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Rejoice in the matchless name of

Jesus

Isaiah 9:6

For Unto Us A Child Is Born

Jesus, unlike all others, is **perfect humanity** because He was virgin-born
And without the Adamic sin nature.

Unto Us A Son Is Given

Jesus is **undiminished deity** because His goings forth were of old, from everlasting,
In Bethlehem, He became a man without ceasing to be God.

And The Government Shall Be Upon His Shoulder

Jesus is of the tribe of Judah and from the family of King David. He possesses
inherent royalty. One day soon the kingdoms of this world will rest upon His
shoulders.

And His Name Shall Be Called

Jesus possesses **unique identity**. The four names that follow, which no other being
possesses, describe characteristics of His coming kingly rule.

Wonderful Counselor

Jesus possesses **faultless discernability** in that, as the King of all kings, He will
always make the right decision for the citizens of His kingdom.

The Mighty God

Jesus possesses **absolute authority** because He is omnipotent. What His wisdom
decrees, His power will perform.

The Everlasting Father

Jesus possesses **enduring longevity** because He is literally the "Father of eternity."
The Kings of Israel came and went; when Jesus returns, He will be here to stay.

The Prince of Peace

Jesus possesses **perfect tranquility**. Some of the good kings of Israel brought a
measure of peace. Jesus is literally *Sar Shalom*, The "Prince of Peace."

DUNKLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH

Dunklin Memorial Church was founded by Mickey and Laura Maye Evans in 1963 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 bimonthly 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 exempted 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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DMC MINISTRIES

- ALCOHOL AND DRUG REGENERATION PROGRAM
- DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER
- FAMILY COUNSELING CLASSES/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
- RETREATS AND SEMINARS
- PRISON/JAIL MINISTRY
- THE CHURCH AT DUNKLIN, OUR LOCAL CHURCH BODY
- AFTERCARE/OVERCOMERS GROUPS
- THE POTTER'S HOUSE MINISTRY (HALFWAY HOUSE)
- AUDIO, VIDEO AND PRINTED TEACHING MATERIALS
- CAMPFIRE PUBLICATIONS

Dates to Remember

- **December 7 - Communion Service**
- **December 10 - Kiwanis Visit Dunklin**
- **December 14 - SLT Graduation**
- **December 21 - Christmas Message Service**
- **January 4 - Graduation / Baptism**
- **January 11 - Graduation / Baptism**
- **January 16 - NET Meeting**
- **April 3-5 - Alumni Weekend**

How You Can Help

1. Prayer, prayer and more prayer
2. Scholarships for men in servant leadership training
3. Monthly donations
4. Sponsor a man in the program
5. 15 passenger van
6. Any working vehicles

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 it was before the it's 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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Name: _____

Address: _____

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“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room in the Inn.” Luke 2:7



This sounds great to sing at the closing of a church Christmas caroling or the opening salutation on a Christmas card. But it wasn't a very happy Christmas for Mary and Joseph when the inn keeper told them that the inn was full and suggested they use his stable for the maternity ward to deliver the one who was to become the Savior of the world.

This Christmas will not be merry for the thousands of homeless people who have lost their jobs and are unable to pay the mortgage on their homes. There will be far fewer Christmas bonuses this year from the employers who are struggling to keep their businesses open during this inflationary depression. Christmas shopping will be minimized when people have to choose between food on their table and Christmas presents under their tree. We are all having to re-evaluate our priorities. Praying for "our daily bread" is taking on a new meaning and brings a far deeper understanding to the "Lord's Prayer!"

Christmas is the unhappiest day of the year for the



3,000,000 men, women and kids who are incarcerated in county jails, state and federal prisons. That's why we take teams of men and women from the camp to the county jails on Christmas Eve to serve Communion to the prisoners. The Communion Covenant is

God's Christmas gift to the whole world to remind us that "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son;" not just to be born in a stable but also to die on a cross for the atonement of our sins. When our men testify that "last year I was inside the bars as you are now but the Lord showed me how much He loved me when the people from Dunklin brought the Covenant Communion and told me that I was invited to the Lord's table to make covenant with Christ as my personal Savior."

Every year we sense the presence of the resurrected Christ in the cells with us and see His power in action to "set the captives free." Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled when he wrote, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach glad tidings to the meek; He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to the them that are bound." (Isaiah 61:1)

For forty-six years the "Lord has prepared a table" for us in the wilderness (Psalm 23) and sometimes, I admit, that we have taken His provision for granted. But this depression has made us extremely aware that we live from "hand-to-mouth...God's hand to our mouth!"

