

# Oakdale Emory United Methodist Men



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## UMM

### PURPOSE

- **Mission Support**
- **Fellowship**
- **Spiritual Growth**
- **Community Service**

### Note:

All men of Oakdale Emory are members of UMM.

All meals are free. We invite donations to support mission programs.

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## Mulch Sale Raises \$1,500 for Missions



**Dick Harris** For the sixth year, Dick Harris managed a great mulch sale. We sold about 1,350 bags and with donations of about \$950 we provided another 350 bags at cost to the church trustees. Luis Franco with Boy Scout volunteers spread all of the church mulch on Sunday, April 10.



### 1,600 bags awaiting pickup or delivery

Hard working volunteers included Mike Lears (with Graeves truck), Jonathan and Arthur Woodward (with pickup), Brian Van Winkle (with pickup), Pat Quinn, Mark Huff, Kyle Harris, Cheyenne Sebolt, Ron and Eric Hoggard, Peter Martineau (with pickup), Matt Stitzlein, Paul Christianson, Glen Williams, Craig Lopsonzski, Jay Jordan, Ira Branson, Primo Molinari, Curtis Render (with pickup), John Haun, Alden English (with trailer), and Ray Johnson.



Mark Huff helps load Graeve's truck



Curtis Render unloads his pickup

## Rev. Dr. C. Harry Causey, Director of The National Christian Choir Guest Speaker on Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Dr. Causey founded this choir in 1984 as a full-time music ministry which presents 10-12 concerts a year in the DC area as well as national and international tours. Dr. Causey also hosts a weekly radio program *Psalm 95* heard all over the US. He has published three books and over 100 choral works. Join us for dinner at 7 pm or 7:45 to hear the speaker.



### Free Country Breakfast Saturday, May 7, 2011

All-you-can-eat omelets, eggs, pancakes, waffles, bacon, sausage, etc.

Donations are welcomed to support UMM missions.



**Dick Stevenson - VP  
Introduced Brad and Jaime**



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## Brad and Jaime Collins - Campus Crusade for Christ

Brad and Jaime Collins brought stories of their life on campus at the Naval Academy to about 35 attendees at the monthly UMM dinner on April 5.

Brad told us he came to know Jesus as a boy, but it was not until he was challenged in his faith through Campus Crusade for Christ at Towson University that he truly learned what it meant to walk with God. When he graduated in 2007, he was set to enter the Navy, when he had an awesome experience where he really felt God leading him to join the staff with Campus Crusade for Christ instead.

He began his first year on staff as an intern at Towson University in September 2008. It was during that month that he met his future wife Jaime, while she was a senior at the University of Maryland. Jaime also felt led to work as an intern for Campus Crusade after she graduated. She did so for a year at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Brad and Jaime decided to join full-time staff together with Campus Crusade this past summer, right before they were married on November 7th, 2010 at Oakdale Emory. God slowly revealed many hints to them that He was leading them specifically to reach students at the US Naval Academy.

### **Campus Crusade**

This Ministry has 25,000 full time staff, 225,000 volunteers and 60 ministries in 191 countries. Their mission is to help spiritual movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus. This includes campus ministries, Family life, Athletes in Action, Christian Embassy, and Military Ministry.



**Brad and Jamie Collins and Brad's proud parents Karen and Bill**

### **Naval Academy**

The military mission is to transform nations of the world through the militaries of the world. At the Academy we are reaching 4,400 18 to 22 year olds with two full time staff and two volunteers.

We have 180 midshipmen who join us for weekly meetings and bible study. Each one wants someone to walk along beside them wherever they are in their spiritual journey. The harvest is plentiful, but workers are few.

Students face – peer pressure, competition, fear of disqualification, academic and military demands, loss of personal freedom, mandatory sports involvement, 5:30 am to 10 pm daily schedules, high moral, physical and mental expectation, and military deployment after graduation.

In the face of these pressures, God is bringing increasing numbers into a relationship with Himself. Our objective is to win midshipmen to Christ, build them up in their faith, and equip them to go into the world, to launch spiritual movements everywhere.

### **Win- Build-Send**

**Win** – We introduce students to Christ by weekly meetings, small group bible study, and relational evangelism. Jaime learned about Win through bible studies at the University of Maryland, where she accepted Jesus.

