



JUST AS NO TWO SNOWFLAKES ARE EXACTLY ALIKE, SO TOO ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AT RRCB, A DIVERSE GROUP.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR APPRECIATION DINNER

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DR. TOM GRAVES

SHEPHARD – HOLLAND BIBLE STUDY CLASS

SOME HAVE DIVINITY DEGREES



REV. DON POWELL

FELLOWSHIP CLASS

SOME ARE ORDAINED MINISTERS

FRED ANDERSON

FRIENDSHIP CLASS

SOME ARE LIFELONG BAPTISTS





KEN LANTZ

LIFE CLASS

SOME COME FROM OTHER FAITH TRADITIONS



BILL THURSTON

NEW HORIZONS CLASS

SOME TEACH EVERY SUNDAY



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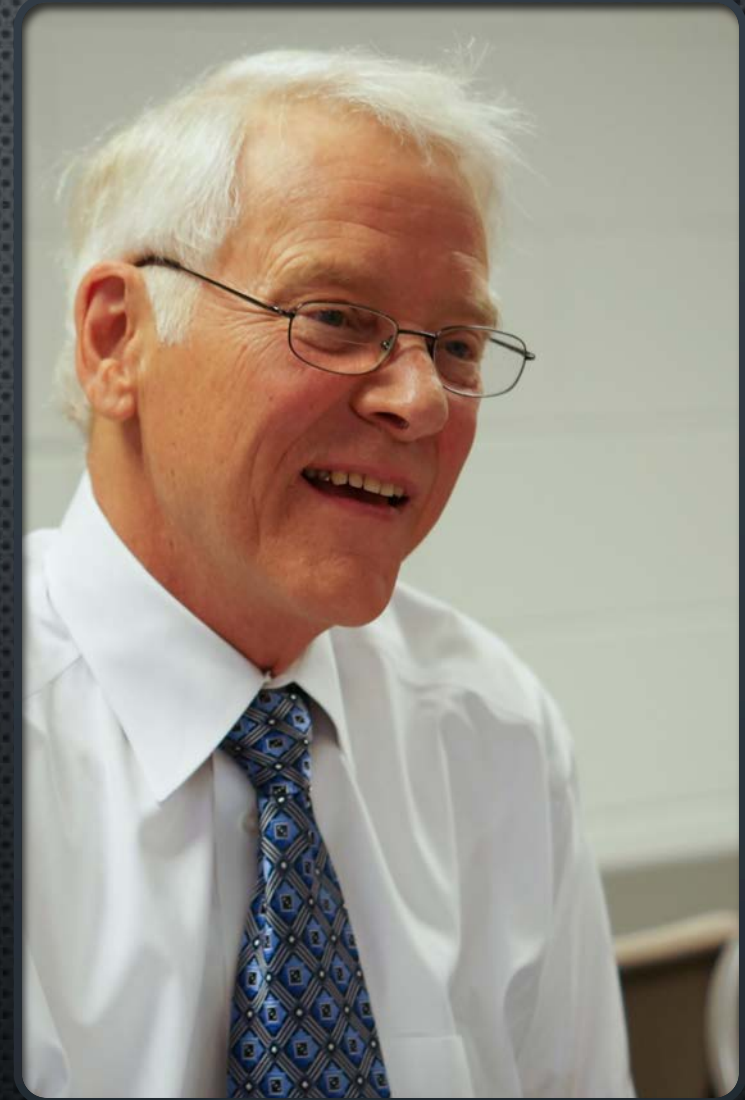
LIFE CLASS

SOME TEACH EVERY OTHER SUNDAY

FRANK KENDALL

DISCOVERY CLASS

OTHERS ARE FEATURED GUEST TEACHERS





EMILY TUCK

FRIENDSHIP CLASS

SOME TEACH TO A ROOM-FULL EACH WEEK



GENE DAMON

FELLOWSHIP CLASS

OTHERS TEACH THE "FAITHFUL FEW"



