



# the gillespies and the good news

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Praise God** with us that He's provided for us to go to Dartmouth!!! Hooray! We begin Sep 14!
- Please pray that our hearts would be soft toward God.
- Please pray for Faye's mom who just successfully underwent open heart surgery, and for Faye as she cares for her mom for the next couple of weeks.
- Please pray for safe travel as Jason moves our belongings from MI, FL, and MA to NH.
- **Please pray for the incoming class of Dartmouth freshmen, the class of 2013.**

## A PICTURE OF DARTMOUTH

September 2, 2009

*Founded:* 1769, 9<sup>th</sup> oldest in US  
*Location:* Hanover, NH  
*Athletics:* NCAA Div I, Ivy League  
*Population:* 4100 Undergrad, 1700 Grad  
*Cost:* \$50,000/year (Tuition, Room, Board)  
*Students of Color:* >30%  
*International Students:* 12.5%  
*Athletic Involvement:* 75% of students  
*Study Abroad:* 50% of students  
*Fraternities/Sororities:* 60% of students



Dartmouth's motto is to prepare students "for a lifetime of learning and responsible leadership," and it is true that Dartmouth students are extremely accomplished, hard-working, and full of potential to make an impact with their lives. On the positive side, Dartmouth students strive to make the most of their time in college, taking advantage of all the opportunities an excellent school like Dartmouth can offer them.

On a different side, the climate of Dartmouth is very individualistic, private, and characterized by busyness; there is a feeling that if you are not overwhelmed with work (school and multiple extra-curricular activities), then you are not working hard enough and will be looked down upon. Like most college campuses today, the climate at Dartmouth is that of young men and women trying to figure out what will fulfill them.

Busyness is not the only thing Dartmouth students look to for hope or satisfaction. A student editorial on Aug 25, 2009, in *The Dartmouth*, the school newspaper, agreed with a quote by Harold Bloom: "[Our] erotic lives... are quite simply now our spiritual lives." The author asked his audience to "consider the elusive quest for union and intimacy evoked when a Dartmouth male slinks through a frat basement, worsening his state of inebriation while searching for the woman who will fulfill him."

As this school year is getting underway, incoming freshmen have already had the opportunity to express their level of spiritual interest and record numbers have indicated they desire to learn more about God. The decisions students make during their first term on campus affect the rest of their college experience. Please pray with us that these students, and all students at Dartmouth, will be reached with the gospel. Pray that God will protect these new students from a lifestyle of busyness and that their quest for fulfillment will lead them toward Him.

## A TIME OF REFRESHMENT

We had a great time at the CCC staff conference in July—the speakers preached a rich gospel message, and our time with friends was very encouraging. For me (Jason), it was my view of God that was especially challenged. I often think of God primarily as a judge and so look at myself, and others, as those who sin against Him. I therefore think about restoration with Him as living rightly and believe that life comes from that. *The challenge: God accepts me and loves me, even when I don't do right.* God thinks restoration comes through trusting in Him for life, placing my hope in Jesus to be my life. This is basic stuff, but I'm just beginning to grasp it. Please pray for me as I put effort into trusting in God's acceptance instead of trying to work for it.

# Who is Christian Impact?

Christian Impact is made up of Dartmouth students like you who are facing similar questions about who they are and what part they have to play in this life. We believe that there's nothing more relevant to these questions than a person's spiritual beliefs. College is a critical time to explore and develop your relationship with God. In Christian Impact we want to support one another in this pursuit.

Christian Impact is the local name for Campus Crusade for Christ at Dartmouth. CCC exists on over 1200 campuses in the US, and our mission is to help carry the message of Christ's love to college students everywhere. Students from many different ethnic and religious backgrounds are involved in Christian Impact. Some are dedicated followers of Jesus; some are simply exploring their questions about God. Everyone's welcome.

In Christian Impact we're learning what it means to have an exciting, life-changing relationship with God. We'd love for you to come along with us.



# What do we do?

We have a number of regular activities to help Dartmouth students explore and develop their relationship with God.



## Small Group Bible Studies

The Bible is the most widely-read book in all of history, and millions say that the truths in it have changed their lives. We get together every week in small groups to look into it for ourselves and discover what God might have to say to us through it.

## Family Night

Friends, home-cooked food, and engaging with God. Doesn't get much better than that. We get together every Friday evening to eat dinner, learn from speakers, pray together, discuss living out the Christian faith at Dartmouth, or some combination of the above.

## Dorm Discussion Groups

Students in Christian Impact want to explore the deeper questions of life, faith and God with other Dartmouth students. We organize discussions in dorm clusters around campus to share opinions about and search for answers to spiritual questions.

## Personal Mentoring

We have dedicated staff and students who care passionately about Dartmouth students and about helping them know God better. Whether you want to deepen your relationship with Jesus or are still trying to figure out what you believe, we would love to meet with you.

## Off-Campus Activities

As a part of Campus Crusade for Christ, Christian Impact has some amazing off-campus opportunities. You can hear throughout the year about our retreats, conferences, short-term mission trips, outdoor adventures, and service opportunities.

# Where are You Headed?

Your Dartmouth adventure is just getting started, and you are facing one of the best times in your life to wrestle with big questions. Big questions about who you are, what you think, what's really true about the world around you.

**What are you passionate about?**

**What kind of person do you want to be when you graduate?**

**Is there more to this life than achievement or success?**

**What things are worth standing for?**



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**Blitz us!**

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## *Dates to Remember*

**9/18**

'13s Family Night – 6pm

Welcome '13s! Free home-cooked dinner in Fahey-McLane lounge.

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'13s Welcome Cookout – 5pm

Cookout at the Bouton house, pickup in front of the Hop.

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