

Dunklin Campfire~May2012

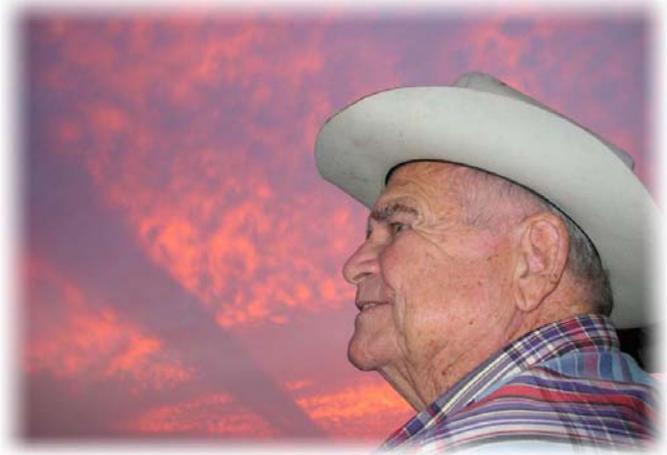


Dunklin Industries



Bro Mickey Evans
Founder of Dunklin Memorial Camp
“City of Refuge”

*I am not
now what
once I
was, Nor
am I yet
what I
want to
be. But
what I am
I am by
Grace!*



Lots of Love!

Bro Mickey

Dates to Remember

- May 2 ~ Codependency Class begins, Call Margie for details
772-597-0922
- May 3-6 ~ Women’s Emmaus
- May 13 ~ Mother’s Day
- May 17 ~ Net Meeting
- May 25-27 ~ Alumni
Weekend
- May 28 ~ Memorial Day



Who’s the Boss?

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

Industries of Dunklin

Pallet Production Facility

Our main cottage industry is our pallet production facility, which is comprised of four different areas - the sawmill, pallet shop, lumber mill, and the stake shop. Each one of these is vital to the growth and daily support of DMC.

God uses this industry in a great way to help keep the doors open and pave the way for the next man to have a bed, a roof over his head, and 3 meals a day to eat.

However, there is something greater that happens on each of our work-sites that is harder to see. The men are cutting, chiseling, sawing, and nailing wood together to build pallets, but the Lord is using that same wood to cut, chisel, and circumcise the hearts of men.

This is where boys are turned into men. This is where the lack of character and lack of commitment is revealed and flaws within each man is exposed in a great way.

Then, each man has a choice..... To make a decision

based on his feelings (which will tell you to quit) or change (the hard thing).

There are many different facets to the program at Dunklin and to say which one is more effective than the other would be



Nick Reynolds

hard to determine. Ultimately, it is the Lord Who works in each man in individual, unique ways.

If you ask twenty men what helped change them as they went through the program you may receive twenty different answers; however, I can say without hesitation that one area that the Lord uses in a great way is the work-site.

I can remember my first day at DMC when I ventured over to the sawmill to begin my



day of work. At first I was excited, as I had never worked in a sawmill before and it kind of piqued my interest and my ego. It sounds quite manly, doesn't it? The luster wore off real quick as I soon realized it was loud, dusty, hot, and tough. I can remember thinking, "There is no way....they have got to be kidding."

Well, it turns out, that is just what I needed. When I look back at my time in the program I can remember more of what God showed me about myself working at the mill than any other place – classes, church, etc. This is not to say these other parts weren't effective, but this is where my lack of character and work ethic, and that flaw in me that wanted to quit and not persevere came up.

The information that I received in the classes was great, but I learned to apply this information when I was at work. This is where my attitudes came up and I had to

learn to deal with that person that kept sabotaging my life through the years.....myself.

The work-sites are not always easy and they are not supposed to be. In our nature, we like to travel the route that is easiest and without many challenges. God has great plans for us and in order to fulfill those we have to learn that they will not come without obstacles and opposition. Will we quit? This is not what the Lord would have us do.

