

Who's Who? **At H.E.L.P. for 2009-2010**

Dr. Andy Blauch will share his love for science and mathematics with our middle and high school students this year at H.E.L.P. His past experience includes nine years of teaching college-level mathematics, physics, computer science, and engineering. Presently, he is an Associate Professor at Charleston Southern University. His wealth of knowledge and passion for his field will bless all who enter his classroom. This fall, you'll want to check out the times for Dr. Blauch's classes which include 8th grade Physical Science (Apologia) and high school Algebra 1 (Saxon) and Geometry (Teaching Textbooks).

H.E.L.P. is thrilled to welcome **Mrs. Julie Chase** to our staff. Mrs. Chase graduated from the College of Charleston in 1998 with her degree in education. After teaching 4th and 5th grades for eight years with Charleston County School District, the Lord led her to direct and own a local LearningRx center here in the Charleston area (www.learningrx.com). Mrs. Chase will be using her education and experience to unlock logic and reasoning skills in the minds of our 3rd – 6th graders during her Brain MAX class this fall.

Mrs. Anita Kelly Couch is a familiar face on our H.E.L.P campus. Mrs. Couch has blessed our homeschool students the last four years with her history and worldview classes. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Speech/Drama and Secondary Education from Winthrop University. She is currently earning a certificate of Christian Apologetics from Southern Evangelical Seminary. Mrs. Couch is known for teaching from the heart, sharing her passion of instilling biblical principles in our young people today. Mrs. Couch is teaching all of the worldview classes next year at H.E.L.P. – Middle School Worldview, Worldview 1, and Worldview 2.

Mrs. Amy Fleming will also be joining us in the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Fleming has her Bachelor of Arts in Education and has taught in inner-city schools, as well as private schools for three years. She will share her passion for literature with our children in her Storytime Read A Loud class (no text) for kindergarten through 2nd grade. Mrs. Fleming has also found a way to incorporate literature with novels into her world geography and culture class for 7th and 8th grade students. In addition, the class will be using a BJU World Studies text and A Beka Maps. Your middle school student will enjoy this literature-based immersion into the study of God's world!

Mrs. Shelbi Gladwell has been a part of our H.E.L.P. staff for the last three years. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the College of Charleston, Mrs. Gladwell taught in Charleston County school district for eight years prior to her time at H.E.L.P. She has successfully led our foreign language students with her Spanish classes for all ages. Next year, she will be offering Spanish through her Elementary (no text), Middle School (no text), and High School level Spanish 1 and 2 (Abeka) classes. She will also be teaching

Algebra 1 (Saxon) to our high school students and the science portion of the integrated studies classes to our 1st – 6th graders (TBD).

Good news! **Mrs. Rhonda Gibson**, the Imagine That! Drama owner/operator, will be coming to H.E.L.P. Mrs. Gibson's early childhood education degree from Riverside City College in California has certainly guided her in her work with children through the years. Locally, she has written and directed programs for Second Presbyterian kindergarten classes, Woodland Players, and Cathedral of Praise Church children's program. Mrs. Gibson will lead our 3rd – 5th graders in moving, role-playing, writing, directing, and even producing during her Wednesday drama class (no text). Just imagine your child exploring the art of expression through drama next year.

Two teachers who have played a major role in our H.E.L.P. classes for many years are Mr. Jim Giles and Mrs. Elizabeth Giles (husband/wife team).

Mr. Jim Giles earned his Bachelor of Science from Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii and his Masters at the Citadel. Locally, he enjoyed teaching at both Burke High School and Stratford High School before his retirement. After returning to the classroom at James Island Christian School, the Lord led him to our H.E.L.P. staff. With his past experience as adjunct professors at Baptist College, Trident Tech, City College of Chicago, and Limestone College and most importantly, home school parent, he certainly is qualified to teach our high school students. Next year, you'll find him in our high school Physical Science class (BJU).

Mrs. Elizabeth Giles graduated from Baptist College (currently Charleston Southern University) with her Bachelor of Science degree. After teaching at College Park Middle School and the Diocese of Charleston, she left the classroom to home school her own daughter for eight and one-half years. She has been on the H.E.L.P. staff for seven years, helping our students build a firm foundation in their grammar and writing skills. Mrs. Giles will continue to teach our students with her classes in English 7, English 8, English 9, and English 10 (Abeka) and World Geography (Prentice Hall) for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mrs. Naomi Hardin, a graduate of East Carolina University, has been playing piano for over thirty-five years. Mrs. Hardin, a pastor's wife and homeschool mother, has served as an accompanist in worship services, funerals, weddings, and school functions. She has been offering private piano lessons for the last nine years. Mrs. Hardin will continue to share her love for piano with our H.E.L.P. 2nd – 12th graders with private piano instruction for the upcoming school year.

Another new addition to the H.E.L.P. science team of teachers is **Mrs. Joan Ilagan**. Mrs. Ilagan's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Zoology/Pre-Veterinary Medicine and a Master of Arts in Teaching from the Citadel. She's taught in Dorchester District 2 for five years in the areas of biology and chemistry, where she helped to design the Scope & Sequence/Pacing Guides for

Summerville High School. Presently, Mrs. Ilagan is a homeschool mother, teaching her three elementary-age daughters. H.E.L.P. is excited to add someone with her experience to our partnership staff. You'll need to register early for her 7th/8th grade General Science lab (Apologia) and high school Biology (BJU) and Marine Biology (Apologia) labs; they're sure to fill up fast!

