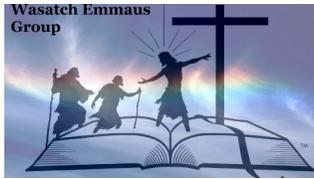


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Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus



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

March 23, 2019

**Training
10am- 3pm**

Clearfield Community

525 E 200 S, Clearfield, UT 84015

1 Chronicles 16:11
(NIV)

Look to the LORD
and his strength;
seek his face always.



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

We are quickly approaching our next two walks and we are excited to share the opportunity with other brothers and sisters in Christ.

NOW is the time to open your heart and share with someone in your congregation or even another congregation. Participation in this important event can take on many faces and everyone is important.

Here are a few ways in which you can participate:

1. Volunteer to work the walk
2. Sponsor a Pilgrim
3. Identify a Pilgrim for scholarship
4. Contribute to the Scholarship Fund
5. Pray for the Pilgrims during the walks

There is still room for Pilgrims/Candidates as well as workers. We have also provided a link to sign up to pray for candidates during the walks.

[Prayer Vigil Signup](#)

Your participation in some way would be greatly appreciated.

Paul Guidash
Vice Lay Director

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 you Leaders around our Nation and around the World.

[Prayer Vigil Link](#)

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



Dear friends of Emmaus,

Easter is rolling toward us, as sure as the stone was rolled away from the tomb. We are preparing for the Easter Resurrection by reflecting, contemplating and repenting of our sins, our failures to be the Christians we're truly called to be and our times of faithlessness. It is an important time for all of us as we both prepare and receive the gift of God's grace and love given to us by the act of God becoming flesh and blood and living among us.

It is a glorious time for all of us as Christians but I wonder if we are always aware of the power of this act of God's incarnation (God made flesh)! Do we appreciate its Love? Do we appreciate the sacrifice? Do we appreciate the power of this action for all humankind? I fear that we do not!

For God to give up all the power and glory of being God is often not understood or appreciated. Remember, God is ***GOD!*** God, in heaven (wherever or whatever that is!), is all powerful, all present, all knowing and experiences no limitations as we know them here on earth. God can do whatever God wants! God doesn't have to feel pain or sorrow or any of the earthly parts of what we as human being have to experience. God didn't have to feel the obvious pains of childbirth or hunger or thirst or loneliness or anything else that causes us difficulty or anxiety. God could have remained in heaven and avoided all those things and we would have probably understood- because God is ***GOD!***

But, God didn't stay in heaven away from all those difficulties of human existence. God **CHOSE** to become a human being and experience all the things that we feel as human beings here on earth. That means a lot of good and wonderful things such as joy, children, marriage, friends, etc. But, it also means all the rough times of depression, insecurity, pain, hunger, illness, injury, etc. as well. When God became Jesus, born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger, God took on all the frailties, limits and weakness of humanity. And we forget that God gave up all the greatness of what it was to be ***GOD!*** That was a choice of God that God freely made. As Jesus speaks to the Pharisees, John 10:18 says, "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father." Jesus **CHOSE** to give up his life for the sake of each and every one of us.

Are we aware of this great gift of life that God has given us as God become a frail human being? Are we appreciative of the gift given to us so we could be freed from the prison of sin and pain? Do we appreciate the sacrifice that our Supreme, All Powerful, All Knowing God made for us just to show us that God loves us unconditionally?

Why else would God do all this, except to demonstrate and give us God's unconditional, no strings attached, complete and total love for each of us as Children of God?

We are loved by God more than we'll ever know. We are loved by God more than we'll ever be able to appreciate. We are loved by God so powerfully that I ask you- How can we not share that love with all people around us?

Remember, I love you and God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it! God bless you all!

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.



New Website

Our Website is
www.utwte.org

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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What Makes for a Spiritually Vibrant Household?

How do our core relationships engage us in a thoughtful, transformative faith—the kind that holds up to and is passed down over time? This was one of the guiding questions of Barna's new [Households of Faith report](#), based on an extensive study of practicing Christians and their living arrangements and routines.

One of the goals of this study, conducted in partnership with Lutheran Hour Ministries, was to learn from households that appear to be exceptionally engaged in communal and consistent faith expression in the home. Barna developed a custom metric that sorts households by reports of collective, frequent engagement in key behaviors:

- **Spiritual practices**—defined here as praying every day or two and reading the Bible weekly all together
- **Spiritual conversations**—defined here as talking about God and faith at least weekly all together
- **Hospitality**—defined here as welcoming non-family guests regularly, or at least several times a month

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

Innocent Man on Death Row Shares How God Used His False Conviction to Share the Good



For many of us, the very thought of only seeing the sun for an hour a day for 30 years has never crossed our minds – in fact, it would horrify most of us if this actually happened to us.

It had never crossed Anthony Ray Hinton's mind either, who as a young 29-year-old man had only known living life as a sheltered and marginalized black man, having grown up in the sunbelt of a little small Alabama town outside of Montgomery.

Hinton served 30 years on death row for a crime he did not commit. He only saw the sun for an hour a day and never knew or even at times believed that he would see the sun as a free man again.

Hinton tells of his story in his best-selling book ["The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row."](#)

The best-selling author shared in his book that when his mom came to visit him, she would ask him if his prison cell had windows so that he could see the sun rise and fall. To comfort her, Hinton would tell his mom that it did, while in reality, it did not.

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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,

We are now less than 6 weeks from the start of our 2019 walks. We can say with certainty that the walks will take place this year – yay! We have paperwork or commitments from at least 10 candidates on both the men's and women's walks – double yay! And our walk teams are coming into shape, with just a few spots to fill – praise God!

The most notable spot to fill for both walks is the background coordinator. The main responsibility of the background coordinator is to communicate with the ALDs in the conference room and make sure that everyone in the background is working in accord with what's happening out front. It's vital, but not difficult. And you get to ride the golf cart around a lot!



The excitement is building, and it's not too late to be a part of it. We can still take a few more candidates on both walks, so if you've been thinking of someone to sponsor and just haven't managed to talk about it yet, now is the time. If all you can do is donate some money, we're also good with that.

We have a scholarship fund, which is being used quite a bit. Someone who sponsors multiple people, or who sponsors someone and also works the walk can be out a lot of money, and we just need to be able to tell them that money is not an issue.

Thanks to all of you who make these walks happen each year. Together, our contributions make a difference in people's lives.

De Colores,
Jerry Selbo
Wasatch Emmaus Lay Director