

# Wasatch Emmaus Community

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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.



## Upcoming Events

**Clearfield Community  
Board Meeting & Gathering  
October 5, 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

### September 2019

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### CALENDAR EVENTS

**October 5, 2019**

**Board Meeting**

**1 - 3 pm**

**Gathering**

**3 - 5 pm**

### Clearfield Community

[525 E 200 S, Clearfield, UT 84015](#)

### 1 Peter 4:11

*Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*

## Message For The Community

Dear Friends,

I was recently blessed with the opportunity to lead a study on the life of Joseph at my church. Although I was apprehensive, I couldn't shy away from it.

Joseph's story begins in [Genesis 37](#) and continues through Genesis 50. What a model of character we find in this man. We can see many Christ-Like characteristics in Joseph.

Joseph seemed to always make the right choice when he could have so easily made justifiable other choices. He was certainly given a lot of press by Moses in the writing of Genesis, more than any other character, including Abraham.

As I studied and prepared for the lessons, I wondered How could I improve on my decision making abilities. What could keep me centered and focused on what was most important.

From that, I asked the question, "what is God's Mission"? If He were to write a mission statement, what would it be?

I encourage you to reflect on that question. In my quest, I learned that whatever His Mission, He has to succeed because we as believers know God never fails. Certainly God has a Mission and the decisions we make each day should fit into that Mission Statement.

The conclusion I reached with the help of other believers is that God's Mission is To Be Glorified. Our mission then, is to Glorify God In All We Do.

We can Glorify God in so many different ways and He gives us direction in His Word through commands. Loving others, making disciples, etc. All require **action** on our part.

May we always remember that this is Not about Us but About Him. Let's put our faith into action and may it all be to the Glory of God.

De Colores!

## In All Things, Glorify God

### 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](mailto:wasatchemmaus@gmail.com)

### Prayer & Gratitude

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

Please pray for all those in our communities who are suffering!

### 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](mailto: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) 8:30am—9:30am**—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 of Walk to Emmaus,

What's your greatest memory about your Walk to Emmaus? What is it that you most reflect on, remember with fondness, feel inspired by, etc.? It's been made clear that we only go on a Walk to Emmaus once, but does it stop there?

NO! NO! NO! I've heard from so many people that being able to sign up and do the background work for the pilgrims, be in the Conference room with everyone, helping to sponsor a new pilgrim and helping to take care of their family for them also gave them a great feeling of being connected more closely with our Creator and Savior, Jesus, the Christ.

If we read from Ephesians 1, we are reminded that Paul's call was not just to be the best Christian that he could be. It was to share that faith with those around us so they could experience the joy and power of the Holy Spirit. We must always remind ourselves that faith is not all about us. If it were, then our own salvation would be all that really mattered. Once we were "sure" we were "Christians", then we could sit back and relax because we were "saved".

Ephesians 1 starts with this: "From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will. To the holy and faithful people in Christ Jesus in Ephesus. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul knew he had a responsibility, a calling, an eternal opportunity to share with others what great gifts and love and power he has already been given. It couldn't be kept in him selfishly. It HAD to be shared with as many as he could share it and the grace of God had to be a free gift to ALL people.

Ephesians 1 continues: "God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence... God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love." We have been chosen to share our faith. It isn't a gift that stays in us. It is, literally, a gift the "keeps on giving" and must or it will die. The grace of God through Christ is a living thing that must be kept alive by "feeding" it to others. It is too powerful and important to stay just with us. I wonder if that means that if it does stay with just us, that it WILL die because we have caged a "living thing that cannot be caged"??

Ephesians 1:13-14: "You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory." A down payment is made when we become a Christian and are God's people that will result in God's glory which I believe is our sharing of the Christian life with others. It's a down payment that cannot be refunded or ignored and demands we share God with others in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

Finally, Ephesians 1:18-19 says: "I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers." God's gift of grace given to us is amazing, life-changing, infinitely valuable and overwhelmingly powerful. Do you realize what a great gift you've been given by God?

I hope so, but even more, I hope you don't keep it to yourself and let it die! Give it away so it will live to help make the Kingdom of Heaven "here on earth as it is in heaven"! God bless you! Know that God loves you and there's nothing you can do about that!

