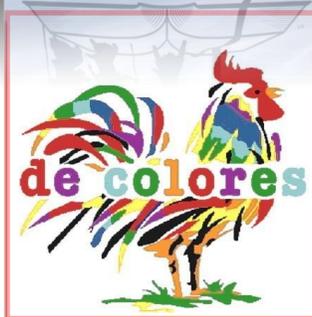


Wasatch Emmaus Community

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Wasatch Emmaus Group



November 2020

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IMPORTANT
PLEASE WATCH THE NOVEMBER GATHERING
Virtual Only

Upcoming Events

Watch the November Gathering

[\(Link Here\)](#)

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

November 2020

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CALENDAR EVENTS

Planning Meeting

Saturday

December 5

10– 11 am (Virtual)

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Virtual Only

2 Peter 1:3

“ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ”.

Matthew 12:33

“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. “



If you take the time to read, really read, the Old Testament, the crying out to God - our Yahweh - by the Israeli nation for rescue and forgiveness was never-ending. It seems to me that there is hardly a book that doesn't have the Israelites seeking God's deliverance, forgiveness, and restoration.

Zephaniah 3: 17 says ""The Lord your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy" (NASB).

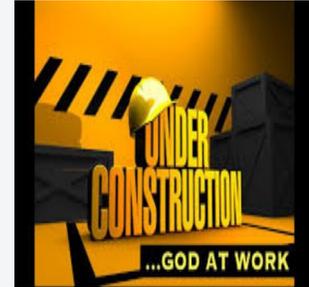
Right now we could be suffering from fear, some sickness, feeling lost or abandoned, maybe you have lost confidence in the future, and just plain wondering where we are headed. But look at the verse above. Our God is in our midst!! HE is our victorious warrior always ready to be with us and protect us.

What a promise!! Just as Zephaniah was prophesying to the remnant of Israel, those same words ring true for each of us today!!! Our Lord is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, and He is always with us. No matter the chaos and confusion that swirls around us, we still have our hope firmly planted in Christ Jesus.

De Colores,

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: "LIFE EVERLASTING"



Gratitude and thanks will open wide the door to God's divine presence. Do not hurry through the door; rather, step through quietly. Walk with Him a while, sit with Him a while, and listen to the resounding silence. Within your mind, you hear your thoughts, but in the quiet of His peace, you will hear Him. The foundation of His source of love is life everlasting.

What materials are you using to add to this foundation of His love? While you are in the quiet of His peace, let Him whisper to you the very first building block, for the strength in

this block will open wider the door to His divine presence.

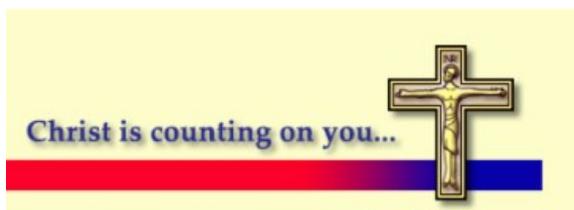
FORGIVE...FORGIVE YOURSELF!...FORGIVE OTHERS!

Doing so will give you the courage and the strength to know His love. To live in His love. To be an instrument of His love. Courage and strength are the ingredients of having faith in forgiveness.

Understanding what it means to forgive is like understanding the recipe to your grandmother's home cooking. Here are the ingredients in God's command to us to "forgive":

- F.....Faith in His Word is the key to trust.
- O.....Opening your heart to His truth leads to joy.
- R.....Recognizing that real love is encouraging will help you grow in your faith.
- G.....Giving more than you take is how I want you to live your life.
- I.....I (God) will always be with you.
- V.....Victory over death is love.
- E.....Emotion is the breath of love.

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



world, that the Bible is a "Fairy Tail". What is Christianity? How would you answer that question?

In an article "[Christianity: Fantasy or Reality?](#)" (2016) Greg Kaukl states; "**Christianity is a picture of reality.**" One outside looking in, may very well look at our faith as a fantasy because our reality is shaped by God and what is written in the Bible.

Matthew 24:9-13 *"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."*

More and more, we as disciples, will face opposition in fulfilling our part of the Great Commission. The statistics are showing it. The Falling away has begun and has been underway for over a decade.

Beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This Emmaus Community and our Walks are a resource to help Christians individually as well as communally to strengthen our faith as well as lift up others in their spiritual journey. I would love to hear of ways in which we as a community can improve and ask that we all reflect on what we can individually do to disciple others.

I hope this finds you well and safe, both physically and spiritually. The passage above is Jesus speaking to His disciples about "birth pains" before his return (2nd coming).

May the Lord continue to bless you today and throughout the next months. We hope to see you again in 2021.

What caught my attention is that "many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other". We as a Nation and World are falling away from the faith. More and more, believers are said to live in a fantasy

De Colores!
Paul Guidash
Community Lay Leader
[Watch November 2020 Gathering Here](#)

Message For The Community

With 2020 quickly coming to a close, it might seem like a distant thought, however the 2021 Walk Weekends are just around the corner.

We are happy to announce that Chris Rebman and Rob Garrison have volunteered to lead the Women's and Men's walks. Planning has already begun and we are hopeful that we will be in a position as a State to hold events come the end of April next year.

If you are moved to volunteer your time, resources or prayers for either walk, please reach out to Chris and or Rob. Chris can be reached at sololady22@aol.com and Rob at garrisonjr@gmail.com.

[PEW Research \(Link\)](#) shows that Christianity in the US is on the decline. "Today, 17% of Americans say they never attend religious services, up from 11% a decade ago. Similarly, the decline in regular churchgoing is attributable mainly to the shrinking share of Americans who say they attend religious services at least once a week, which was 37% in 2009 and now stands at 31%."

From generation to generation, we are losing people who

claim to have faith. The word of God tells us that you can judge a tree by their fruit. In Matthew 22:33, Jesus is rebuking the Pharisee's for attributing a Miracle to the work of Satan, blaspheming the Holy Spirit. Fruit can be actions and words, which show a persons heart.

Our World is falling away from Truth as evidenced in studies by both Pew and Barna Group. We as believers, who are "the church" can decide to accept it or to do our part to change it.

I believe that as Disciples for Christ, we are called to serve our Lord. We are to come along side our brothers and sisters and lift them up, encourage them, challenge them, motivate them and help to lead them into a deeper, more fruitful relationship with God through Jesus the Christ.

We all have an opportunity every day to do just that. I encourage you to really think about your personal spiritual growth as well as helping others grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord and Savior.

— De Colores~

Research Shows A Decline of Christian Faith in America

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:

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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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Three Lenses to Keep in Mind When Converting Live Services to Digital

Since our country's national response to the COVID-19 pandemic earlier this year, Barna has kept a close eye on Americans' attitudes toward gathering for worship, whether in-person or digitally. In Six Questions About the Future of the Hybrid Church Experience, a new Barna journal, recent data highlight a sobering downward trend in Americans' church attendance right now, particularly among practicing Christians who attended church weekly pre-pandemic (79% vs. 51% currently).

While many churches have re-opened since the nationwide shut down in March, the logistics—and perhaps necessity—of hybrid church (combination of in-person and digital) is something pastors remain curious about. What does it mean to offer both in-person and digital experiences? How can these experiences be just as impactful online as they are in person?

[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.

