

## ***FIT Mourns the Loss of Ted Gaines, Awards Distinguished Service Award***

Ted Gaines, FIT Board Member for the past four years, passed away recently. Ted was one of the most active facilitators we have ever had. He regularly and faithfully traveled great distances to minister to prisoners. At one point he even facilitated a class of just one inmate, impressing the prison staff. Ted was trained by Don Pratt in Bradenton, FL in 2012 and was the leading facilitator in the DeSoto and Charlotte Correctional Institutions in the Florida state prison system. He was also influential in mentoring and ministering with Joseph Johnsick, a fellow FIT board member.



Recognizing his outstanding service, the Executive Board of Family Integrity Training has awarded the **DON BATTERMAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** to Ted Gaines. Ted led 51 sessions and taught every course offered by FIT. He facilitated 22 courses at DeSoto Correctional Institution in Arcadia, FL, 27 at Charlotte Correctional at Punta Gorda, FL and 2 at the county jail in Fort Myers. He is only the second person to have received this special award.

## ***Follow Up from FIT Training in May***

I started the Changing Your Heart Curriculum Monday, June 4th with the Female Life Skills Class. There were nine ladies in attendance, all really enjoyed the curriculum. We completed Lesson 1 and used Andrew's Scenario. It seemed as though they put themselves in the place of the probation officer and understood the officer's frustration with Andrew not following through with the budget and purchasing the smart phone (even though it was used). This was a great example since a good percentage will return to probation once released. We had two students share their situation and then apply the ABCD Model and this went great! They all seemed really focused, and seemed really excited to get to Lesson 2 next week.

***Michelle Miller, Alachua County Jail, Gainesville, FL***

This is sooooo exciting. I am so hopeful we are going to change our community one life and one family at a time. You are awesome, Michelle! God bless!

***Katherine Gratto, Sira Pregnancy Center, Gainesville, FL***

I'm so blessed to hear so much healing, understanding, insight, excitement, and positive change in our community and ministries! Randy and I too, love FIT's curriculum. We're facilitating the Dating and Marriage in the prison right now. The fruit that comes out of these courses with our groups are priceless!

***Nicole E Dyson, CNC, The Jesus Infusion, thejesusinfusion.org***

Good Morning, I would like to report the success of today's lesson involving Parenting with the males at ASO-DOJ. During group today I was simply astonished at how the group lead itself with each discussion question. It was beautiful to see how each question caused each individual to completely open up, and share what is inside their heart without hesitation along with others providing wisdom to each other.

***Takeveia Martin, Alachua County Sheriff's Office***



Tucked away in the Great Smoky mountains is the town of **SILVA, NORTH CAROLINA**. While this town is a typical mountain town, Life Challenge, a recovery home for women in Sylva, is anything but typical. Most residents of Life Challenge join the year-long recovery program voluntarily.

They choose to separate themselves from all influences that created problems for them in order to be singularly focused on the Word of God and learning to live a clean, substance free life style. Their days are filled with various Bible classes and life skill classes. A perfect setting for Family Integrity classes.

Each time I teach a class there , my heart is blessed to see the spiritual growth of these women. When they arrive they are unsure and hesitant but as they study God's Word and learn to apply it to their lives, they mature right before your eyes.

Life Challenge is another example of the benefit of Family Integrity training curriculum in helping to change lives - Helen Campbell. Helen Campbell is a FIT Facilitator, Board Member, and Certified Facilitator Trainer.

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**NEXT LEADER TRAINING: SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, IN BRADENTON, FL.**

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One way to help is to collect the books and reuse them for several classes. Some of our institutions are already doing this. The emphasis of all the courses is on verbal interaction under the guidance of facilitators. Course worksheets and other instructional aids are available online.

Another way is to make a donation to FIT. This can be done online at [www.familyintegrity.org](http://www.familyintegrity.org) by clicking on "Donate Now". You will then have the option of making either a one-time or monthly contribution. A monthly commitment is especially appreciated as it helps us plan for the extent of services we can provide. FIT uses a secure payment-processing company to take payments. We do not receive or store your credit card information.