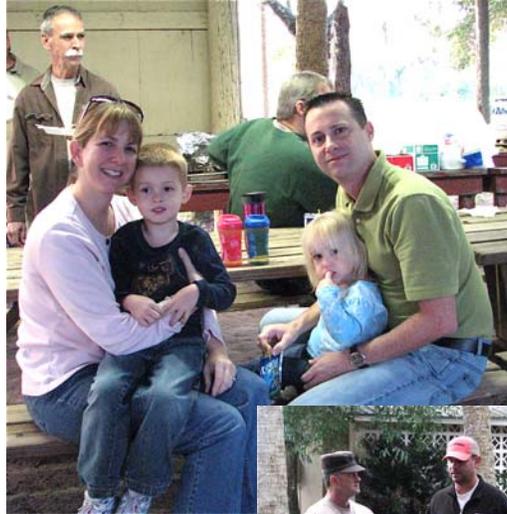


Let the Redeemed
of the Lord say So!



January 2012

DUNKLIN CAMPFIRE

DMC MINISTRIES

- ALCOHOL AND DRUG REGENERATION PROGRAM
- DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER
- FAMILY RECOVERY CLASSES
- FREEDOM SEMINARY
- PRISON/JAIL MINISTRY
- AUDIO/VIDEO AND PRINTED TEACHING
- CAMPFIRE PUBLICATIONS
- CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUPS
- RETREATS AND SEMINARS

Any questions or concerns about the Campfire or subscription please call Carol Carter @ 772-597-4440. You can view the Campfire on our Website in full color @ www.dunklin.org

Dates to Remember

- Jan 12th~14th, More to Life Retreat
- Jan 19th, Net Meeting
- Jan 22nd, Grad & Baptism
- Jan 29th, Grad & Baptism
- Feb 21st ~23rd, Leadership Meeting
- March 1st~9th, Prayer Gathering (Phyllis Harden)
- March 11th, Daylight Savings Time

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...
8. White Bed Sheets ~ double and queen size, flat and fitted.

“The wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose... in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.



And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of holiness, the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. But the redeemed of the Lord shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isa 35:1, 7-10)

Through poetic vision the prophet Isaiah gave us a perfect Biblical text to describe our 49th Homecoming reunion. He foresaw a highway that was God’s special provision for the remnant of the redeemed to return to their homeland to be reunited with their kinsmen. Their journey was a celebration filled with singing and laughter as they made their way home to a family reunion.

“It was the best one we ever had,” according to numerous reports from alumni families who came for the celebration. Our camp family had spent days in anticipation and preparation for the return of the alumni families. K.K.’s crew had the grass and grounds immaculate. Purney’s kitchen crew cooked twenty six turkeys, with all the trimmings for Thanksgiving Day and Eric processed a herd of hogs for Bar-B-Que. Chris started cooking smoked sausage and Bar-B-Que at 4:30am on Saturday, while the kitchen crew were baking a washtub full of biscuits for the Cowboy breakfast around the campfire. Before daylight a large crowd gathered in anticipation of the coming feast of smoked sausage wrapped in “cathead biscuits” dipped in guava and cane syrup. Even the wanna-be cowboys agreed that it was a feast fit for a king.

Miss Mary’s Celebration Singers blessed us with their concert. The

alumni families brought the testimonies for a worship filled weekend.

Homecoming is “payday” for the staff to see the “fruit that abides” from the seed they have sown in their classrooms. The alumni wives who have completed the Family Recovery class encouraged the women and children that are attending the classes now. Homecoming was like a revival meeting for everyone!

The “ole timers” that reminisced the early pioneer days of the camp are getting fewer every year. Red Fox shared with us his memories of caring for the staff over the years that he has been here at Dunklin. Red is our oldest Alumni Graduate and he is still here serving God with us.

