

*"A ray of hope..."*

**"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." These words from Jeremiah 29:11 had a profound effect on me as they began to permeate my soul. I could hear the voice of the Lord whispering them to my heart over and over again when I was in my moment of despair. They were refreshing and life-giving; they motivated me to believe in new possibilities. They opened my eyes to a fresh chapter, if not a new book; I could see something other than death and hopelessness. It's as if a large, old door was unbolted and ever so slowly it creaked open on rusty hinges. A fresh light beamed through the dark, damp, lifeless room. Along with the light came a warmth, a Presence, that offered a loving embrace of encouragement and a fresh breath of hope.**

**As you read through these testimonies, you will recognize that each of these men has gone through this same experience. Where there was death and despair, there is now life and purpose. A ray of light shines through the dark place. " In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into the inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. " - 1 Peter 1:3-4**

**"For the past 15 years I ran solely on my own intellect and was entirely self-reliant. I pushed all of my relationships away, ignoring the love and help offered to me as my addiction reached its lowest point. Since coming to Dunklin, the Lord has changed my heart, restored my relationship with my sons, and renewed the relationship with my mom and dad. Peace, patience, and joy are common these days with the Lord to thank."** - *Eric Croft*



**"The Lord blessed me with a loving family and a beautiful daughter. Instead of embracing them, I chose my own selfish desires. This drove me to the biggest crisis in my life—almost losing my family. I was arrested for violating probation. Thank the Lord He never gave up on me. By His grace, I have been rescued and redeemed, gaining a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."**

- *Jose Pozy*





“ I spent the last 8 years of my life drinking and searching for whatever made me happy. I wanted nothing to do with Jesus. Since being here at Dunklin, I gave up and surrendered to Him. I pleaded for help and He answered that prayer. He has given me peace, joy, and a new hope for tomorrow. I am excited for what He has for my future. ” - *Samuel Miller*

“ I have spent 10 years of my life trying to find my identity and purpose in all of the wrong things. In 2012 at the age of 15-years old, my drug use began. I lost my younger brother in a boating accident and I was the driver. I spent the years after numbing the pain, trying to detach from the regret and reality of my situation. I came to Dunklin with nothing more than a shoulder bag and a seed of hope. Now I know who I am. God has watered that seed of hope and whispered truth that I am His loved child. ” - *Dillon Dowler*



“ I was in addiction to drugs and alcohol for 7 years. My life was a never ending cycle of searching for happiness in jobs, people, and material things. In doing so, I pushed my loved ones away and found myself desperate for help. Since then, I now have a relationship with the Lord. I have remained still, as He has reconciled me back to my family and instilled in me peace, joy, hope, and purpose. ”

- *Collin Quigley*

“ I come from a path of destruction and now I have peace in my life. I was told that I was depressed and bi-polar and I believed it. I tried medications and therapy, but the only way I could feel better was with alcohol. Due to that, I have been to institutions, jail, and tried to bring myself to death. The Lord had better plans for me. Dunklin introduced me to the Lord. Through Him, I found the peace I was chasing through the bottom of a bottle. ” - *Frank Brooks*



“ I hated myself and did not want to live before I came to Dunklin. I was blessed with a dream job, a beautiful wife, and two beautiful daughters. Because I chose drugs over my family, I lost it all. I was defeated and a broken mess when I got here. But God restored my mind, gave me peace, and a purpose for life. I have a close relationship with Jesus and a restored relationship with my daughters. With the help of the Lord, I will be back in my son's life. ” - *Michael Flood*