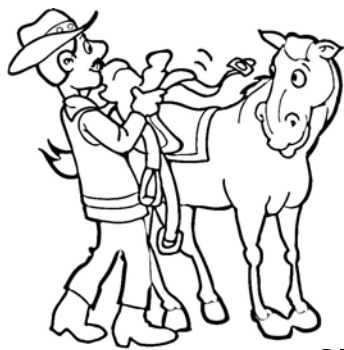


November Campfire 2011



"49th Homecoming is Here!"



"Family Celebration"



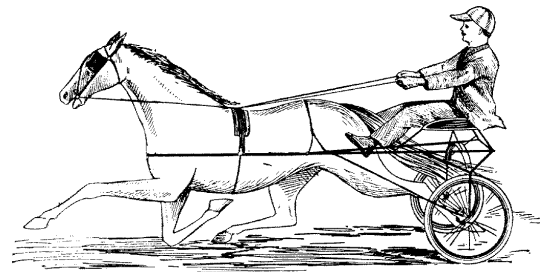
# DMC MINISTRIES

- **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**

## Camp Activities

- **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](http://www.dunklin.org)**
- **Women's Co-dependency & Boundaries classes, call Margie Rowland**  
**772-597-0922**

**Dunklin  
or  
BUST!**



## *Dates to Remember*

- November 6th, 13th & 20th ~ Grad & Baptism
- November 19th ~ One Heart Gospel Singers  
(6:30 - 8:00pm in Tabernacle)
- November 24th ~ Happy Thanksgiving !
- November 25 - 27th ~ 49th Annual Homecoming  
Call Terrell for a room! Better Hurry!!
- December 17th ~ Christmas Cantata @ 6:30pm  
By the Community Baptist Church of Stuart  
In the Tabernacle!
- December 25th ~ Merry Christmas !

## 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 – guitars, banjo, sax, etc...
8. White Bed Sheets ~ double and queen size, flat and fitted.

Any questions or concerns about the Campfire or subscription please call Carol Carter @ 772-597-4440 or email me at [carol@dunklin.org](mailto:carol@dunklin.org)

You can view the Campfire on our Website in full color @ [www.dunklin.org](http://www.dunklin.org)



celebrating the 49th Annual Dunklin Homecoming. Remember...reservations are made on a first come first serve basis, so call Terrell Rowland at 772-597-2841 and make yours early. We look forward to seeing you. Lots of Love,

*Bo Mickey*

With open arms ready with a big Dunklin hug, we greet all of our alumni families that come to our annual homecoming this month. Your presence at the Camp is “payday” for the staff because you are living evidence of the “fruit that abides”. Your testimonies and personal witness to the men who are presently in the recovery program are like a fresh wind blowing on a hot day. You give hope to the men who have lost hope that their future can be different than their past. Also, your families are a great encouragement to the wives who are struggling to hold their homes together while their husbands are in recovery. Your visits to Dunklin are priceless for the inspiration you bring to all of us.

Our prayer focus at homecoming will be prayer for the enlargement of our ministry training programs. We have an unprecedented opportunity to make an impact in the war on drugs and alcohol abuse. The fields are “ripe unto harvest”, but there is a great need for trained leadership that can build new “Cities of Refuge.” There has been an increase in the number of men in our recovery program desiring to stay on at Dunklin for the Stage II and Servant Leadership Training. Many have come from other countries seeking training and curriculum.

We ask the alumni to join us in a covenant of prayer for the growth of our training program.

Please plan to join us in



**Our Homecoming is a huge Family Reunion! We all get to see familiar faces from recent graduates to ones that have been walking out their recovery close to the Lord for many years. What a blessing to see so many come home and share what the Lord has been doing in their lives.**

**Our hearts overflow with love and our faces cannot stop smiling during the entire weekend. Our bellies get a little bigger too from all the groceries.**

**Relationship is what holds us all together as the Body of Christ and we look forward to this event every year.**

**We invite graduates, wives, children, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents, to come and join us as we celebrate what God is doing. It is a Heavenly experience!**

**We want to share with all our readers two of the classes that also hold our families together and keep the Lord at the head, the Parents class and the Processing class. You will see how God is working in these families lives’. Enjoy!**



**All Glory Goes to Our Father!!**



**Hugh & Christie Murrow**

**I Thessalonians 5:11 “Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing”**, is the heart of what the Parents’ class is all about. The purpose for this class is to provide a safe place where parents of program men can come to share their stories, struggles, and hearts, as well as learn new tools to help as they begin to walk in their own recovery. As parents, we’ve become caught up in the web of co-dependency. We may not be addicted to chemicals, but we ARE addicted to our children. As they’ve spiraled deeper into addiction, often so have we.

