



Darrell Fulton portrays Rev. J. R. Davidson in a scene re-enacting the 1942 National Association, where the Bible College came into being.

Historical Drama Honors School Founders

The debt of gratitude is one of the most staggering debts known to man, and is also one of the most difficult to repay. Free Will Baptist Bible College tried, on November 23, to balance a long-unsettled account.

The entire day was set apart to honor those who were instrumental in founding the school and to recognize many who have been faithful in its support. Many names were mentioned. But two names, often repeated during the course of the day, stood out above the others: Rev. L. R. Ennis and Rev. J. R. Davidson.

The many events of the day were climaxed by an evening program paying tribute to these men. In a 90-minute historical resume depicting the events leading up to the founding of the school and highlights of its 26-year record, the vital roles played by Brothers Ennis and Davidson were graphically portrayed.

Rev. Ennis, one of the earliest advocates for Christian education among Free Will Baptists, was elected the denomination's first Executive Secretary in 1940. From the beginning he poured himself into the task of building a Bible college. From 1944-1947, after his dream had been realized, he served for three years as president of the institution.

Rev. Davidson gave himself to that thankless, but necessary, ministry of raising money with which to start the Bible College. He carried his little, black money bag to churches across the denomination, exhorting them to prove their interest in a practical way. His faithful, patient service paved the way for the school's opening in 1942.

The program presented in their honor, under the direction of Dean and Mrs. Charles Thigpen, involved the participation of more than 70 Bible College students. An estimated 550 people crowded the school's Memorial Auditorium to see the production.

President L. C. Johnson presents special plaques, token of the school's appreciation, to Rev. Ennis and Rev. Davidson.



From My Desk

President L. C. Johnson, L.H.D.

Hour of Opportunity For Free Will Baptists

Free Will Baptist Bible College has never faced opportunities as great as are now before it. The hour of opportunity has struck for our denomination.

- We note that the growth and prosperity of the major denominations have somewhat taken them out of touch with the common man. Add to this the problem of liberalism in many of our major denominations and we can readily see that there is great need for a Gospel witness that is fundamental and Biblical, and whose denominational machinery is not so complex as to frighten the common man.
- Another thing that increases our opportunity is the fact that the college and university life in this country has, in most part, become so antagonistic to Biblical truth and so morally corrupt that Christian parents are afraid to send their sons and daughters to them.
- These opportunities also bring staggering responsibilities. The educational experts are all telling us that private and, especially, church-related institutions cannot survive the spiraling cost of operation. Some way must be found to prove these forecasts false.
- Yet, it must be admitted that a solution to the problem has not yet been found. Free Will Baptists must upgrade their giving the educational institutions of the denomination. For us to be short-sighted in appropriating funds to train the youth of our denomination will doom us in years to come to a weakened ministry that cannot survive in this demanding society.
- Let us invest liberally now in training Christian leadership that in the years ahead we can take our place of service in villages and cities across America.

Designate Your Gift

All gifts to the school
should be ear-marked for
either . . .

- ☐ GENERAL FUND
or
☐ BUILDING FUND

Mid-Semester Dean's List

"A" Honor Roll

Lonnie Skiles, Junior
Patsy Vanhook, Sophomore
Brenda Wehmeyer, Sophomore

"B" Honor Roll

Seniors

Harvey Dupree
Glen Hood
David Popiel
German Vogel
Robert Woodard

Sophomores

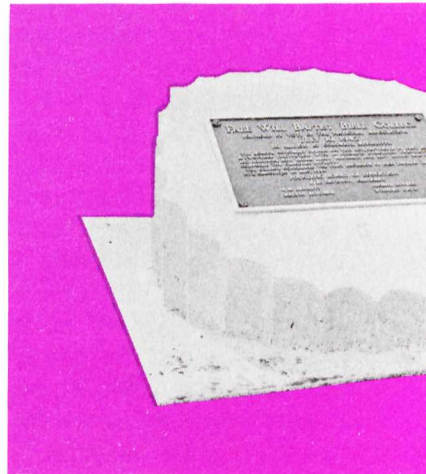
Leslie Bennett
Janie Bilbrey
Linda Collins
Donald Edmonds
Dale Edwards
Reynold Flippo
Sandy Goodfellow
Sam Hardy
Delores Jessee
Amelia Matthews
Lynn Miley
Nathan Ruble
Wanda Spruill
Kerry Steedley
Ernest Thompson
Dotty Travis
Kenneth Upright
Galen Warren

