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# Must be a Dunklin Family Reunion !!

Eating.....

Laughing...



Sharing...

## OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO THE POTTER!



So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." (Galatians 6:10)

"...these days are to be remembered..." (Esther 9:28)



Singing...  
BBQ ...  
& Hugg'in  
each other..

Dunklin Campfire ~ January 2010

## DMC MINISTRIES

- ALCOHOL AND DRUG REGENERATION PROGRAM
- DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER
- FAMILY RECOVERY CLASSES
- RETREATS AND SEMINARS
- PRISON/JAIL MINISTRY
- WOMEN'S MINISTRY
- AFTERCARE/OVERCOMERS GROUPS
- THE POTTER'S HOUSE MINISTRY (HALFWAY HOUSE)
- AUDIO/ VIDEO AND PRINTED TEACHING
- CAMPFIRE PUBLICATIONS
- YOUTH GROUPS
- CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUPS
- COUPLE COUNSELING CLASSES
- CERTIFIED ADDICTION PROFESSIONAL (CAP) CLASSES
- CHILDREN'S CHURCH & CHILDREN'S RODEO
- NURSERY MINISTRY
- FREEDOM SEMINARY



## How You Can Help

1. Prayer, prayer and more prayer
2. Scholarships for men in Servant Leadership Training
3. Monthly donations
4. Sponsor a Family in SLT
5. Sponsor a man in the Regeneration program
6. Any working vehicles, golf cart, 4 wheeler etc...
7. Musical Instruments – guitars, banjo, sax, etc...
9. Nursery ~ area rugs and changing table pad covers and crib linens.



## Campfire Subscription

**Would you please help us?** We want to enlarge our newsletter circulation and we need your help. If you have friends or churches that you think would be interested in receiving a free subscription to our monthly newsletter, would you consider asking them if they would like to be on the mailing list?

Frankly, we are outgrowing our donor base and we need to build a foundation large enough to support our expansion. Our three industries have been hit hard by the economy and it is going to take some time to rebuild them to where it was before the decline.

So we need your help. Please ask folks for their consent to send us their names and addresses. We do not want to offend anyone who is not interested in Christian Recovery Programs, but many times we have found that the Campfire was instrumental in helping a man decide to come into our recovery program.

**Please Print Clearly**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Camp Activities

- “Cowboys for Christ” in the Dinning Hall every 1st Thursday of each month @ 7:30pm. Come and Enjoy!
- Kenansville Cowboy Church every 3rd Sunday, 4:30pm
- DMC Sunday Service @ 11:00am—Everyone Welcome!
- “Freedom Seminary” classes meet on Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the Retreat Center. Check out the Dunklin Website for more info on Scheduled Classes.
- Women’s Co-dependency & Boundaries Classes  
Call Margie Rowland @ 772-597-0922

### At the Rodeo Arena

- Team Roping practice, Mondays @ 6:30pm
- Bull & Steer riding practice, Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
- Barrels & Poles practice, Thursday 6:30pm
- Church Service at Gethsemane on Sundays @ 11:00am

## Dates to Remember

- Jan 21, NET meeting on Thursday at 9:30am.
- Feb 1-5, The Prayer Gathering (Phyllis Harding, 770-934-7955)
- Feb 28 & March 7, Graduation & Baptism
- Mar 11-14, Mens Emmaus Walk

Any questions or concerns about the Campfire or subscription please call Carol @ 772-597-4440 or email me at [Carol@dunklin.org](mailto:Carol@dunklin.org)

### DUNKLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH

Dunklin Memorial Church was founded by Mickey and Laura Maye Evans in 1963 when 160 acres were purchased in the western part of Martin County for the purpose of building an alcoholic regeneration center to minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of addicted persons. Since that time, God has greatly blessed D.M.C. with an expanded ministry and with new additions as needs have arisen. We give thanks and all glory to Jesus Christ our Lord for what He has done and look forward to what He wants to accomplish through our various ministries.

#### CAMPFIRE

The campfire is a monthly publication proclaiming what the Lord Jesus Christ can do and has done for men in bondage to alcohol and drugs. This publication does not represent any particular denomination, but seeks to encourage all believers “to keep the unity of the Spirit”, (Eph. 4:3), not in the letter of the law, but in the spirit of meekness and love. There is no subscription price. The Campfire is maintained by the freewill offerings of those who wish to share in its ministry.

