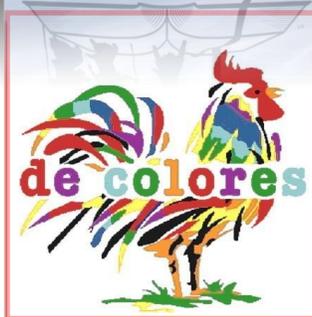


# Wasatch Emmaus Community

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Wasatch Emmaus Group



February 2021

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**IMPORTANT**  
**VIRTUAL GATHERING**  
**March 20 @ 10 am**

## Upcoming Events

### How Can We Better Serve You?

**We want to know your thoughts... How can this newsletter and our gatherings better serve you?**

**Email me at [paulguidash@gmail.com](mailto:paulguidash@gmail.com)**

### 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

February 2021

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### CALENDAR EVENTS

**Walk Dates Have Been Adjusted**  
***Our walks have been pushed out to November 2021.***

How Can We Better Serve You?

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### Ephesians 2:10

“ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. .”

### Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.



**Let God's name be proclaimed to all !!!** Sometimes I think our best "walking in the Lord" is when we keep it simple.

For example, Psalm 117 says:

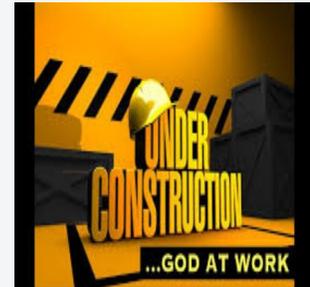
"Praise the Lord, all nations; Laud Him, all peoples!! For His lovingkindness is great toward us, And the truth of the Lord is everlasting. Praise the Lord!" (NASB) This is the complete Psalm; just 2 verses. What do we have in this?? Praise, laud (praise or glorification), His lovingkindness, and truth that is everlasting. Just four items, but they describe our Lord in simple and yet majestic and powerful terms. I recommend that we try our best to keep things simple today and enjoy the sunshine, blue sky, and walking hand-in-hand with the Holy Spirit.

Even though the world is spinning out of control, each of us can still praise the Lord and look to Him for rescue. He is in control of all things.

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!

### 6 INCREDIBLE EXAMPLES OF LIVES TOTALLY TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S GRACE



One of the most profound proofs of God's grace and mercy is the radical change people go through after accepting Christ. Stories of true life-change are sometimes so intense and seemingly unbelievable that it's apparent only God could have sparked these people's journeys.

Through Pure Flix Insider, our talk show "Pure Talk" and "The Pure Flix Podcast" we have heard so many examples of grace in action, as we've been able to tell a plethora of incredible stories surrounding people overcoming drug addiction, surviving suicide attempts and beating other intense personal struggles.

So, we've put together five of the most powerful stories that show God's grace and mercy:

#### GOD SHOWING GRACE IN THE LIFE OF MYPILLOW'S MIKE LINDELLV

You might know Mike Lindell from his popular commercials for popular pillow company MyPillow, but he also has an incredible backstory surrounding overcoming addiction, finding faith and helping transform others' lives. His life offers one of the most compelling examples of grace.

"I was a crack cocaine addict. I was a very functioning cocaine addict," Lindell said on a recent episode of "Pure Talk." "I got freed of all of my addictions January 16, 2009, but at that point I didn't do a full surrender to Jesus. I didn't give a full surrender until February 18, 2017, so there's quite a story in between where God was still chasing me."

Watch Lindell share that story below:

[Read More](#)

## MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



in each of us. A Helper, the Spirit of God within us.

Just as Christ died and was raised, so too are we. Daily dying to our old nature and being raised and transformed into our new nature. But we cannot be idle and expect that the Spirit will change us. We are to take action and participate in our personal transfigurations.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you well and in good spirits. Over the course of the last year, there are many things that we can look upon and find despair. Many are suffering from job loss, loss of loved ones and relationships that are troubled.

There is an old recording that is called "The Strangest Secret" by Earl Nightingale. He states in it, revealing the greatest secret, "We become what we think about most of the time". The community message spoke to this same phenomenon, although the passage in Romans 12 was authored nearly 2000 years before Mr. Nightingale's discovery.

Those of you who are reading this have been blessed by the mercies of God. At the very least, you have been Justified through faith in the death and resurrection of Christ. You have been given the Holy Spirit that indwells

These are things I know we are well aware of. It was part of the message we lived during our personal Emmaus walks. This is simply an effort to encourage you to plan for growth. To strive to think about Christ, His mercies towards us and to understand what He has called us to do.

Where can you fit Christ more into your daily life? What are areas of improvement? I can guarantee you that with a small change, magnificent results will be manifest.

We become what we think about most. Let us all first desire and then strive to become more and more like our Lord and Savior.

De Colores!  
Paul Guidash  
Community Lay Leader

## Message For The Community

### Are We Being Transformed?

In Romans Chapter 12, Paul moves to the topic of Transformation or what is referred to as Sanctification. This is a critical topic in our walk and fellowship with Jesus Christ, but can sometimes be overlooked by many Christians.

Paul tells the believers in the first part of verse 2 “**Do not conform** to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** (my emphasis added). So we should ask ourselves; What causes us to conform and what causes us to be renew our minds?

***I propose, for your consideration, that we are conformed by what we allow to alter our minds. What we see and hear and what we think about is what programs us. That programming is what molds our attitudes and from our attitudes, our actions follow.***

The world uses a number of tools to try to conform us. Television programs, music, social media, movies, books

and commercials are a few methods. These methods, sometimes subtly and sometimes not, are sending un-biblical messages.

How much time we spend being programmed affects our walk with Christ. Instead, Paul is commanding, this is a Greek imperative, that we allow God to transform us more and more into the likeness of Christ by giving Him our attention. Are minds are renewed, with the help of the Holy Spirit, through not just reading God’s word, but by understanding it.

This, I believe, is the foundation upon which other things such as interaction or fellowship, worship services, prayer and mediation, etc. are built upon.

We heard last month of the apostasy of the Church. Without a firm foundation, we are at risk of drifting and falling short of God’s great plans in our lives.

Meditate on that and allow the Spirit of God to move you to strengthening your foundation!

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](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!

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](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) 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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**Most Black Adults Say Religion & the Black Experience Go Hand in Hand**

When Black History Month is observed each year, faith is a thread throughout many of the stories and celebrations of the Black community in the U.S. In fact, according to Black Americans, it's an essential part of the narrative. New Barna research, from the recently announced State of the Black Church project, show that four out of five Black U.S. adults who align with some type of faith group agree to some extent (41% "strongly," 38% "somewhat") that "To understand the African American experience, it is necessary to understand the role of religious faith in the lives of Black people." This percentage has actually climbed by eight percentage points (from 71%) since 1996 when Barna last included it in a survey.

Members of the Black Church are even more insistent that faith is crucial to the Black experience, with half (50%) agreeing "strongly" (plus 38% who agree "somewhat"). One reason for this may be that, as Barna recently reported, there is a strong opinion that an association with the Black Church provides comfort and agency, countering a broader sense of political powerlessness. Additionally, on a personal level, faith is considered a source of emotional strength, a perspective that has held steady among Black adults between 1996 (91%) and 2020 (87%). Nearly all Black churchgoers today (66% agree "strongly," 26% agree "somewhat") express this sentiment. [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.