The Martin Grade that once was a muddy, dusty road that led to a swamp “where dragons lay” (alligators) in the mud with mosquitoes and moccasins; and where a small group of people in recovery met in a tent and used a “converted” saloon for a kitchen and dining hall. They slept in four tiny cabins and old camp trailers. These pioneers laid the foundation for our present “City of Refuge” that houses 90 men in recovery and ministry training courses. Thirty-three people are now on staff and live with their families on the camp property. Thirty children play in their yards and enrich our community with their laughter.

Each generation contributed their dedication and giftedness to make Dunklin bigger and better for the next generation. Over the years we have slowly expanded our facilities. Our worldview has changed from a wilderness camp to becoming a missionary training center to equip recovered addicts, who will establish aftercare overcomer groups, half-way houses, and new Cities of Refuge around the globe.

The escalating epidemic of alcoholism and drug addiction has created new mission fields in every country of the world and we are getting more and more Macedonian calls to “come over and help us” (Acts 16:9). I sincerely believe that 2012 will be a time of our greatest multiplication of new ministries that will require us to enlarge our internship program and greatly expand the Freedom Seminary courses.

Our forty nine years in the wilderness was a necessary part of our training and development to prepare us for the challenges of this year. I believe we are ready to “Cross over Jordan” to possess our promised inheritance. The Lord has given us a vision of His Kingdom and a mandate to “make disciples in all nations.” With His blessing and the prayers of His people I believe that our greatest ministries are ahead not behind.

We closed the Sunday service with our customary theme song “Amazing Grace” that summarizes every testimony. We sang “When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no

less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun", in memory of the many alumni men who have come through Dunklin on their way to heaven. Many men have changed their eternal destiny by receiving God's double gift of sobriety and salvation while they were at Dunklin.

"Jesus told his disciples, I have been given complete authority in Heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commandments I have given you. And be sure of this; I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

(Matt 28"18-20)

Lots of Love,



"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 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;

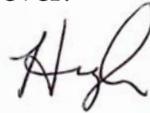
He delivered them out of their distresses. He led them also by a straight way, to go to an inhabited city. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, and the hungry soul He has filled with what is good." (Psalm 107: 1-9)

These scriptures became a reality at our 49th Homecoming Celebration! Our alumni men and their family gave their testimonies to the Lord's goodness during our Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Their testimonies told of their own

personal redemption from the bondage of chemical addiction.

Not only has the Lord delivered them from the hand of the enemy, but He has given them His peace and His purpose for their lives. These men, many who came through our program over twenty years ago, had no hope or purpose for their lives when they came here. Now they are men of God, godly husbands, godly fathers and ministers of the Gospel in their own communities. Some of them have even gone out and birthed other mini-Dunklins across the country. As a staff, we want to thank all the Alumni for attending our Homecoming and sharing with us the miracles that God has done in their lives. These testimonies greatly encourage the men and families who are in the program now, and for the staff it is our Best pay-day ever.

In His Service,



Chris & Zeke cooked up some good sausage for the Cowboy Breakfast!



And the Kitchen cooked up some awesome biscuits too!!

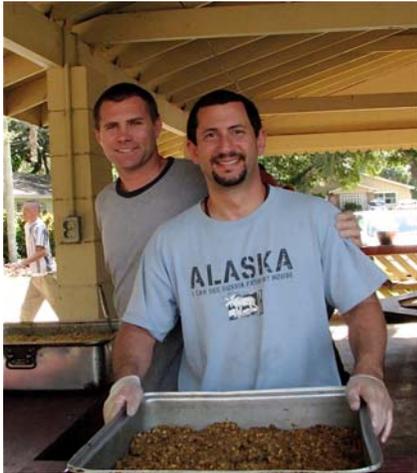
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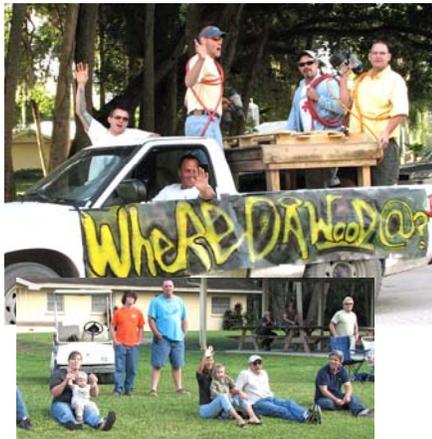


We sang around the campfire Saturday night, while the kids cooked marshmallows for SMORSE!

