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48th Annual Homecoming Celebration !



Dunklin City of Refuge



January Campfire

DMC MINISTRIES

- ALCOHOL AND DRUG REGENERATION PROGRAM
- DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER
- FAMILY RECOVERY CLASSES
- FREEDOM SEMINARY
- 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
- CHILDREN'S CHURCH & CHILDREN'S RODEO
- NURSERY MINISTRY
- RETREATS AND SEMINARS

DUNKLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH

Dunklin Memorial Church was founded by Mickey and Laura Maye Evans in 1962 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.

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 Re-generation program
6. Any working vehicles, golf cart, 4 wheeler etc...
7. Musical Instruments – guitars, banjo, sax, etc...

Any questions or concerns about the Campfire, subscription or website please call Carol @ 772-597-4440 or email me at carol@dunklin.org.

You can view our website @ www.dunklin.org

Dates to Remember

- Jan 20th ~ NET meeting
- Feb 13th ~ Graduation & Baptism
- Feb 20th ~ Graduation & Baptism
- Feb 22nd—24th ~ Dunklin Regeneration Leadership Meeting
- Feb 25th—Mar 4th ~ Prayer Retreat (contact Phyllis Hardin @ 770-934-7955)
- Feb 27th ~ Mission Fair @ 1st Presbyterian North Palm Beach

Camp Activities

- “Cowboys for Christ” in the Dining Hall on the 1st Thursday of each month @ 7:30pm.
Come and enjoy!
- DMC Sunday Service @ 11:00am
****Everyone Welcome!****
- “Freedom Seminary” classes meet on Thursday nights @ 7:00pm in the Retreat Center. Check out the Dunklin Website for more info on scheduled classes at www.dunklin.org
- Women’s Co-dependency & Boundaries classes
Call Margie Rowland @ 772-597-0922

At the Rodeo Arena

- Bull & Steer riding practice, Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (Bulls~ 2nd & 4th weeks, Calf & steer riding~ 1st & 3rd weeks)
- Team Sorting practice, Thursday @ 7:00pm
- Church Service at Gethsemane on Sundays @ 11:00am
- For more info call Karen & Jesse 772-597-2834



**“And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”
(Isa 35:10)**

“This was the best homecoming we have ever had!!” My wife quoted her mother’s famous evaluation of Our Forty-Eighth Anniversary Homecoming. Her mother and father were the pioneers that laid the foundation and cleared the land that Dunklin Memorial City of Refuge is built upon. They were “Grandma and Grandpa Campbell” to not only our children and grandchildren but also to generations of recovering addicts that came to find refuge at the Camp.

They traded their home and 20 acres of prime property for the property where the Camp now stands. Grandpa planted our first garden with his little push plow

and raised dairy calves to start our cattle herd. Grandma sewed scraps of cloth to make beautiful quilts that were sold to buy food for her “family” of “adopted” recovering addicts. They moved into a tiny singlewide trailer that they lived and died in. It was the prayer center of the

Camp and there was a constant flow of children and adults that came to be loved on and prayed for by Grandpa and Grandma.

I thought of them as Miss Mary and her “Celebration Singers” welcomed our alumni families home for Our 48th Homecoming. “Miss Mary” Lanier is our Camp “Grandma” now and her tiny house is the prayer center where “Family” is formed.

I wished that all of our “Campfire Family” could have been here to enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend with us. It was truly the “best one we ever had”. We put 26 turkeys “into the ministry” on Thanksgiving Day. We had so many people that we had to eat outdoors in the pavilions. It was a “Hallelujah” day to see the families that have been reconciled and celebrating their first sober thanksgiving together.

Saturday and Sunday were celebration days also, with renewing of old acquaintances.

Jonny Smith, age 95, came from a nursing home in North Florida, to celebrate 41 years of consecutive homecomings since he first came to our regeneration program. He was on oxygen, but he still shared his testimony twice and really blessed everyone who heard him.

I had a wonderful time fellowshiping with all of our alumni men and their families. It was like a foretaste of heaven that we will enjoy eternally. Homecoming is "Payday" for our staff who get to see the fruit of their labors by the seeds they have planted in the hearts of our alumni men and their families.

I am greatly encouraged by the alumni leaders who are now leading their own recovery ministries. They are all going through the economic depression that we are at Dunklin but they are optimistic about the future and are all expanding their ministries, as we are at Dunklin, not downsizing.

Thank you for your prayers and generous contribution to our recovery ministries. I wish I could share all the wonderful testimonies we heard from our alumni men and their wives. I wish I could share them with the whole world! The TSUNAMI of substance abuse is overflowing every country in the world but the Lord is multiplying "Cities of Refuge" around the world too and the good news (I read the last chapter in the Bible) and we

are on the wining side!!
With Love and Great
Appreciation,

Bro Mickey



**"Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good, for His
lovingkindness is everlasting.
Let the redeemed of the Lord**



**say so, whom He has redeemed
from the hand of the adversary
and gathered from the lands,
from the east and from the
west, from the north and from
the south. They wandered in
the wilderness in a desert**

Going Strong!

