

Wasatch Emmaus Community

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Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus

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 17th

**Board Meeting
1pm—2:30pm**

**Gathering
3pm-5pm
(Thanksgiving Dinner)**

**163 W 4800 S
South Ogden
(Washington Terrace)
UT 84405**

John 13:34-35 ESV

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.



Upcoming Events

**November 17th
Community UMC**

[163 W 4800 S](#)

South Ogden (Washington Terrace) UT 84405

1:00-2:45 Board Meeting

3:00-5:00 Gathering & Dinner

**COME JOIN US FOR
THANKSGIVING
DINNER
AND FELLOWSHIP!**



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.”*

Message For The Community

My compulsion to be successful causes me to seek only those who would help me to succeed and exclude the unqualified and unfit....like choosing a fisherman to be my follower when I am a popular Rabbi.

My compulsion to be theologically and doctrinally right in my encounters with a neighbor merely results in an ego trip for me. Church families split in halves with both parties remaining prisoners of their own egos. Such compulsion may even result in crucifixion of the ONE who was begotten of GOD and sent to save everyone.

My compulsion to be strong and powerful and to have everything under control results in intolerance, oppression, death and destruction of the weak, the poor, the incapable and the helpless...like slaughtering of all boys under the age of two for fear of losing your power to an infant!

I may deny inclination toward all of these compulsions consciously and outwardly among my neighbors but entertain each of these compulsions in my thoughts and temptations frequently.

Have mercy on me, Lord Jesus.. Help me Lord to stay away from these compulsions as I hold on to Your Hands humbly and YOU guide me patiently in love and grace..

Teach me to be a loser.

Teach me to be incorrect.

Teach me to be vulnerable and weak.

De Colores!

Teach Me Lord, To be vulnerable and weak.

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 pray for me to get a good job! Thank you!God bless you!

- Timea

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



Dear Friends,

As I have been away on my Renewal Leave, I've been able to take the time to rest that I've needed and that has been very good for both Roni and I, but it also helped me to be reminded that I am very blessed and have a lot to be thankful for in my life.

Paul said that he had learned to be okay in times of great blessing and in times of great lack. He believed that it was important to be grateful for all things and there are several times in the Scripture that he reminds us to be thankful for all we have.

I've learned to be thankful for my family as I have a great family to share my life with. I have my three children, my six grandchildren as well as sister and all her children and grandchildren. But I also have many cousins, uncles and aunts as I've had a chance to visit with them down here in Florida.

I've learned to be thankful for my health as I've been able to travel and get around. I've been able to travel by car to Florida and walk on the beaches and play with grandchildren without pain or trouble. I've been able to go wherever I needed to go.

I've learned to be thankful for what I've been given with the food I've been given to eat, the clothes to wear and the shelters I've stayed at in motels, relatives homes and public places around the country. I've been able to enjoy some wonderful food from different places in the country and receive the nourishment that I need to be healthy.

I've learned to be thankful for the career I've been given as a pastor in a wonderful church where I get to do what I love doing and *still* get paid. I've been reminded that I have a wonderful job that is more than a job- it's a blessed joy that God has given me that gives me so much that I have to be able to live.

I've learned to be thankful for the most wonderful wife in the world who has been with me in the good and the bad and has supported me in all times. Roni has been a blessing from God that I never deserved or earned but am so grateful for!

I've learned to be thankful for this nation where we are allowed to disagree and express our opinions, no matter how stupid they might be, and are even encouraged to share them! We had a chance to vote on what we thought was important and as a community be able to express our idea knowing that our freedom to do so will not be taken from us- no matter how stupid we are!

I've learned to be thankful for a God who has given me all good things and has promised to be with me in the tough and bad times. God blesses me and gives me a peace that comforts and guides me in all times with a strength and joy that has less to do with what happens to me and more to do with who I am as a child of God. God loved me enough to become a human being and love me enough to die for me through Jesus, the Christ. And God loved me enough to give me the Holy Spirit to strengthen, love and empower me in all times- good and bad!

I've learned to be thankful for this gift of a Savior because, no matter what happens to me in life, whether I live well or poorly, whether I have good things or bad things happen in my life- All of us can be thankful for this gift of Jesus, the Christ, our Savior and Lord of all life. Everyone has Christ to be thankful for and that is why we celebrate Thanksgiving. We may have things to be thankful for specifically but we all have Christ as a gift for us that is being offered to **all** people!

These are things I've learned about being thankful about. What do you have to be thankful for?

God bless and love you and remember that God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it!

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.



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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

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

In the famous Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, Jesus tells his followers to be the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” But what does this look like in the modern workplace? How are working Christians, from the boardroom to the classroom, heeding this call from the New Testament? In Barna’s recently released **study on vocation**, produced in partnership with **Abilene Christian University**, we found encouraging signs that Christians are living out their faith with integrity. Previously on **Barna.com**, we’ve covered data about the **sacred value Christians perceive in their professions**, the **challenges working parents face** and the **Church’s important role in encouraging faith and work integration**. Here, we’ll look at the **specific values and virtues that define today’s Christians’ work ethic**.

Christian Workers Are Setting the Bar High

Encouragingly, working Christians say they hold to standards and virtues of professional integrity that represent the Church well. They are rooted in a conviction that Christians should act ethically (82%), speak the truth (74%) and demonstrate morality (72%). On an even more spiritual level, respondents say working Christians should make friends with non-Christians (66%), withstand temptation (59%) and do excellent work in an effort to bring glory to God (58%).

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

What to Do When You Feel Blue at Christmastime



Over 30 years ago I began writing an original Christmas story as my annual gift to the congregation. I distributed these original stories to everyone who attended our Christmas Eve worship services. These tales were always well-received, and eventually my annual Christmas story became a tradition.

But over time, I noted that a growing number of people in the congregation were finding it difficult to attend worship on Christmas Eve. Increasingly, I was receiving feedback like, “Since my husband died, Christmas Eves have been hard for me” or “I feel too lonely to venture out” or “Christmas is a reminder of painful memories.”

As the years passed, Christmas began to take on a different feeling for our family, too—especially as children grew into adults and the size of our family gatherings began to diminish year by year, with travel constraints and health issues seeming to rise to the forefront instead of the expectation of joy and celebration. And then, several years ago, I began to realize that many people experienced Christmas as a “blue” season—a series of days tinged with painful memories, or isolation, or anxieties.

I wanted to do something to help.

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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.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings,
As I get older, it seems that time goes faster and faster. We get through Christmas, and in no time Easter is upon us. We welcome in the summer at Memorial Day, and we turn around and it's Labor Day. And the time from those hot days of summer to seeing Christmas commercials on TV again seems like nothing. And it's not just me. I hear people of all ages say the same thing. I think we've just become too busy. We have more things to do, more stuff bombarding our senses, more things demanding our time. We move on from important news stories seemingly overnight. One way to

slow the world down, at least for a few days, is to attend an Emmaus weekend. Taking those three days to get away from life's whirlwind and bask in God's love is a great way to take a breath and slow things down. Sponsoring someone on a weekend is one of the best gifts you can give them. I encourage you to come to the community gathering Saturday, November 17th at 3 o'clock at Community UMC in Ogden. We'll share some food, music, communion, and you can learn more about sponsoring someone. With Christmas just around the corner, maybe the gift of Emmaus is just what someone you know needs.

De Colores,
Jerry Selbo
Wasatch Emmaus Lay Director

