

Dunklin "City of Refuge"

BEYOND THE ELEMENTARY

"Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity..." (Hebrews 6: 1)

Discipleship



March 2011

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



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





*“The churches here in the province of Asia greet you heartily in the Lord, along with Aquila and Priscilla and all the others who gather in their home for church meetings.”
(1 Cor. 16:19)*

“Think of ways to encourage one another to love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of His coming back again is drawing near.” (Heb. 10: 24-25)

What’s your percentage? A question often asked by visitors at the camp who inquire about how many men maintain their sobriety and spirituality after they leave the sheltered environment of the Dunklin community.

I can honestly answer “I don’t know, only God can keep those records.” The truth is that we never hear from some men when they leave the camp. They either move to another address than we have in our records or they isolate themselves in their addictions

again. But we can report a very good recovery rate for those who join good churches and remain active in Overcomers Aftercare groups or in Family Care home groups. Many of our men correspond and visit the camp regularly for Alumni weekends and Homecomings.

The drug addict or alcoholic faces two monumental problems when they go home. First, they have to prove themselves to their families and employers and rebuild the burned bridges of broken relationships. This is not an easy task. Second, they sometimes have strong “soulties” to their former friends that they drank and used drugs with. These “old buddies” are often confronted by their families with “Why don’t you go through a program and get help like... !” Old cronies will often try to sabotage the maintenance program of the new Christian by insisting that he join them in taking a drink or drug “just for old time’s sake.”

Even after an extended period of sobriety, one drink can trigger a binge and a return to substance abuse that can be even worse than before he went through a recovery program. The person in recovery can never afford to forget the old adage “One is too many... And many is not enough!”

The very best antidote against relapse is to become an active member of an Overcomes Aftercare group or a Family Care home group. These small sharing groups provide spiritual nourishment and accountability that is vital both to sobriety and spiritual growth. It provides opportunity to “give back” to the Christian community by

“Comforting others with the comfort that they have been comforted by the Lord.”

God’s aftercare program for the young converts on the Day of Pentecost was simple, requiring no other facilities except the homes they lived in and people who were willing to practice the simple disciplines that Jesus installed in His first disciples.

*“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers... and they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people and the Lord added daily to the church those who were being saved.”
(Acts 2: 41-47)*

Lots of Love,

Bo Mickey





This class has learned how to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them to the Word of God. They have spent the last 10 months in the Word daily- studying it, praying over it and obeying it. This group of disciples has shown that they are ready to be godly fathers, brothers and sons, and know they are without excuse.

We have seven men who have chosen to stay on for further training and five that will take the tools God has provided them here and walk it out. I know they have experienced the love of the Living God and are ready to share their testimony with those who are without "hope". I can also say that their focus is on the Lord and pleasing Him in every area of their lives. We here at Dunklin are excited to see what the Lord has in store for them next.

Joe Richardson
Discipleship Teacher

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20)

When I look at this class I see Christian Disciples who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They have also shown that they will be assets in the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ and what He has done in their lives.

Discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus. They are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in their hearts, to overcome the pressures and trials of life. They learn to become more Christ-like and assets to the community that they were a part of destroying 10 months ago.



Bill Watts

I have learned so much from Dunklin. When I first got here I was afraid and thought I was alone. Three weeks after getting here I turned my life over to the Lord with the help of David Ladd. I know God loves me just as I am, and no

matter what I've done, I am forgiven.

Matt Howell, my big brother, showed me so much patience and love. No matter what struggles I go through, I need to bring them to the cross and let the Lord take my problems so I can be set free. It's an every day thing. The Five Stages were very important to me. I know I can't hold onto things. I had a lot of unforgiveness, now I am truly free. I'm without excuse. My recovery is very important to me and foremost is my relationship with the Lord.



Brennan Rolston

The person here at Dunklin who has disciplined me the most has to be Wayne Lathrop. I work in the carpenter shop and he has been there to help me walk through a lot of different tough times, especially during Inner Healing. Not only did he help me get through those times with prayer, but he showed me the importance of not always looking to man for all of the answers, but go to God.