ED PRUDEN

ROBERT SMART CLASS

SOME TEACH FOLKS YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE THEIR CHILDREN



MARTHA LOU GREEN

FRIENDSHIP CLASS

OTHERS TEACH THEIR PEERS

ROSE BROWNING

FAITHWALK CLASS

SOME CLASSES LEARN THROUGH
COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS



GREETERS

SOME TEACH WITH A SMILE AND A HANDSHAKE

SID HAYS & DAN BAGBY



AMY HUBBARD



ROB JAMES

SHEPHERD-HOLLAND BIBLE STUDY
CLASS

**BUT ALL HAVE ONE THING IN
COMMON: THEY LOVE WHAT THEY DO!**





DEB AND BILL GRAY

HIGH SCHOOL

"MR. & MRS. GRAY ALWAYS OFFERED WARM SMILES AND HUGS FOR EACH PERSON AT SUNDAY SCHOOL... I FELT CLOSER TO GOD WHENEVER I WAS NEAR THEM." - MEG



BRYN & NATHAN TAYLOR

HIGH SCHOOL

BRYN AND NATHAN HAVE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB OF TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS YEAR. THEY ENCOURAGE US TO SHARE OUR STORIES AND FEELINGS, AND ALWAYS CAN MAKE US UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES THROUGH STORIES OF THEIR OWN. - ELIZABETH

MATT AND LESLIE STRAW

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS

I LIKE THAT THE STRAW'S USE GAMES AND FUN ACTIVITIES | THE LESSONS TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THE PASSAGE THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON. - BEN



DIANE SHOEMAKE

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

SHE UNDERSTANDS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. SHE ENCOURAGES US TO BE THE BEST PERSON WE CAN. SHE IS HONEST AND CARES ABOUT ALL OF US. - MARTY





WENDY GRAVES

FIFTH GRADE

MRS. GRAVES: FUNNY, ALWAYS SMILING, CANDY GIVER (IT'S GOOD CANDY TOO), ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT WHAT SHE TEACHES, KEEPS UP WITH HER STUDENTS (SENDING CARDS) - MATTHEW

I THINK THAT I WILL ASK SHERIDAN AND TELL YOU WHAT SHE SAYS. THERE IS SO MUCH I CAN SAY ABOUT WENDY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS-FROM ROSEMARY TO LOGAN TO SHERIDAN THAT I CAN'T EVEN FIND THE WORDS. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN GRACIOUS AND KIND, LOVING AND GIVING OF HER TIME AND TALENTS FOR MY CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. NOTHING EVER SEEMED TO SHAKE HER OR CAUSE HER TO LOSE HER LOVING SMILE.



PADGETT SHOEMAKE

FOURTH GRADE

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING MY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER! SINCE LAST YEAR, I'VE LEARNED A LOT MORE ABOUT JESUS AND HIS PARABLES (STORIES). YOU ARE KIND, SWEET, FUNNY, AND SMART. I AM SO LUCKY THAT YOU ARE MY TEACHER!
— RILEY

FRIENDLY, CARING — ELLIE & ELISABETH

ALWAYS HELPS US IF WE ARE STUMPED — ALEX

SHE SHARES JOKES AND HELPS ME FIND MY BIBLE EACH SUNDAY MORNING. — JUSTIN

THEY ARE VERY POSITIVE AND THEY MAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN.
— MOLLIE

SHARON SEWARD

THIRD GRADE

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR PADGETT AND SHARON'S EFFORTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE BOYS CAN PROVIDE SOME UNIQUE CHALLENGES BUT WE LOVE THAT THEY ARE WITH SUCH CARING LEADERS. PADGETT AND SHARON DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB OF TEACHING THIS GROUP OF GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM AND SHOWING THEM GOD'S LOVE. — EMILY & BUDDY

