

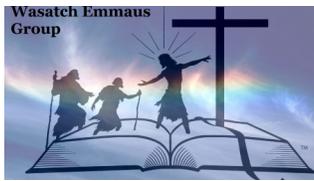
Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus

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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.

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

Board Meeting Sept. 15th

1pm—2:30pm

Gathering Sept 15th

3pm-5pm

8931 S. 3200 W.

West Jordan,

Utah 84088



Upcoming Events

September 15th

Mountain Vista UMC

8931 S. 3200 W.

West Jordan, Utah 84088

1:00-2:45 Board Meeting

3:00-5:00 Gathering

Have you found your 4th Day Reunion Group?

Find encouragement and encourage others through a reunion group. We have added a new group and are looking forward to starting others.

As part of our growth as disciples, we are encouraged by God's word to fellowship with other believers.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 *“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”*

Psalm 62:5-8

5 Yes, my soul, find rest in God;

my hope comes from him. **6** Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

7 My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

8 Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.



Message For The Community

"Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger." - Psalm 8:2

Wednesday afternoon. Carissa and I had taken her children to the playground at the end of the street. After playing at the slide for a short time, Junior, the youngest and 6-yr old wanted grandpa to play "I spy with my eyes" with him. After stumping me with an ordinary thing above me like sky, he said to me: "Grandpa, I spy with my eyes something hard. Can you guess what it is?"

I rattled off everything that was hard around me.. He kept nodding his head in negation. After a few minutes and having exhausted every object around me, I gave up. With a big smile, he said "God, grandpa!" I exclaimed, "Junior, how do you see an invisible GOD with your human eyes." He quietly replied, "Grandpa, He is everywhere and I see him with my heart and He is hard to defeat!" Hard to defeat equated to 'hard' for him. Amazing...out of a Child's mouth... He won again. Game repeated and again he spied with his eyes something hard..hard to defeat..he clarified. I didn't

want to wait long for I was a student and he was the teacher this evening. I was thirsting to drink! He said, "Grandpa you give up.. It is LOVE!" Wow! Love is hard to defeat. Indeed! True love is!

Brothers & Sisters, GOD and LOVE are indeed hard to defeat but they lose voluntarily.. Both choose to lose. GOD chose to lose for the sake of LOVE, the most precious thing - SON - to gift us new and everlasting life abundant.. And THEY invite us to choose to lose for the sake of the SON and all His children... When we lose for Their sake, they become our strength!

Last is first!

Losing is winning!

None of these make any sense to our dualistic mind! But to our blood filled Sacred Heart, they DO...

I love you.

Jay

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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

Prayer & Gratitude

Praise & Gratitude for our 2019 Walk Lay Directors'.

Please Continue prayers for Matt hew McGaha and his family for strength and continued recovery.

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: * NEW GROUP HAS BEEN ADDED

Tuesdays 8am—Village Inn, 8921 S. Redwood Road- Phil 801-259-2660

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

Friday 7am—Dee's Restaurant (4700 S Redwood Rd) - Jerry—801-918-0982

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

The Secret of Christian Joy

By Greg Laurie

Apr 1, 2016

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things. —Philippians 4:8

There is something better than pursuing happiness. And there is something that is, in effect, even better than happiness. That something is called joy.

Joy is the theme of the book of Philippians. Now, if Paul had written this epistle while he was sitting on a Mediterranean beach, catching some rays, and sipping an iced tea, that would be one thing. But that wasn't the case. Paul was incarcerated in Rome when he wrote this letter to the believers in Philippi. Even though he was writing from a place of difficulty, Paul wrote a letter that resonated with joy.

So how could Paul be so joyful and jubilant under such adverse circumstances? And is this joy something that we can experience in the twenty-first century?

The answer is yes. In fact, we *should* experience it for ourselves. This joy wasn't unique to Paul; it is available to any follower of Jesus Christ. In addition to the word *joy*, there is another word that we find used frequently in Philippians, and it is the word *mind*. In fact, the word *mind* is used ten times, and the word *think* is used five times. Add to these the time Paul used the word *remember*, and we have sixteen references to the mind in Philippians.