During this process of our child’s addiction, we’ve been lied to, stolen from, and no longer trust this person that we thought we knew. One emotion that we hear expressed over and over is the relief of knowing that their son is in the program, safe and sound. Many parents find that once his program starts, so does ours. We need to learn how to detach and find our way to a healthy place where our world no longer revolves around our child and their addiction.

Often marriages have been

# Parents

strained to the limit, and family relationships fractured as a result of the addict's choices.

The Parents class is not only about sharing, but teaching new and healthy ways of relating to our son, one another and other family members.

David and Laura Pittman are currently teaching through the Family Recovery



**David & Laura Pittman**

Workbook, imparting valuable truths and practical applications on how to make these a reality in our lives.

You're going to read some testimonies of changed parents' lives in the pages following. Where once there was despair and fear that their son may not live to see another day, there is now hope and grateful amazement at what God is doing in their son's life, and in their own.

Anger and feelings of betrayal are being replaced with forgiveness and the beginnings of trust, as they watch their sons grow from wounded addicts to men of God, taking responsibility for their lives and choices. It's a privilege to be part of this process as we watch the parents grow stronger in their relationship with the Lord, one another and their sons.

God's heart is always for family restoration- and that includes the parents. If you're a parent of an addict, you may recognize yourself in the some of the testimonies. Please know that there is hope. If your son is in the program, we invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am at Gethsemane.

**Hugh & Christie Murrow**



**Tobi & Lenny Schelin**

It's difficult to know how devastating a child's addiction can be to the family unless you have "lived it". For many parents, living through the anguish of your son's addiction leaves you feeling scared, exhausted and hopeless. Over time, family and friends who reached out with support and comfort, begin to avoid asking questions for fear of triggering more pain.

And, after awhile, you are relieved that no one asks. You imagine that if you were a better parent, smarter, wiser, more resourceful, more streetwise, lived in a better neighborhood, placed your child in a better school, watched over your child more closely, attended church, were more strict, were more loving, that perhaps all of this could have somehow been avoided. Shame, blame, loneliness and despair... you have confronted it all while trying to hold on to hope for your son and your self.

I must confess, I had given in to hopelessness. My 29 year old son, Sean, has struggled with addiction for 12 years before coming to Dunklin. He had been in two drug treatment programs previously without completing either one. How would Dunklin be different? What could I do to lend support to my son through his program at Dunklin? I was

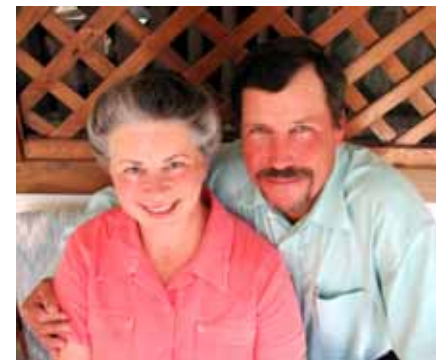
full of irrational fear and doubt, but clinging to hope and praying for a miracle in Sean's life.

I soon was invited to attend parent meetings at Dunklin. It was at these meetings that I learned more about the program, and began to understand what Sean would be experiencing in induction, orientation, inner healing and, of course, those dreaded sociograms!

As a result I have also learned to relate to my son differently, as a regenerating man, and to understand and appreciate what the Lord is doing his life. The compassion and prayer during the parent meetings restored me emotionally and spiritually.

There is comfort in knowing that every parent there has been on that same emotional roller coaster and truly understands you and your feelings to the core.

I never could have imagined the peace I now feel. Not only has my faith been strengthened, but every day I am gaining an understanding of how God's Word and love is bringing hope and healing to our family.



**Jim & Dee Frampton**

While preparing to go to Dunkin, our son was telling us

what he knew about the program and how we would “get some help, too”. We both felt a bit offended by his statement; after all, he was the one that needed help.

It was a few months after that when we started to attend the Family Recovery Class for parents. We were surprised to hear the other parents’ stories. The types of situations and feelings mentioned were the same as ours, the names were just different. It was such a blessing to be with others who understood the struggles that we had been, and were, dealing with!

By attending this class, we came to recognize that the addict is not the only one that needs help, the whole family does. It has provided us with a safe place to share with others who understand. Most of all, we are being provided with the tools and guidance that we need to heal.