The Academy provides great opportunities for relational evangelism, because students have the same roommate for 4 years. Sharing between roommates has led to many new disciples since last fall.

**Build** – We help students grow in relationship with God by weekly meetings, conferences, and retreats. Students just came back from sharing the Gospel on beaches in Florida. We meet one-on-one to mentor relationships, to help students learn how to tell others about Christ, and to learn what it means to walk with God and to be filled by the spirit.

**Send** - We equip graduates to go forth with their spiritual training as they hold important influential leadership roles around the world.

Trusting in God

Brad and Jamie are trusting in faith for support of their ministry. (Phil 4:19). Their friends all said they should get high paying jobs based on their college education, but they feel this is what god calls them to do. Jamie noted that they have sacrificed a lot for their ministry and life might have been easier if they took other jobs. Campus Crusade does not provide funds for salaries. Staff and volunteers depend on prayer partners for support, just like church clergy.

They would like our help as individuals. Brad said, "You have a heart for reaching Gods people, but you cannot go to the Academy. We can do that for you." To help, contact Brad at [brad16524@gmail.com](mailto:brad16524@gmail.com) UMM voted to give the Collins \$500.



Jamie and Brad join UMM for a delicious lasagna dinner with Aden English and Eric Hoggard



Over 80 enjoyed made-to-order omelets by Dick Stevenson and Joe Long on April 2



Kitchen Angels  
Gloria Williams, Beth Hitchcock, Karen Nordstrom, Lawrie Branson



Dick Harris scrambles eggs



Alden English and Christie Pendleton help on grounds cleanup April 2



Another wonderful dinner - April 5



James Harris and Dick Stevenson take a break from cooking breakfast



Ray Johnson greets at breakfast on April 2

# The Meaning of Easter

Devotional by

Bob Nordstrom April 5, 2011

Easter means different things to many. For my good Catholic friend at work, it means an end to the temporary lifestyle he chose for himself when he promised on Ash Wednesday to abstain from certain activities and foods. I was never one to make such sacrifices. By the time Ash Wednesday came around each year, I had just about given up on any New Year's resolutions I had made a few months earlier, and I was not in a mood to set myself up for another failure that was bound to occur during the 40 day course of Lent.



For my father, Easter was a signal that the yard needed its first feeding of Turfbuilder with Halts, and that Ernie Harwell was once again providing the play-by-play for Dad's beloved Detroit Tigers over the small transistor radio

Dad kept with him everywhere he went.

Yes, Easter means different things to different people. But what does it mean to you? Will you be putting a shine on the golf clubs? Hopefully you will take time to meditate and bring yourself emotionally close to the foot of the cross and then draw close to the tomb to find the stone rolled away. Will you hear the question, *"Why seek ye the living among the dead?"* If so, how will you respond?

I feel fortunate that I have a special place where I can talk to God. Better still, it is the same place where He talks to me. The place is the deck on the back of our house. This time of year, as spring creeps into Maryland and the buds are just erupting on the trees, I like to find myself out there in the early evening after work, sitting beside the grill, teasing a few steaks or chops into grilled perfection for my family. This is when God enters into my thoughts. He asks the really tough questions; things like, "Do you know the true meaning of discipleship?" or "How has the Easter experience changed your life?"

The Apostles were so transformed by the experience that they went from running and hiding from the authorities in Jerusalem on that Passover night over 2000 years ago. They went from denying they even knew Jesus, to laying down their lives willingly for their faith in the risen Christ. The resurrection of Jesus is without precedent or parallel in history, and lies outside the experience of natural law. That does not mean it did not or could not happen. It means that it needed God's intervention to occur.

The resurrection became the cornerstone of the Apostles' faith, and it is the cornerstone of mine. I think about that a great deal, and how Jesus represents the first fruits of the resurrection to come and is the pathway to life everlasting for those who believe. God has a plan for each of us, just as he had a plan for His son on that Easter long ago. His will is to be done.

I hope that each of you has a special place where God talks to you, and I hope that you go there often. There, I invite you to listen to the still, small voice that surely comes from God, and that He asks you the really tough questions. In the answers you will find the erupting buds of faith. Amen

## Easter Sunrise Service - April 24



Pastor David Deans delivers a passionate Easter message



Ron Hoggard serving donuts and coffee sponsored by UMM



A stranger in jacket and tie ?



Sunrise service attended by over 100



His is Risen !



New Life !