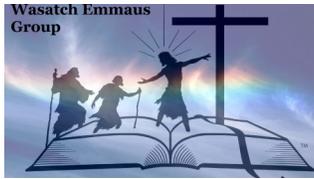


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Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus



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

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

CALENDAR EVENTS

February 16th

**Training
10am- 3pm**

**Board Meeting
3pm-5pm**

**CUMC
163 W 4800 S,
Ogden, UT 84405**

Proverbs 3:27
(NASB)

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.



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?

Message For The Community

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole that he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the

stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers on your side of the path but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

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.

Please pray for our Nation and for the stop of the inhumane treatment of our unborn children

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



Have you ever found yourself wishing that you could attend an Emmaus week-end again? I certainly have. My week-end was awesome! I'll bet that yours was too.

And in a way we can attend again. In fact, following your own walk, you may have already re-experienced Emmaus as you have worked in the background, attended candlelight or participated in the closing service. On the other hand, you may have found yourself remembering the details of your walk as you sponsored a pilgrim. But I would like to invite you to re-experience your walk in another way.

Have you participated in the practice sessions for the talks? If not, I am personally inviting you to be a part of this experience. You don't need to attend them all, nor do you need to be a speaker or to be a member of the Conference Room. You just need to be willing to listen and help the speaker perfect his or her message and presentation. Nonetheless, in the process of listening you may hear the talks again as if for the first time. I am repeatedly amazed at how life giving and fresh they are. I find myself thinking, "Did I hear that before?" Each time I have attended one of these prep sessions, I have gained a new understanding of the Emmaus mission. Each time, my enthusiasm for inviting and sponsoring a pilgrim is renewed. Each time it is like a mini week-end renewal experience for me.

So, before you get too busy with the details of the week-end, consider taking time to hear the message one more time. Listen to a talk, give your feedback, and allow the talk to refresh the Gospel message of God's Grace in you.

De Colores,
Rev. Olga

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

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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Millennials Say Evangelism Is Wrong

*Sharing one's faith—evangelizing—is a core practice among many religions. For Christians, it's viewed as a mandate from Jesus himself before he departed earth: commanding his disciples to "spread the good news." Yet, today, a number of factors are curbing many Christians' enthusiasm for faith-sharing, including the decline of religion in America, a spreading apathy toward spiritual matters and a growing cultural suspicion of people of faith. It is against this backdrop that Barna is releasing *Reviving Evangelism*, a new report based on research commissioned by Alpha USA. This study looks at the faith-sharing experiences and expectations of Christians and non-Christians alike. Among the major findings in this report is the revelation that Christian Millennials feel especially conflicted about evangelism—and, in fact, almost half believe it is wrong to share their faith.*

Ready—but Not Willing—to Talk About Faith

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

JAPAN SUICIDE RATE SOARS, CHRISTIANS RESPOND



TOKYO –

Japan is facing its highest suicide rate in 30 years among young people, according to recent government [statistics](#). A frightening trend is the growing number of children killing themselves over bullying and school pressure.

There have been different reasons given why suicide remains so prevalent here, but Christians here say ignorance of God could be why so many desperate Japanese take their own lives.

Aiko Kudou still finds it hard to believe that her childhood friend committed suicide. "How can he take his own life and leave behind his family in misery? He got depressed when his mother did not approve the school of his choice. He ran away from home. After three days they found him dead in a park restroom. He cut his wrist and bled to death," Kudou recalls.

The suicide rate among young Japanese has risen to its highest level in three decades. According to the Ministry of Education, 250 elementary and high school students committed suicide last year.

Reports say, based on the suicide notes left by these kids, bullying is the top reason that pushed them to end their life.

Pastor Miyahara Tatsuhiro says, "Being part of a group is very important in our culture. And that is why, if the child is different physically, he is always bullied."

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FROM THE BOARD

Board Goals for 2017—2018

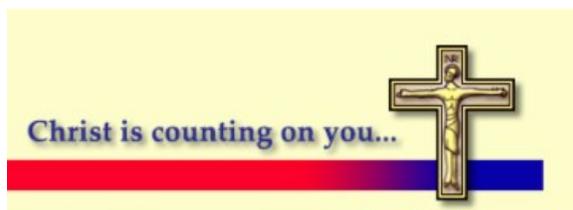
1. Include more Clergy from outside our present community to attend and participate in future Walks to Emmaus.
2. The community should provide a schedule for monthly meetings which should provide six months in advance of future Walks to Emmaus.
3. Investigate the possibility of using a Conference Center 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 one and all,
Things are progressing nicely toward our upcoming walks. I can't say enough about the efforts of Phil Evans and Cheryl Brown to get their teams together! There are a few holes to fill, but at this stage of the game, things are looking good. Our second training session will be this coming Saturday, the 16th, at Community UMC in Ogden, followed by another at Hilltop UMC on March 9th. Where we are lacking right now is in registered pilgrims. We need 15 to 20 each weekend to hold the walks, as we need to guarantee 45 participants (including volunteers) to Big Canyon Ranch. The pricing is set for us to break even, but we have received scholarship money, so we don't want finances to be an issue

for anybody. Look around your church and your circle of friends. Chances are, you know at least 2 or 3 people who would be good candidates to go on a walk, and it's one of the nicest things you can do for someone. You can also get 2 or 3 people together to sponsor a pilgrim and share the load. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.utwte.org.



De Colores,
Jerry Selbo
Wasatch Emmaus Lay Director