David & Kim Evers

Have you ever been on a roller coaster? The life of drugs and alcohol *is* an emotional roller coaster. The fear, anticipation and uncertainty of the future causes you to lose hope, peace and trust. You lose trust in those you love and even begin to lose trust in God.

Over a year ago, I found myself fighting a battle to save my son. He

was on a downward spiral to a path of destruction which would have eventually led to his death. With criminal charges and the possibility of jail time, the Lord led him to Dunklin.

The night I dropped off my son at Dunklin was the first good nights sleep I had in years. But that was just the beginning, and then I found myself on another emotional roller coaster. The healing process is full of ups and downs. One weekend would be full of hope; the next week would bring back the fear and anxiety. Over the course of his program I experienced so many emotions and feelings – from joy, anger, happiness, guilt, sadness and back to hope.

During his time at Dunklin, I also had to deal with some of my own issues; the guilt, the fear and the unforgiveness to name a few. The staff at DMC helped me work through many of these issues. I learned that I could not change anyone other than myself. When I released my son to the Lord and focused on my own relationship with Jesus, healing began.

Circumstances changed. Every visit brought opportunities for the Lord to heal and restore relationships. And today my son is closer to God than I have ever seen. I know we will still face challenges but I also know if we use the tools that DMC has taught us, we will continue to grow in relationship with the Lord and each other.

A special thanks to Mickey, Laura Maye, Hugh and all the staff at DMC for your obedience to Christ, I will be forever thankful!



Victor & Becky Purkey

Family Recovery Program: It started as shame, but through sharing with parents in the same situation, it became many words:

Anticipation: Will he make it?

Fear: of my son’s failure again

Remorse: For myself and other families

Sharing: Been there, done that

Sunday: Cannot wait for Parents Class

Sunday: See my son

Forgiveness: He is a different man

Love: We are family

God: He saved my son, with Dunklin’s help and teaching

I’ve got a hug for all of you!  
Victor Purkey : Father of “Purk” a totally different man.

The Family Recovery Program has helped me to see the spiritual battle of addiction that my son has been dealing with for a very long time. It has allowed me to comprehend the difference between the real and fantasy world that my son has lived in, and the sickness that affected our whole family because of this spiritual battle.

I have learned that, for a long time, my actions helped him to be able to continue his own struggles with addiction. Through my co-dependence and enabling I, many times, made it easier for him to continue to use. I was afraid to say no and couldn’t believe, or want to believe, that my son could lie and steal from me.

Through the Dunklin curriculum, I have learned to forgive myself as a parent for his choices and the things that I did. But, most importantly, I have learned the way that God wants me to live, and love my son. I have learned to forgive my son. I have learned to begin how to start trusting him. I am still learning that by saying “no”, it does not mean that I don’t love my son with all of my heart.

I walk away from the Parent Class every Sunday standing on the very thing I cannot see...my faith. I know that I know that God has my son in His hands and has an even greater plan for him than even I, his own Mom, could even imagine. It gives me great comfort to know that my Heavenly Father loves my son even more than I do.

I am grateful to every man and woman who faithfully pours themselves into each and every family who struggles with a son in addiction. I love each of you and hold a special place in my heart for you all.



**David and Micky Decker**

The Parents' class here at Dunklin mean so much to David and I. It is teaching us we totally have to rely on God in all things. God has all the power to change us and our son, and we as individuals can only change ourselves. We need to trust God to change the other person because we can't. We only make a mess of it when we try. It exposes the plan of the enemy and shows how much satan wants to destroy the family.

The Family Recovery class for parents has also taught us how the addict is powerless over his addiction, and how we, as parents, have enabled our son in his addiction, hoping that what

we would do would make him stop. It has provided tools for us to use to make God the center of our life and to know we are not by ourselves.

There are so many families that are in or have been right where we are and it gives us a chance to share our experiences, our struggles, and our victories.

I thank God for Dunklin and the staff and how God uses them to minister and teach us, to give us hope for our family in fulfilling God's plan for our life.



**Steve & Shirley Myott**

I brought my son to Dunklin, dropped him off and thought... now what? He's in the program, but the rest of the family is in disarray, confused and hurting.

I went through this program 24 years ago. My soul and life were saved at Dunklin by Jesus Christ, my Savior. During my time at Dunklin, my wife and I attended the marriage classes together. We knew the recovery process as it applied to us as a married couple but were struggling with how to use those same principles in relating to our son. We were also

concerned about our younger children still at home. They needed help too.