I am truly grateful for where the Lord has put me in that little carpentry shop. My "big brother" taught me a number of different things. He showed me all the ropes

about Dunklin. He always made sure that I had everything I needed as well as making sure that my salvation was secure. He introduced me to Ms. Mary, who is truly a blessing. He was also there for me when I got into relational struggles and always taught me the importance of forgiveness.

I have learned many different things here at Dunklin. I have learned the power in prayer, how to be a true friend, and most importantly how to deal with my problems when they come up. Dunklin has taught me to slow down and to always take my burdens to the Lord and let Him carry all of the extra weight which frees me. I have also learned that nothing can stop me anymore because I don't and won't believe in the lies that the enemy wants me to.



Craig Crosby

I was encouraged and discipled by many of the staff members through all five stages here at Dunklin but my Regeneration teacher and Lumber Mill Leader, Jeremy Holtman, discipled me the

most, through his tough love and words of encouragement, Jeremy always led me to the Lord in every situation.

The biggest thing I learned from my "big brother" was "hope". There's always hope in the Lord, especially with reconciliation of families. Seeking the Lord for answers and direction with every situation in life whether minor or major, as well as journaling, and spending time with the Lord each day will benefit me for the rest of my life. I look back in my journal at the things He spoke to me three months ago and it proves true in my life today.



Curtis Morrison

There have been many people who have been apart of helping me to have a closer relationship with God here at Dunklin. One stands out to me though, Kevin "K.K." Thompson. I worked with him day in and day out and I have never seen a harder working man in my life. He would never let me say, "I can't", by showing me that "I could". Most of all though, he showed me that correction was not rejection, by speaking into my life on several occasions only to follow

it up later by wanting to genuinely know how I was doing.

My perspective on a lot of things changed because of the way he approached me as a person. My "big brother", when I first got here was John Purkey. I had been here about three weeks when I asked him what he saw in me that he thought I needed to change. He asked me if I was sure I wanted to hear it, then proceeded to tell me I talked too much and I needed to listen more. The best part of that tough love was that he said by listening to what people had to say, I would learn how to be quiet and listen so I wouldn't miss something that the Lord was trying to show me.

The biggest thing I have learned here at Dunklin that will affect the rest of my life is how to listen to God. By learning how to journal and hear Him clearly during my quiet time each morning, I have been able to see the Lord at work in many other areas of my life as well. I have become more and more aware of the Living Christ in my life by being able to recognize when He is speaking to me through other people or circumstances. I have become aware that He is constantly at work in my life in a very real and personal level. This has given me more confidence in myself knowing that, "If He is for me, who can be against me"?





Kevin Poe

While at Dunklin I have learned a lot but most of all I've come to know Jesus on a more personal level. I was discipled the most by Eric Snook, who taught me how to be responsible not only at work but in my relationship with Christ.

Often times he would be encouraging me to pray and journal to get the answers I needed when I was struggling. My "big brother", Josh Braddock, taught me patience and how to be a good friend by being a better listener. He also taught me to lead by example and that we can walk this out once we graduate if we stay close to God and His people.

I've learned that my recovery goes beyond the five stages that we learn here at Dunklin and that I must always surround myself with like minded Christians who will hold me accountable when they see my commitment slipping. I've also learned that God is faithful and if I do my part I never have to be a slave to sin and addiction again.



Mark Harris

My life was touched by many people over the course of my program, but I believe the Lord used Jeremy Holtman the most. The Lord used Jeremy to bring me out of some serious denial in my life. He was never afraid to speak the truth to me even when it was uncomfortable. No matter what though, I always knew he cared. His passion for people that are in the same place where he came from is very evident.

I was blessed with not only a "big brother" but a friend in John French. John showed me the difference between a religious man and a spiritual man. He showed me how to apply what I knew to my feet. He had compassion for everyone and was the last to judge, he left that to the Lord.

The single most important revelation to me while at Dunklin has to be that "it's not all about me". I've been a slave to that mentality my whole life, but no longer. Today I know it's really all about Jesus, and I'm okay with that. Why wouldn't I be? My road brought hopelessness, prison and death.

Finally submitting and just being obedient to Him has brought me hope, purpose, and life. I don't live

life looking over my shoulder anymore.



