

**FIRST BAPTIST ORLANDO**

# **LEGACY LINKS**

**LEGACY ADULT  
MINISTRY**

**JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019**



Greetings,

The Legacy Adult Ministry at First Baptist Orlando is always active. We have LIFE Groups that are large, medium, and small in size. We have a weekly Bible study that meets on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We have Club Joy that meets four or five times a year. We have trips and activities (the LIFE Groups also do trips and activities). LIFE Groups are what make this big church a lot smaller. We encourage everyone to be in a group. In short, we all need clear direction in our lives. If you don't have clear direction, bad things usually happen.



When Andy Griffith, star of the classic television program that bore his name, entered his fifties, he found it increasingly difficult to find work in Hollywood, and his personal finances became tighter and tighter. He wrote in *Guideposts* that finally he and his wife Cindi decided things would be easier if they moved from Los Angeles back to Andy's home state of North Carolina; so they put their home up for sale and waited for a buyer. Unfortunately the real estate market was down, and no one gave them a decent offer for their home. Months passed, and Andy grew depressed.

Then one day the Lord gave Cindi an insight. "Maybe it's a good thing we couldn't sell the house," she said. "Maybe it was God showing us grace. If we moved to North Carolina now, you might indeed never work again. What we need to do is stay here and stoke the fire."

And stoke the fire they did. Day after day they went together to the office of the talent agency that represented Andy. They sat in the lobby, chatted with agents, and went with them to lunch. Eventually the work started to come in: four TV movies that year, including the pilot for **Matlock** (my favorite), a show that ended up running for nine years.

Sometimes a closed door is a signpost from God. He has a better way for us to go. If you have been looking for clear direction, maybe this is God's way of showing you to not give up. If you are not a member of another church, why not get involved in a church that would love to have you – First Baptist Church of Orlando! If I can ever be of help to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Blessings,

  
Pastor Chris

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***You live longer once you realize that  
any time spent being unhappy is wasted.  
(Ruth Renke)***

# ANOTHER VOICE BEHIND THE PHONE

By Jim Gallery

There are a number of characteristics an employer might look for in an employee: competency, work ethic, and attitude to name a few. But one of the best characteristics a boss looks for in an employee is a love for the job.

Meet Frank Jernigan. He works alongside Lenora Plummer, featured in the last issue of Legacy Links, at the receptionist desk in Faith Hall.

You will soon discover when talking with Frank that he loves his job. He loves working alongside Lenora. He loves assisting First Baptist's members. He loves helping the pastors and staff. He loves helping those who visit FBC needing help.

Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, Frank got his start in the banking business after he graduated from high school. In 1977 he moved to north Florida, working at banks and mortgage institutions in Jacksonville and St. Augustine. His work brought him to Orlando in 1993 and he has been here ever since.

Life had its ups and downs for Frank and when he arrived in Orlando life was down. One day as he was driving down the road he decided to pull over to the side and "have a little talk with God." Frank said that he told God, "This life of mine isn't working," and then looked for ways to get in right relationship with God.

Frank knew that one major step he needed to take was finding a church home. A couple that he knew had been inviting him to First Baptist, so he visited. He was impressed with Jim Henry's sermon but more impressed that he received a call from the pastor that week. Frank decided to jump in all the way. "I wanted to be useful and a giver, not just a taker," Frank remembers.

Frank became an active member of a single's group,

and joined the choir. Even today you can see him every Sunday singing in the choir leading our 8:30 a.m. worship service.

Frank retired from the banking business but wanted to work. He soon joined FBC working with Security. It wasn't long when an opportunity opened to join Lenora at the front desk helping members and visitors at FBC.

"One of the great joys of this job is working with Lenora." Frank says that she took him under her wing and taught him what he needed to know about the job. And today, they work together making sure that the needs of callers and visitors to our church are met.