The depression is moving all of us out of our comfort zones and stimulating our prayer lives enormously. Praying for the needs of the staff families, the men in our recovery program and their families that come on the weekends plus the men and women in Family Development and ministry

In jail, I cried out to God to get me out of this mess and I'll go to Dunklin. He heard my prayer. From jail, I took a bus to Dunklin. The only thing that changed my life was falling in love with Jesus and having a personal intimate relationship with Him." - **Jon Forrester**

"I was dry bones when I got here. Somewhere between Wes' prayers and being sick of faking prayers, I starting asking the Lord to do something. With the little bit of willingness and faith I had, He began to change my heart and life. Today, I want to give back what I've been given so freely." - **Brian Beatty**

"I didn't think anyone or anything could save me. Dunklin has been the hardest and the best thing in my life at the same time. God has restored my relationship with my wife. He is giving me the opportunity to go home and lead my family by serving them. He gets all the glory. All I did was stay in the swamp." - **Jason Bowers**

"Men, when folks ask how to pray for you, pray for one more day here. All you need is one more day. Don't run, because it works." - **Michael Creech**

"Finally, I surrendered. I got honest. I began to walk this journey I've never walked before. I fell in love with Jesus, and He gave me a plan and purpose for my life." - **James Powers**



November 2008 Graduation

"I asked the Lord what He wanted me to share today. He said, "love." Without love your testimony means nothing. I know how to love today. I stand here to say that God loves me and I love him." - **Jared Cooke**

"This is God's grace in my life...being on stage with my family. I came to a point where I couldn't count on anyone but Jesus Christ, so I turned to Him and peace came into my heart. Today, I'm a miracle, accepted and free. I did not deserve His grace, but He chose to give it to me. I am extremely grateful. I want to give back what was so freely given to me." - **Skyler Dehart**

"I always knew there was a God, but I thought I didn't want anything to do with Him. This last go 'round I knew the only life I could have with my daughter was a life with God. When I came here, my daughter didn't know me. She is 3 years old. This will be the first birthday I will spend with her clean and sober." - **Bryan Smith**

"I saw Scott Bryson on the Dunklin website. I didn't even recognize him because of how good he looked. The look I saw in his eyes wasn't just from being sober. I knew it was from Jesus. I knew that's what I wanted. I thank God for Scott, because I am here today." - **Frank Buzzo**

"On January 15, God put the brakes on me. I was arrested.

training programs can sometimes become an overwhelming burden that causes burnout in us if we do not bring them to the One who said, "Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28)

Dunklin Memorial Camp is facing the same paradox that other Christian recovery programs are facing with decreased income and increased opportunities for ministries. Our staff members have responded heroically by taking salary cuts and trying to economize every way that we can. We came together for a day of prayer and fasting to seek God's presence and provision for the needs of our camp and our country.

I, personally, feel that we are in the same predicament that Moses was in when he faced Pharaoh's army on the west and the Red Sea at his back. He was literally between a "rock and a hard place!" His only word from God was to "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." (Exodus 14:13)

God commanded Moses to "stretch out his rod toward the Red Sea and a pathway was "provided in the midst of the waters" to deliver the Israelites from impending disaster to freedom. God "made a way when there wasn't a way!" That's where all of the Cities of Refuge in our network are right now during this economic crisis. We have done all we can do with human energy and now we "stand still and wait for God's miraculous provision."

We ask you, our Campfire family, to stand with us in prayer for God's miracle of provision. Human logic tells us to downsize our ministries but faith tells us to increase them and go forward! We have 38 men and women in advanced ministry training at the camp. Last month two families were ordained and sent out to start a new City of Refuge in South Carolina. Every graduation we have increasing numbers of candidates who are responding to God's call on their lives to train to serve in recovery ministries. That's the Good News of our Christmas Greeting! "A Savior is born and they call Him Jesus!"

Lots of Love,,





**Our
God Story**

Kelly, John & Cory Galiszewski

John Galiszewski

I come from an 18 year crack cocaine addiction. I introduced my wife, Kelly, to drugs. Kelly left when our daughter Julia was born and got her life straight with God. I continued to use and abuse my family until I had no relationships left. I didn't believe in God, but I saw what He had done in Kelly's life, so I decided to give Him a try. Coming to Dunklin, I thought I had to do everything right, but God showed me all I had to do was get out of the way and let Him finish the work He started. I had a heart change and He gave me back my family. He showed me that everything I wanted I had always had. I'm going home to be husband, dad, brother and uncle. He has promised to be strong in my weakness, because without Him I don't know how to do this.

Kelly Galiszewski

"Our God is mighty to save." This is where our story turns for the glory of God. I got pregnant in my addiction and could not stop using. I used from my fourth month until three days before I delivered Julia. My mom told me, "There's nothing you've smoked that will penetrate the blood of Jesus that I pour out in prayer over that child in your womb." When Julia was delivered healthy, I was delivered from my addiction. Every night Cory prayed for God to heal his dad and to spare his life. When nothing seemed to be changing, I cried out to God and asked Him, "Don't you hear the prayers of my son?" He gently spoke to me Isaiah 57:18, "I have seen what they do, but I will heal them anyway!" God did hear my son's prayers. He healed John and has reconciled my family.

Cory Galiszewski

I believed in him and loved him regardless. He was my dad. Around his fifth program my heart became hard. I was so angry I wouldn't see him or talk to him for seven months. Then one day I knew I had to release my anger of the past eight years. It was killing me. I wrote my dad a letter letting him know I was done and our relationship was over. About six months into the Dunklin program my mom took me to Dunklin under a false pretense. I wasn't sure how I felt about this or my dad, but when I saw my dad and looked into his eyes I knew he was a different man. We hugged and cried and our relationship began to heal. No relationship is ever too far gone. Never give up hope.