She’s a southern belle hailing from Selma, Alabama, born into a military family, wife of a retired U.S. Air Force pilot, and proud grandmother. She lives in Orlando, Florida, with her loving husband of 52 years. She loves the Lord, the color purple, LWML, and volunteering weekly at a local hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, where she rocks and holds premature babies as she prays for them and their family.

Who is she? Meet Peg Henderson and her husband, Ron. Peg attended the Gifts of Love interest session at the 2013 LWML Convention in Pittsburgh by accident, thinking it was Gifts from the Heart. Peg said, “We all know that God doesn’t make mistakes.” She learned Gifts of Love is another way that you can put your faith in action and return God’s blessings, really a continuum of mitre giving. Peg shared she feels God had two blessings in store for her as she attended the “wrong session.”

Peg and Ron had four sons, but their beloved son, Dale, was called home very unexpectedly a few years ago while traveling with his wife and parents. Peg and Ron knew they wanted to establish a gift in Dale’s memory but weren’t quite sure how to put something in place. After hearing the Gifts of Love presentation, Peg said she immediately knew this was an answer to their prayers: their first blessing received! Peg and Ron, with pride and joy, worked with me to set up the Dale Howard Henderson Memorial Endowment Fund with perpetual gifts to LCMS ministries for ongoing kingdom work. “This is what our son would have wanted,” Peg said. “He loved the Lord and sharing the Gospel message. What a great way to carry on his legacy of faith.”

Peg and Ron also reviewed their plan with me and decided to set up a Give It Twice Charitable Trust. This will provide gifts to their heirs over time AND gifts to ministries, including LWML. They especially liked that the Charitable Trust will reduce taxes and fees that would have been incurred in their old plan.

The other reason God planted Peg in the room that day in June 2013 was that He had plans for her to join the Gifts of Love Ministry Team and become a Gift Planning Advocate in the LWML Florida-Georgia District. Peg has a background in banking and a passion for helping people. Serving with Gifts of Love was a perfect fit for her: a second blessing received! “I saw firsthand how working with Linda, our knowledgeable and experienced LWML Gift Planning Counselor, can benefit families and ministries. I want our women to know that Linda is available to help them, too, and these services are provided FREE of charge. Why wouldn’t you want Linda to help you in your planning? She’s a professional in her field and really listens to your heart for your family and God’s ongoing work. What a double blessing!”

Peg is very active in the LWML Florida-Georgia District, speaking at society and zone events to raise up awareness of how Gifts of Love can help you while also organizing small group meetings for LWML gals and their spouses to learn more. If you are in the LWML Florida-Georgia District, you can reach her at pethender@aol.com or 210-860-2160.

I’m thankful Peg was in the room that day in June over two years ago. I also continue to serve with Peg on the Gifts of Love Ministry Team. A double blessing indeed!

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