Frank loves his job so much because he is a "people person." He finds great joy in meeting and helping others. "I can't recall a job from my past that I

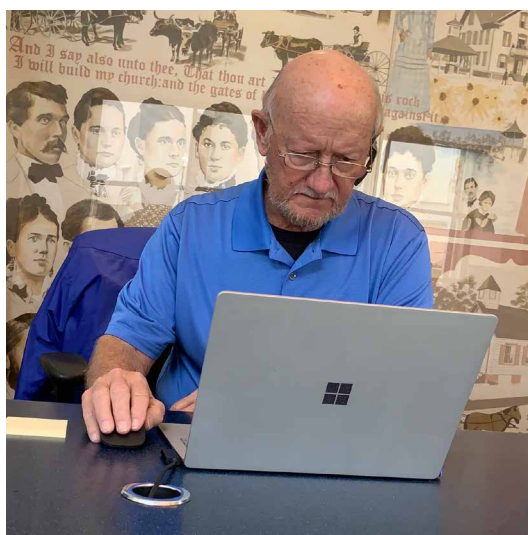
have enjoyed as much as fulfilling my responsibilities at FBC." Frank has found his calling.

One aspect of the job is meeting people who come to the church expressing need for benevolent help. "I try not to judge." Frank finds great satisfaction in listening to their problem and trying to get them to persons or an agency which can. "Sometimes helping means I buy them something to eat."

Another great joy the job brings to Frank is working with the leadership at FBC. He says that not only are they easy and fun to work with, they are also reliable. When they tell me that they will "take care of it" I know that they will do so. "They always have my back."

If you would like to brighten your day, the next time you are near the receptionist's desk in Faith Hall say hello to Frank Jernigan. He is usually busy helping someone, but always happy for the opportunity to serve.

Thank you, Frank.





## A LAWLESS LANGUAGE

A bright young student from a boy's school in Kenya(Africa) expressed in verse his frustration over the strange inconsistencies of the English language:

We'll start with a box—  
The plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox should  
Never be oxes.

One fowl is a goose and  
The plural is geese,  
But the plural for moose  
Should never be meese.

The plural of mouse  
is correctly mice,  
But the plural of house  
Cannot be hice.

As the plural for man  
Is always men,  
Why shouldn't the plural  
Of pan be pen?

The plural, of course, for  
Button is buttons,  
Then shouldn't the plural  
Of mutton be muttuns?

The masculine pronouns are  
He, his, and him,  
But imagine the feminine—  
she, shis, and shim!

So English, I fancy, you  
all will agree,  
Is the strangest language  
you ever did see.

## ESL (ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE)

The mission field is at your doorstep! God has commanded us to love our neighbors, and He has specifically commanded us to love the foreigners who live in our land: (Deuteronomy 20:18-19 NIV). One of the best ways to demonstrate and share God's love with our international community is through our ESL classes. This year, we had over 650 students enroll in 15 different classes. It takes many volunteers each week to share the love of Christ with them. Legacy Adults, in particular, are wonderful volunteers. You are dependable and committed. If you say you will be there, we can count on you! There are several ways in which you may serve:

- Teacher
- Assistant
- Interviewer
- Tutor
- General helper

Our classes are 7-9 p.m. September 20 through April 28. If interested in volunteering with ESL, registration for volunteering will take place on August 27 and September 3.

Knowledge of another language is not necessary. The only requirements are a good command of the English language and a love for people.

If you are interested in serving through ESL or have questions, please contact DavidBranch@FirstOrlando.com or fill out the volunteer form at [bit.ly/ESLteam](http://bit.ly/ESLteam).

We would love to talk with you!