#### FINANCING

Our ministry is made possible by love offerings from churches, groups and individuals who share the burden and blessing of helping alcoholics and drug addicts help themselves. We strive through various self help projects to supplement the love offering and donations so as to be greater stewards of what God gives us in our expanding ministry. Because of our religious nature we are exempt from licensing by the state of Florida. However, D.M.C. is registered with the state of Florida as a nonprofit, religious corporation. All gifts are tax deductible.

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## Reunion Time

*There'll be a crowd at Dunklin  
And God has rescued all  
Once down'n out and hurtin'  
Now standing true and tall*

*Marriages were broken  
And all earthly help had fled  
Aside from Dunklin's sage retreat  
You'd be lookin' at the dead*

*Some of us stole and lied and cheated  
And that to our very best friends  
When we repented and turned to Jesus  
That's when rebellion ends*

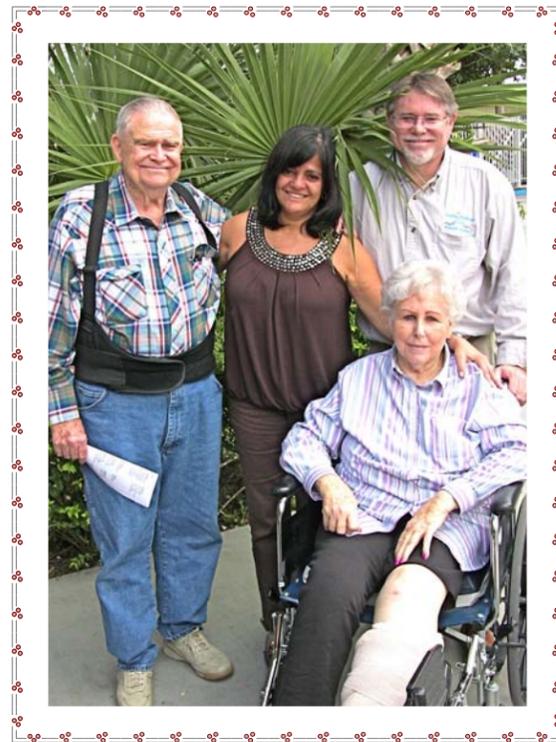
*It's true our sins have left big scars  
God washed them white as snow  
No matter where you turn today  
You'll see our faces glow*

*We're now cleansed by the  
blood of the Lamb  
Who died at Calvary  
It's that cruel, cruel  
death to that innocent Man  
That sets the guilty free*

*We learn many lessons  
Regret sinkin' in the mire  
So thankful God took pity  
And for us endured the fire*

*Today we want to warn and challenge  
You who struggle with drink and drugs  
Receive our Lord and Savior  
Exchange heartaches for warm hugs*

Ray Zander 11-20-06



### LAURA MAYE

WE LOVE YOU AND MISS  
YOU SO MUCH!

WE ARE ALL PRAYING  
FOR YOU TO COME  
HOME VERY SOON!

IT IS NOT THE SAME  
WITHOUT YOU!

YOU ARE A BLESSING TO  
ALL OF US AND WE ARE  
COUNTING THE DAYS  
UNTIL YOU ARE HOME!

WE LOVE YOU!



### "A Blessing from Bro Mickey."

*"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again, another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the Word of the Lord came to me, saying, "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter?" Saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel." (Jeremiah 18:4-6)*

The poet expressed a hope hidden in the heart of many people when he wistfully wrote:

"I wish there was some wonderful place, called the Land of Beginning Again, where all our mistakes and all our heartaches and all of our poor selfish grief could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door and never put on again."

Although Jeremiah's prophecy found its fulfillment in the restoration of the Hebrew nation over twenty-five hundred years ago, I believe that it teaches a timeless truth that applies to every generation. For it offers hope to hopeless men that the future can be different from the past, because God is able to take our broken, misspent lives and bring about a spiritual transformation to make us, "New Creatures in Christ Jesus". For the "Land of Beginning Again" is not some distant, mystical, geographical location, but rather the condition of our own hearts.

As we stand, this month, on the threshold of a New Year and pause a moment to evaluate the spiritual progress of the past year we are all conscious of the fact that we have "sinned and come short of the glory of God". Many of our spiritual aspirations are yet unfulfilled and like the Apostle Paul's confession in Romans 7: "The good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.", we can all say Amen! To Paul's lament.