Juniors

A. B. Brown
Jim Cox
James Dixon
Nedo Eaddy
Larry Hampton
Charlyne Hinesley
Dari Keifer
Lynn Smith
Kathy Tippet

Freshmen

Carilin Gower
Susan Hayes
Faye Kennon
Linda Markham
Sandra Ogletree
Barbara Pate
Roy Pearson
James Reed
Jane Sitton
Gloria Young





Board of Trustees Names Four Buildings

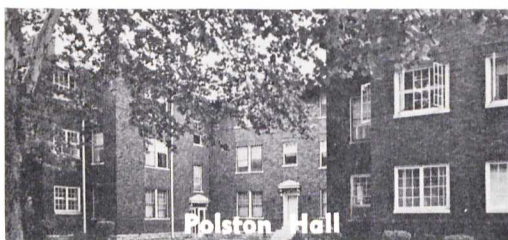
Four buildings on campus were named during the November Founders Day celebration. The College Board of Trustees announced the names of the school's new classroom building and men's dormitory, as well as the library and women's dormitory.

The College's new \$425,000 classroom hall has been named the Ennis Building, in honor of Reverend L. R. Ennis (see page one).

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Goen, for whom the new men's dormitory is named, have a long history of active Free Will Baptist service. True friends of all denominational endeavors, they have been especially generous in their support of the Bible College and its ministry.

The school's library has been named in honor of Reverend and Mrs. J. L. Welch. Brother Welch and "Miss Mary" were among the denomination's earliest proponents of Christian education and are viewed with great respect by all our people.

The women's dormitory, formerly known as Richland Hall, has been officially named Polston Hall. The late Mrs. Fannie Polston, of Nashville, vigorously supported the cause of Christian education among the women of our denomination. Shortly before her death, she quietly slipped a check for her last thousand dollars into the hand of Dr. Johnson.



Monument Marks Founding of School

A large, stone monument, commemorating the founding of Free Will Baptist Bible College, was unveiled on campus at the school's recent Thanksgiving Day celebration. A bronze tablet set into the face of the monument describes the decision of the National Association in July, 1942, to found the school and the subsequent opening of the Bible College in September of that year. The marker, a Doric design, faces Davidson Hall, where the school officially opened with ten students. The monument was unveiled by Reverend L. R. Ennis and Reverend J. R. Davidson, both of whom were instrumental in the founding of the school.

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A Declaration of Dedication

by The Free Will Baptist Bible College
Board of Trustees

Whereas, Free Will Baptist Bible College was conceived as a Bible College, and dedicated to an educational philosophy embracing the fundamental doctrines of the Bible as stated in the Treaties of the Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists, and the Bible as the Inspired Word of God; and

Whereas, since 1942 it has remained steadfastly faithful to these concepts; and

Whereas, the hundreds of young men and young women who have studied here have been taught these fundamental truths, along with the truth that the freedom guaranteed them as citizens of this great country is an heritage left to them by those who have, over the years, earnestly contended for the faith, and is not the results of government benevolence, but rather sacrificial, dedicated giving on the part of the people and churches of our beloved denomination; and

Whereas, we hold these truths to be as valid today as they were in 1942 despite the appearance and growth of the Contrary Philosophy of Modernism and Liberalism based upon a limited revelation of the Word of God; and

Whereas, it is our conviction that this Contrary Philosophy is negatory to the traditional beliefs and teachings of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and is to be deplored as harmful to the continued development of the College, Church and Country, both morally and Spiritually; now

Therefore, be it resolved, that it be the decision of the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College to reaffirm its dedication to the historic purpose of this College as stated in the Charter of Incorporation, which reads—"The purpose of this Corporation is the establishment and maintenance of a Bible College devoted to the promotion and impartation of higher Biblical instruction, and training as may be deemed essential to the equipment of Christian workers, teachers, Ministers, and Missionaries of both sexes for Christian service." Acknowledging the possibility of failure to propagate such a purpose, the Trustees place their trust in God and in the dedication and generosity of the Administration, Faculty, students, Alumni, and friends who share their views and dedication. With this help, and through their own continuing efforts, they are confident that the principles to which the College is dedicated will continue to be available to young men and young women of our denomination seeking higher Biblical education.

