

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.

2020 Walk Dates

Men's (Rob Garrison) — April 23-26

Women's (Audrey Rowley) — April 30- May 3

Upcoming Events

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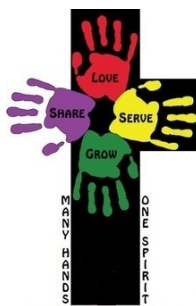
Board Meeting & Gathering

January 18, 2020

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

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CALENDAR EVENTS

January 18, 2020
Board Meeting
 1 - 3 pm
Gathering
 3 - 5 pm

[Grace Community Bible Church](#)

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Luke 6:40

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Message For The Community

Dear Friends,

ROMANS 12:3-5—*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think of yourself with sober judgment, according to the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and not all members have the same function, so in Christ we who are many are one body, and each member belongs to one another.*

Paul could just as easily been speaking to us today as he was speaking to the believers in Rome around 58 a.d., We are all one body, regardless of the building we choose to walk into on Sunday. And as a body, we are to work together. For what? To Glorify God ultimately. Specifically, Paul is speaking about caring for other believers.

We have all experience the care and loving from other believers. I was engulfed by it when I at-

tended my Walk in 2016. We all have our personal testimony about the Walk to Emmaus we attended. Testimonies about how it changed or had an impact on our lives and our walk with Christ.

Now is the time to share these testimonies with others in the Body of Christ, those in the faith. This glorifies God as we are called to do so.

It seems so far away, but the planning and work has already begun for the 2020 Walks. Now is the time to prayerfully consider who should be invited to the next walk. Our own testimony could perhaps be exactly what people need to hear in order to make their own personal decision.

The Walk is designed to promote spiritual growth within the Body and within our church families. Action of our part is what triggers the process.

De Colores!

We who are many are one body

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

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.)

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



Phil 4:4-7 – “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

This portion of Paul’s letter is the central theme of this book. We the believer, are to rejoice always, no matter what our circumstances might be. Is it a challenge to rejoice all the time? Yes! On many occasions our circumstances suck the life and joy out of us. Our rejoicing becomes stagnant and nonexistent when we allow the circumstances of our lives to consume our thoughts and actions. When times are tough to rejoice it’s usually because we are focused on our needs and not His grace in our lives.

How can we as Christian’s find joy when circumstances of life want to destroy our joy?

The simple answer we overlook all the time is: Look to the Cross. We forget to look back to what Jesus endured for every single one of us. The greatest sacrifice He made on the Cross for sinful man and woman. The very sins that grieved the Godhead before the worldwide flood “And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.” Gen 6:6. The same Godhead that the Hebrew writer said “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” 12:2

How does one reconcile this biblical truth?

That God is sorry that He created mankind, and in the same breath went to the Cross to be crushed for our sin? If these two truths don’t lead into worship, I don’t know what will. The God head displayed clemency and restraint not to destroy all of mankind; though He was just in doing so. And God showed mercy and grace to preserve His image-bearers, by showing a love that is unexplainable by fallible creatures like us.

And to top it off! Jesus, found it to be a joy as He sacrificed His life for us. Can you fathom that reality with me for a moment! Jesus, the Godman went to the cross with joy. (This should humble us, if not break us)

Can you imagine how He must have felt when He could see into the hearts of every single person that walked past Him?

How could Jesus rejoice knowing His created children would?

Curse His name
Deny His supreme authority and deity.
Spit in His face as if He was a criminal and heretic.
Have hearts of murder and other evil thoughts and deeds.
Assault Him and pin the sinless, spotless, Lamb of God, to a tree.

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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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DO CHRISTIAN'S CONSIDER THEIR PASTOR'S TO BE FRIENDS?

Most U.S. adults hold a positive perception of pastors. In Barna's 2017 The State of Pastors report, the data showed two out of three U.S. adults (66%) and nearly nine in 10 practicing Christians (91%) viewed pastors' presence as a benefit in their community, while nearly the same percentage (64% U.S. adults, 87% practicing Christians) had a very positive opinion of a pastor they personally knew. In light of October being Pastor Appreciation Month and October 13th being Clergy Appreciation Day, Barna wanted to shed more light on pastoral perceptions on a personal level, outside of regular church services and events. In this article, we will learn more about those who view their pastor in a role other than church leader—and more specifically, as a friend.

Frequency of Interaction with Pastors Outside of Church Service & Events

When asked if they regularly met with or spoke to the lead pastor of their church outside of weekly church service and events, one in five Christian adults (20%) answers yes. What about respondents who not only identify as Christian but also exhibit some level of commitment to their local church? One-third of church adults (32%)—those who have been to church at least once in the last six months—say they regularly interact with their lead pastor outside of formal church settings. Forty-three percent of practicing Christians—self-identified Christians who say their faith is very important in their lives and have attended a worship service within the past month—answer similarly.

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

Ex-Drug Addict Baptized at Church He Vandalized 6 Months Earlier – ‘God Is Real’



A homeless drug addict who broke into an Arkansas church and vandalized \$100,000 worth of property was baptized at the same congregation six months later – all because the staff and church members displayed grace and got him much-needed help.

Brenton Winn, 23, was arrested in February after breaking into Central Baptist Church of Conway, Ark., and destroying \$100,000 in church property. He threw the soundboard over the worship center balcony. He set part of the family life center on fire. He destroyed laptops. At the time, the church's senior pastor, Don Chandler, told KTHV it was "about as messy of vandalism as you could possibly imagine."

Winn, who was homeless and high on drugs, faced multiple charges and seemed destined for years behind bars.

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FROM THE BOARD

Board Goals for 2017—2018

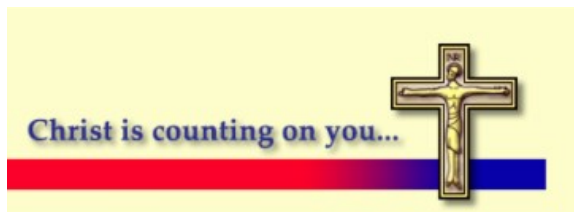
1. Include more Clergy from outside our present community to attend and participate in future Walks to Emmaus.
2. The community should provide a schedule for monthly meetings which should provide six months in advance of future Walks to Emmaus.
3. Investigate the possibility of using a Conference Center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

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord,
not for human masters.**

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings,

In any kind of business, in any kind of organization, in any kind of project, you can look around and see things that are positives, and things that need to be improved on. In our community, I can look around and see many positive things happening. We've had two years of successful walks up at Big Canyon Ranch. They keep improving the ranch, and we will have even more options and more flexibility next year. We have strong leadership in place, and new people are becoming involved. We have lay directors for our next walks, and teams are beginning to be formed. We have dates and places planned for training. And if you didn't attend our last gathering at Clearfield Community Church, we had an enthusiastic turnout of

over 30, including many of our new pilgrims.

There are a few areas we need to work on, though. Sponsorship is one of those. We tend to have a lot of people who sponsor people on the walk, and who also work on the walks. Ideally, it shouldn't be that way. If you sponsor someone, that should be your main responsibility for the weekend. As our community grows, doing double-duty will hopefully be less and less common. Also, a few people end up sponsoring multiple people. It becomes a bit of a financial strain on one person. Even if you don't sponsor someone, you can help by making a contribution to Emmaus so that we can give scholarships where they're needed. Or go together with one or two other people to sponsor someone jointly. There are some other areas we can work on, but I wanted to emphasize sponsorship. It is something we can all help with.

De Colores!
Jerry Selbo
Community Lay Leader