The Family Recovery class, which meets every Sunday morning, is for parents and other family members whose lives have been significantly affected by an addict. Each family represented has an opportunity to share their struggles and hear those of other families, keeping in mind we are all at different stages in our recovery process. The "Family Recovery Process" workbook is used as a guide in addition to God's Word. We try to encourage one another and remind each other of what we are learning.

Over the past few months, we have been receiving the same teaching, healing and love that our son is receiving. We are working through the process of forgiveness and reconciliation with each other. We are reminded to keep Christ first in our lives and can trust Him with our son's future as well as our own.



# Dunklin 49th Annual Homecoming

Fri., Sat., & Sun.  
November 25th-27th

## Friday

6:30-8:30 p.m. Alumni Fellowship in the Dining Hall

## Saturday

6:30 a.m. Cowboy Breakfast

**Chris's sausage and biscuits  
are hard to beat! Better not  
miss those!  
Come and get some!!**

**Your mouth is watering already!**



8:00 a.m. City folk breakfast in the Dining Hall  
9:00-12:00 p.m. Fellowship at the Camp  
12:15-1:00 p.m. Lunch in the Dining Hall  
1:15-3:00 p.m. Slide show in the Dining Hall  
3:30-4:30 p.m. **Dunklin Parade is Back!!!**  
4:30-6:00 p.m. Supper on the grounds  
**(Please bring side dishes & desserts)**



6:00-8:00 p.m. Singing & Testimonies in the Tab  
8:00 p.m. Singing Around the Campfire



## Sunday

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Dining Hall  
9:30-12:30 p.m. Singing & Testimonies in the Tab  
12:30-2:00 p.m. Dinner in the Dining Hall  
**(Please bring desserts)**



# Marriage Process Class



**Wayne & Tenay Carter**

The Marriage Process Class was designed to challenge the program couples on any unresolved issues they may have; to help them with their communication towards each other, and how they plan on continuing their walk with the Lord as a couple and/or a family, if they have children.

They have been walking with the Lord while the husband is in the program on an individual basis, with a little time on the weekends as a couple. When they graduate and go home to begin their new life outside of the addiction, they will run into stumbling blocks and this class is to help them foresee some of those before they become mountains and to give them tools on how to make it over the hurdles.

It gives the couple a chance to verbalize their fears and concerns with each other.

During this last phase of the Regeneration Program the couples are allowed to have

furloughs, where the husband can go home with his wife for a weekend. When they return to Camp on Sunday, we are here to help them process what happened during their first weekend together. Many issues may arise that we can address here at Dunklin before they go home after graduation.

This class is highly needed to help prepare these couples to transition to the next season of their walk with the Lord. That next season could be to stay on here at Dunklin for Family Development or Servant Leadership Training, or it may be the Lord's plan for the family to go back to their family home and live healthy lives and prosper at their careers.

This class has given us the opportunity to give back as a couple to the ministry, what the Lord has given to us. It reminds us of where we come from and it also shows us how far the Lord has brought us! It is a blessing to share with these couples what the Lord had done in our lives!



**Todd & Sue Tree**



Ten months ago my wife dropped me off at Dunklin and she was pretty much done with our relationship and marriage. She was hoping and praying that I would find myself there so that I could be a better father to my children. We had no idea of how much of an impact it would have on our lives.

The Lord had brought us here so that we could build a stronger and better relationship with Him and each other. As we walked through the program we have really learned a lot about ourselves and each other. The staff poured all of their love and knowledge into us, as they had once been in the same dead end situation that we were in. They've taught us the tools to use in our lives.

We now know, how blessed we are to have had such a wonderful experience in our lives today. Marriage processing was a huge blessing to have, as we learned to set healthy boundaries and what expectations we had of each other as we prepared to go back home to live our new lives together with the Lord. We are extremely blessed and grateful to be given this opportunity.



I came into the program on November 2010, and there was no hope in my life and for our

marriage. We went through almost 10 months of family recovery and advanced marriage classes. This helped us to understand each other on a more intimate level.

For the first time we learned how to communicate with each other and how to love each other in a healthy, fulfilling, Godly way. After all of this time we found ourselves having a wonderful brand new marriage, only possible through God's grace. Having all of these tools, and this new love, led us to be excited about graduating the program and coming home to



**William & Juliana Bosshart**

start our new lives together.

The processing class helped us to see how we would apply the tools we have learned from the previous classes to life outside

of Dunklin. We set boundaries for when we will be back home to transition out of the program.

