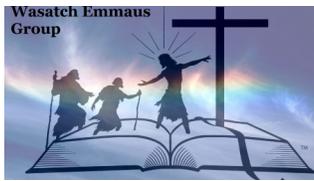


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Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus



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



WHO BENEFITS FROM AN EMMAUS WEEKEND ?

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

WHO DO YOU KNOW?

CALENDAR EVENTS

January 19th

Walk Kickoff & Training
10am- 3pm

Gathering
3pm-5pm

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

Lamentations 3:22-24, (NASB)

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

Message For The Community

Older folks, (Jennie and I are good examples) fret about unloading material goods we've collected over the years, stuff that was once useful to us but now prevents us from moving freely about our homes. I haven't used some of the items in over 15 years, still sitting in the boxes when we moved from Huntsville. There are precincts in our basement where our grandchildren could get lost for hours!

But the junk I really need to jettison in my old age is psychological junk—such as longtime convictions about what gives my life meaning that no longer serve me well. For the last 35 years, my identity has been a NASA aerospace engineer. It has been 2 years since I relinquished that identity. Who will I be in 15 years from now?

I definitely won't know the answer until I get

there. But on my way to that day, I don't think I should be asking myself, "What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to hang on to?" Instead I should be asking myself, "What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to give myself to?"

Quaker Parker Palmer writes: "The desire to "hang on" comes from a sense of scarcity and fear. The desire to "give myself" comes from a sense of abundance and generosity. That's the kind of truth I want to wither into."

What do you want to let go of in the coming year?
What do you want to give yourself to?

Love you much.
Jay

What do you want to give yourself to?.

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

Pray for our 2019 Pilgrims. That they may find the courage and encouragement to become a part of the 2019 Walks.

FOURTH DAY!

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."*



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



*Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

The words of this famous hymn by John Newton seem to resonate with people of all theological persuasions: it is performed in churches of all kinds, from evangelical Christian, to Roman Catholic, to mainline liberal, to Mormon. It has been recorded by countless artists from Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley, to the Three Tenors, to Rascal Flatts and Alan Jackson. The concept of (or at least the word) grace is firmly planted in our culture.

The concept of [grace](#) as found in the Bible is multifaceted, but it can be summed up in the definition “undeserved favor.” The Bible says that we are saved by grace. The grace of God is expressed by God’s forgiveness of our sins, and His blessings to us include peace and fulfillment in this life and, in the life to come, unencumbered fellowship with Him for all eternity. Just as the song “Amazing Grace” has gained almost universal acceptance, it is difficult to find any religious expression with roots in Christianity that does not extoll the virtues of grace. No one with even minimal exposure to Christianity would be so crass as to claim that he has lived a life of such sterling character that God owes him eternal life. The vast majority will admit that they have shortcomings and are in need of God’s grace in some form.

However, there is much misunderstanding about being saved by grace. A great many who call themselves Christians assume that the grace of God has established a system whereby the sinner can mitigate his deserved punishment by his own efforts. For some this may be a formal system of sacraments that infuse the soul with the grace of God. For others the system is less formal but still includes various religious activities, such as church attendance, baptism, contributing to the offering, and doing good deeds. While most agree that “nobody’s perfect,” many say that God in His “grace” will overlook our sins *if* He sees that we have made a genuine effort to do the right thing, mend our ways, and avail ourselves of the help He offers through the church—if He sees that the trajectory of our lives is headed in the right direction, then in His “grace” He will forgive our sins and grant us eternal life. In this view of “grace,” the sinner does not earn eternal life in an absolute sense, but his penitent response and genuine effort does trigger a gracious response from the Father. This belief, although widespread, contradicts the true meaning of grace (“unmerited favor”).

We are saved by grace, not by a mixture of God’s grace and our meritorious works. According to Scripture, we can do nothing to earn salvation, nor are our best efforts good enough to elicit a gracious response from God so that He will make up the difference. All of our righteous deeds are as filthy rags ([Isaiah 64:6](#)). Even considering our best efforts, we have fallen short of God’s standard of righteousness ([Romans 3:23](#)), and we deserve death ([Romans 6:23](#)). We are not commanded to “do our best” for God but to love Him perfectly and completely ([Matthew 22:37](#)). We fail in that. The command is not to “try” to love our neighbors but to actually succeed in loving our neighbors as we love ourselves ([Matthew 22:39](#)). In spite of our “best efforts,” we fail—and who can honestly claim they gave it their “best effort” anyway?