## FAITH FELLOWSHIP LIFE GROUP

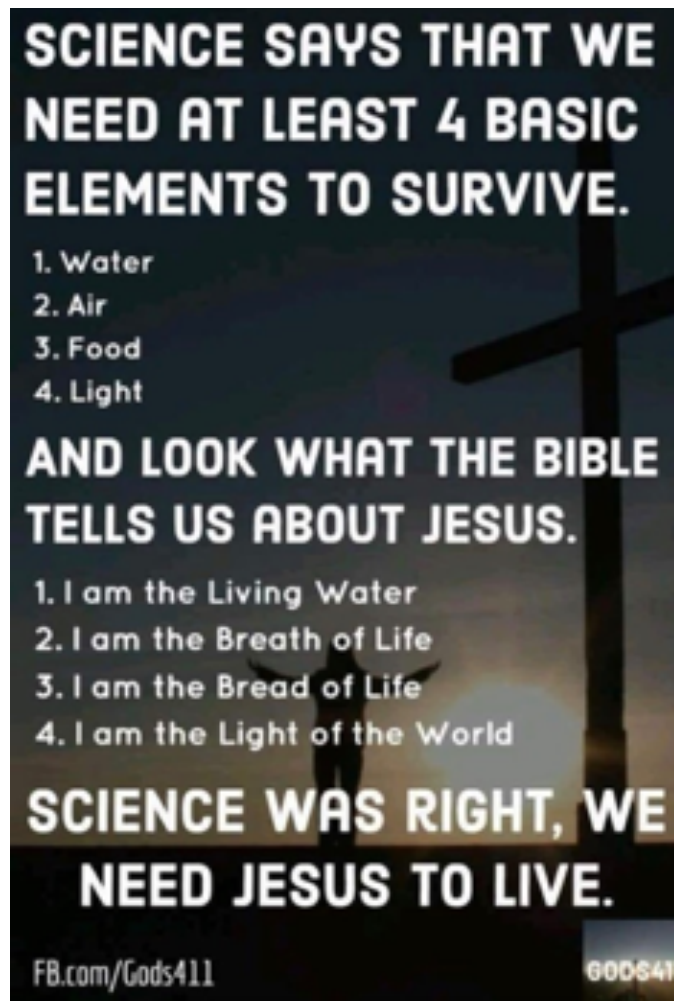
Our LIFE Group has a monthly fellowship luncheon the last Sunday of the month after class for fellowship and socializing. We always have two fellowship events at the Moore's residence--a barbeque dinner and a Christmas Party.

On Saturday, April 20, Jim & Dottie Moore hosted the annual barbeque fellowship dinner. This event was also a farewell for the winter visitors. Class members brought accompanying food items as well as many desserts. Dottie passed around a large box of See's Candy (dark chocolates with soft centers), for all to enjoy.

The class then met to watch the video "Behind the Easter Story." This video retraced the footsteps of Jesus from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His victorious resurrection on Easter morning. Using a remarkable large limestone scale model of Jerusalem, the video gives a unique look at the old city as it was back then. The hosts also visit the actual locations in and around Jerusalem and follow the path of Jesus step by step.

A dessert fellowship is being planned for July, and the class will be viewing a new released video,"The Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls."

*Submitted by Jim Moore*



## FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS SHARING (F.A.N.S.)

Did you know that there is a group of volunteers from First Baptist Church Orlando with a mission? Their mission is to fill in the gaps when a person is in need when family members or friends are absent. These volunteers do many things such as providing transportation to doctors, to the grocery store, to visit a spouse in the hospital or nursing home and to physical or radiation therapy. If a person is alone, they provide a phone “buddy,” provide a friendly visitor, help sort through papers, bills, check books, etc. If a person is a care giver, they provide a non-medical respite care so that the care giver can take a break. There may be other services F.A.N.S. could provide but the ones listed above are the “usual” types of services.

There are some things F.A.N.S. is unable to do such as give medicine to anyone, lift, transfer or bathe anyone, clean homes, be in contact with anyone who is contagious, be considered the primary care giver or meet with doctors or social workers or be in the room during doctor’s visits.

This ministry is totally a volunteer-driven program – from the Care Team Director to the Leadership Team to the Team Leader and Volunteer Coordinator to the Volunteer. There is always a need for volunteers to provide the above services and all you have to do is call the main number at First Baptist Orlando **407-425-2555** and ask for the **Legacy Adult Office**. The Team in that ministry will give you more information.

This ministry uses your availability – if you are available to participate, you accept the appointment and if you are not available, you decline. You will be contacted again when another care recipient has a need. Prayerfully consider being a volunteer.

## THE GENTLE TOUCH

The gentle touch can do so much  
The understanding heart  
Just listening – real listening-  
Is such a priceless art

No one can tell the power  
Of just one kindly word—  
How deeply by a friendly smile  
Some grateful heart is stirred.