Love,  
Gary Haddock, pastor at Community UMC, Ogden, UT

## 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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**EXPLORE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE!**

On September 10, *The Connected Generation* project launched with the **Faith for the Future** webcast, a live, free event where leaders from Barna and World Vision revealed main findings—some sobering, some hopeful—uncovered by this global data. The team was joined by panels of experts and ministers as well as viewers from 88 countries and six continents.

**Effective Ministry in an Anxious Age**

Four in 10 18–35-year-olds around the world—and, among some demographic groups, many more—report being uncertain about the future or anxious about important decisions. Faith practice and vocational & financial security are strong predictors of emotional well-being.

*“There’s great encouragement because we’re living in a generation where people really want to make a difference. They want their lives to make an impact around the world. But yet, we don’t have an understanding about what it means to go deep and what it means to have a theology of the marathon. Sometimes, we can be so enamored about appearing a certain way that we don’t do that deep substantive work.”*

—Eugene Cho on Casting Hope for the Next Generation

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**GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!**

**10 Persecuted Christians Chosen by the State Department to Share Their Stories**



At this week’s Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom, billed as the largest human rights event the US State Department has ever held, 23 people were invited to share their or their loved ones’ stories of religious persecution.

Below are the 10 Christian survivors from 10 nations, followed by the non-Christian survivors.

Christian survivors of religious persecution:

**China:** Ouyang Manping is the wife of Pastor Su Tifan, who on December 9, 2015, was placed under administrative detention after law enforcement raided the Three Living Stone Church

**Cuba:** Reverend Mario Félix Lleontar Barroso is currently the pastor of the Iglesia Bautista de Waldorf (Baptist Church of Waldorf), where he ministers to the Latino community. While in Cuba, he planted and pastored Baptist churches in the province of Villa Clara and in Havana. In 2016, after years of being harassed, detained, and arrested multiple times because of his faith activities, Pastor Leonard, his wife, Yoaxis, and his two daughters sought asylum in the United States. They arrived in the United States on September 11, 2016.

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## FROM THE BOARD

### Board Goals for 2017—2018

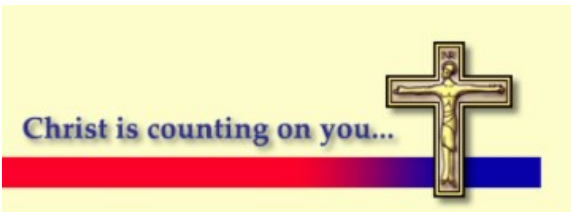
1. Include more Clergy from outside our present community to attend and participate in future Walks to Emmaus.
2. The community should provide a schedule for monthly meetings which should provide six months in advance of future Walks to Emmaus.
3. Investigate the possibility of using a Conference Center 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.

Wherever your treasure is, your heart will follow.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings,

As I get older, time seems to go faster and faster. I can't believe how fast this year has gone by! And when I mention this to people, they all seem to echo the same sentiments, regardless of their age. So, maybe the fact that time seems to be going by faster has less to do with age than with the time we're living in. In spite of all the modern technology that makes our lives easier, we're busier than we've ever been. Most of us are busy from the time we get up until the time we go to bed at night; running from one place to another, and from one appointment to another. We have to compartmentalize our lives and carve out time for each area: parent, spouse, co-worker, friend, church member, committee member, soccer coach, etc. When we do have some time for ourselves, it seems we have to schedule that out also. We have so many choices nowadays that we end up not be-



ing able to do and see a lot of things that we would like to. We just have to set priorities.

The very first talk on an Emmaus weekend is called Priority. It reminds us that we need to examine our lives and determine what it is that is most important. By the end of the weekend, it becomes more and more clear that Jesus Christ needs to be the priority in our lives. If we make him our priority, many of the other details of our lives become clearer. It may not make our lives less busy. It may not make time slow down. But it can make clearer some of the choices we make with the time that we have. And one of those choices should be this: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalms 46:10). Take a little time each day to slow down and realize God's presence. Use it to read his word, pray, meditate, or just be quiet and commune with nature. In the grand scheme of things, our time here is very short. Making Christ our priority will help us make the most of the short time we have.

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Jerry Selbo  
Community Lay Leader