Brad Cook

I have been blessed by having a position in the kitchen working with Purney Raines. Purney has put so much time and effort into my recovery. He has poured into my life more than anyone has. He has spoken more truth in love to me than anyone on camp and I know it is because he loves me and cares about my future. I will always be grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside Purney.

My "big brother", Adam Homer made me feel comfortable from the first day I got here. I learned a lot from Adam, especially how to cope with being away from my son. Adam, like me, was also estranged from his son. Without our evening prayers together, I do not know if I'd still be here.

My relationship with the Lord is the most important thing I will take with me from Dunklin. I know now that nothing is impossible with Jesus on my side. My sense of purpose in



life actually exists now. The hope that I have inside of me will never die. I have received the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ . What more could I want?



Brian Balance

As I reflect back through the program as to who discipled me the most, there were a few, but Kevin Thompson, stands out the most. He showed me what it takes to be a spiritual leader. Through his daily walk he displayed humbleness, a good work ethic, consistency in character, and the ability to meet us where we are . He has been a major influence in where I'm at today.

Remembering back when I first got here, Jason was my "big brother" and he made me comfortable. The biggest influence he had on me was his prayer life, compassion and love that he had for family and friends. These are things I've lacked all my life, something I desire to have because of him.

There has been many things I've learned here at Dunklin that I will apply to my life after leaving. The number one thing

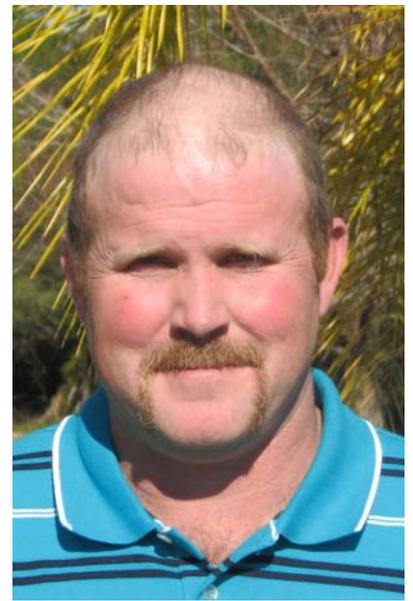
is my relationship with the Lord. The importance of forgiveness and relationships in the body, has been made real to me. The ability to meet people where they are has shown me how to relate to others that are where I was and to show them the way I traveled to get where I am today.



Craig Mills

Working with Wayne Lathrop in the carpentry shop, where he has really poured into my life, has changed my heart. I went through the majority of the program with him as my boss. He has taken his time and taught me more about responsibility and was always quick to call me on my junk and also be there to listen. He has been a huge part of my program and I thank him for that. What can I say about my "big brother", Brad Cook? From the 1st day I got here, I felt at home. He showed me the ropes around Dunklin as well as just poured into my life. I learned from watching him be a leader around camp and always setting a great example for other brothers. He was not only my "big brother", he was my "fox hole buddy" in Inner Healing and my best friend.

What I learned and will take with me from Dunklin is a lot of things. First and foremost is my relationship with the Lord. Also that it was never about the drugs—it was deeper and I dealt with that. They taught me here that it's a choice and how important accountability is and just relationships in general. I know if I keep walking with the Lord and going to Him with everything I do, I will live a good and productive life.



Daniel Blunt

The person who has discipled me the most has to be Louie in the mechanic shop. Our relationship started out real rocky. Louie started pouring into my life and helped me deal with my struggles and my wanting to run on my own. He helped walk me through a lot of forgiveness with my Dad. The ministry that Louie had given me in the mechanic shop has been hard but has been helpful

in how the Lord has changed my heart.

My big brother helped me out a lot when I first got here. He made sure that I had everything that I needed and taught me all of the rules. He taught me how to be an example for the younger brothers and how to be a real friend to others.

Dunklin has taught me a lot that I am going to take with me when I leave. I have learned how to be considerate to others and to be helpful, and to show others how to have a personal relationship with the Lord and to trust in Him for all of my decisions that I make in life.



Phil Austin

During the program there were times that I needed an influence outside of classes that could help me process things or just understand me as a person. Leonard Smith usually was the one who would come along side me to give me advice at my level and

he always knew where I was at because he had been there before.

