

Dunklin Graduation

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Cor 5:17



And they overcame him, because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony... Rev 12:11

This past month was highlighted by the graduation of eleven men from our ten month regeneration program. It filled me with excitement to see so many men stand in front of the church stage on that day. God is continually at work in the lives of the men and their families, as well as the staff and their families here at the camp.

Many men believe this day will never come. When first arriving at the camp, ten months seems like an eternity. Yet in the time spent here, these men have begun to experience, through the power of Jesus Christ, a heart change. The new creations look and sound vastly different from the sick and broken men who came for the interview.

As each man shared in his own words where the Lord had brought him from, where he is now, and what that journey had been like, everyone was touched as God's unique and intimate relationship with each one was emphasized in personal testimony. Only by the Lord's grace and mercy could transformations like these take place.

Wives and parents also shared how God has restored relationships and reconciled marriages that seemed to be broken and destroyed just a few months ago. We are especially blessed to witness what God has done in these men and their families, over the past ten months. These graduations are payday for the staff and community here at Dunklin.

There have been so many things to give praise to God for already this year. He is so good and so faithful, and He continues to be, as we put our trust for provisions into His hands on a daily basis.

We are so very thankful to you, our faithful supporters, for the many ways you bless the camp. God is always in control and it excites us to be a part of what He is doing here.

God Bless You, Bu micky



Matt Deffenbaugh

I come from a 12 year addiction to drugs and alcohol. Before coming here I had a very reckless lifestyle of being double-minded. I tried everything to clean up my life. I went to a Christian college, participated in Christian internships, checked into rehab, and even tried geographical changes. The only thing I learned was how to act like a Christian. I could get anyone to believe I was for a few months. But I always ended up in the same place with drugs and alcohol. When I had hit the lowest bottom of my life, I called my father and told him I needed some serious help. Previously, it was very difficult to get me to go somewhere for even a month. But at this point I knew I needed at least a year.

Since coming to Dunklin, I didn't just learn how to be a Christian. I've learned how to have a healthy relationship with the Lord and how to be an effective working part of the body of Christ.

Before I came to Dunklin I lead a selfish and reckless life. I came from a good home, full of love and good morals, but my rebelliousness and selfishness led me down a long and painful road. Drugs and hurting people was all I did and I truly believed it was all I would ever do. I was hopeless and spiritually dead. I was empty.

Through the time here at Dunklin the Lord has given me a new heart. He has also restored me to my family and given them hope as well. My words cannot explain how grateful I am for Jesus Christ and how God sent Him to save me. He has made Himself real to me and it has changed my life in ways I didn't believe could change. Dunklin has provided a place for me where God could change my heart and so much more.



Jared Gentry



I came from eight years of addiction that I fueled with my selfishness. I pushed my family away and hurt the ones who tried desperately to help me. I blamed everyone else for my problems. Before coming to Dunklin, I had no purpose and no hope that things could get better. In my mind I though death was the only way I could escape addiction.

After completing the program at Dunklin I have much hope and have found my purpose in life. I have learned how to take responsibility for my life. Today, I have a personal relationship with the Lord. The Lord has delivered me from the bondage I was living in and I am excited about what is to come in the future.

Jonathan Dennis

I came from a 15 year addiction to drugs and alcohol. I led a reckless life with little responsibility and no real consequences. If I had any clean time, I still felt empty inside. An unspeakable void that left me hopeless led me to relapse. I came to Florida to be the best man at my friend's wedding and with a solid intent to die partying. Well, the Lord had other plans for me. Since being here at Dunklin I have begun to develop a true relationship with Jesus Christ. Through that relationship I was forced to take a look at myself. He has been faithful in changing my heart. I can say today that the Lord has saved my life and given me purpose.



Derick Wahl



Chris Spring

At the age of 6, I was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. I grew up with the belief I would die early. Later I turned to drugs and alcohol as a crutch to drive my selfish behaviors. After my eighth arrest at the age of 23, I faced spending the rest of my life in prison. I reached out to God and plead for help. My prayer was answered and the Lord brought me out of bondage from not only prison and drugs, but from myself. I learned about giving back, having relationships with others, praying and so much more. I've got life now.

I plan to go deeper into ministry and share my testimony and hope for life with children and adults with Cystic Fibrosis, in addition to spreading awareness and ministering to the everyday average Joe.

Ministry Needs ~ We need your prayers daily!

- Sponsors for men in the program, men in SLT and families in SLT
 - Monthly donations Donations of musical instruments
- Donations of any working vehicles, golf carts, 4-wheelers, etc.

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