For the past three years, we have seen **Kathy Iler's** face on our H.E.L.P. campus. Mrs. Iler has taught classes in Computer Applications, Keyboarding, and Web Design, alongside homeschooling for the past ten years. As an Information Systems Specialist for over nineteen years, she consults and manages all aspects of office computer systems which also include data management, forms development, and provides training in a variety of software applications. She is knowledgeable in Macintosh, Windows and Linux operating system platforms. Next year, Mrs. Iler will be offering Computer Applications 1 for PC or Mac as an independent study credit for our high school students.

Mrs. Joanne Janus fell in love with the piano as a toddler when her family found her asleep on top of the family's old upright. Mrs. Janus' piano lessons began at the age of eight and continued with private music training through college. She has accompanied the church youth choir since her teenage days and currently is the pianist/organist at Church Creek Presbyterian Church in Charleston. A homeschool mom for many years, Mrs. Janus, has been using her experience to teach private piano lessons at our learning partnership. She will continue to offer piano instruction for grades 2-12 during the 2009-2010 school year.

We are excited that **Mrs. Jane Moeller** will be offering her writing classes at both West Ashley and Summerville H.E.L.P. campuses for the 2009-2010 school year. With a Bachelor of Science in nursing in 1984 (Winona State University), Mrs. Moeller is also a BLS instructor for the American Heart Association and has offered health classes at H.E.L.P. in the past. Her experience as a home educator for twelve years has led her to partner with homeschool parents for the last five years. Her knowledge of the Institute of Excellence of Writing program (IEW) has provided foundational writing classes for our students for many years. Next year, Mrs. Moeller will be offering IEW classes for 3rd, 4th, 5th-6th, and 7th graders.

Mrs. Kim Pajaro has been a homeschool mother for 13 years. Even with her busy schedule, she is currently seeking to earn her own degree from Trident Technical College. Mrs. Pajaro is known for her thorough and organized teaching style. Through the years at H.E.L.P., she has taught many subjects, including history, PE, drama, home economics, life skills, and consumer math. Next year, Mrs. Pajaro will be teaching the history portion to our 1st – 6th grade students in the integrated studies classes (Mystery of History, Volume 1). You'll also find Mrs. Pajaro in the gym with our 1st – 6th grade PE classes (no text). Our high school students will enjoy Mrs. Pajaro's classes in Consumer Math (Abeka), and Life Skills (TBD).

Mrs. Maryann Palmgren graduated from the University of South Carolina with her Bachelor of Science in Art Education with a certification to teach kindergarten through 12th grade. After five years of teaching in public high school, the Lord called her to homeschool her children. She has been a part of the H.E.L.P. staff for seven years, providing classes in art and American Sign Language. Mrs. Palmgren has studied ASL for twelve years, seven of those as a church interpreter. Your child will certainly love learning ASL through worship in Mrs. Palmgren's class this fall (grades 1-12). She'll also be offering the Art portion of the integrated Studies on both campuses and Advanced Art to 7th-12th graders (see prerequisite on course description).

If you have a desire to foster the musical skills of your elementary child, then **Mrs. English Preston's** class is the place to be! Mrs. Preston will be teaching chorus classes for kindergarten – 2nd grade and 3rd – 5th grade (no text) at H.E.L.P. this fall. With over ten years of private vocal training in the classics, opera, and musical theater, she has sung with numerous local choirs including the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Choir. Mrs. Preston's love for music has led her to many opportunities to teach children through the years at Citadel Square Baptist Church and East Cooper Baptist Church. We are excited to have someone with such a passion for children in our midst.

Mrs. Katrina Reeves comes to our English department this year with a wealth of education and experience! With a Bachelor of Arts in English from the College of Charleston and a Master of Arts in English from The Citadel, we know Mrs. Reeves will be an asset to our staff. Mrs. Reeves' classroom experience with high school English courses has indeed prepared her for 11th and 12th grade classes at H.E.L.P. Recently, she has worked as a freelance writer/editor while still homeschooling her four children. Mrs. Reeves will be teaching our upper-high school English classes (BJU) and 10th grade World History (A Beka).

Mrs. Cheryl Scarberry graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of West Florida. She has taught and tutored children over the years as she stayed home with her own children. She comes to H.E.L.P. having taught kindergarten for the past 3 years in a Christian school. Her students adore her. She genuinely enjoys playing a part in developing those foundational reading and math skills. She inspires children to learn. She will be teaching Language and Math for K5, 1st and 2nd grades as well as the science portion of the Integrated Studies on our Summerville campus.

Mr. Ryan Thompson brings years of musical experience to our H.E.L.P. staff. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Furman University and a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has been involved in private and ensemble music instruction for fifteen years in many venues: public schools, private schools, colleges, and H.E.L.P. classes Mr. Thompson will be offering a beginner guitar class and private guitar lessons for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Trey Truluck will also be teaching private guitar lessons at H.E.L.P. next year. Mr. Truluck has his Bachelors of Arts from the College of Charleston and has led musical worship for nine years. Teaching our students for the last four years, he has impacted many of our homeschoolers in their musical skills. Mr. Truluck's six-year experience as a guitar teacher may be just what your child needs for private guitar lessons during H.E.L.P in 2009-2010.

Mrs. Rainee Wilson received her degree in Bachelor of Arts in Music Education in 1986 from Limestone College. Mrs. Wilson has taught band at Bishop England High School, several parochial elementary schools in the Charleston area, and a public school in Orangeburg County. After marriage, she continued to substitute until the birth of her son. She has stayed home with him and has provided his home education for nine years. Mrs. Wilson returned to the classroom last year as a H.E.L.P teacher. You'll find her sharing her love for music with 1st through 5th graders in her Introduction to Music class this fall, also. The children will be learning to play the recorder, as well as learning about beginner's music theory, reading notes, and major composers.