When I first entered the program, I was given an older brother, Eric Merchant, who helped me understand first hand how the program operated and how to adjust. He guided me through the first weeks and made the new life at Dunklin very comfortable and made me feel welcomed. Without an older brother, it would be very difficult to adjust to the new surroundings.

Going through the stages at Dunklin, I learned every step of the way that I had to let go of control of my life and give everything up to the Lord. I was not going to find peace until I did so. The different classes helped me to do so and when I did, I found that my life started to come together for the best, and I was not able to do so on my own.



Brian Neener

The person who has disciplined me the most at Dunklin, has been David Ladd. Over the past 10

months, he has been there for me. From Induction to Discipleship, Dave has shown me what godly character looks like. He has shown me how important prayer is and what true care and compassion looks like. He has placed a fire in my heart to help others by giving them what I've been given, just by watching his example.

Through Dave I have learned just how important it is to work hard and have a good attitude. My "big brother" taught me how to slow down, so I could hear from the Lord. He taught me the importance of relationships and having accountability. He showed me how to be a true friend. He showed me trust and compassion. But the most important thing he showed me was grace and mercy. Without that, I wouldn't be here today.

Through my journey at Dunklin, I have learned a lot. The Lord has shown me who I once was. I have felt the pain I have caused others. I have been buried and resurrected. I have been forgiven. I once was cold, dark and alone, but now I have purpose, joy and a love for my beautiful wife and daughter. Praise Jesus!



GED Graduates!



I have been a GED instructor here at Dunklin for the past 5 ½ years. I originally took the job because there was a need for an instructor and not necessarily because I felt compelled; however, the Lord always has a plan and a purpose in guiding our steps. It has truly been a blessing to see these men complete the work they started. It is not always easy for them. Many still carry a fear of failure due to their past circumstances or someone speaking a negative “word” to them. These both have contributed to them believing that this feat cannot be accomplished. I read somewhere that “failure is a stepping stone to success.” This failure is part of learning and growing as long as we have the right attitude. Romans 12:2 says, **“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed**

by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good, and acceptable and perfect will of God”. Our desire as Christians is to become more like Jesus by renewing our minds with the truth of the Word. The Bible says, **“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,”** and **“His strength is perfected in my weakness.”** It is amazing to watch these men grab hold of the truth and overcome the obstacle that was before them all of their lives.

Brenda Reynolds

Allen Carter



I didn't start studying for my GED until I was in Servant Leadership Training. I was in GED class for about 2 years. When I went to take the test I thought I had it all together. I ended up failing two parts. All those feeling

from when I was a kid came up and pushed me away from everyone. Things came up later about goals in my life and I had to take a look at it. One of my goals was to get my GED. So I went back to class. The Lord told me He never gave up on me; that I needed to put Him first and everything will fall into place and it did. I went back the second time and we prayed before and after the test and I finally passed. The biggest thing I learned is to never give up! The Lord will help you through!

