

About Rob Odermann—Our Big Game Dinner Speaker

I was born in Helena, Montana on September 20, 1969 and raised in a Christian home. I trusted Christ at the age of 5 after being introduced to my Savior by my stepmother. I realized that I had sinned and therefore was in need of a savior. I learned that Jesus had died on the cross for my sin and that all I needed to do was trust in what He did for me on the cross and I would be forgiven and become a child of God. I grew up going to church, youth group, Awana, and camp. I grew a little in the Lord during those years but didn't experience a close relationship with my Savior until I joined the Army at the age of 17.

At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, I began to truly experience that close relationship with Christ as I dug into my Bible. It was there and the following year that I gave up my plans for my life and followed what I understood as God's will for my life. After graduation from high school, I moved to Wyoming to attend Frontier School of the Bible. While at Bible School, I married my high school sweetheart, Joni. I left Frontier in 1992 and took a youth pastor position in Livingston, Montana. In the spring of 1995, after graduation from Montana Bible College, we moved our family to Lewistown, Montana and became directors of Camp Lewtana Ministries for the next 17 years.

In 2012, we moved to Wyoming and served on staff as the Maintenance Director for six years. In the spring of 2018 the Lord moved us back to Lewistown to begin caring for aging parents and to take a position as the transportation director for the Lewistown school District. Even though we are not technically in "full time vocational ministry" we continue to serve in teaching and music leader roles in our church. We are currently leading a young single and marrieds Bible study in Buffalo, Montana. We have three children Josh, Joel, and Jessica, who are all married. All of my kids including my daughter have become avid hunters and fishermen.

One of my many passions continues to be teaching and mentoring young men. I am truly grateful to the Lord for the abilities and the opportunities that he has given me over the years. All of my life, including ministry, family, hunting and fishing, firefighting, EMT, military and other amazing opportunities have been a gift from my Lord and I give him all the credit and glory, for without Christ, I am nothing. All these things will mean nothing for eternity without the most important opportunity of trusting Christ as Savior!