One of the permeating messages He communicates to His people through His Word is, "It can be done! With Me, all things are possible. The Life you now have living in you is greater than anything else in all the world. Keep moving towards Me."

I can remember when I was active in my addiction I wanted the "quick fix". I desired to just wake up and not be the same person. I didn't want this "nemesis" in my

life or in my mind. I would pray that God would do a miraculous work and I waited for a lightning bolt experience.

That didn't happen and I am thankful now that it didn't. God used a slow, methodical process to build and impart the character He was looking for. He understood that the only way I would ever appreciate Him and His awesome Grace is if I went through the sanctifying process.....step by step, day by day, and trial by trial. The sawmill at DMC is where this all began for me.

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The industries have been my home for quite a while now. Even though I've been there since December of 2008, it's

where I found myself growing the most. It's where boys become men and men get to display the application of what they learned in classes. You can always see where a man stands with the Lord by how well he works when he thinks no one is looking.

My goal is that I will have an internal assurance of knowing I've done my part of impacting each man I've been entrusted to supervise. Teaching the men what it means to work through your feelings and putting responsibilities first is key to growing up. The

greatest part of the work is that I get to see just how real the Lord is. A lady once spoke a word over my life that I was going to be a father to the fatherless.

Those days the men are broken, in need of affection, and others in need of correction, I'm just thankful the Lord chose me.

**Rick Wagner**



The industries are a vital tool in developing character. I believe that God had the pallet business in mind as He planned this “City of Refuge” for recovering addicts and alcoholics.

After a year, the Lord placed me in a leadership position.

Immediately my

I began working in the pallet facility, hungry to be a part of this ministry. I began to strive for position with ulterior motives other than serving the Lord. The frustration began as I was seeking acceptance through my performance and satisfaction through my accomplishments throughout the day. The Lord met me right where I was at. Unable to run, unable to move or be noticed, I gave up and began to find my peace in speaking with the Lord throughout the day. I found that my best performance didn’t compare to an even pace focused on what the Lord was speaking to me through the day.

As I began to surrender, He began to bless me. Still with many ambitions, wanting to be a leader down in the industries is where the training began for there is no room for selfishness.

perception began to change as I saw production and the Lord saw men and hearts. I then was shown by the Lord how to pray for the men, the leadership, the pallets, and safety during the workday.

My new responsibility pushed me to my knees and taught me how to pray. Working side by side with the men allows us to recognize when their attitudes change, which allows for ministry to take place with the Lord. Gratitude shows in our feet through our actions. The industries not only develop character and work ethics, but they also mold our spiritual and emotional lives as well. I praise God for the industries, and how He uses them to change the hearts of men!

**Matt Karvis**



near the best citrus in the state (just south of Indian River) we are able to acquire the highest quality citrus products available. Last season we had some of the best citrus yet and shipped over 1,000 packages to locations all over the United States.

## Gift Fruit

One way that Dunklin generates a little extra income during the holiday season is with our Annual Gift Fruit Fundraiser. There was a time when we picked and packaged Navels right here on Dunklin property.

The damage created by the hurricanes and citrus disease caused our operation to evolve from picking our own fruit on site to purchasing our fruit from local suppliers and packaging it as gifts. Because of our prime location

Be on the lookout in the Fall and Winter Campfires for gift fruit order forms. This year we plan on shipping Navel oranges and pink grapefruit. Thank you to our loyal customers who support this ministry year after year with your orders. We look forward to serving you again this year!

**In His Service,  
Dave Crooks**



# The Ranch Crew at Dunklin

Raising cattle was the original "industry" at Dunklin. The herd began with Laura Maye's dad Earnest "PA" Campbell bottle feeding dairy heifers and has slowly developed over the last 50 years to become the high quality crossbred beef operation it is now.

**Bro Mickey and Laura Maye back in the early days!**



Today that herd is overseen by Chris Bryan and his crew of three men, three horses and two cowdogs. Together they maintain miles of fences, seven sets of cowpens, thousands of acres of leased pastureland and care for hundreds of head of cattle. Purebred Brangus and Brahman bulls are bred to Angus-cross cows. The feeder weight calves are then sold through the Okeechobee Livestock Market and contribute a significant portion of the income for operating the program.

