



**October - November 2025
CAMPFIRE
NEWSLETTER**

"But each one should build with care...."

In May of 2024, I shared an article in the Campfire entitled 'Fond Memories'. This was a reverential look at the first generation of Dunklin pioneers that established the foundations of who we are and what we do. It is essential that we place them at the forefront of explaining who we are, because they established the character, integrity, and godly traits that we identify with today. Without them leading the way through their examples, we could potentially lose our identity and heritage. This is the last thing we would want to happen.

I also mentioned the fact that we had to demolish a few buildings that deteriorated over the course of time. Despite this being difficult to do, this was essential in preparing for the next 30 – 40 years. We have a responsibility to leave the camp in the same or better way than it was left for us, whether that be in the physical or spiritual. I included in that quick article, "Although it is difficult to remove such iconic and nostalgic buildings, it brings us great joy to consider the fact that we have now been given the privilege to build new landmarks that highlight the rich history and inheritance we have been given. Some of the buildings may come down, but new ones will be built as we carry on the tradition and calling of ministering the gospel of Jesus Christ to drug addicts, alcoholics, and their families."

The above picture is of the old office prior to demolition. The pictures included on the back of this page reveal our newly constructed administration building that now sits in the same place. We are grateful and excited to communicate with you that after a two-year long process, we are now utilizing this structure. It is amazing to witness the Lord providing the resources necessary to fund this project. He constantly reveals to us just how gracious and generous He is through the loving support of His people.

Let us remember that it's not the buildings that make us who we are, but it's the people who comprise the body of Christ. The buildings are essential to this ministry; God has provided them over the years and we are embracing the fact that He has called us to be good stewards of what He has given us. He has gone above and beyond our expectations in this most recent project, but the people He has sent here and worked through are much more of a proclamation of who He is. His grace is truly amazing.

There is a beautiful story being written at Dunklin that began way back in 1962. The book is getting thicker as time passes by. It is filled with different characters and memories that bring glory to a God whom the story is really about. We are not put on this earth to do ordinary things, but through Him, extraordinary things occur. This building is just an example of this, but let us not forget that the work done in one man's life is much more significant, meaningful, and powerful. We are grateful for each life He has rescued, redeemed, and restored here at Dunklin.

Building for Him and the advancement of His Kingdom,

Nick 



**NO ONE CAN LAY A FOUNDATION OTHER THAN
THE ONE ALREADY LAID WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.**

1ST CORINTHIANS 3:11

