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Inmate Graduation at Blackwater River Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility, Milton, FL

## A Description of the Program at BWRCF by Bonnie Perkins

T4C Geogroup Facilitator and FIT Certified Facilitator

The FIT program at Blackwater River Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility is thriving. We recently celebrated the “retirement” of two dedicated volunteers, Mrs. Belinda Jo Roy and Brother James Sledge. They volunteered at Blackwater for 2 ½ years and will be dearly missed by all of us in the FIT program. Miss Belinda trained our five inmate facilitators earlier this year: Lavander Barkley, Henry DuHart, Michael Griffin, Buddy McNease, and Jessie Nelson. They are investing in other inmates’ lives and attempting to raise up Christian leaders in this facility. God is making a huge impact at this facility and using us as his hands, feet, voices, and hearts.



Many inmates have completed several of the FIT classes recently: two Anger Dynamics, Insight, Change of Heart, and Practical Parenting. We currently have classes in progress: Coping with Loss, Financial Success, and Practical Parenting, and we will begin additional classes soon: Insight, Anger Dynamics, and Practical Parenting.

Several of our inmate facilitators have shared their thoughts about the program:

# Inmates Teaching Inmates through our Peer Facilitator Program



## Inmates

- Complete the 100 hour program
- Receive Leader Training
- Get Prison Approval
- Get Approval from the FIT Board

Inmate "Peer Facilitators" Trained at BWRCF by Certified Trainer Belinda Roy

**“We acknowledge the service so well and long offered to the Lord by James Sledge and Belinda Roy as they finish their service to Blackwater River Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility. They made it possible to go from one class to six classes because of their teaching ability and their legacy. Well done good and faithful servants.” Michael Griffin, peer facilitator**

**“What has F.I.T. done and meant for me? F.I.T. has and still is a course of healing and direction. It has helped me to see more clearly God’s direction and love for me. Now that I have been blessed to help facilitate some of these classes, the program is still teaching and showing me fresh perspective of God’s life for me and others. When I see other men open their hearts for healing and find peace from old hurts, it brings joy and appreciation that cannot be explained. Thank you for sharing and allowing me to share F.I.T. with others. Your brother in Christ.” Buddy McNease, peer facilitator**

**“The FIT program has been the most life changing program that I’ve been a part of in prison. I began the FIT program in 2011 at Okaloosa Correctional Institution and completed the 100-hour curriculum while there. Then in 2016 at BRFC I participated in the FIT program and completed the 100-hour curriculum again. In 2018, I became trained as a FIT facilitator. This program has been a blessing to me and brought me out of a very dark place in my life. I believe that is because the FIT program deals with life issues through the Scriptures. I will continue to pray and support this ministry. Please continue to raise up men and women bringing them out of bondage and into the freedom of Jesus’ love, being a beacon of light and hope in a dark world. God bless and thank you. In His love.” Jessie Nelson, peer facilitator**

## **Response to last email appeal low, but you can still help.**

We sent out a special email appeal last week asking everyone to consider giving at least \$10/month through our website at [familyintegrity.org](http://familyintegrity.org). Only two people responded and they were both board members! (many of our board members already give). Please consider giving in our November 27 fundraiser. We may have to cut services if we do not get a better response by the end of the year.