God confirms every day that even in a life full of challenges and temptations, a marriage that stands strong and together through all of this will see the fruit of the sacrifices that were made to get to the point we are at today.



When we attended the Marriage Processing class and listened to the couples share on their concerns and fears about leaving the camp after graduation, we realized (yet again) how mightily the Lord has been working in our lives. Our situation has been a little unique in that

Michael did not leave Dunklin to live with me for several weeks and then return. Instead, I moved here.

We will not encounter *some* of the struggles these couples will face being in the world, outside of the safety cocoon that is



**Michael & Peggy Ribaud**

Dunklin. I am *sooo* grateful that any time Michael is late coming home, I have no fear of where he is. He can only be at the job site, in the dining hall, in the dorms, or at the canteen. Leaving Dunklin puts a lot of strain on a relationship and pushes the couple to truly work with each other using the tools they have been taught.

However, we *have* run into many of the same struggles they will face in learning to live together again after a period of separation. It is not easy to come together again under one roof, and communicate daily with someone when you have become accustomed to your own way of doing things.

Old wounds that you thought were healed are sometimes ripped open, and defense mechanisms you thought you'd lost seem to return. But the joy that comes after getting past an argument, understanding each other more clearly, and becoming more united as one in the Lord makes every struggle of every day well worth it. And the people at Dunklin are here to help you every step of the way. And that is what makes this place so special.



After all the ups and downs in our journey through family recovery and advanced marriage classes, we were taught how to

be transparent with our thoughts and our feelings. We also learned how to communicate, and how to be in a healthy, loving, Christ-like relationship... amongst many other things..

We were blessed to go through a Marriage Processing class. In this class we were able to look back at where we were when we got here and really see the growth in how far we have come and how much closer and more intimate we were today than we ever were before in 10 years of marriage. It felt really good to stop, relax and see the progress we both have made together. Also, in the end, we were able to be open and honest about both of our concerns and feelings about being reunited as a family under the same roof again. In that, we were able to talk about them together and discuss healthy, reasonable boundaries to help with those feelings.



**Jeremiah & Christina Guynn**

We were also able to receive advice and input from Mr. & Mrs. Carter and the other married couples who we have become close with through classes together. This process gave us more peace and confidence about the transition of being together again.

The entire journey from beginning to the never ending was and is amazing. We are truly grateful for the privilege we have been given from the Lord to go to Dunklin !!! This place will always have a special place in our hearts !! We love you ALL ! Thank you !!! We are Blessed and then some!

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# "Meditations on Prayer Island"

## Death of an Innocent

I went to a party, Mom,  
I remembered what you said.  
You told me not to drink, Mom,  
So I drank soda instead.  
I really felt proud inside, Mom,  
The way you said I would.  
I didn't drink and drive, Mom,  
Even though the others said I should.  
I know I did the right thing, Mom,  
I know you are always right.  
Now the party is finally ending, Mom,  
As everyone is driving out of sight.  
As I got into my car, Mom,  
I knew I'd get home in one piece.  
Because of the way you raised me,  
So responsible and sweet.  
I started to drive away, Mom,  
But as I pulled out into the road,  
The other car didn't see me, Mom,  
And hit me like a load.  
As I lay there on the pavement, Mom,  
I hear the policeman say,  
"The other guy is drunk," Mom,  
And now I'm the one who will pay.  
I'm lying here dying, Mom...  
I wish you'd get here soon.  
How could this happen to me, Mom?

My life just burst like a balloon.  
There is blood all around me, Mom,  
And most of it is mine.  
I hear the medic say, Mom,  
I'll die in a short time.  
I just wanted to tell you, Mom,  
I swear I didn't drink.  
It was the others, Mom.  
The others didn't think.  
He was probably at the same party as I.  
The only difference is, he drank  
And I will die.  
Why do people drink, Mom?  
It can ruin your whole life.  
I'm feeling sharp pains now.  
Pains just like a knife.  
The guy who hit me is walking, Mom,  
And I don't think it's fair.  
I'm lying here dying  
And all he can do is stare.  
Tell my brother not to cry, Mom.  
Tell Daddy to be brave.  
And when I go to heaven, Mom,  
Put "Daddy's Girl" on my grave.  
Someone should have told him, Mom,  
Not to drink and drive.  
If only they had told him, Mom,  
I would still be alive.

## 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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*When Autumn leaves  
are falling  
and Thanksgiving time  
is near  
It warms the heart  
to think of those  
who mean so much  
all year.  
Happy Thanksgiving*

