

# Wasatch Emmaus Community

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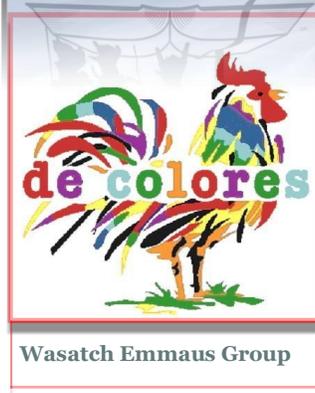


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The Goal for this newsletter is to promote and encourage growth. Growth in our relationship with God, with others and as a community.



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

### GCBC

### Board Meeting & Gathering

**January 18, 2020**

**Board Meeting 1—3 pm**

**Gathering 3—5 pm**

### 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

Disciples of Christ

### January 2020

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### CALENDAR EVENTS

**January 18, 2020**

**Board Meeting**

**1 - 3 pm**

**Gathering**

**3 - 5 pm**

[Grace Community Bible Church](#)

[11592 1300 E. Sandy, UT 84094](#)

### Matthew 18:3

And He said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

### Hebrews 5:12 -

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food

## Message For The Community

### Be a Like a Child in 2020!—

In **Mark 10:15** Jesus states “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” In Matthew 18:3 the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to Him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, **unless you turn and become like children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

What can we learn from these, and other verses, that put children first in the kingdom? We are told to be like them, to “turn” from our ways and become like children. We are told to receive the kingdom “like a child”.

The transliteration for the reference to child/children in both verses is *paidion* ([Strong's reference](#)) which has many meanings and is the same word to describe Christ as a baby in the manger.

We are also taught not to be like children when it comes to our understanding of scripture. We're told to like men in our understanding in [1 Corinthians 14:20](#).

To me, when I think of Child, I think of dependence and innocence. Unable to sustain life without daily parental/guardian help. Pure and lacking in worldly ways.

For sure, they are the most vulnerable of all mankind. Left in unloving or indifferent hands, they could perish or become scarred for life.

Perhaps, Christ is telling us as adults, as believers, how our relationship with God should be. A relationship of dependence and purity in ALL areas of our lives. That we recognize and are not ashamed of our need for Him. That we stop trying to do things on our own and avoid the ways of world.

January often brings about a time of reflection and of forward looking goal setting. Perhaps, when setting new goals, we pause to consider our relationship with God through Christ in our goals. Afterall, we are to store up treasures in Heaven above all things.

De Colores~

## Be humble like Children but Mature in your understanding

### 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 take a moment and pray for the following:

- Phil Evans and his health
- Jim Harding and his health
- Our Walk Leaders and Our Community who serve our leaders.

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) 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



### Love Thy Neighbor

The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" This was a hot topic for so many people in the 1st century Jewish world. It's no surprise, Jesus answers this culturally and politically charged question with a parable packed with incredible meaning. His short story about a good Samaritan answers the "who, what and how" of neighboring both then and now. [Luke 10:25-37](#)

It reminds us that loving God and our neighbors is actually something we put into action. Jesus wants us to love with abandon because when we do that we "truly live".

Below are some helpful ways to fulfill the two greatest commandments (i.e. loving God and loving our neighbors). Though these practices we hope that you discover that this parable is the gift that keeps giving.

**Listen.** Before your day begins ask the Spirit to reveal those who you will love like neighbors today.

**Converse.** When you are at work, school, or the store etc. speak to the Lord about what you see, hear and experience. God is always with us. We often neglect to join our never-ending chat with him.

**Include.** I believe this story reminds us that the Lord wants to increase our relationship bandwidth. This often involves befriending those who think, live and look different than ourselves.

**Slow down.** Many people are often in a hurry or too busy to be good Samaritans. Sometimes we have to put down the good things in our life for the great things of God.

**Share.** When God uses us we ought to share our testimony with others. Not to boast in ourselves but to humbly celebrate the ways the Lord is at work in our lives. "Let me tell you what God did today..."

### 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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### Almost Half of Practicing Christian Millennials Say Evangelizing Is Wrong

Almost all practicing Christians believe that part of their faith means being a witness about Jesus (ranging from 95% to 97% among all generational groups), and that the best thing that could ever happen to someone is for them to know Jesus (94% to 97%). Millennials in particular feel equipped to share their faith with others. For instance, almost three-quarters say they know how to respond when someone raises questions about faith (73%), and that they are gifted at sharing their faith with other people (73%). This is higher than any other generational group: Gen X (66%), Boomers (59%) and Elders (56%).

Despite this, many Millennials are unsure about the actual practice of evangelism. Almost half of Millennials (47%) agree at least somewhat that it is wrong to share one's personal beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will one day share the same faith.

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## GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

God's grace transformed me and can transform anyone by Eric Geiger



“There is nothing you will ever do that will stop me from loving you,” my father told me before walking out of my room. I was a 17-year-old high school senior and I had just been arrested for multiple felonies.

One night a couple of friends and I foolishly broke into vehicles, stole credit cards and drove throughout New Orleans buying beer and other things with the cash and credit cards we stole. We were arrested

and charged with 11 felonies. The news hit the paper and the shame and guilt quickly consumed me.

So when my father walked in my room, I was expecting a lecture – one I deserved. Or perhaps a long list of consequences that I had surely earned. And though I would receive instruction and consequences in the coming months, the first and loudest declaration was my father's affirmation of continual love and support.

I did not know Romans 2:4 when my father walked out of my room, but I experienced it: “Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”

God used the kindness of my father to show me the kindness of the Father. He wins us to himself with his grace and mercy, not with his wrath and judgment.

Some viewed me as a good kid. I was in several Advanced Placement classes, had been elected to represent my high school at Boys State, and was vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

## 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.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings,

I hope you all were able to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. It is a special time of the year. Unfortunately, after the new year starts, it's back to work, back to school, back to everyday life. In Utah, January also brings cold weather, snow, gloomy days and bad air. It can be depressing if you let it. Over the years, I've come to accept these winter days as a part of the beautiful cycle of life, death and rebirth that God has created. We look forward to that period of rebirth that spring brings us, and we can already notice the days getting longer. As Christians, we also have Easter to point to, and the glorious new life that has been given to us through Christ's death and resurrection.

Attending a walk is a time of rebirth for many who attend. Over and over, we have seen pilgrims brought to tears from realizing the depth of God's love and mercy. For many, it is a life-changing weekend. Think of those who God is nudging you to share this experience with. Now is the time to talk with people who need this weekend. Training sessions will begin soon, and the walks are just 3 months away, so now is the time to get sponsor forms submitted. We have two terrific leaders in Rob and Audrey this year, and the teams are coming together nicely. New facilities are going up at Big Canyon Ranch. Everything points to this year's walks being bigger and better than ever.

De Colores!  
Jerry Selbo  
Community Lay Leader

