

## Bearing Good Fruit

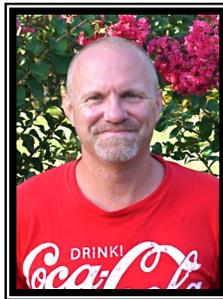
Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD and whose trust is the LORD. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit. *Jeremiah 17:7-8*



Justin McKillop

Before coming to Dunklin I was miserable; I had no joy in my life and I knew something had to change. Thirteen hours after being released from prison, on October 21<sup>st</sup> of 2013, I arrived on camp. I'd been using and abusing chemicals for 17 years prior to coming here. Although Jesus had blessed me with my beautiful wife, Amanda, and our two sets of twins, Aidan and Jade, who are five, and Jasper and Adeline, who are three, I still couldn't find joy in my life. Today I can say that I've found the joy that I was in search of for so many years. I've accomplished this by establishing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. All of this was made possible thanks to Dunklin and my family detaching from me. Jesus not only gave the joy that I so desperately craved but has also molded me into the man, husband, and father that my family deserves. For all of the growth and change that's taken place in my life since arriving at Dunklin, I want to thank and give Jesus all the praise.

I arrived at Dunklin on October 21, 2013. I had thrown away every relationship I had due to my addiction. For my wife, Terri, this was the last chance for us to work. My four oldest children wanted nothing to do with me, and my youngest daughter, Emily, loved me, but only from a distance. All she really knew of me was that I was an angry, selfish man, and had been an addict for her whole life. When I arrived here my goal was simply to get off drugs and get my wife and kids back in my life. Through being here I have not only rededicated my life to Christ, but now have a personal relationship with Him. His example of forgiveness has allowed my wife and I to forgive one another and have a marriage relationship that we never dreamed possible. Today I can honestly say that Emily truly loves her daddy. The relationship I have with my older children is being mended thanks to forgiveness. Today I know I have a relationship with Jesus Christ and am excited to see what the Lord has in store for us in the future.



Lewis Campbell

I come from a nine year drug addiction. I lived a life revolved around myself, and all my decisions were to see what I was able to get out of it. I had pushed the ones closest to me the furthest away. I began to seek help and started the long process of being in and out of programs, finding no stability in my life, still trying to escape the reality closing in around me. Through this process Dunklin was introduced to me. Since coming here I've gone from being a non-believer to being born again and able to receive the love He has for me. I've found how He desires a life for me that I would have never dreamed possible. Restoration has begun to take place in my family. Seeing myself how God sees me has broken the lies that I've carried for so long. He's showed me how I have a purpose to fulfill and a will for me that I desire to carry out.



Troy Grimes



Will Heirs

I came to Dunklin as a 29 year-old boy, broken and defeated. I was raised in a loving, Christian home. But my first day in college I decided it was time for me to do things my way. I turned my back on God and spent the following decade searching for my next feel good. My selfishness nearly cost me my marriage, family, and life. Here at Dunklin I have found that only a personal relationship with Jesus Christ can complete me. The Lord has restored to me my marriage, family, health, and has given me a hope and a future.

I came to Dunklin in September of 2013 suffering from a 15 year addiction to drugs that just about killed me. My marriage was over, my family had lost hope, and I was physically, mentally, and emotionally broken, I had been to programs before and experienced brief periods of sobriety yet always made the choice to go back to drugs. Over the last ten months my life has changed drastically. I now look to the Lord for guidance, strength, and direction for my marriage. My wife, Mary, and I have a beautiful new marriage with Christ at the head. She is my best friend and there is nothing that we cannot share with each other. I now have a desire to live, to serve my wife, and to help those who also come from addiction. I want those caught up in addiction to know that it is only through the healing power of Jesus Christ that they can truly overcome the darkness they live in, and that they can have the same hope and future that I do.



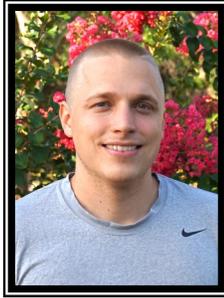
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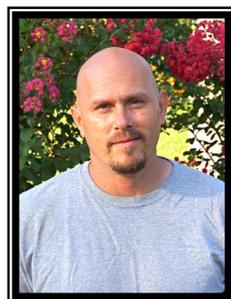
Jacob Brown

My name is Jacob Brown from Lakeland, Florida. I showed up here lost, broken, and hopeless. I'd been in active addiction to drugs and alcohol for 15 years. I hit my rock bottom when I overdosed last September. I was always trying to fill a void inside of me with all the wrong things. I found out, while in the program, that the only thing that can fill that void and satisfy my soul, is the love that Jesus Christ has for me. My plan is to stay here and see what God has in store for me next.

I come from a four year addiction to pain pills. Prior to Dunklin I spent five months in jail as a result of the choices I made while in my addiction. I had selfishly pushed away the people that cared about me the most, and I had nothing to show for it. I was miserable and hopeless. I grew up in church and, while I had a basic understanding of God, I tried to fit Him into my life whenever and however I wanted. Here at Dunklin I have begun to have an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and, instead of trying to fit God into my life, I have the desire to live for Him. I have been taught how to confront my sinful attitudes and selfish thinking and give my heart and mind to the Lord. It has been a very difficult ten months but I have found a peace and joy that is beyond anything I've experienced before.



Dan Cheek



Marty DeLay

On September 16<sup>th</sup> of 2013 I came to Dunklin broken, lost, and without any worldly hope. 15 years of addiction to drugs, alcohol, and myself had cost me everything. These choices, and an unwillingness to change, had pushed a Godly wife of 16 years to the point of divorce. I abandoned my beautiful 15 year old daughter, Claire, at a time when she needed me the most. My 18 year old son John-David was in a drug and alcohol regeneration program in Georgia. Part of the reason he was there was due to the poor example I set through out his life. The sum of my 44 years of life lay in three duffel bags inside a dirty hotel room . My family was done with me and I had nowhere to turn. I cried out to God and begged Him to end it all. I am grateful that His way of "ending it all" and mine were very different. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, He brought me to a safe place. While at Dunklin the Lord is still working miracles; He has delivered me from addiction and is restoring the relationships with my family and children. Through the program I have learned that no situation is beyond hope, no life is without purpose, and no man is beyond redemption through Jesus Christ.



Matt Garvin

I came to Dunklin hopelessly addicted to drugs and sin, full of shame and fear. I had lost everything and was certain death was near. I called out for help and the Lord brought me to Dunklin. Since being here I have gained joy and peace that has come from my salvation, my newly found purpose and calling, and my growing faith. I have hope because I have Jesus Christ in my life. He guides my life and is the truth that I walk in. Today I seek Him and pray that my desires line up with His will for my life because I have given my life to Him.

Before coming to Dunklin 11 months ago, I was a broken, lonely man with a 30 year addiction to drugs and alcohol and no hope or fight of life left in me. I had alienated myself from my family and isolated from the rest of the world. Close to suicide I cried out to God, who I did not know. Six days later I found myself in this refuge. Since that day, through the staff here, Jesus Christ has been growing me up into the man He intended me to be. I have experienced the freedom He showed me through forgiveness and now have an identity in Him, full of purpose and joy. Although this has been a difficult program, asking Jesus to be my Lord and Savior is the greatest choice I have ever made.



William Moser

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**Upcoming Events**

- Emmaus Walks
- Men's Sept. 4 - 7
- Women's Sept. 18 - 21

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- Sponsors for men in the program and families in SLT
- Monthly donations
- Donations of any working vehicles, golf carts, 4-wheelers, etc.

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