But, praise God, as we turn our attention to the future we can see unlimited opportunities for

Christian growth and service to our Savior. To those of us who are honest enough to acknowledge and confess our failures of the past year, humble enough to take a true self-inventory, and courageous enough to ask the Lord for help to be more sensitive to His plan and purpose for our lives, this New Year can truly be "A Land of Beginning Again".

### God Can Make A Beautiful Vessel from Marred Clay

*"The clay was marred... so he made it again another vessel." The vessel didn't turn out the way the potter intended it but the potter didn't throw it away! He just removed the impurities and remolded the vessel. He gave it another chance."*

I'm so glad that our Savior doesn't discard everyone who messes up their life because there would be no hope for any of us. For we have all allowed sin to mar our souls and pervert the purpose of God in our lives. But, like the ancient potter, Jesus washes away our confessed impurities with His own precious blood, polishes our souls by His Holy Spirit and continues to work in us to perfect us into "His own image." (Colossians 2:10).

It has been a tremendous thrill to see His transforming power in action in the lives of so many alcoholics and drug addicts who have come to our Camp this past year. They are really "marred clay"... B.C. (Before Christ). Their bodies have been weakened, their minds confused, their hearts burdened and their homes broken by their addiction. Many of them were already judged as "hopeless cases" by society. Their families have given up on many of them, law enforcement officials have become exasperated with them and medical science has pronounced them incurable. But, praise God, when the world throws them out... Jesus is willing to take them in. No man is beyond the limits of help if he is but willing to become "clay" in the Master's hand.

The prophet Isaiah described the ministry of Jesus perfectly when he wrote of Him: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me: because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the

spirit of heaviness, that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.” (Isaiah 61: 1-3)

The New Testament tells us of the fulfillment of these wonderful promises in the lives of so many people like:

The Gadarene demoniac, in Luke 8, was indeed a marred piece of clay before he met Jesus. Demon spirits had tormented him until he had lost contact with reality. He had become a social outcast and a detriment to society. Anyone in Gadara would have told you that this man was a “hopeless case”. But not to Jesus. The power of the Holy Spirit drove out the unholy spirits and their captive was set free. Our Savior gave him sanity and salvation at the same time and sent him back to his family with a glorious testimony of “What great things the Lord had done for him”.

The Woman at the Well in John 4 is another illustration of our Lord’s ability to remold marred clay. Her personal life was far from being desirable when she first came in contact with Jesus. Her marital record was like some of our modern movie stars; she had had five husbands and was living at that time with a sixth man out of wedlock. She was, indeed, a classic example of a mixed up, messed up life. But Jesus saw her not only for what she was but for what she could become. He told her about a “well of water springing up into everlasting life”. When the woman responded to His invitation to a new life, the Holy Spirit worked a miracle of transformation in her so great that the whole city of Samaria was astonished at her appearance when she returned to town and told of her experience with Jesus.

Blind Bartimeaus and Zacheus the publican had only one thing in common before they met Jesus. They were both out of the Kingdom of God, Bartimeaus, the beggar was

down and out; Zacheus, the rich tax collector, was up and out; but they both experienced the same miracle of salvation when Jesus passed through Jericho. Our Lord gave them both a new lease on life when His life touched theirs.

But this miracle power did not cease when John penned the last pages of his Revelation, for his-story bears the imprint of the Master Potter’s handiwork.

John Newman, the atheistic slave-trader, was “made again another vessel” and became a Gospel song-writer, and great hymns of faith flowed from his inspired pen to praise the Potter who changed his life.

Mel Trotter was a “wino” mission bum who drifted from one skid row to another until Jesus touched his life. Mel became a giver instead of a getter when Christ came into his soul and he founded one of the largest missions in the United States.

Billy Sunday was a drunken baseball player until one day a lady invited him to attend services in a skid row mission. The preacher introduced him to the Master and Billy became “clay” in His hands. From the “marred clay” of a drunkard’s life Jesus remolded one of America’s finest evangelists.

I could go on and on giving names and telling of the transforming power of the Gospel in the lives of men I have known personally. I’ve seen “town drunks” become solid citizens; drug addicts become ministers and social outcasts infilled with the power of God. For our wonderful Savior is “the same yesterday, today and forever.”

This New Year Can Be  
A New Beginning For You

New Year’s resolutions are usually made and forgotten within the month of January because of the weakness of our will-power and our

best determinations are soon detoured by the return of old habits and thought patterns. But the Apostle Paul offered us a perfect prescription for a New Life when he wrote in Phil. 3:13, “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Praise God, we can “forget the past” when we are conscious of God’s forgiveness. In I John 1:9 our Lord has given us the “exceeding great and precious promise” that “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” When we repent of our sins and really commit them to Christ, He “removes them as far as the East is from the West and remembers them no more against us.” A forgiven past, no matter how bad it was, can be a forgotten one.

