

Who's Who?
At H.E.L.P. for 2010-2011

Maralee S. Barela has been with the **Leonard School of Music** since 2003, teaching band classes, sectionals, and private lessons. She also serves as assistant director of the school, coordinating concerts, events, and activities for the students. She is an award winning musician. Mrs. Barela received her BA in Instrumental Music Education with an emphasis in Piano Performance from Charleston Southern University in May 2009. H.E.L.P. has partnered with Leonard School of Music to provide Beginner Band to homeschoolers on both campuses.

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 Dr. Blauch is **available to tutor students in Science and Math** on the Summerville campus.

Marcia Cassell returns to our staff teaching **English 11** and a creative writing course, **Writing Across the Curriculum**. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Vanderbilt University, a Masters degree from University of Tennessee, and a PhD. from the University of South Carolina in English. She has served as the English Department chair at Virginia Intermont College as well as the faculty president. She was in the Who's Who in College Teaching. She holds conference presentations on Environmental studies, student writing, and experiential learning. She has over 30 years experience in both the high school and college levels. Dr. Cassell has done an excellent job in preparing our students for college writing.

Mrs. Julie Chase joined us in the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Chase graduated from the College of Charleston in 1998 with her degree in education. She taught 4th and 5th grades for eight years with Charleston County School District. 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, Math Manipulative class for 2nd-3rd grades and 4th-5th grades** this fall. She is also a learning Rx trainer with five years of experience. Mrs. Chase will make Math come to life for your student.

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 **Worldview for 4th and 5th as well as 6th – highschool** on our West Ashley campus.

Bonnie Fischle is new to the teaching staff at H.E.L.P. She holds a Masters degree from Boston University in Education. She taught at both the Perkins School for the Blind and Florida School for the Deaf and Blind for over 37 years. She has been a cutting edge educator to the deaf and blind community and has been awarded Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Fischle has also served over 37 years in Music Ministry with her late husband. She has traveled all over the world. At our Summerville campus, she will be teaching the **literature** that compliments the American History classes her daughter, Amy Fleming, teaches.

Mrs. Amy Fleming joined 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 before she started homeschooling her two children. She will share her passion for History as she teaches **American History grades 1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7**. Mrs. Fleming incorporates historical novels and hands on projects into her classes to make History come alive.

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, Middle School, and High School level Spanish 1 and 2 (Abeka) classes**. She will also be teaching **Pre-Algebra and Algebra 1 (Saxon)** to our high school students and the **Science for 1st- 4th graders**.

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 students in moving, role-playing, writing, directing, and even producing during her Tuesday and Wednesday drama classes. 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, Limestone College and, most importantly, a home school parent himself, he certainly is qualified to teach our high school students. Next year, you'll find him teaching **9th grade Physical Science, Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus** as well as **Physics**.

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 homeschool 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 **Grammar for 5th and 6th graders, English 7, English 8, English 9, and English 10 (Abeka) and World Geography (Prentice Hall)** for the 2010 -2011 school year.

Miss Elise Giles graduates as a vocal music major at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina. A native of Charleston, SC, Elise has performed with the Charleston Children's Choir. Elise recorded and toured in Ireland with the Spirit Singers, the United Methodist Conference Youth Choir. She graduated from SOA in 2006 as a classical piano major, Elise went on to Presbyterian College as a Fuqua Scholarship finalist. While attending Presbyterian College, Elise has toured England and the southern states with the Presbyterian College Choir, and in 2007, Elise appeared with the PC choir and Augusta Symphony Chorus singing Beethoven's 9th Symphony. During the summer of 2009, Elise successfully served as musical director for Flowertown Players in Summerville, South Carolina. She directed, arranged, conducted, and taught a cast (14 y.o. to 65 y.o) for the production of Sweet Charity. Miss Giles will be teaching **Chorus grades 6-12.**

We are thrilled to see **Chelsea Gour** as a returning face to H.E.L.P. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and has been certified from pre-K to 8th grade. She has taught in the public school system for five years and has homeschooled for eight. She will be teaching **Character First**, a program that inspires students to develop Godly character, at our West Ashley campus. She will also be teaching **Science to our 6th graders**. Her love for Science and for children is evident to all.

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. In addition, Mrs. Hardin will be on our West Ashley campus reading aloud to our children in the **Literature for American History** class that compliments our American History classes for 1st-4th graders.

For the past four 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 workshops** throughout the year for a variety of age groups.

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 2010-2011 school year.

Whitney Kriewaldt returns to H.E.L.P. this year teaching **Character First** and **Physical Education**. She has been working for 2 1/2 years in public schools, teaching the Gospel through Child Evangelism Fellowship. She has a deep calling to inspire children to love the Lord. She has homeschooled for over 16 years.

Julie Martin joins us at H.E.L.P. to teach Vocal Music. She holds a B.S. degree from *Baylor University* where she performed with the university's A Capella Choir. While serving as a missionary with the *International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention*, she was an instructor of vocal music at the *Alfredo Colom Music Academy* in Guatemala City, Guatemala. She sang at the National Theater in Guatemala City and on Guatemalan national television. Mrs. Martin will be teaching **private voice lessons**.

Mrs. Jane Moeller will be offering her writing classes at West Ashley campus for the 2010-2011 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** as well as **Science for 5th graders**.

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 since the beginning, 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 for grades 1-8 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** at H.E.L.P. again 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 With a Bachelor of Arts in English from the College of Charleston and a Master of Arts in English from The Citadel, Mrs. Reeves has been an asset to our staff. Recently, she has worked as a freelance writer/editor while still homeschooling her four children. Mrs. Reeves will be teaching **South Carolina History** and **10th grade World History (A Beka)**.

Kelly Truluck returns to our staff teaching both **Chemistry and General Science**. She graduated from NC State University with degrees in Chemical Engineering and Textile Chemistry. She has worked in industry for ten years as a process engineer. She is also the mom of two adorable children.

Mr. Trey Truluck will 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 five years, he has impacted many of our homeschoolers in their musical skills. Mr. Truluck's seven-year experience as a guitar teacher may be just what your child needs for **private guitar lessons** during H.E.L.P in 2010-2011.

Suzy Vaile returns to HELP for a third year teaching **Cooking**. She has thoroughly enjoyed training kids in the kitchen, helping them learn to prepare and cook delicious food that they can make at home for their families. She is also a Learning Rx trainer. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the College of Charleston. She has homeschooled for over 8 years!