I am not advocating positive thinking, possibility thinking, or mere optimism. The Bible is not some self-help book that merely will put a little more spring in our step and make us a little happier. Paul was thinking biblically. And in Philippians, he tells us about his mind, his attitude, and his outlook. Like Paul, we need to think along scriptural lines. The secret of Christian joy is not found in a problem-free world, because that world doesn't exist. Rather, it is found in the way we think.

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

Tid Bit

Does Mercy Influence Christians' Actions?

American public discourse is in a state of crisis. Hostility and division along political, ethnic and economic lines are growing by the day—with little hope of easing. Breaking these cycles of incivility will require a reset—and perhaps a radical reorientation toward virtues like forgiveness and kindness. Along these lines, Barna conducted a nationwide study, in partnership with author Jack Alexander, on how American Christians and pastors connect to biblical concepts of mercy, justice and truth.

The study found, encouragingly, that most pastors and Christians still believe mercy has an influence on their everyday behavior. In fact, more than eight in 10 pastors (83%), and more than six in 10 Christians (63%) say that mercy often influences their words and actions. However, another four-in-10 Christians are less likely to characterize their words and actions as merciful. It remains part of their belief, but they either don't really think about it that much, or it simply doesn't influence their actions. The apathy in this sizeable minority is reason for concern among a faith group that professes a commitment to a merciful God.

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

Do It For Peace



What happens when the world accomplishes a billion acts of peace in ten days? We are going to find out, thanks to a global experiment called #DoItForPeace.

On September 21st, which is the International Day of Peace, two global nonprofits, Kids for Peace and Peace One Day, joined by the Good News Network, will launch #DoItForPeace, a worldwide campaign to ignite one billion people to take action for peace.

#DoItForPeace will begin lighting up the world on Peace Day when 1000 'Ignitors' complete their act of peace, share it on social media (tagging it with #DoItForPeace), and then invite five friends to do the same. By using simple math, at the end of ten days, 1.2 billion people—over 10% of the world's population—will have taken a stand for peace.

The ten-day initiative is led by two global nonprofits with a combined 30 years of engagement in world-changing activism. [Kids for Peace](#), with its peace-building network of 10 million youth in 121 countries, developed the vision for #DoItForPeace, and is leading the experiment. Joining them will be [Peace One Day](#), the organization founded in 1998 by Jeremy Gilley, the British filmmaker who was the mastermind behind the United Nations' unanimous decision to adopt the first-ever annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence, now known as Peace Day – September 21.

Several dynamic events will fuel the ten-day campaign, from sea to sky. Kids will form their own peace signs during launch events in USA, UK, Kenya, Pakistan, India, and Australia to kick off. Guinness World Record-holding skydivers will perform the first-ever skydiving peace sign formation. And, professional surfer Rob Machado will host a peace sign on the waves.

Every act of peace by participants and the public will be tracked and dynamically visible using innovative tech that will light up a globe, as more and more hashtags are circulated on social media. Powered by our tech partner [InsertChange.org](#), it is believed to be the first graphical representation of its kind documenting worldwide hashtags and their associated images to allow us to watch the world light up for peace throughout the ten days.

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FROM THE BOARD

Board Goals for 2017—2018

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.

Cheryl Brown has agreed to be our 2019 women's walk director, and Phil Evans is going to do another stint as men's lay director!

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings,

As we transition away from those hot, hot days of summer, we look forward to planning for the coming year. One of my goals is to have walk directors lined up for both 2019 and 2020. We're two steps down and two to go! I'm pleased to announce that Cheryl Brown has agreed to be our 2019 women's walk director, and Phil Evans is going to do another stint as men's lay director! I know Cheryl well, as a good friend, and as someone who does a ton of stuff at Mountain Vista UMC, and I know she'll do a fabulous job. And Phil has shown his value to our community over and over again these last few years. I and the board look forward to working with both of them to make these next

walks exceptional for our pilgrims.

Speaking of pilgrims, it's not too early to think about sponsoring someone. Start thinking of who in your own congregation is ready for the Emmaus experience. Then go to our website to start the application process.

Finally, our next board meeting and gathering will be at Mountain Vista UMC, 8931 S 3200 West in West Jordan on September 15th. The board meets at 1, with the gathering at 3. We hope to gather outside at the pavilion. So, bring a picnic dish to share and be prepared to enjoy food, music, communion and fellowship.

De Colores,
Jerry Selbo
Wasatch Emmaus Lay Director

