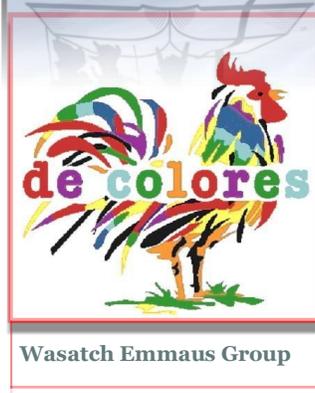


# Wasatch Emmaus Community

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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

### Two Training Dates in March

### [Prayer Vigil Is Open for 2020](#)

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### 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

**March 7, 2020**  
**Training**  
**9 am- 2 pm**

Clearfield Community Church

525 E 200 S, Clearfield, UT 84015

**March 28, 2020**  
**Training**  
**9 am- 2 pm**

Hilltop UMC

985 E 10600 S, Sandy, UT 84094

### Matthew 28:19-20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## Message For The Community

### Living Water!—

I have been blessed to be able to present a message to the Salt Lake Rescue Mission this month. I am humbled to be able to share the message of Christ and the hope we find in Him with of group of men who are probably desperate for Hope.

In the process of putting together this presentation, I share the Samaritan Woman at the Well story in [John 4](#). In the story, Jesus says “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

How does this have to do with hope? We, even as believers, can find ourselves in situations where we are low on Hope. I noticed that there is a comparison here between what is physical and what is spiritual.

The water we drink, representing the physical, only temporarily satisfies our thirsts. But the spiritual, the HOPE we find in Christ, is the never ending source of Hope we

find in Christ Jesus.

We sometimes try to get our hope and comfort in things that are physical and they always leave us thirsty for more. Never really satisfying us.

But the hope we find in Christ, when we are full of His Spirit, we want for nothing. Whatever trouble or challenges we face, we have hope.

This is such a precious gift that we have. Something that so many people we know and interact with don't have. Even new believers, who are still growing in Hope can be left thirsty.

May be have the attitude of nurturing both our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as those that have YET to begin a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior.

I pray that we all never thirst and that our joy, our hope, becomes a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

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:

- Our Walk Leaders and Our Community who serve our leaders.
- Those who need to attend our 2020 Walks.

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



### God's Prime Directive

I am a huge fan of the original Star Trek series from the 1960's. As a matter of fact, I was one of those teenagers that signed the petitions and send them to Paramount Studios to keep Star Trek on the air for another season. Yes, I am a total geek-nerd!! One of the very famous principles of the Star Trek federation was the prime directive: "The Prime Directive prohibits Starfleet personnel and spacecraft from interfering in the normal development of any society, and mandates that any Starfleet vessel or crew member is expendable to prevent violation of this rule".

**In other words, don't mess with the planet!!**

The prime directive was a very noble effort to not interfere in other cultures, no matter what planet, continent, or country they are in. AND BY THE WAY, a little bit of trivia, Star Trek was actually a social justice oriented program - it had a moral to the story. In this case, the prime directive was actually a social comment on the Vietnam War going on at the time. What you may ask does this have to do with God and scriptures??

Matthew 28, "the great commission", and Matthew 22, "the greatest commandment", are quite the opposite of the Star Trek prime directive, aren't they? Both of them direct us, each of us, to be fully involved in the world around us, in whatever fashion that may be. There is no beating around the bush in these two scriptures. They are not the - "well if you feel like it" kind of scriptures. They are not even the "go out and make yourself feel good" sort of scriptures. Both of them are very direct in what our actions are to be and we are to align ourselves with God's will. Go get started!! Talk, share, and build relationships with those around you at work, home, neighbors, and people on the street or in the store!! Be Bold and Courageous!! Don't wait for "that right moment". Just do it!! God will bless you and them, and YOU might even grow in maturity. Share Jesus all you can. May it be so, may it be so.

Pastor Dave

### 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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### Five Trends Defining Americans' Relationship to Church

Churchgoing is a dynamic part of U.S. society. New research from Barna Group shows the ways in which Americans are maintaining—and renegotiating—their connections with the churches that they attend. The State of the Church 2020 study is a year-long examination of the spiritual and religious trends that define American life these days.

To provide a meaningful analysis of the trends affecting pastors and Christian leaders, Barna's researchers primarily explored two different categories of adults who have relatively recent experience in a Christian church.

**Practicing Christians** – A subset of all churchgoing adults, are those who attend at least monthly and who say their faith is very important in their life today. This more committed group comprises about 25 percent and 63.5 million adults.

**Churchgoing adults** – Those Americans who have attended a Christian church at least once in the last six months. This represents the broadest group of adults who have experienced a church service in recent months, representing about 49 percent or 124.4 million adults.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

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## GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

**GOD IS IN CONTROL!": LEAH SHARIBU'S MOTHER SAYS HER DAUGHTER'S CAPTIVITY HAS DRAWN HER CLOSER TO GOD BY HEATHER PRESTON**



The mother of Christian school girl, Leah Sharibu says her daughter's captivity has drawn her closer to God as she commemorates two years since her abduction.

A protest was held at the Nigerian High Court on Wednesday calling for the 16-year-old's release after two years of in-action.

Rebecca Sharibu was joined by some 50 campaigners as she prayed for Leah's wellbeing and pleaded with the UK government to help secure her daughter's freedom.

Islamic extremist group Boko Haram abducted Leah from her school in north-eastern Nigeria along with 109 other girls on 19th February 2018.

Despite her classmates all being released, Leah has remained in forced captivity for refusing to renounce her Christian faith and convert to Islam.

During this period, the Nigerian government has failed to give any proof of life or conclusive information as to her wellbeing or release.

A number of media outlets have reported her giving birth to the son of a Boko Haram commander and being forced to convert to Islam.

[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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Attending a walk is a time of rebirth for many who attend.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings,

It's hard to believe our upcoming walks are a little over two months away! Our teams are almost complete, and training is well underway. We have great leadership, and the camp has made some improvements that will make this our best walk yet. We are missing one thing, though. Pilgrims! We're still waiting to get our first applications in. We'd like to get our rosters complete within the next few weeks. We need a minimum of 10 pilgrims for each walk, and more is better. The home page for Walk to Emmaus has about a 10-minute introductory video that you can share with potential candidates to let them know what to expect. It can be found at <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/>.

Pilgrim applications and sponsor forms can be

downloaded from our website, <http://utwte.org/>.

Remember, the ideal candidate is one who already has a firm faith, that is ready to take the next step into a deeper relationship with God. Emmaus is here to build church leadership, not convert people. If you're on our website, you'll also note that we have a new button for making payments with Venmo.

Someone took the step of faith to sponsor you on your walk. Sponsoring someone else is a great way to pay that gift forward. If you have any questions about sponsorship, you can call me at 801-918-0982. And if you have a little spare time, our next training session is March 7 at Clearfield Community Church from 9 to 2. You do not have to be serving on the walk to come to training. If you want to sit in on a couple of talks and give input, we'd love to see you there.

De Colores!

Jerry Selbo

Community Lay Leader

