



Class Spotlight- The Family Foundations Class

**Missing from the picture are Mark and Lorelee Kokovich, Mike and Lori Smith and Pam Rawlinson.*

Family Foundations Class

Family Foundations was started in 1985. Frances Redmond was the first-class president and was one of the key organizers of the class. The class was started to include couples in their 20's and 30's with young children. The class chose the name after a few weeks to emphasize the importance of Christian Families, the "Family Foundations". The original members of Family Foundations were Dave and Frances Redmond who were the keys in starting the class, Joe and Laura Lusk, Ben and Debbie

Hamilton, David and Mary Ann Rose, Vicki and Mike Millians, Tommy and Cathy Billiter, Erin and Carrie Austin, Jerry and Lauren Faulk, Gene and Betsy Breazeale, Darrell and Janis Collins, Gene and Terry Heath and Bill and Kathy Whitaker. Joe Lusk was a huge asset with getting the class started with teaching. He taught the class for several months.

Our Classes: Current Events

New Life Class

For many years, the New Life Class has had a heart for missions. Under the direction of Jim Russ, the class learns about and supports various missions ranging from local needs within the church and CSRA to needs in Bolivia, Guatemala, and Honduras. A few of our current mission projects are as follows:

Epworth Children's Home- For several years, the New Life Class has sponsored the Middle and Senior High Boys' cottages. In September, several class members met our Epworth boys

for an afternoon of fun at trampoline park at Adrenaline Entertainment Center in Columbia. December 8 at 4, our boys will be joining us for an evening of dinner, gifts, and a trip through Return To Bethlehem.

DSS Christmas Project- Every year our class works side by side with the Christmas Store, headed up by Louvenia and Lori Matthews. This project helps share the spirit of Christmas and the love of Christ to those who might not otherwise

Current Events for Family Foundations

- The Family Foundations class has been studying the International Bible Study over the summer and examining the International Bible Study this fall.
- We have had several visitors as well as a new member.
- We have had members involved with Mission Impossible, Family Promise, and ramp ministry.
- The last Sunday of September, we enjoyed a luncheon as well as fellowship with everyone who came.

Merry Christmas!!





experience joy at this time of the year. Not only do our class members sign up to provide Christmas gifts to individual children in need, but we also sponsor and assist with the Christmas Store's annual Christmas Dinner, hosting the children and their families. In the past years, New Life has been able to sponsor 25-30 children.

music. New Life is supporting Crissy's mission project to raise money to purchase headphones that are programmable with music meaningful to them. Additionally, Crissy is also looking to identify individuals who may benefit from this mission.

Senior Music Mission- Currently our class is supporting a mission, started by Crissy Waters and her father, to provide music to people who may be suffering from dementia and depression. Crissy has learned that people open up, their mood increases, and often their memory is improved after listening to

Stillwell Class

- Mission Contributions Aug. - September included Epworth, Return to Bethlehem, Fall Festival, and Community ministries.
 - The class enjoyed the annual covered dish dinner on September 9th in the Wesley Center.
 - Mary Sue Boyd, our very special class member, celebrated her 103rd birthday (September 17th) with a party at Brookdale, N. Augusta.
 - We added 3 new class members in September totaling 7 additions so far this year.
- If you are looking for a class with "love and devotion", come to Stillwell!***

Women of Faith

- The Women of Faith SS class continues to grow and thrive for women of all ages and circumstances. Although we began by studying the women of the Bible, we have now expanded to include the men also. Members of our class teach our lessons as well as guest teachers such as Dr. John Newell teaching on John the Baptist on October 21st and Joanne Watson teaching on the healings of Jesus on October 28th.
- Our outreach continues with the elderly as we send birthday cards to shut-ins and participate in devotionals at NHC the third Tuesday of each month @ 2 pm. ***Please feel free to join us any time you can in classroom G, bottom floor of the Wesley Center @ 9:45 am!***





The Seekers Class

The Seekers class meets each Sunday on the lower level of the Wesley Center. Our class began in September 1977 and our members now include parents, grandparents, retirees, business owners, care-givers and singles. We are choir members, as well as community & church volunteers and leaders who try each day to live the mission of our church ... "To know Christ and make His love known". Our six teachers rotate lessons through each month, with varied subjects and styles. Our outreach projects include support of Epworth, WARM, Operation Christmas Child, CMONA, Ronald McDonald House, Medical & Construction Missions, and Christmas for needy families. We welcome anyone who wants a caring and supportive "small group", with individuals who are only a phone call away when you need someone to talk to.

Journey Class

The Journey SS class has been meeting for just over a decade starting as the 'young adult' class and adding new members and building new friendships along the way. We meet in a round table format with class members signing up to share teaching responsibilities. We've studied books on bible history, marriage and discipleship in the past and currently study and discuss recent headlines through a Christian lens.

Members from this class participate in UMM, UMW, Salkehatchie, Children and Youth Ministries, Lifesong worship team and more. We try to have social events once a quarter including family lake days, Oyster Roasts and Christmas party. We meet in Rm 205 in the upstairs of the Asbury Building. We welcome any new members to come by and meet our class!

Wesley Class

The Wesley Sunday School Class is composed of members in their 40's and 50's, both married and single, with children and without children. We are active in other areas at Grace and some of our members and spouses rotate teaching other classes. Our lessons are taught by class volunteers and center on Bible topics and characters. Discussion follows the lesson with an emphasis on applying the truth of Scripture in our daily lives. We welcome visitors of all ages who are seeking to grow in their faith and enjoy a smaller setting.

Roundtable Class

The Roundtable Class selects lessons from a variety of contemporary publications that have Christian growth as their theme. This class of older adults is composed of singles and couples. Class attendance averages 10 people. Members participate in all phases of church life. The food drive for the Community Ministry has been a long-time project and is well supported. Our logo, or class emblem, was designed by a class member and truly represents this class. The emblem is symbolic of our Christian faith and the values of the Roundtable class. The circle of the table signifies the unbroken friendship and support we give one another. It also indicates that our class enjoys fellowship and discussions in which everyone participates. The crown symbolizes Christ as the ruler of our lives. The dove represents the Holy Spirit, and the Bible is the beginning of all our understanding. The open door symbolizes Christ's invitation to all and our own openness to new people and fresh ideas. The fish in the center represents the *Trinity—the basis of our Christian faith. New members are welcome!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace's History/Archives Committee is seeking any photos, artifacts or stories from the July 17, 1983 sanctuary fire. Contact is Bruce Wilson at 803-215-1684.

There will be a special program at 9:45 on Sunday, January 13th, in the Wesley Center featuring a taped interview between then senior minister and associate minister Dr. John M. Younginer and Jerry W. Henry about how God brought us through this difficult period in the life of Grace Church.

The joint Adult Sunday School Classes participation in the "Stuff the Bus" campaign/challenge resulted in the Sunday School Classes donating \$21,325 toward this much needed bus for our Church family. Thank all of you for your support of this project.