Thank You, Jesus!



48 Years & Still

Homecoming 2011!



region: they did not find a way to an inhabited city. They were hungry and thirsty; their soul fainted within them. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses. He led them also by a straight way, to go to an inhabited city. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, and the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.”
(Psalm 107:1-9)

This Psalm written 3000 years ago is what we here at Dunklin call the drug addict’s Psalm. It is truly the testimony of every man and every family that has come to Dunklin. At Our Homecoming service we heard the men and their families share their distresses caused by alcoholism and drug addiction and how when they called out to the Lord, He delivered them and brought them to a City of Refuge. These scriptures are not a concept or a theory to those of us who have experienced them, but a true reality of what God has done in our lives. The inhabited City that He brought

us to was Dunklin Memorial Camp.

Dunklin is a place of refuge, peace, and security, where God was able to regenerate and transform our lives. It’s a place He uses to restore marriages, reconcile children with their fathers, and train and equip men and their families to birth new Cities of Refuge.

Sometimes the staff here at Dunklin, because we are so busy can’t see the forest for the trees, but at this Homecoming we saw the forest and it was a beautiful forest. Thank you Alumni for coming back and sharing your testimonies and fellowshiping with us, and thank you “Campfire Family” for all the prayers and financial support that you been so faithful to provide to us over the past 48 years.



Alumni Testimonies

Ben Adams

I am a believer in Jesus Christ. I come from 26 years of addiction. When I finally asked for help, I came here to Dunklin, where I was broken. God put me back together. It was when I was going to Inner Healing class, that I really had begun a true relationship with the Lord.



Seth Grady

I came to Dunklin in awful spiritual, mental and physical condition on October 8th 1999. I didn't yet know how God was going to work in my life and start changing my heart. My long addiction to drugs including crack cocaine caused much damage to my family and myself. Dunklin's teaching soon showed me that God already forgave me because of what Jesus did on the cross and I didn't have to keep beating myself up anymore. My experience at Dunklin gave me hope through Christ Jesus that He will restore my relationships with my family. He will be with me through every step of the way. Thank you Jesus for giving me the gift of Dunklin.



Tim Hanel

After 34 years of addiction with no hope, no God, no peace, I came here to Dunklin in 2002. I gave my life to the Lord two weeks into the program. Today I have hope, sobriety and peace. All the glory goes to the Lord!



Dave Thompson

I came to Dunklin emotionally and spiritually dead. This was my last hope. I knew from my childhood that the only way to be free was to change side, from the world's to God's Kingdom. It wasn't easy, I had to look at the truth about myself and be willing to change. It was worth it! My life has been saved through God's grace. He has found me to be worthy to serve Him, helping others with chemical addictions. This is a calling I take very serious, if I only lead one man to God, I have fulfilled my purpose.



Brad Settles

I was addicted to drugs for 20 years. I have been clean for 13 months. Due to grace and mercy from the Lord, I am still doing well. I am at Liberty Lodge in Titusville to continue in the recovery ministry. I have joy in my life today, due to my relationship with the Lord.

I am grateful for Dunklin. The obedience of the staff here has given me hope and continues to give me guidance.



Mel Paul Arledge

"God choose me, when I wasn't worth choosing. I wanted to be a Hell's Angel and God is making me a minister of Help's."



Johnny Taylor

I came from a 10 year addiction to drugs and alcohol. I am 26 years old and I was raised in Okeechobee. I came to Dunklin broken and abused by drugs. Me and my wife Tasha were in addiction together and the Lord saw fit to place her in a Christian, Dunklin affiliated program called Lydia's house in Wauchula. Since I graduated I moved to Wauchula and volunteer at Pioneer Village, a men's program. My life has been completely restored to a much better place then I was even before my addiction. Thank you God!



Joe Carlisle

I'm not perfect! Heck, I'm not even good, but I don't use drugs any more and I have hope for tomorrow. The same hope that has

kept me clean for four years and that is Jesus and He is enough.



David Hargraves

I graduated January 2009 and have been doing well. God has provided work, friends and family relationships back to me. Now I have a job, my health and my gratitude for God's love and mercy.



Justin Steckley

I came from a five year addiction to pain pills. I got into detox and it almost killed me. I got help and got into Dunklin. I went through the program and my heart and mind were changed for the Lord and now I have a great life, great family and am very involved in church and starting a Celebrate Recovery Group.



Sam Wansley

Nothing from Dunklin was wasted, although I fell many times and still got into a lot of trouble. I was going to kill myself, but I read about King David instead and knew if God loved him then He could love me. Mr. Mickey, you are one man who made it possible for me, I love you, I love Mr. Hugh and Dunklin Memorial Camp.