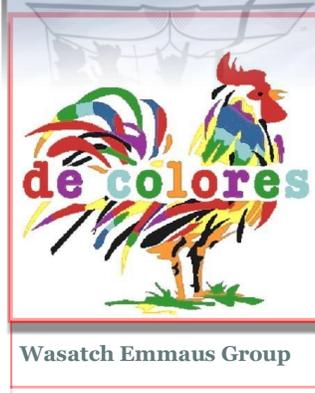


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July 2019

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.

Great Turn-out at our Grand Gathering!
 Please Plug-In and join us at Grace Community Bible Church on July 20th!

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting & Gathering
July 20th, 2019
Board Meeting 1—3 pm
Gathering 3—5 pm

WHO BENEFITS FROM AN EMMAUS WEEKEND ?



Disciples of Christ

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

July 2019

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CALENDAR EVENTS

July 20, 2019

Board Meeting
1 - 3 pm
Gathering
3 - 5 pm

[Grace Community Bible Church \(GCBC\)](#)

[11592 South 1300 East](#)
[Sandy, UT 84094](#)

1 Chronicles 16:11

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

Matthew 6:32-33

I know all that you need. Just seek me first, and all these things will be given to you

Message For The Community

Your faith is more powerful than your fear.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

• *John 14:27 (NIV)*

• This world will give you so many unknowns—whether that’s career-wise, love/relationship-wise, health-wise, status-wise, or even where you call home. There are moments you can’t plan for, whether that has to do with your loved ones, your decisions, or how moments play out around you. In those moments you can fold, you can be anxious, you can live with regret or fear, or you can trust God.

Let your faith in the Father be bigger than any fear.

Even when times are tough, even when you’re unsure where to go, even when you’re filled with doubt, know that God has a plan. Know that God isn’t just going to leave you in the dust. This world might not always make sense, and your prayers might not be answered in the way you hope, but that doesn’t mean He’s ignoring you. Perhaps an unanswered prayer is a blessing you never know you needed. Perhaps a closed door is an opened one down the road. Perhaps the pain you’re feeling is a powerful lesson in strength. Perhaps you simply need a reminder that you serve an all-powerful God.

Marisa Donnelly

Is your Faith > Fear?.

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:

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Prayer & Gratitude

Please Pray for you Leaders around our Nation and around the World.

FOURTH DAY! NEW GROUP!!

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:

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

Co-Ed:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 6pm - Hilltop UMC (985 E 10600 S, Sandy) -Rob 801-493-5047



Dear Friends,

People are often concerned about attendance and membership of Walk to Emmaus and our local churches. They want to know what it is that will help Emmaus and churches to grow. They get very excited and/or discouraged about not growing. They want to know the “answer”! They think that if they know the answer that it will “solve the problem” and Emmaus will immediately begin to grow with more people in our weekends and 4th Day Groups and more joining. What will make us grow and what will bring in more people? At our Annual Conference, we were all given t-shirts that said something about joining “Beloved Community” and on the back they said “Seeing All the People- It’s not about fixing a church”! It’s about being faithful!

I’ve been involved in workshops and Conventions and classes about church growth for over 30 years and I can tell you what the answer to growing the Kingdom is! It has changed over the years but recently, with the millennials, it has come to two basic things. This is the answer!! Firstly, are we having opportunity to get to know each other more deeply and grow in our spiritual journeys together? And secondly, are we making a difference in people’s lives by reaching out into the community and doing mission projects and helping them with real needs? Let’s look at getting to know each other better and growing spiritually.

What are the ways that we can really get to know each other in deeper ways within our community? Some people will talk about our Gathering meetings as that opportunity but the truth is that you can sit next to someone in worship and never even know their name! How many of us don’t even know each other’s names much less anything else about them as we gather? In Gatherings we are focused on praising and honoring God so it’s not about us. It’s about God! And if people are visiting, most will come just before the Gathering starts and leave as soon after (if not during the last hymn!) as they can. Besides, there are too many to get to know very well. For Emmaus to be successful in Gatherings, we have to find ways to get to really know each other in better and deeper ways.

We have classes and trainings but classes and trainings are designed for us to know more about a topic, whether it is the Bible or the Weekend Retreat coming up or some aspect of discipleship or church. Classes are to inform us about different things in our faith and church life. There is interaction but unless someone shares deeply about a personal item in that class, you might not really get to know a whole lot more about them. These trainings also seem to have the same people coming to them. If you are part of the 10% of our community who attends a training for the weekends, you probably know the names of those who attend and a little about them but the focus is on the Weekend retreat, not who the attendees are. And if our Emmaus Community has only about 10% of us attending, what chance do we have of really getting to know very many people? If the reason for our church to exist is to help people grow in their spiritual journeys, then how successful are we if only about 10% are even attending a training or a Gathering?

