

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE TEAM

sponsored by the
Special Needs Ministry Team
Spring Hill Baptist Church

The mission of the Special Needs Resource Team is to provide advice, comfort, and support to those with special needs or to their parents or caregivers. Members of the Resource Team have been personally involved with an individual or individuals with special needs or have expertise in a field that may be of interest to someone with special needs. Upon request, they have lovingly offered to share their experiences in the context of coaching, mentoring, advising, offering known contacts, and praying for those with special needs or to their parents or caregivers. Any information imparted is not intended in any way to be of a legal nature and should not substitute for consultation with an attorney if needed. Further, Members are not necessarily practicing professionals and information imparted may not substitute for professional consultation. Finally, Members of the Resource Team have agreed to talk personally with and maintain the utmost confidentiality as requested by the requesting party.

To avail themselves of the Resource Team, individuals with special needs or their parents or caregivers should review the Member qualifications below to determine who might be best suited to address their question or concern and then call the telephone number provided.

Name	Contact Information	Qualifications
Gene/Jeannie Arnold	434-973-3185 genearnold@comcast.net	Parents of a 23-year old with special needs who was in special education in the Albemarle County School system since pre-school
Gene Arnold	434-973-3185 genearnold@comcast.net	Involved with Special Olympics and Challenger (special needs) baseball for 10 plus years
Mary Buckner	434-973-7473 mary@springhillbaptist.org	Minister of Music and Women's Ministries at Spring Hill Baptist Church who lost a teenage child with special needs (Down Syndrome) – Mary is the staff person at Spring Hill who oversees the special needs ministry.
Gwen Bowles	434-962-1932 gwenbowles@comcast.net	Teacher of emotionally disturbed students at Ivy Creek School (through Piedmont Regional Education Program), experience teaching students with learning disabilities, mental retardation, and ADD/ADHD, experience in developing and reviewing IEPs and other procedures in the special education process (RETIRED)
Butch/Sheryl Pugh	434-984-4478 rvpugh@nexet.net	Parents of 131-year old son with autism who has been in special education in the Charlottesville city school system since preschool age 2 and a student at the Virginia Institute of Autism since age 4. Sheryl also worked as a teacher's aid in a self-contained classroom in Albemarle County.
Charlie/Liz Wood	434-242-4267 mawwood@aol.com	Parents of a 9-year old son with special needs who attended city schools for preschool through first grade and is being home-schooled since September 2005. Liz worked as an instructional assistant for 6 years in the city at a Title1 school serving predominately at risk children.