

# Wasatch Emmaus Community

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June 2020

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## Upcoming Events

### Hybrid Gathering

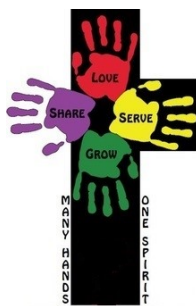
3pm—4pm - Virtual Presentation

(Link to follow)

Fellowship 4-5pm (Brown Bag)

Have Elements for Lord’s Table Available

### 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

June 2020

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### CALENDAR EVENTS

**GATHERING!!!**

**Saturday July 18th**

**3 - 4pm (Virtual)**

**Fellowship 4-5pm**

**Mtn. Vista UMC**

**8931 S 3200 W**

**West Jordan, UT**

**84088**

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### Colossians 2:8

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits (things that perish) of the world, and not according to Christ”



Hello to all !!

Let me introduce myself. I am Dave Sauer, Pastor at Aldersgate UMC, Brigham City, Utah and I am your new Wasatch Emmaus Spiritual Director. My wife and I live in West Jordan and I commute to Brigham City. I went through Emmaus in 2011 as a member of Mt. Vista UMC, West Jordan.

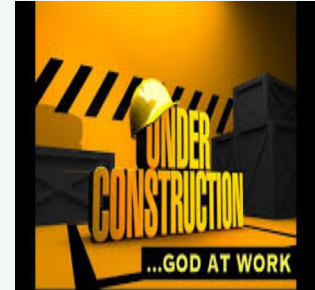
I have been part of the walks as clergy and I thoroughly enjoy the program and being with staff and pilgrims. Many of you already know me and my personality is that of an enthusiastic "Tigger"!! I know that we all miss Gary and Ronnie Haddock as they move into retirement and I have a very large set of footprints to try and fill.

I am humbled and honored to serve as the community Spiritual Director. Let us all work together as a community to prepare for the 2021 Emmaus Walks at the Canyon's!

God Bless all of us,

Pastor Dave

## SPONSORSHIP



### HOW DO WE SPONSOR?

Changes are underway on Who, How and Why we Sponsor. Training will be available as well.

## GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

**NOURISHMENT FOR THE SOUL IN WORD AND SONG:  
RECOGNIZING REAL LOVE IS ENCOURAGING**



Drawing closer to God is drawing closer to God’s encouragement. God is the epitome of encouragement. Many people can be encouraged to do many things, but few people use love as the foundation for encouragement.

When we recognize what real unconditional love is, we become encouraged. We become love. We become more like Christ. We recognize and differentiate between life and life everlasting. Real love never stops loving, just as life everlasting never stops lasting. It is forever giving. When real love is activated

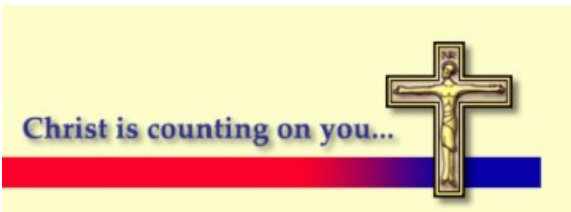
inside us, we are encouraged on a conscious level. Real love comes not only from a conscious state but also from our subconscious and superconscious states. Unconditional love can and is absorbed into us, whether we are willing to accept it or not, whether we like it or not.

To restore the love in our hearts in its purest form is like starting the car in the morning. We know that if we do certain things, we obtain certain results. It is through our active obedience with unconditional love, with God, that we find the experiences that change our lives, where we find that our hearts are open. It is through our active obedience with unconditional love that we actually see and observe what the face of forgiveness looks like. If you were to put a face on forgiveness, it would look exactly like unconditional, encouraging, love.

The first step of encouragement and recognizing real love is accepting the peace that surpasses all understanding.

[See More Stories Here](#)

## MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



what you are accustomed to if you have attended previous gatherings.

**As part of our Vision, we are working to equip you, the community, as Disciples for Christ.** Gatherings are now designed with the goal of being more profitable through content and more convenient through technology.

I hope this finds you in good spirits, There is so much happening that is encouraging in the midst of all the chaos in the world. It never ceases to amaze me that when things seem to be the darkest, God shows His light. He does that with people just like you!

We do ask for your patience as we are going to certainly run into hiccups as we embrace this new platform. We will be streaming the Gathering as well as recording it so that you can come back to watch it at your leisure.

As a board, we have been meeting every other week to lay a foundation for the direction in which we have been called to move. We have re-defined job descriptions, set terms for serving on the board, created new positions and have begun filling some of those positions.