THIS YEAR YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT GOD, JESUS, THE BIBLE, AND THE DISCIPLES. JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, YOU ARE NICE, LOVING, FUNNY, AND KNOW A LOT ABOUT JESUS AND GOD. YOU ARE AN AMAZING TEACHER! — RILEY

CALM, ENERGETIC — ELLIE & ELISABETH

SHE MAKES FUN LESSONS — ALEX

I LIKE THAT MY TEACHERS LIKE IT WHEN I AM THERE. THEY SAY THEY MISS ME WHEN I DO NOT COME. THEY ARE NICE. — MILLIE

SHE IS VERY NICE AND HAS A HIGH PATIENCE LEVEL. — JUSTIN



MARGE RUSHER

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE

I LOVE MRS. RUSHER, SHE IS KIND AND THE BEST PART OF SUNDAY SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR BEING THE BEST TEACHER EVER! – ADDIE

MRS. RUSHER IS SO NICE AND KIND. THANK YOU FOR BEING MY TEACHER. – TATUM

HAPPY, KIND, GAME MAKER, ALWAYS SMILING
SHE TELLS STORIES.



FRED & MAXINE REDFORD

FRED: HE IS FUN AND JOKES AROUND WITH US.

MAXINE: SHE IS NICE AND KIND AND HELPS ME
FINISH MY WORK.

GOOD WITH CRAFTS, KIND, ALWAYS SMILING





LESLIE CRENSHAW

PRESCHOOL

IT HAS BEEN SO WONDERFUL HAVING MRS. CRENSHAW AS OLIVER'S TEACHER IN THE NURSERY THIS YEAR. SHE IS SO CALM AND STEADY AND IS GREAT WITH ALL THE KIDS. SHE ENCOURAGES THEM IN THEIR PLAY AND GIVES THEM A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO GROW. WE WILL CERTAINLY MISS HER NEXT YEAR!

LESLIE IS AMAZING! SHE IS REALLY ABLE TO RELATE TO CHILDREN AND IS ABLE TO CALM DOWN ANY CHILD. SHE REMEMBERS EACH CHILD AND WHAT THEY LIKE AND DON'T LIKE. WHEN I ASK ADELINE WHO HER TEACHER IS THE ONLY NAME SHE SAYS IS "CRENSHAW" EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS TWO OTHER TEACHERS AT PRESCHOOL DURING THE WEEK. LESLIE IS ALSO GREAT FOR ADVICE - SHE'S GIVEN ME SOME GREAT IDEAS ON FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH ADELINE (AND JAY) AND WAYS TO ADDRESS DIFFERENT BEHAVIORS. WE HAVE BEEN SO LUCKY TO HAVE HER IN THE NURSERY THIS YEAR!

ANN HAYS

PRESCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME STORIES ABOUT JESUS. YOU ARE SO NICE TO ME. LOVE, JACKSON

SHE'S NICE. I LIKE GOING TO THE SANCTUARY ON HER CARPET AND LIGHTING THE CANDLE. — MARY

WE FEEL SO BLESSED THAT MARY HAS HAD THE "MRS. HAYS KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL" EXPERIENCE. SHE IS TRULY GIFTED AT TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN ABOUT OUR FAITH. SHE IS PATIENT, KIND, AND LOVING. WE WILL MISS HER, BUT WE WISH HER WELL ON HER NEXT ADVENTURE!

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE WARM, CARING ENVIRONMENT AND THOUGHTFUL TEACHING THAT ANN HAS PROVIDED FOR MANY YEARS AND FOR THIS LAST YEAR IN PARTICULAR FOR OUR SON, WILL. IT TAKES A SPECIAL PERSON TO UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE DYNAMICS OF TEACHING KINDERGARTENERS, AND MRS. HAYS IS AN EXCEPTIONAL TEACHER AS OUR RIVER ROAD CHILDREN MOVE FROM PRESCHOOL TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HER GENTLE PRESENCE AND FAITHFUL PREPARATION FOR EACH WEEK HELPED TO MAKE WILL FEEL VERY WELCOME IN THIS IMPORTANT TRANSITION IN HIS LIFE AND STRENGTHENED HIS FAITH FOUNDATION FOR MANY YEARS AHEAD. — BRYN & NATHAN





AMY MATNEY & PEGGY STEVENS

PRESCHOOL

PEGGY IS SO CARING WITH THE CHILDREN. SHE ENGAGES THEM WITH PUZZLES, AND PLAYS WITH THEM EVERY WEEK DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.