The gentle touch can do so much--  
Were we to test its worth,  
The harmony of Heaven itself  
Would fill this whole wide earth.

*Helen L. Marshall*

## VICTORY LIFE GROUP

Victory Life Group has had some unique socials along the way, and once again we enjoyed another one only because of our in-residence artist, **Bob Boynton**. He showed us a 'scratchboard art' picture he had done. It was amazing and from the non-artists' eyes, it looked like it would be extremely difficult! Bob said nonchalantly that it was easy – anyone could do it. We did not believe him, but he insisted we could. So, he gathered supplies and told us what tool to get and we set up a day of fun, fellowship, and art. He started with us choosing the picture we wanted to do by visiting websites for "scratchboard" art and sent them to Bob. He purchased the scratchboard paper (a special type of paper painted with black ink). We purchased our exacto knife (the tool for beginners) and we all showed up enthusiastically ready to see how "easy" it was going to be. Many of us were apprehensive and were timid about doing something artistic when we felt we did not have a creative bone in our body. But, with Bob's encouraging words and patience, we got started. The first step was to trace the outline of our picture with a pencil. Next, we used chalk to cover the entire back of the picture and once that was done, we laid the chalk side of our picture on the scratchboard. We then proceeded tracing the outline of the picture onto the scratchboard. THEN we started "scratching" the outline with the tool and continued until the entire picture was done. It took us about three hours to complete the project. When we finished, we had some very surprised and happy artists displaying their work!



## THE PONDERING CORNER

*By Carolyn Bissonette*

If you blame others for your failures, do you also credit others for your successes?

Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.

Courage is holding on a minute longer.

Don't burn the bridge you may need to cross someday.

When you get too old to set a bad example, you start giving advice.

It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.

A budget helps you pay as you go if you don't go anywhere.

A raisin is a grape that worried too much.

Children sometimes close their ears to advice, but they keep their eyes open to example.

A well-traveled person is one who has been to almost as many places as his luggage.

Most people will never do great things, but they do small things in a great way.

You know you're in a small town when you have to close the windows and lock the doors on your car to keep friends from filling it with zucchini.

Middle age is when your memory is shorter, your experience longer, your stamina lower and your forehead higher.

There is nothing that upsets a person quite as much as having company drop in and see the house looking as it usually does.

## GAINESVILLE TRIP

Legacy Adults took a trip in April to the Gainesville Natural History Museum and the Butterfly Exhibit. The picture below shows some of the people who enjoyed the trip.



## WHAT IS LIFE ABOUT?

When I woke up this morning,  
I asked myself, "What is life about?"  
I found the answer in my room.  
The fan said, "Be cool."  
The ceiling said, "Aim high."  
The window said, "See the world!"  
The clock said, "Every minute is precious."  
The mirror said, "Reflect before you act."  
The calendar said, "Be up-to-date."  
The door said, "Push harder."  
The floor said, "Kneel down and pray."

*Addiction Treatment Resources*

## FOOD SERVICE

In Food Services, we focus on One Guest. How can we serve Him through serving others?

Our purpose is to use the vehicle of food to feed the Kingdom by providing excellence in service and quality to all we serve and demonstrate Christian service according to Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" – and to encourage our team members and volunteers to full devotion to Christ.

We love working with volunteers and have a great need for those who chose to volunteer in Food Services. We are a self-supporting Ministry. This means that all the expenses of Food Services are paid through the revenue brought in by hosting outside groups. The more we can save by the assistance of our volunteers, the more we can minister to those within our Church and Ministry.

When our volunteers serve with Food Services, they minister to our staff as well. While the staff enjoys working here, many are not saved. We encourage them to attend our services and get involved in our church.