Paul emphasized the present when he said, “reaching forth unto those things which are before.” The Bible says that “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (II Cor. 6:2) Many people have full intentions of changing their lives and committing their souls to Christ, but they postpone their decision until the proverbial “tomorrow.” I have heard hundreds of men say, “I’m going to quit drinking tomorrow!” But somehow it never seems to come to pass. We must be willing to face the fact of our sins in true repentance and be willing to forsake them when we ask for God’s forgiveness.

Now, when our past has been forgiven and our present lives are committed to the plan and purposes of God we can look forward to a far better future for the Bible promises that:

“If any man be in Christ, he is a New Creature: old things are passes

away; behold, all things are become new.” (II Cor. 5:17)

We can sing with the song writer who wrote:

*“He lifted me out of the deep miry clay,  
He settled my feet in the straight narrow way;  
He lifted me up to a heavenly place  
And flooded my soul each day with His grace.”*

Lots of Love,



**Testimonies  
of Alumni I**

My story is a typical life of an addict, only variation is time! I served 20 years in hell, excess, selfishness, greed, broken relationships, shame, guilt, brief periods of hope followed by absolute humiliation and desperation, spiritual, physical and financial bankruptcy, self hatred, loneliness, deep depression. I could never with words describe how bad, painful and dark my world was. Then thankfully, the black hole had a bottom. The Lord healed my guilt and shame and I started to see light. Light allows you to see things for what they really are the good and the bad. Almost 3 years clean, I am a grateful participant in the journey called LIFE ! To live with a grateful heart is the greatest gift the Holy Spirit gave me and He presented it to me at Dunklin Memorial Church. Thank you Lord!

~ **James “Jimmy” Maher**



After more than 30 years of addiction to one thing or another, I had created a huge mess of my life. Everything was gone or in the process of being gone, especially the most cherished things, my wife, my children and my grand children. I had many failed attempts at getting sober because I had the wrong person at the center of my life, me. God’s plan for me brought me to Dunklin, a place far from home but like everything God does, the perfect place for me to stop the madness, quiet my soul and spirit and listen to what He wanted to say to me. God used the time spent here and the leaders he hand picked to guide me until I was mature enough to follow the Holy spirit myself. My testimony is that God through Jesus Christ took a dead man, gave him life, and life abundantly. He restored all the valuable things I had squandered away and changed my life.

~ **Domenick Pirritino**



**Chris & Pen Mitchell** ~ Still doing great. We have been waiting to come back, everyone has been very nice to us! We have loved coming here. We have just been very blessed. Since we were here last, many things have happened, birthdays, school events, and much more. This place is just amazing the people and pretty much everything. I think that we are just blessed to get to see our friends that are here. Jesus has totally blessed us. He let us get here safe and let us ee you guys, we are blessed.

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Thank God, forty years ago, Jesus took control of my life. What a joy it is to serve a living God. It has been a joy and blessing to be able to help others. It is always a joy to come back to the place a new life began. Praise God for everyone that makes us welcome when we come home. Thank you Jesus!

~ **Johnnie Smith (Oldest Alumni)**

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September 19, 2003, I came to Dunklin from jail with no hope, no purpose for my life, thinking the only way out of the addiction to crystal meth was death. When I arrived at Dunklin I met the Giver of life, Jesus Christ and from that point on my life has not been the same. The old has gone and the new has come. Today, God has blessed me with a beautiful, Godly wife and two great boys. He has given us a vision for a ministry called God is Faithful ministries in Bonifay, Florida. The Lord has blessed us so much and we are grateful to God and Dunklin for our lives. WE love you. Visit our ministry at [Godisfaithfulministries.com!](http://Godisfaithfulministries.com) ~ **Jerrod Jenkins**

I am 44 years old and I come from an 18 year addiction to crack cocaine and alcohol. I came to Dunklin in February 2008 a broken broke human being with nothing left. I destroyed my family and friends. The Lord, has restored me to my family. I got married here in Discipleship and today I am a father to my 2 children and a husband to my wife, whom I once introduced to crack cocaine. Today I thank and praise the Lord for the freedom we both have.

~ **John Galiszeuski**