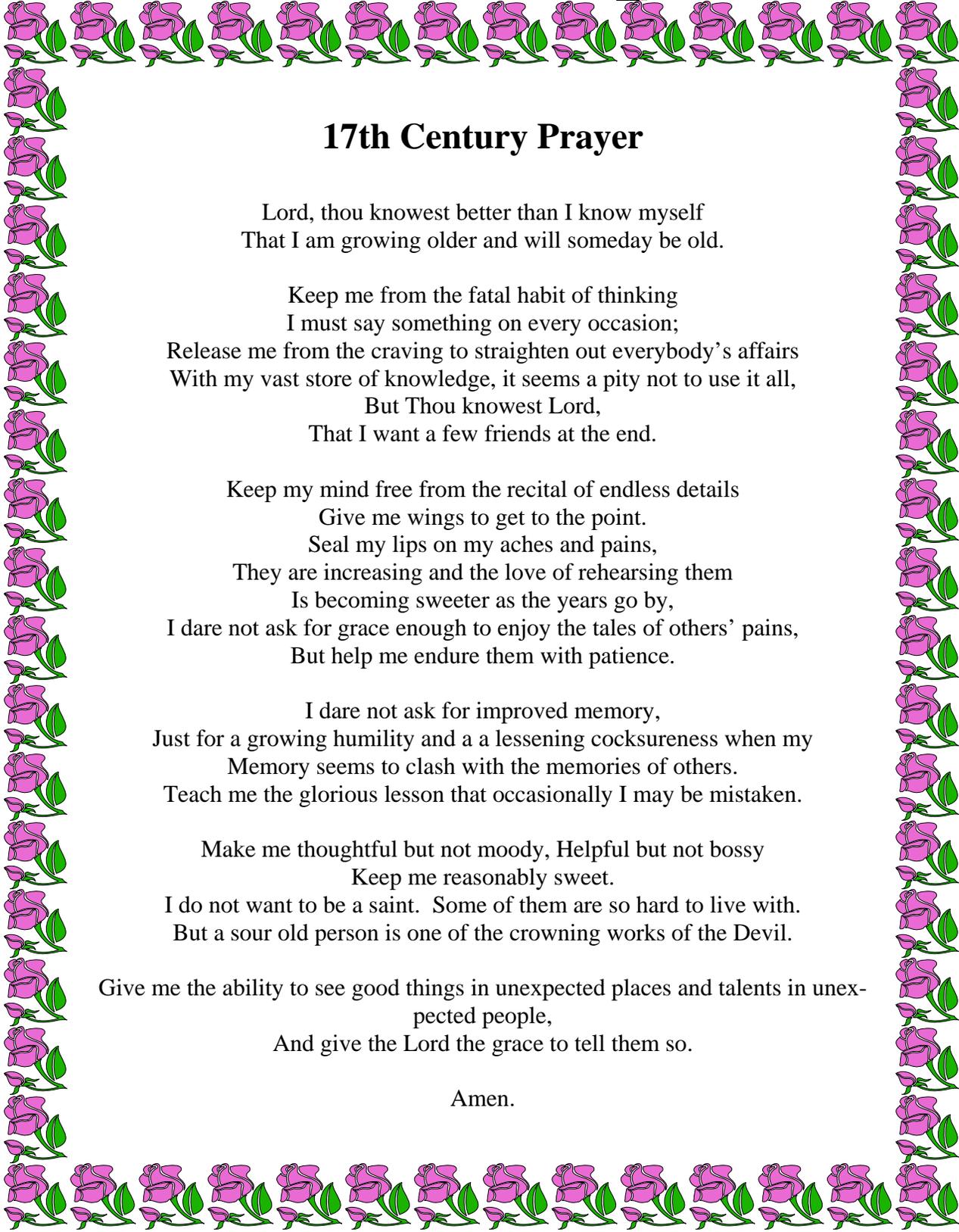
Rick Wagner



It's something I always wanted but didn't believe I had the patience or dedication to get. Luckily I was blessed with a great teacher who

encouraged me. There was a time I wanted to give up and did, but it was a dream I knew I had to fulfill. I signed back up and pushed through coming from a six grade education. It wasn't easy but now that it's done. I can look back and say that, I not only gained education but also what it felt like to finish and accomplish something I started, and let me tell you it's fulfilling!

Meditation on Prayer Island



17th Century Prayer

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself
That I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking
I must say something on every occasion;
Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs
With my vast store of knowledge, it seems a pity not to use it all,
But Thou knowest Lord,
That I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details
Give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains,
They are increasing and the love of rehearsing them
Is becoming sweeter as the years go by,
I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains,
But help me endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory,
Just for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my
Memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Make me thoughtful but not moody, Helpful but not bossy
Keep me reasonably sweet.
I do not want to be a saint. Some of them are so hard to live with.
But a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people,
And give the Lord the grace to tell them so.

Amen.

Dates to Remember

- March 5th ~ Women's Emmaus Team Meeting
- March 12th ~ Men's Emmaus Team Meeting
- March 17th ~ NET Meeting
- March 18th - 20th ~ Alumni Weekend
- March 24th- 27th ~ Men's Emmaus Walk
- April 7th - 10th ~ Women's Emmaus Walk
- April 24th ~ Sunrise Service on Prayer Island for Easter

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.

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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...

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