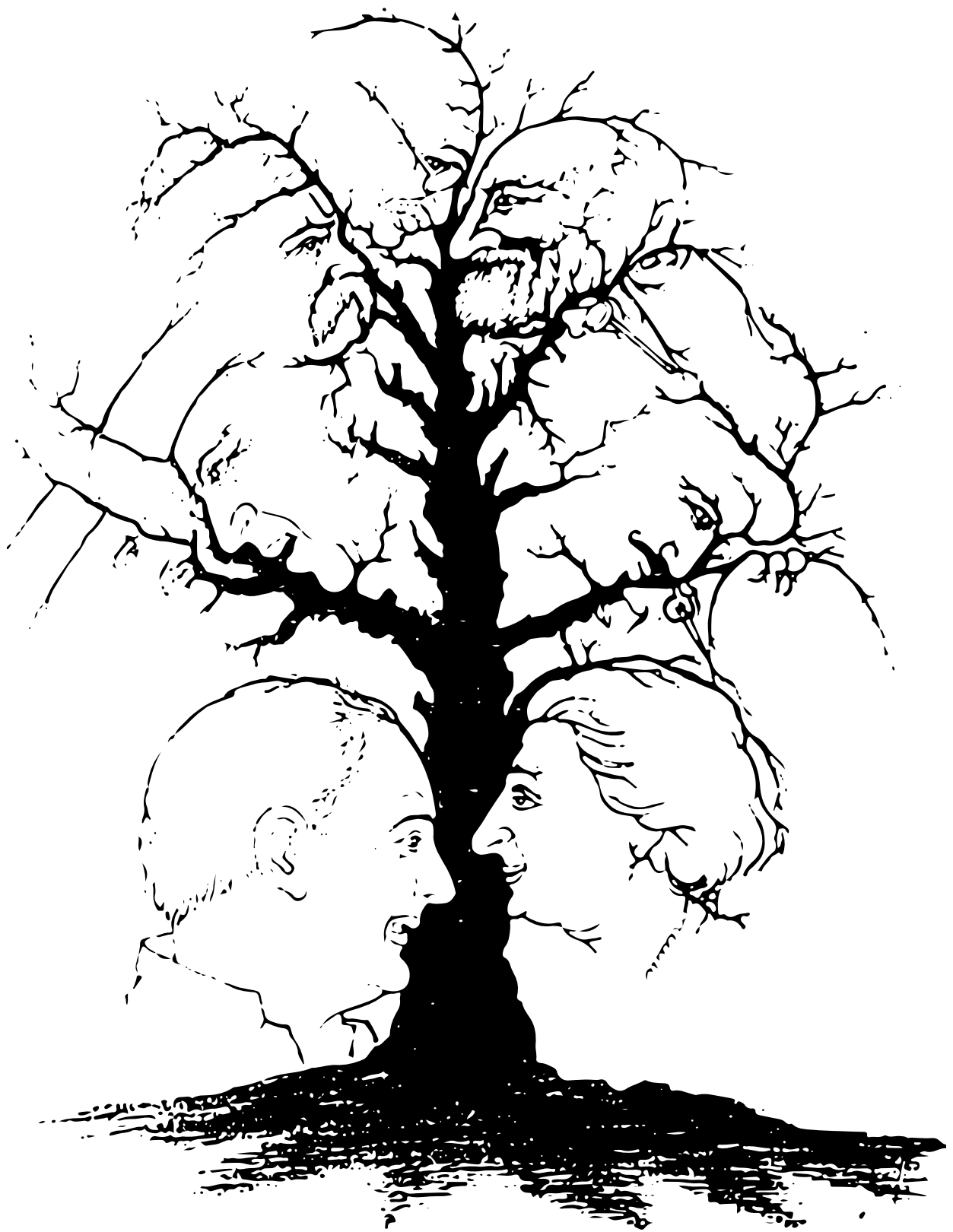
The tasks we need assistance with varies from prep work in the kitchen, making Boxed Lunches, setting up the dining room for events, assisting with buffets on larger events and helping in the Café. The times also vary with some events early in the morning and others in the evening. We have several large conferences in March that typically require hundreds of volunteer hours! You can come for an hour or stay all day with us! The more you come, learn and get to know us, the more fun we have together!

If you are interested in having fun with us and working for the Lord, please reach out to Elizabeth Fontaine at 407-514-4532 or [ElizabethFontaine@FirstOrlando.com](mailto:ElizabethFontaine@FirstOrlando.com).

We look forward to meeting you!