Salvation by grace means that, from first to last, it is undeserved. Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our faith ([Hebrews 12:2](#)). Grace is not God doing 95 or even 99.9 percent, with us making up the difference. Grace is God doing 100 percent and our humble acceptance of it, recognizing that we are unworthy and have nothing to contribute.

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:

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Your Involvement Please

It is time for Planning, Sponsoring and Participating. This is an opportunity to Glorify the Lord will ministering to fellow Christians.

Please Consider being Involved,

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SHARING OUR FAITH

In our fast-paced world, time is a precious commodity. Perhaps this is why most American adults—of all ages—believe volunteering is one of the most generous acts possible, even more than financial giving. So which American cities are known for giving of their time to nonprofit organizations? Over the years, Barna has been tracking the religious views, attitudes and lifestyles—including volunteering habits—among American adults and publishing this data in our *Cities* reports. In the infographic below, we list the top 10 American cities where respondents are most likely to say they volunteer for a nonprofit organization on a weekly basis.

According to Barna's most recent data, the area in America with the highest percentage of weekly volunteers is Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA (30%). From there, these hands-on cities are spread out across the country: Green Bay-Appleton, WI (28%); Austin, TX (27%); Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC-Asheville, NC (27%); Nashville, TN (27%); San Diego, CA (26%); Providence, RI-New Bedford, MA (25%); Salt Lake City, UT (24%); Birmingham-Anniston-Tuscaloosa, AL (24%); and Houston, TX (24%). Southern cities made an impressive showing, with the rest split between cities out West and in the Northeast, and only one city in the Midwest.

Where does your city rank?
[READ MORE](#)

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

Hands & Feet of Jesus



To make the message of Christianity real to a fallen world, Christians need to do more than just share the Gospel; they must touch lives with the hope of Jesus through tangible acts of service.

“Regular service is valuable and important to us as Christians because we’re following the example of Christ,” said Liberty University Professor Dr. Lew Weider. “In John 10:27 Jesus said, ‘My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.’ We’re followers of Jesus Christ. The word ‘Christian’ can almost get lost in our culture today, but to be a follower of Jesus and His Word is very specific.”

“I want to encourage and admonish people to be followers of Christ,” he continued. “How do we do that? Jesus said He didn’t come to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life. If we’re going to follow that example, then that would be giving our lives for others. When you experience serving others and they experience the love of God through you, it’ll transform your life as well as the lives of those to whom you minister.”

Serving others should be a natural extension of the Christian faith, Dr. Weider said, and can be as simple as getting involved in one’s local church or charity.

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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.

Mark January 19th on your calendar. At Grace Bible Church in Sandy

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings in the name of our Lord, and Happy New Year! With the holidays out of the way, I realize that we are just short of 4 months until our next walks. Planning, training, and getting teams together all become a high priority now. Most importantly, we need pilgrims. All the planning in the world does no good if we don't have the pilgrims. Get your applications in as soon as possible. All the forms can be found at our website, utwte.org.

Mark January 19th on your calendar. At Grace Bible Church in Sandy we will have our first walk training session, starting at 10, followed by a community gathering at 3 o'clock. If you've been asked to be on a walk team, or if you're interested but haven't been asked, I urge you to attend. We can always find something for willing individuals to do, even if you can't be up at the ranch for the whole weekend. If you'd like

to be a part of the upcoming walks, you can contact me at 801-918-0982, the men's lay director, Phil Evans, at 801-259-2660, or the women's walk director, Cheryl Brown, at 801-884-3659.

Everyone is invited to attend the grand gathering on the 19th at 3. This will be our last gathering until after the walks. We'll have music, worship, communion and, of course, food.

De Colores,
Jerry Selbo
Wasatch Emmaus Lay Director

