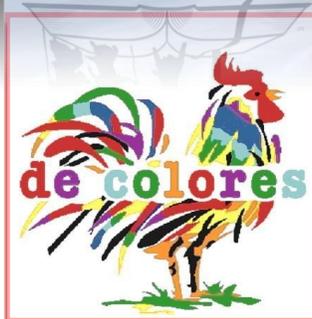


# Wasatch Emmaus Community

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Wasatch Emmaus Group



January 2021

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**IMPORTANT**  
**VIRTUAL GATHERING**  
**JANUARY 30 @ 10 am**  
**Virtual Only**

## Upcoming Events

**Join the January Gathering**

[\(Link Here\)](#)

**A Time Of Corporate Prayer, Fellowship and Updates. Please take an hour to join us Saturday Morning January 30 at 10am.**

### 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

January 2021

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### CALENDAR EVENTS

**Walk Dates Have Been Adjusted**

*Our walks have been pushed out to November 2021.*

[Join Us Saturday January 30th at 10am on Zoom to Learn More](#)

[Virtual Gatering Link Here](#)

### John 15:4

“ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.”

"Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found" (Psalm 119:35, NLT).



Romans 5:3 (NLT) – *We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.*

Have you heard about the tiny sea turtles that, when hatched, must make their way across the seashore to the ocean? If a person picks them up and helps them get to the water, they will die. Why? It is in their struggle through the sand that their little flippers are strengthened. People mean well. They think they are helping the tiny sea creature. But removing the struggle is actually harmful to the turtles. Without strong flippers they can't swim. The waves overtake them, and they cannot survive.

How often have we wished for and even prayed for a trouble-free life? No problems – no trials. But like that tiny sea turtle, if we had a life without trouble and difficult circumstances, our faith would not grow. We would not develop endurance. We would be weak where we need to be strong. Jesus asks us to trust Him in our trials – to rejoice even when we find ourselves stuck in the middle of a storm. Not all storms come to disrupt our life journey. Some come to clear the path. Even the storms that come as a result of our poor choices, God still uses.

When God allows us to go through a storm, it is to allow us to see Him in a new way and on a different level. When God allows us to go through a storm, it is for us to receive something from Him that we cannot receive any other way. One of my favorite scriptures is in Isaiah and he nails this truth when he speaks for God: When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you – Isaiah 43:2 (NLT).

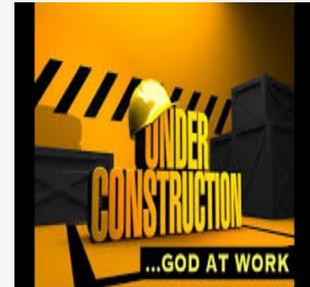
In other words, no matter what kind of trial we face – God's got us. Storms are for our good because they compel us to focus on the power and sufficiency of God instead of relying on our own competence. I don't know about you but when a storm hits, I usually look for the nearest exit, hoping to escape those high winds and rough waters. I am more than willing to give up my seat in a rocking boat in exchange for tranquil waters and blue skies. Sound familiar?

We don't like pain, we dread uncertain times and we like to be in control. To think that storms are for our good is a stretch to say the least. But Paul had this truth down! Paul certainly had his share of storms. He was imprisoned, beaten and faced his own execution. And yet he writes: "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance" Romans 5:3 (NLT).

To say that our world is in the midst of a storm is an understatement. But we need to look at our world with a different perspective, through God's perspective. God is developing His church to be powerful and strong like His son Jesus for what the future has in store. God wants to use His church in amazing ways that we cannot fully comprehend yet. This cannot happen in our current state of weakness and doubt. Our faith and endurance need to be developed.....we need to grow! The storm that we are facing is a tremendous opportunity to grow. I believe while the storm is growing our faith and endurance, it is also clearing a path. God is so good (remember to rejoice)!

I don't like the analogy and comparison of being like a baby sea turtle because I do not like feeling of being weak and helpless. But if I am honest with myself this is an accurate picture of my state and needs before God Almighty. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that my greatest growth has come during the fiercest storms of my life, but only by His great love and grace. Each storm has become a spiritual marker, a testament to the sufficiency and faithfulness of God. With each storm, my level of endurance and faith has grown. And that is a good thing – painful, but good!

## 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!

### GOD'S GRACE THROUGH IT ALL : ANDREW CHUNG



Amid these trying times, it is often hard to imagine how God could possibly be working in the world. Though God is sovereign and good, it seems as if the world never stops spiraling deeper into chaos. Yet at times, it can also be easier to see God's good grace at work during difficulties.

