

Fools, because of their rebellious way, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted. Their soul abhorred all kinds of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions. Psalm 107:17-20

This past month we celebrated the graduation of nine men from the Regeneration Program. Each man took the stage surrounded by his family members and gave testimony of God's grace, mercy and healing power. The Lord, through His Holy Spirit, has redeemed these men from their bondage to drug addiction and transformed them to a life of peace, purpose, and freedom in Him. Their wives and parents also shared of the heartaches and pains that their loved ones' addiction had brought upon the family and how God had been faithful to bring about forgiveness, healing and reconciliation in each of them as well. These men and their families today are definitely not the same people who came to Dunklin ten months ago, thanks and glory be to God. They are truly miracles brought about by the touch of the Master's hand. We hope their testimonies will be a blessing and encouragement to you, knowing that your prayers and financial support have been a part of their life-changing experience. We thank the Lord and all of you for your faithfulness and support.

Andy L. Munson



Sha Nielsen

I thought I had my life together before Dunklin. I ran my father's company and provided for my family. But behind the scenes I was a drug addict, addicted to opiates. I finally realized I had a problem and sought help. While here at Dunklin I have built an intimate relationship with the Lord, which I thought I would never have. I also built relationships with guys that I thought I never would. And thanks to the Lord, He restored a very broken relationship between my wife and I.



Brian McCullers

Before Dunklin I thought I had everyone fooled by going to church and working a job,

but I turned to drugs and alcohol. I was an IV drug user. I stole and lied to stay high until I over-dosed and almost died. I was willing to give up on everyone including myself. I was spiritually dead. My wife had divorce papers and no hope for us. I cried out to God to either take me or save me. He has since given me a new life. I have purpose in Him and He has restored my marriage better than it ever was. My children love Jesus, and I have true joy in my heart. I am so grateful to have been here at Dunklin.



Kenny Stewart

My life was a path of destruction and recklessness prior to my coming to Dunklin. I was consumed with worldly things which never actually brought me any happiness. I turned to drugs and alcohol and essentially hurt every member of my family including my own son. I became hopeless and didn't care about anything else. Since being here, the Lord has shown me that He has a plan for me and that the past is the past and I have a choice in how the rest of my life goes. The Lord has shown me much mercy

and has restored my family. I have hope and true joy today and instead of dreading the future, I am embracing it.



Lance Abshier

Since coming to Dunklin the Lord has drastically changed my life and how I go about it. Before I was consumed by the world and trying to keep up. In that I pushed my family away and lost sight of what is truly important. I was self reliant and did not involve God in any aspect or decision of my life. Since coming here and renewing my relationship with the Lord, I have been given freedom through Him. I now trust and rely on Him to guide me through my daily walk. He has brought my wife, Dama, and I closer than we have ever been in 16 years of marriage. I am able to relate and share with my three sons, Landon, Logan and Laine, just how proud I am of them and now raise them with the solid building blocks of faith that I have learned over the course of the program. My experience here at Dunklin has been the toughest and most rewarding thing I have ever done in my life, and I thank God every day for it.



Anthony Volpe

I arrived at Dunklin on my 28th birthday, a boy who had given up on life, hated myself and didn't care if I lived or died. I found my identity in the needle and in my past hurts and struggles. I lived a worldly life run on possessions and selfishness. I come from New York and a very supportive family whom I used and abused with my reckless living. I burned every bridge, broke all trust and honor with my loved ones who loved me enough to let me go. I had to figure it out for myself on a road full of consequences, homelessness and rebellion. The Lord used a crisis to grab my attention, which led me to Dunklin. He showed me that He has a plan and a purpose for my life. He gave me hope, a life filled with joy, and He gave me my family back. He grew me up into a man, finding my significance and self worth directly through Him.

year suspended prison sentence and allowed to return to Dunklin. Since being here I've fallen in love with God and my wife again. I've learned to love myself and to have hope. My prison sentence remains suspended upon my completion of Dunklin and five years probation. My wife and I completed marriage classes and are a family again. Through all of this God has overwhelmed me and my family with His love and grace. I am forever changed!



Bill Convery

On July 12, 2012 I came to Dunklin a hopeless, depressed intravenous drug-addicted mess! I was dead. I had no life in me. I was killing myself one day at a time. I was alone and my family was praying they wouldn't receive that phone call that their brother and son was dead. Then slowly, Dunklin has nurtured me back to health and I began to grow in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. I have learned to have character, integrity and humility, and I've learned how to love myself. I was set apart from the world and exposed. God brought to the light the things He wanted from me and my false self has died away. I have become a new creation in the eyes of the Lord! Today I am alive and I have peace and freedom for the first time. Thanks be to God that I no longer run from Him. Today I am walking the path He has laid out before me.

ated with Dunklin in 1985, when I received the gift of salvation. My walk with the Lord has been a journey of many peaks and valleys. Through the years I've had victories and defeats. I have had many seasons of the Lord's blessings and I have also stumbled, fallen turned away from and even run away from God's love and mercy. It seems so many times I've taken my eyes off of Him and put them on the blessings, and thereby, lost my focus. In all of that there was one thing I couldn't escape: the many truths that were taught to me here at Dunklin. One being that God is first and foremost so desiring to be in relationship with me that He sent Jesus to die for me. Another truth is that as long as I have breath to draw, the Lord has His merciful hand extended to me - that is His grace. I say all of this to express my gratitude to the Lord who has provided a means and a place for me to get up, get brushed off and re-enter the race. Philippians 1:6 comes to my mind which declares the Lord's commitment to finish the good work that He has begun in me until the day of Christ Jesus.



Brandon Henderson

I started using drugs 17 years ago beginning with pot at the age of 12. I progressed to I.V. use of cocaine and heroine. I found that I could support my habit by selling drugs until I was busted for it in 2010. Through two years of court, new charges and continued use, God finally got my attention in 2012 when my wife left me and took my daughter for their own protection. My life was in shambles and I tried to kill myself through my drug use. My wife agreed to come to marriage classes if I came to Dunklin, so I agreed. After being here a month I was violated on my Community Control and faced several years in prison. Through this event I surrendered to God and recognized that I could not go on without him. I told God that regardless of the outcome I would serve Him. I was given a seven



Chris Blahnik

I came to Dunklin because I knew I had a problem and I didn't know what else to do. My family didn't trust me or want anything to do with me unless I got help. I have been in addiction for ten years and the last three years of my life I spent in and out of jail and prison. I became that guy that when you saw him, you went the other way. I came to Dunklin filled with anger and hate. During the ten months here I had the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ and build a personal relationship with Him. Through the classes and all of the support here I was able to give all of that hate and anger up and allow Jesus to change my heart. I learned how to work hard and appreciate the value of a dollar. I came to Dunklin a boy; today I am a man of God. I didn't want to spend ten months here at first, but now I plan to stay to continue my healing and to give back what I've learned. Today I have my family back in my life and they are proud of me.



Jesse Sloan

If my name sounds familiar its because I came here nine years ago and was first affili-

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