*Robin Puritz, Banquet Director*





**HOW MANY FACES DO YOU SEE?**

# LEGACY LIFE GROUPS

## *7:30 a.m.*

SCRAP IRON - Room E2 306 - Teacher: Larry Margarella  
Contact: Mordy Brooks, 407.339.0196 ab300z@aol.com

## *10:00 a.m.*

AGAPE - Room E2 306 - Teacher: Dr. Bill McCurry  
Contact: Carolyn Moore, 407.884.5432 smoore682@centurylink.net

ASSURANCE - Room E2 309 - Teachers: Bill Emery and Theron Guthrie  
Contacts: Kathy Emery, 407.625.5473 kathyemery@firstorlando.com  
Glenda Guthrie, 407.967.1914 gguthrie45@gmail.com

BEARERS OF THE WORD - Room E2 207 - Teacher: BobWittmeyer  
Contact: Bob/Ruth Wittmeyer, 407.299.8478 rwittmey@bellsouth.net

CARE BEARERS - E2 307 - Teacher: Roger Stevens  
Contact: Roger Stevens, 407.876.3823 rstevens@wservices.org

FAITH FELLOWSHIP - Room E2 312 - Teacher: Jim Moore  
Contact: Jim Moore, 407.384.0563 voll@bellsouth.net

FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS - Room FH 334 - Sylvia Downes  
Contact: Dianne McKenzie, 407.277.9510 diannemckenzie@bellsouth.net

FAMILY TIES - Room E2 319 - Bob Faust and others  
Contact: Bob/Smilie Faust, 407.296.6786 rfaust@cfl.rr.com

FOCUS - Room FH 353 - Teachers: Varied  
Contact: Ann Mette annmette@aol.com

GLEANERS - Room E2 310 - Teacher: Bob Hudson and Team  
Contact: Bob/Ruth Ann Hudson, 407.896.6840 coachandnana53@gmail.com

JOY CLASS - Room E2 311 - Louise Ward  
Contact: Sharon White, 207.451.8640 sharonw421@gmail.com

LEGACY SINGLE ADULTS - Room E2 313 - Roger Lewis  
Contact: Roger Lewis, 214.563.5631 live100@att.net

LIGHT OF THE WORLD - Room WC 139 - Rotating teachers  
Contact: Roy/Jill Miller, 407.363.7986 royandjill@cfl.rr.com

PAUL'S DISCIPLES - E2 208 - Teachers: Paul Waters/ Bob Buck  
Contact: Joyce Sims, 407.549.5432 jmsims510@gmail.com

PEACE SEEKERS - Room FH 346 - Teachers: Charles Bell, Dick Hissam, Pat Phillips  
Contact: Mary Simon, 407.869.7750 maryeesimon@gmail.com

PRESSING ON IN GRACE - WC 124 - Teacher: Pastor Chris Whaley  
Contact: Herb Tillman, 407.925.3663 hat@cfl.rr.com

SEEKERS - WC 132/134 - Teachers: Jim and Shirley Cashion  
Contact: Jim/Shirley Cashion, 407.831.0230 jcashion@cfl.rr.com

SERVERS - Room E2 308 - Teacher: Ray Shands  
Contact: Ray/Darla Shands, 407.331.5616 rdshands2@cfl.rr.com

SOLID FOUNDATION - Room FH 144 - Teacher: Rosia Henderson  
Contact: Beverly Fleury, 407.539.2241 bfleury@live.com

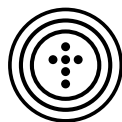
SON RISERS - Room E2 316 - Teacher: Jim Gallery  
Contact: Jim or Sue Gallery, 407.851.2914 jimgallery@bellsouth.net

SOULDIERS FOR CHRIST - Room FH 350 - Teacher: Bob Riemer  
Contact: Bob or Lynne Riemer boblynne.riemer@comcast.net

VICTORY CLASS - Room E2 315 - Teachers: Team Teaching  
Contact: Jim or Pat Wortham, 407.656.7303 jimwortham@cfl.rr.com

E2=Education Building, FH=Faith Hall, WC=Worship Center

**If you have articles for Legacy Links, please contact Hazel Hamlin at: [hazham927@gmail.com](mailto:hazham927@gmail.com)  
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