp blades slicing into their skins. Night was fast approaching when the monk warned Sadhu that they were in danger of freezing to death if they did not reach the monastery before darkness fell.

Suddenly, on a narrow path above a steep precipice, they heard a cry for help. At the foot of the cliff lay a man, fallen and badly hurt. The monk looked at Sadhu and said, "Do not stop. God has brought this man to his fate. He must work it out for himself. Let us hurry on before we, too, perish."

But Sadhu replied, "God has sent me here to help my brother. I cannot abandon him."

[Link to Article](#)

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

Utah Prison Ministry



During our last board meeting, we were fortunate enough to learn about a Christian Spiritual Ministry right here in Utah that is changing lives.



KAIROS is similar in many ways to the Walk to Emmaus. The Mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens in their communities.

How could the course of someone's live be changed simply through a relationship with Christ? How many of those in our Prison system believe they are to far gone or unworthy of God's love? Imagine how these hearts and lives can be changed through a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Paul tells us in Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." The author of Roman's tells us in 15:1 "We who are strong ought to bear with the shortcomings of the weak and not to please ourselves."

Please take the time to visit their page and learn more about how God is working in the hearts of Christian's to carry the message of Love and Forgiveness to those who stand to have monumental change in their lives.

Please Email wasatchemmaus@gmail.com if you are interested in learning how you can volunteer.

[Link to Kairos of Utah](#)

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.



Matthew 5:16: “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



In Matthew 5:14 Jesus says “You are the light of the world.” In verse 16 He goes on to direct us to, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

That is a lot to take in. We, who are Christ followers, might not think of ourselves as the light of the world. Yet the message is clear. You are light radiating people and I have seen your love shine during many Emmaus weekends.

When Jesus goes on to tell us what He expects of us...what He wants us to do, we hear a command that is as astounding as being told that we are the light! We are to let that light shine before others so they will glorify God.



It is important to note that it is not “us” He wants others to see, rather it is our works. It is as if the worker is invisible and interchangeable.

Our works move others to glorify God!

Simply, naturally, (but consciously) we are to reflect the light of God’s love through the works we do and the way we behave in the company of others. This is an important responsibility and, no doubt, one that requires us to grow on our sanctification journey.

There are many ways to let our light shine. One way is to be involved in the upcoming walks as a worker or to sponsor a pilgrim. I invite you to make that decision and go to our website, utwte.org, where you will find forms and instructions on how to make that happen.

Will you let your light shine on the walks?

De Colores!

Phil
Wasatch Front Lay Director