AMY IS WONDERFUL AND SO LOVING WITH THE CHILDREN.

BETSY LOWERY

PRESCHOOL

I LOVE THAT SHE DOES THINGS WITH ME. SHE'S THE BEST TEACHER EVER, I LOVE HER. — LYNDA

BETSY WELCOMED LYNDA WITH OPEN ARMS INTO HER CLASS AND IMMEDIATELY MADE HER FEEL LOVED. AS HER PARENTS, WE APPRECIATE THAT LYNDA WILL HAVE THE CONSISTENCY OF SEEING BETSY EACH SUNDAY. SHE IS A NATURAL TEACHER THAT OBVIOUSLY CARES ABOUT EACH CHILD INDIVIDUALLY. SHE ALSO CONVEYS THE MESSAGES OF THE BIBLE IN AN AGE-APPROPRIATE WAY AND MAKES THE CLASS FUN. BETSY IS ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE LYNDA, AND LYNDA CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER EACH WEEK!

LOWRY INFORMED ME THAT SHE NEEDED TO SEE MRS. LOWERY BECAUSE SHE WAS THE BEST BIG GIRL TEACHER AND LOWRY WAS NO LONGER A BABY. BETSY HAS ALWAYS BEEN KIND AND LOVING TO MY LITTLE ONE-OFFERING SUGGESTIONS WHERE NEEDED WITH KINDNESS AND A SMILE.

I LIKE HER LESSONS AND I LOVE WHEN SHE LETS US EAT A SNACK. I LOVE YOU MRS. LOWERY. — OWEN

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE MRS. LOWERY AS OWENS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER THIS YEAR. SHE IS SO NURTURING AND REALLY GETS THE KIDS TO THINK. I KNOW HER LESSONS HAVE MADE AN IMPACT BECAUSE OWEN OFTEN ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS AND GOD DURING THE WEEK.

SHE'S GOOD AT READING STORIES. — LIBBY

WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT BOTH OF OUR CHILDREN HAVE HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF LEARNING FROM MRS. LOWERY. SHE LOVES OUR KIDS LIKE THEY'RE HER OWN. SHE'S PATIENT, KIND, AND HAS A HEART FOR TEACHING ABOUT OUR FAITH. THANK YOU, MRS. LOWERY!

I ASKED JAY WHAT HE LOVES ABOUT MRS. LOWERY AND HE SAID, "CARS!" BETSY ALWAYS WORKS TO FIND TOYS AND GAMES THAT EACH CHILD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN - SHE'LL GO FIND SPECIAL DOLLS FOR THE GIRLS, SHE'LL BRING GAMES FROM HOME THAT HER GRANDCHILDREN ENJOY, IF SHE KNOWS ONE OF THE CHILDREN LIKE SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR, IF THAT CHILD COMES TO CHURCH SHE'LL GO FIND THAT TOY OR ART SUPPLY. SHE IS SO THOUGHTFUL AND REALLY WORKS HARD TO ENGAGE EACH CHILD. SHE ALSO DEVOTES A LOT OF TIME TO PLANNING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. THE WAY SHE TEACHES REALLY BRINGS THE BIBLE STORIES TO LIFE - JAY HAS DEFINITELY LEARNED A LOT FROM HER!

I LOVE MRS. LOWERY BECAUSE SHE IS A GOOD TEACHER AND SHE LETS ME PLAY WITH MY FRIENDS.



Thank
you