Dinner on the grounds was a real celebration!



The PARADE was a huge success!



TESTIMONIES



I am in my recovery process after my open heart surgery with 4 bypasses. The Lord has been always in my life no matter what situation. He is in control and He has never let me down. He has a purpose in my life and through each of these situations, He makes me stronger in my faith and in my relationship with Him. Today I am a walking miracle because my recovery and my surgery was in His hands.

I am still alive because He loves me and has plans for me. He fixed my heart and restored my soul when I was in the program four years ago. Today He has fixed my heart again! Praise God for His mercy and grace in my life!

Rodrigo Fuentes

I had a twenty year addiction that I thought there was no way out of. I came to Dunklin not knowing

anything about the Lord or how to even have a relationship with other people.

While at Dunklin, I went through a lot of changes and did some growing up. There were many good times while I was in the program and many hard times to deal with too. While going through marriage class, I learned to give my wife the courtesy and respect which I never gave her before. Since leaving Dunklin I have stayed plugged in with Celebrate Recovery classes and doing what I can to help others with their addictions. My family now respects me and no longer fears me. Through the grace of God, I now have a new life with Him and my family.

William E. Cottrill, III

Justin Steckly



come from an opiate and benzo addiction and a lengthy criminal record. I came into Dunklin in November of 2009 to just get clean and please everyone else. My first quarter at Dunklin was rough and I can't count how many times I was bottom-lined in the Sociogram.

The Lord put many people in my path while I was here, but KK was by far the most influential in my life. He really was hard on me, but really helped me.

Since Dunklin, I met a wonderful women whom I am engaged to and plan on marrying next year.

I now work back with my father and I have a great relationship with my family again. Above all else I still have a godly life and try my hardest to serve the Lord each day!

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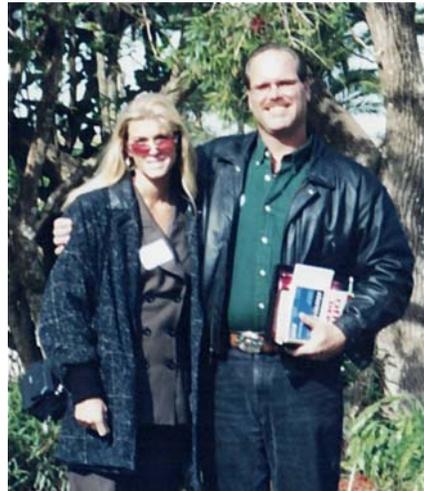
I came to Dunklin when I was 37 with a 20 year drug and alcohol addiction, and a lifetime of low self-esteem problems. I lost everything because of the path I took in life. I tried to please myself at all cost. In that, I lost my wife, kids, home, cars, jobs and self worth.

I hit rock bottom when my parents locked me out. I lived in my van for a while after that. God showed me Dunklin through my mother-in-law and it took me 10 months to see I had to come here.

As God cleaned me up through this program and helped me to trust in Him and the men around me, my wall began to fall and I was able to

allow God to minister to my heart of stone. Through Him and the men of Dunklin, my heart became flesh and I was able to love Him, myself, and especially my wife and kids. God blessed me at Dunklin.

Since I've graduated in 2004, God continues to work in my life. The best thing to know is when I get weak, low or just plain rebellious in my walk, I am able to come home to Dunklin and be encouraged by the body. Unlike my church, Dunklin knows right where I'm at and can help me to see my attitude and help me to get my focus back on Jesus. It doesn't happen often, however, it is a safe feeling to know that I am always welcomed. I don't have to go so far as to fall and destroy all that God has restored in my life. Thank you Jesus for this place called Dunklin, that You used



and continue to use to save my life. Amen!

**Curt Johnson**

# 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 they were 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.

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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

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