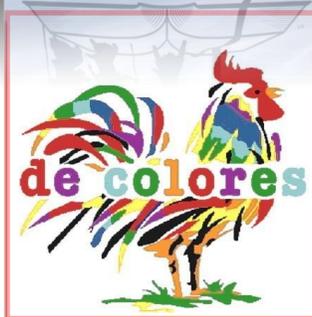


Wasatch Emmaus Community

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Wasatch Emmaus Group



December 2020

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IMPORTANT
PLEASE WATCH THE NEXT GATHERING
Virtual Only

Upcoming Events

Watch the November Gathering

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We Hope the Gathering Is Profitable

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

December 2020

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CALENDAR EVENTS

Training Meetings

We will be announcing Training Dates for the 2021 Walks & Gathering in January 2021.

Merry Christmas!!!

John 12:24

“ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds”.

G.K. Chesterton

“Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found and not tried”



I am Writing this while my wife Raquel is in the operating room. Whew.

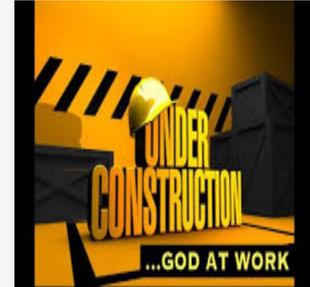
Ahhh Romans. Quite the letter that Paul wrote and very powerful. This book actually has two parts. Chapters 1-11 are Paul's theology and apologetics. But his writing takes a turn towards the end of the letter. Chapters 12-14 are really more about Christian ethics and putting your Christian walk together. What he lays out for us is a foundation of what things we should consider in our individual life, our life upwards toward God, and our life horizontally related to our brothers and sisters - saved and unsaved. Its a matter of presenting yourself to Christ Jesus and having that transformed life. Tie in these 3 chapters from Romans with Galatians 5: 16-26 (Spirit vs flesh, deeds of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit); Ephesians 6: 10-18 (the full armor of God), and 1 Peter 5: 1-10 (serve God willingly and resisting the Devil who prowls like a lion). These are just some of the values, beliefs, and tools that God gives us to be valiant warriors, serve God, and obtain that transformed life the Holy Spirit helps us to move forward into.

So how is your walk with God today? A little stressful you say or are you "rockin' it"?! Romans 12, and the books of James and 1 Peter, are excellent resources for your personal walk. Of course the whole New Testament is God's letter to us and guides us in our daily walk. You can do this!! The Christian walk is not impossible. Your willingness to walk in the new life does start the transformation. Go for it!!

In love,

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!

HOW TO GET THROUGH A LONELY CHRISTMAS - RICK HAMLIN



Alone at Christmas? Celebrating in just a small group? In the past we've celebrated with 20-some boisterous relatives gathered at my mom's house in California. Not this year. This year it'll be just the two of us around the tree. At home.

How to get through a lonely Christmas? How to celebrate the Savior's birth? I started looking back at that first Christmas, thinking about what it was really like. It gave me some new insights about what to focus on this year.

Alone doesn't have to be lonely.

Think of what it must have been like for Mary, giving birth to her first child far away from her family and friends. Bethlehem doesn't look so far from Nazareth on a map today, about 90 miles on modern roads.

And yet God supplied companions, God supplied support. Unexpected visitors, lavish gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, angels from the heaven, a star to mark the spot.

Instead of dreading Christmas, I intend to open myself up to whatever comes. And however it comes. No, I can't imagine any wise men coming up our New York apartment steps. Or gifts that didn't come from UPS. But can't I hope for that sense of wonder?

Hear and smell what is here.

That first Christmas must have been a fragrant one. If I had to come up with the smells of Christmas I would probably say, "gingerbread cookies" or "a roast in the oven cooking" and "the scent of pine."

[Read More](#)

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



For so many years, I would refer to Christ as my Lord and Savior. Certainly He is my Savior, but not until this month did I finally offer myself, verbally and with the deepest of sincerity. I have never officially asked Him to be Lord of all that I am.

I have realized that everything I am, materially, spiritually and relationally, is from Him. Therefore, I offer it to Him for His Glory.

I know this is a difficult time for us and many around the world. My gift to Christ on His blessed day of birth, is really the only thing He asks from me and, I believe, all of us. That is myself, given out of love, in view of His mercies; past, present and future.

If you have not consciously expressed your willingness to offer yourself for God's glory, I would encourage you to give it some thought. If you have, perhaps during this season of giving, you re-offer yourself.

I hope you have a Blessed Christmas and pray that this finds you well and safe.

De Colores!
Paul Guidash
Community Lay Leader

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Romans 12:1, NIV: *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship."*

I have been a Christian for 2 decades and that is not counting my childhood. It wasn't until December 15th of this year that I really understood Romans 12:1.

I know I have read it several times but the words never really sunk in until now. After spending 11 chapters telling the gentile believers in Rome of the goodness and mercies of God, Paul then gives them this imperative.

In essence, he is saying, because of all God has done for us in our lives, the simple fact that He saved us from death and establishes us in the love of Christ, we are to offer ourselves as true worship. This is not in anyway purchasing our salvation but is in response to it.

Message For The Community

So often we hear the word “Holy” and we think of God and being set apart. God calls us to be Holy. I often thought, I am never going to be Holy. But praise be to God that He sees me as Holy, through the blood of Christ.

Holy means sacred, set apart. We often times might think that we are set apart by God. We certainly are. But there is more to our being set apart. We are not only set apart by God, but FOR God.

In the Old Testament, Priests would set apart one from the fold for the sacred offering. They were unblemished and offered to draw closer to God and for atonement of sins. These offerings died on the Alter as a substitute for the people wanting to draw closer to God, the people of Israel.

But we know, these offerings were ineffective in manifesting change in the people of Israel. Their hearts grew hard, they were legalists always falling short. Dead offerings were ineffective then and they are now.

Our lives are a living offering to God and they do draw

us closer into His fellowship. We are set apart for God not for our glory but for His. The difference now from the Priestly days, is that our offering has to be alive. Death of sorts does occur, in that we die to the world and live in the spirit of Christ.

A simple reminder of our purpose rings out like Christmas bells. When we give of ourselves, not out of obligation, but out of love, we become so much more than we could ever be on our own.

This community of believers that we have experienced God’s Grace through and with, is a blessing from God. One of so many that He has given each and every one of us.

I pray that we are able to continue to reach out our loving arms to other believers along the Valley. To be an instrument of Grace all for the Glory of God.

DeColores

We are not only set apart by God, but FOR 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

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!

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



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Finding Humility and Healing Division

Since March of this year, Barna has been closely tracking the well-being of pastors and their people as well as Americans' perceptions of church. Over the past nine months, data show that pastors' mental and emotional well-being has suffered greatly as they worked to guide their people through the pandemic and an election year fraught with tension. Researchers also discovered that Christians' relationships with churches are changing, with church attendance at a low even with digital worship services available to them.

In recent ChurchPulse Weekly episodes, host Carey Nieuwhof talks to pastor Francis Chan about how church leaders can respond to the collapse in attendance and mental health, as well as discover a path to recovering their calling.

Attendance Is Falling, But It's Not a Death Knell

Recent Barna research shows that the pandemic has dealt a serious blow to church attendance, even as new online and hybrid options spring up. Among practicing Christians, weekly church attendance dropped by 28 percentage points from 2019 to 2020, and roughly one in five church adults (22%) has abandoned attending church all together.

[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.