Ever since the pandemic has devastatingly hit our communities, I was able to witness people take the extra step of faith, stepping up to serve those heavily affected by COVID-19. I saw God's people praying for the sick and hurt, including those who are devastated by the loss of a friend or family member; I saw them praying for the nation, ultimately antici-

pating that more and more people would come to know Christ. There is also an amazing system of God's workers for Simplicity's COVID-19 outreach. Some assemble care packages for those in need, some write letters that go along with the care packages, some deliver those packages, etc.

Through these people, God has opened doors that we could not even imagine to be opened before the pandemic hit. I have never met the recipients of the care packages, but I know that God is working and using the sacrifices that His children have made for His glorious kingdom. I cannot deny that this pandemic has caused so much devastation and hardship for millions, but I also cannot deny that God has been moving. For me, God is most prevalent not through supernatural events or miracles, but when He calls forth people to step up to share God's love, ultimately hoping that they would come to know His amazing love in Christ.

[Read More](#)

## MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



November, by all information available to date, we should have progressed through the vaccination phases. We do understand that we may have a risk of snowfall, but we are confident that BCR will be equipped to manage our needs in such a situation.

If you have been speaking to people regarding our weekend walks, now is a good time to begin conversations again with the Pilgrim Candidate. If not, now is a good time to start praying for God to put a name on your heart.

I ask that you take time to think back on your weekend. Remember how it had impacted your personal walk with Christ. There may very well be a greater need to strengthen our faith more than ever, and the same holds true for individuals who have not attended our Christian Discipleship Boot Camp yet.

Another important thing to remember is that we have scholarships and money should not hold anyone back from sponsoring a Pilgrim.

De Colores!  
Paul Guidash  
Community Lay Leader

[Join our January Gathering Here](#)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have all been sacrificing over the course of the last year. The Lord has been dishing out large doses of patience for us and comfort for those who have suffered during this time.

The virus has made our worship and fellowship different and has taught us to be resilient and creative. In that same light, as a community we had to skip our 2020 walks but we have been pressing forward.

For 2021, to ensure the safety of our community, we have moved our walk dates from the April & May dates to **Nov 11-14 (Men's) & Nov 18-21 (Women's)**. We will be holding them again at Big Canyon Ranch. They have added meeting space since our last visit and have been exceptional to work with in these uncertain times.

Our goal is to have a date that can be firm and safe. By

## Message For The Community

In a recent study in April and May of 2020, the Barna Group found that 1 in 3 people who previously regularly attended church are no longer attending. Not virtually and not in person.

The study is called [State of the Church](#) and can be found at Barna.com. This should be a concern to us as believers, that 1 in 3 of those we have come to know and love have fallen away from the Church.

Apostasy is the term that is used in the Bible that describes the falling away from faith. In 1 Timothy 4:1-2, *“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.”*

The Greek word is *apostasia* and means to “stay away from” or “to depart” ones faith. Many people slowly drift away but this change seems to be sudden and affecting every church alike.

**Now is the time for us to be deliberate at strengthen our faith.** By doing so, we may very well

be who God uses to Disciple to others. To hold them up and walk with those who are struggling in their faith. To get them through the storm.

Chaos is the enemies tool to further the worldly agenda. I encourage you to be on guard and to be deliberate about getting into God’s Word, to meditate on His teachings, to spend time in prayer to draw closer and allow Him to strengthen you.

In 2 Timothy 3, Paul describes the condition of the apostate believer when he says, *“having a form of godliness but denying its power ... always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”*

Let us all test our faith, strengthen ourselves so that we may be used to strengthen others in our congregations and our lives.

May God’s Power and Grace be with you!

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!

Pray for Christ’s Return in the clouds to Rapture His Church!

## 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) 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



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**Year in Review: Barna's  
Top 10 Releases of 2020**

One in Three Practicing  
Christians Has Stopped At-  
tending Church During  
COVID-19

As initial safe-at-home ordi-  
nances were lifting across the  
country (April–May 2020),  
Barna surveyed thousands of  
Americans to see what  
their new Sunday morn-  
ing routines looked like dur-  
ing the COVID-19 response.  
At that time, data showed  
that, among practicing Chris-  
tians—those who identify as  
Christian, agree strongly that  
faith is very important in  
their lives and attend church  
at least monthly (prior to  
COVID-19)—over half (53%)  
had streamed their regular  
church online within the past  
four weeks. Another 34 per-  
cent admitted to streaming a  
different church service  
online other than their own,  
essentially “church hopping”  
digitally.

Finally, about one-third of  
practicing Christians (32%)  
said they had done neither of  
these things. Though some of  
these churchgoers may have  
been part of the minority of  
congregations that were still  
gathering for physical wor-  
ship during those weeks, we  
can, for the most part, confi-  
dently interpret this group as  
those who dropped out of  
church for the time being.

[Read More Here](#)

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**FROM THE BOARD**

**2020-2021 Wasatch Emmaus Vision**



The Wasatch Emmaus Community will embrace our purpose and passion-ately 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 though 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.