The best way for us to really get to know each other is to be involved in a small Life Group- our 4th Day groups. There again, we have only about 10% of our congregation in a 4th Day Group. Whereas classes are to “inform” us, Life Groups like our 4th Day Groups are to “transform” us! That means we are to gather to let the Spirit of God move in and through us to change us from the inside of our souls. This involves sharing our lives with a group of 8-12 where we can talk about how we have grown in our faith journey over the past week or two and how we have failed to grow. We have only a few 4th Day Groups at this time. We need more! And we need more people who would be willing to join us. Look at the list of 4th Day Groups- join one of them. If you don’t see one that fits your schedule, then put together one of your own at a time that works for you. I believe our future as an Emmaus Community depends on our 4th Day Groups! What do you think?

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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Married Couples & Parents See Fewer Barriers to Forgiving Others

For people of faith, an understanding of mercy is foundational to our understanding of the gospel and should permeate our daily lives—starting within our families and most intimate relationships. But the external influences and internal dynamics of our households can complicate this effort.

Moderating screen time, fighting for that ever-elusive work-life balance, navigating relationships in a fraught political climate, discussing faith in an increasingly secularized society, cultivating generosity in an age of compassion fatigue—these are just some of the factors that, as multiple Barna Group studies attest, influence the atmospheres and values of our homes. Technology alone, parents tell us, has made it harder than ever to raise children.

So how are families doing in cultivating merciful mindsets? A new Barna project produced in partnership with The Reimagine Group, *The Mercy Journey*, examines the role of forgiveness and mercy in the lives of Christian adults in the U.S. The data suggest family relationships may heighten or shape forgiving attitudes in significant ways.

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

A Letter From Jesus— Not Just for New Believers



Dear New Believer:

What a great day this is! You have claimed our family name—the name of Christ. You have publicly stated that you want to be a Christian and follow me. I have so many wonderful things planned for you. But be patient. All that I want to tell you and show you will take a lifetime—your lifetime. As we begin, there are a few things I want you to keep in mind. In case you lose this letter, you can find most of it (the parts in italics) in your Bible.

First, know that you are very special. I created you uniquely, with your own gifts and talents. *See how great a love I have for you that you should be called my child, for this is what you are* (1 John 3:1). *I formed your inward parts. I knit you together in your mother's womb* (Psalm 139:13). *I know the number of hairs on your head* (Matthew 10:30). *You are fearfully and wonderfully made* (Psalm 139:14), *You are precious in my sight, and I love you.* (Isaiah 43:4)

And because I love you, I want to give you all the best. *Call upon me, come and pray to me and I will listen to you* (Jeremiah 29:12). *Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you* (Matthew 7:7). *I know all that you need. Just seek me first, and all these things will be given to you* (Matthew 6:32–33).

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FROM THE BOARD

Board Goals for 2017—2018

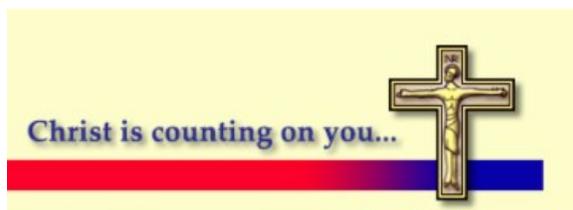
1. Include more Clergy from outside our present community to attend and participate in future Walks to Emmaus.
2. The community should provide a schedule for monthly meetings which should provide six months in advance of future Walks to Emmaus.
3. Investigate the possibility of using a Conference Center 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 July 20th on your Calendar. At Grace Bible Church in Sandy

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings brothers and sisters,

I hope you are enjoying summer. No matter what your family situation is, it seems like summer is a time to enjoy life, to relax, to recharge, and to touch base with friends. It reminds us that we need to take time in life to enjoy the creation that surrounds us, and to rest. The Bible doesn't talk much about taking vacations, but it does teach us a lot about the Sabbath Day. One of the Ten Commandments is "Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy." I believe, for most of us, that day is Sunday. But your life situation may dictate otherwise. If you are a member of the clergy, Monday may be your Sabbath Day. If you work in the hospitality industry, or in healthcare, or if you are a firefighter or in law enforcement, your Sabbath Day may be

different each week.

Whatever your situation is, take time to rest. Some of us feel like we need to go 100 miles an hour all the time. You can't do that for long. If you're one of those people, stop and smell the roses! And use some of that time to connect with God. Use some of that downtime to pray, to read scripture or something affirmative, or to meditate.

Two things that our walk taught us is that God's love for us is limitless, and that his grace is enough. Period. When we live our lives with this in mind, we can learn to relax, knowing that we are truly children of God. And we can live our lives in ways that bring glory to Him, in gratitude. Rest in His peace!

De Colores!
Jerry Selbo
Community Lay Leader