Back when "Martin Highway" was "Martin Grade" and had more potholes than cars, the crew would gather the cattle off a 500 acre lease and drive them two miles down the middle of the road to the cowpens at the Camp. There they would work them and then drive them back, much to the chagrin of any traffic which was halted in both directions for at least an hour.

When the cattle are worked through the pens they receive vaccinations, deworming, and fly control treatments. Horns are trimmed, heifers are branded, bull calves are castrated, breeding bulls are semen tested and brood cows are pregnancy checked.

Through the years local vets such as "Doc" Makinson, Dr. Frank Platt and Jim Harvey, DVM have volunteered their services .



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| <b>Chris Bryan</b> | <b>Scott Keisel</b> | <b>Stephen Reed</b> | <b>Heath Crosby</b> |
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Many local cattlemen and their families such as Sonny and Wes Williamson, Emory and Ona Jean Walker, Duck Smith, Norman and Alma Stokes, Glen Bass and family, Perry Smith and family, Hilliard Bro.'s and many more have also been integral in building the cattle operation at Dunklin.

When Dunklin's citrus groves were recently rendered unproductive by disease, a decision was made to utilize the land for growing forage. With a lot of hard work, generous donations of hay equipment, and the support of Johnny, Scott and John Legg, Dunklin now operates a top notch hay program.

The hay operation requires year-round work as well. In the spring pastures are must be mown, weeded and fertilized. In the summer the hay is cut, conditioned, baled and stored ready to be fed to the cattle when the grass stops growing in late fall

throughout the winter months.

Replacement heifers are raised on site and are supplemented with feed which the crew custom mixes. The hundred pound sacks consisting of flour and citrus pulp are filled, then loaded by hand onto a pickup and poured into feed troughs located throughout the pastures.

Keeping the tradition alive... in the winter it's time to make homegrown cane syrup. The heirloom variety sugar cane is harvested by hand and fed through a pto-driven grinder, then the juice is "cooked down" in hundred gallon kettles and repeatedly skimmed until it is purified into "liquid gold" and stored in Mason jars. The whole process is a nearly lost culinary art that is being preserved and passed down through generations.

Old Florida Crackers like Lawrence Rhoden and Ormond Simmons who have taught the technique to Chris, who is now passing it down to his son, Zeke.



My name is **Heath Crosby**, I have been in the program a little over seven months now. Most of my time has been spent working on the cattle crew. During that time I have seen what honest hard work is really about. I have been taught valuable skills that I can use when I leave. I have learned how to be responsible and have learned how to ask for help.



Most importantly, I have been shown that no matter what you do for a living or where you work, it is okay to be a Christian and stand up for what you believe.

Joining the cattle crew has definitely been a learning experience. There are a lot of different aspects of the cattle industry that I had no idea about before.



Tending to the cattle, the little ones!

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 From working cows to working around the heavy equipment, everyday is a different challenge. As I am beginning a

new way to live my life here at Dunklin, I am also learning a new way to work unto the Lord and push through tough days to build my character so that I will be able to go back and take care of my daughter and be a servant to my family when the Lord sees fit. It has been a blessing to be on this crew and I look forward to what I will learn next.

**Stephen Reed**

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 The most important thing at Dunklin is my relationship with God

and the other men. I was blessed to be put on the cattle crew which has taught me so much. I work with men from all walks of life and different attitudes, and we work with God's land and

animals that He created. I have learned a lot about Him and my attitudes, and I have grown closer to the men on the crew. God loves cowboys too! **Scott Keisel**

**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 Regeneration program
6. Any working vehicles, golf cart, 4 wheeler, etc...
7. Musical Instruments – guitar, banjo, sax, etc...
8. White Bed Sheets ~ double and queen size, flat and fitted.

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