

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.

We are Embarking on the Training Sessions Season for the 2019 Walks!

Please prayerfully consider participating and/or sponsoring in 2019!

Upcoming Events

01/19/19	Training/Gathering	Grace Community (Sandy)	10am – 5pm
02/16/19	Training/Board	CUMC (South Ogden)	10am – 5pm
03/09/19	Training	Hilltop UMC (Sandy)	10am – 3pm
03/23/19	Training	Clearfield Community (Clearfield)	10am – 3pm
04/13/19	Commissioning/Short Script/Training	Christ UMC (SLC)	10am – 5pm



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.”*

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CALENDAR EVENTS

January 19th

**Walk Kickoff & Training
10am- 3pm**

**Gathering
3pm-5pm**

[Grace Community Bible](#)
[11592 S 1300 E](#)
[Sandy UT 84093](#)

JAMES 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows..

Message For The Community

Isaiah 9:6—*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, may we pause to ponder what Christian Attributes we should seek and strive to acquire in the coming years.

Of all the areas in which I need improvement, be it my temper, my focus on ever changing priorities or so many other issues I have; The issue of Pride stands at the root!

I have long believed that Pride is our core sin, the root to all of our ailments.

In **Philippians 2:8-10** Paul states; *“And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself** by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and*

gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”

He humbles himself how? By becoming obedient. For how long? To Death.. Do we humble ourselves to become obedient or do we become humble through our obedience?

May we ask ourselves:

- Do we recognize who is in charge of our life?
- Have we given permission to God to take charge of our life?

Putting God above all is step one. Putting others and their needs before or perhaps equal to ourselves and our needs may be step two.

That is the Christian I strive to become.

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

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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.)

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



Remain Focused



When I was mulling over how to write this community letter, it dawned on me how similar our Christian lives are and yet how different for each of us is our individual journey.

Several things come to mind. First, the issue of faith. You cannot see it, taste it, or hear it, yet faith is so crucial to an individual's Christian walk. The New Testament is rich with verses about faith and faithfulness. We are able to see faith at work, but it isn't a tangible substance. Ephesians 2: 8-9 says we are saved by grace through faith, not by works. It is all through YHWH's love not on any effort by us.

Second, persistence is part of a person's will and drive to accomplish the impossible. What's the result of our persistence? Look at Galatians 5: 22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control....". It is by "dogged determination" sometimes that we succeed. On the other hand, if we did a better job of listening and obeying, the "dogged determination" wouldn't be so hard!!

Third, the willingness to seek out the Holy Spirit for comfort, encouragement, and assistance, especially when the road less traveled is full of obstacles, thorns, bumps and bruises. There have been many times that I was an emotional, physical, spiritual, and psychological wreck! I have two favorite verses among many that have pulled me through the hard-crazy times. Ephesians 1: 13-14 "...having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession...". And finally, all of Philippians 4: 1-23, but especially verse 6: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known unto God."

May it be so!

Dave Sauer

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

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SHARING OUR FAITH

How people, even Christians, broach the subject of faith has changed radically in the last 25 years. As religion writer Jonathan Merritt recently concluded in a New York Times piece based on Barna data, it's getting harder to talk about God. People are more hesitant to have spiritual conversations, and technology and digital interactions have added new layers to faith-sharing. Barna does identify some who are most eager to discuss faith, though they make up just over a quarter of Christians (27%).

Barna conducted a major study, in partnership with Lutheran Hour Ministries, to examine faith-sharing and evangelism in today's climate, culminating in a report entitled Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age. In addition, Barna sought out the insight of other experts to shed light on the state of sacred dialogue today. Below, four authors and ministers weigh in on some of the key obstacles and opportunities of modern spiritual conversations, from avoiding disagreement online to encouraging vulnerability in the home.

"Transparency and Intimacy Beget More Transparency and Intimacy."

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

What to Do When You Feel Blue at Christmastime



To the delight of many Christians, a town in Christian County, Missouri, has reversed its decision to take down an illuminated cross from its Holiday display.

Many residents voiced their outrage when, under pressure from the Wisconsin-based atheist legal group the Freedom From Religion Foundation, the city of Ozark announced on Tuesday that it would no longer include the giant blue-lit steel cross in its Christmas light display at Finley River Park even though it has been included in the display for years.

The decision was made after Ozark administrator Stephen Childers received a letter on Nov. 30 from FFRF legal director Rebecca Markert arguing that the cross display violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on the grounds that it amounts to a government endorsement of a religion.

The town issued an initial statement in response to the FFRF's complaint in which officials agreed that having the cross on public property was a violation of the First Amendment. The town also said that leaving the cross on public property would "result in a lawsuit that we will not win."

"While we respect the interests of those who have long enjoyed the holiday display in Finley River Park, we must acknowledge the federal Constitution and its interpretation by the U.S. Supreme Court," the statement read.

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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.

Sponsoring someone on a weekend is one of the best gifts you can give them.

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Christmas greetings!

I hope this season finds you all blessed by God's unbounded love for us, made manifest in the baby Jesus.

I want to relate a story to you. Our church, Mountain Vista UMC, has a terrific relationship with the nearby LDS Parkway Stake. We host Family Promise families at our church three different weeks during the year, and we would not be able to pull this off without the help of our LDS neighbors, who sign up to bring meals and host the homeless families while they're here. Our small choir also just sang in the stake's annual Christmas Choirside, which we've done for several years now. This year, we joined with one of their smaller ward choirs to sing a couple of combined songs. We also sang Sunday at their ward meeting, and they are coming to sing at our church on the 23rd.

There are two points from this I'd like to make. First is the joy that comes when people of different backgrounds can join and work together for a common cause. We see that in our Walk to Emmaus community all the time. We are one group from many different churches and backgrounds drawn together by a common cause; to grow disciples in Jesus Christ, and to demonstrate his unconditional love.

The second point is that, although we can work together with other faiths to accomplish great things, we still may have a different set of beliefs that would preclude us from other things. I can, as a guest, sit through a ward meeting occasionally, but I would not be comfortable there on a weekly basis. Likewise, inviting someone of the LDS faith to a Walk to Emmaus is not a good idea. Our purpose is not to convert people. The Walk to Emmaus is geared toward pilgrims who are well grounded in their faith, and who come from mainstream Protestant faiths. Within those various denominations, we have a common set of beliefs that we agree on, and that we can build on. As you consider sponsorship, make sure the pilgrim you have in mind is a good fit, or they will not get the experience that you are hoping for.

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Jerry Selbo