We will be discussing in more detail our vision during this gathering, as well as receiving a message from our new Community Spiritual Director (Pastor Dave) and another surprise. We will share songs and hold a virtual Lord’s Table.

You will see that the first page of the Newsletter now has our Community Purpose & Vision Statements. You will also find there ([and here](#)) a link to cast your vote for those serving on the board. This is a yes or no vote and takes only a minute to cast your vote. Voting is open until July 2nd at 5:pm.

All of this, while new, is very encouraging to me and I hope it is for you as well. We as a community are striving to become stronger Disciples and to support local churches and Christians. All of this starts with our Emmaus Walk, but our Real Walk is the journey God set out before our feet!

There is still more good news. We will be holding our first gathering since COVID-19 personal distancing guidelines have been put in place. This will be a mixed virtual & physical gathering and it will be different in many ways from

De Colores!  
Paul Guidash  
Community Lay Leader

## Message For The Community

### **Colossians 1:9-10 (ESV)**

*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

This verse is from Paul’s letter to the believer in Colossae. He is prayerful that the believers receive something and goes on to say what that is and why.

**WHAT:** Filled with the Knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

**WHY:** So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord... bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

I know that life has become very challenging and it seems like there is so much going on. 2020 may well go down as the year of massive change in the world. We are experiencing a Pandemic, Racial unrest, Economic uncertainty, Personal Isolation and much more. It is easy

for our priorities to shift and our focus to turn to our personal trials and the trials unfolding throughout the world.

We have to be on guard, especially in times like these. We must be empowered through knowledge of God so as not to be misled or lose focus.

The believers in Colossae must have been having focus issues as well. Paul tells them in Chapter 2 “*See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits (things that perish) of the world, and not according to Christ*”

He then tells these believers what to focus on when he says in Chapter 3, “*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*”

Let us individually take time to evaluate our priorities and our focus. Perhaps now is the best time to re-engage and strengthen our Relationships with God and with Others.  
— De Colores~

**“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”**

### 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!

[COVID-19 Prayer Marathon Signup](#)

## FOURTH DAY!

**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



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**Barna's Perspective on  
Race and the Church**

By David Kinnaman

The past few weeks have been a time of listening, learning, repentance and lament for the Barna team. As social researchers who seek to equip the Church to effectively engage with the world, we find ourselves standing alongside other believers in an effort to right the wrongs of racial injustice. As a team, we have begun with deep soul searching. About how we have contributed to problems of racial inequity, whether implicitly or explicitly. About how we can better listen to and serve our black and brown brothers and sisters in Christ.

This soul searching is more than a few days or weeks of processing and then getting back to business as usual. We commit ourselves to both short-term actions and long-term results as we seek to be a catalyst for genuine and lasting change in the Church.

Even as we are early in this process of self-reflection, we believe we can serve the Church. First, we can issue an urgent call to action regarding the deep gaps our research reveals between black Christians and white Christians. Simply put, most white Christians miss and misunderstand the lived experience of black Christians. We've been tracking this gap for years, including the higher degree to which black Christians perceive police brutality, experience the effects of racism and believe the effects of slavery continue to this day. We encourage leaders, especially white leaders, to use this research to broaden your perspective and the perspectives of those whom you lead. Feel the weight of these gaps. You can start by downloading the report *Where Do We Go From Here?*, a digital resource we've made available at no cost.

[Read More Here](#)

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**FROM THE BOARD**

**2020-2021 Wasatch Emmaus Vision**



The Wasatch Emmaus Community will embrace our purpose and passionately work towards our vision as though we are doing the work for God, because we are.

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Through God’s Grace, at the direction of the Holy Spirit, we will be a source of Love, Grace and Growth within your Church and our Communities.

We will accomplish this as follows:

- ✓ Introduction of the Community Outreach Coordinator Position within the Board.
- ✓ Revise Sponsorship responsibilities to include plugging in pilgrims to their local church as well as the community and provide training for the entire community on who and how to sponsor and the commitment that is required.
- ✓ Improve the number of 4th day groups by providing direction and resources to the 4th Day Coordinator
- ✓ Implement the new Job Description for the Community Gathering Coordinator.
- ✓ Improve Community Involvement through the Gathering Content by adding “Profitable” content for our members to Grow in their Spiritual Walk.
- ✓ Provide Gathering “Presentations” electronically on the Website for viewing to all members.
- ✓ Recruiting Board Persons who Passionately share in the Community Vision.