Talent Competition Held

Nine students competed for awards in the Bible College's annual religious talent contest, November 24. Winners were announced in three major divisions; vocal, instrumental and speech.

Patricia Carpenter, a junior from Durham, N. C., won first place in the vocal competition with her presentation of "O Saviour, Hear Me."

In the instrumental division, first place award was given to Wanda Spruill, for her piano solo, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells." Miss Spruill is a sophomore from Norfolk, Va.

Dennis Bowman, a Missouri sophomore, won the speech competition with his reading, "Paradox of Salvation."

"GOD IS DEAD"

"MAN HAS BECOME GOD"

Jesus answered and said unto them,
Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures

Matt. 22:29

"Ye do err"

by the Editor

Once upon a time there was a study-worn Bible. Its cover was frayed and raveled, and hung limply from its owner's hand. The pages were dog-eared, and their edges were smudged brown from years of use. The binding was broken, with some sections secured only by a few tired threads. It wasn't a pretty Bible, but it told a wonderful story, of many hours of study and growth.

But that happened once upon a time. The story, somehow, has only limited relevance, because in this day of impressive spiritual programs the conscientious study of God's Word has been sadly neglected by Christians. If the Bible is "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path," then some believers must be stumbling in dusky twilight, if not in darkness. If we should "as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word," then many of us have stifled our redeemed nature's most basic craving and are, at this moment, starving the life out of our Christian experience.

There appears to be a famine in the land, a dearth of sincere Bible study such as was once normal among Christians. For example, a Bible placement test was given recently to 281 college students in Pennsylvania. Though all but 12 had attended Sunday School all

their lives, 60 percent of them could not name a single parable Jesus ever spoke; 65 percent could not identify Solomon as the wise man of the Old Testament; and 79 percent, 222 out of 281, did not know that Matthew was the tax collector who became Jesus' disciple. In another test, 1,156 South Carolina high school students were quizzed on their knowledge of the Bible. Of these, raised in the center of the mid-South "Bible Belt," only one student in 39 could name three books written by Paul; only one in 38 was able to name three Old Testament prophets; and, for every eight students tested, only one could name as many as three of the Ten Commandments! Many sincere Christians, some even teaching in our Sunday Schools, have never so much as read the entire Bible. Only a relatively few have ever engaged in a fervent study of the basic Bible doctrines.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," Paul advised Timothy. "Seek ye out the book of the Lord and read," Isaiah instructed. And Jesus capped the issue with His simple statement, "Search the Scriptures."

Today, perhaps more than at any other time, the Word of God is being challenged and subjected to spurious interpretations. Even as

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From My Desk

President L. C. Johnson, L.H.D.

Nineteen Sixty-Seven, A Year To Remember

This is the beginning of a new year—1968. You will no doubt be interested in a report on Free Will Baptist Bible College for the past year. ● In many ways it was the greatest year in the history of the college. The enrollment was at an all time high with some of the finest young people in our denomination. The financial income was also higher than ever before. More people across the denomination have manifested an interest in the college than in any previous year. ● On Thanksgiving Day, one of the greatest events occurred on campus in the history of the denomination. Three buildings were dedicated that were purchased and built in the last two years. These buildings increase the assets of the college by at least one million dollars. With an additional three hundred thousand dollars, the financial burden of these buildings will be eased. ● We have the best prepared faculty in the history of the college. Many of the faculty members are continuing their education. The college provides financial support to make it possible for them to upgrade their degree. Not only do we have an educationally prepared faculty, but one that is dedicated and willing to work beyond the call of duty. ● A great door of opportunity is now open to Free Will Baptist Bible College. As always, there are adversaries that would keep us from entering these doors. With your continued prayers and help, I believe that we have just begun to see what can be done through the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Ye do err

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Satan used false Biblical quotations when tempting the Lord, his messengers now propagate error through perverted interpretations of our own Scriptures. Yet, every good, fundamental believer, with serious, consistent study, could stand as a dike against the flood of Modernism and the raging sea of cultic half-truth. But casual Bible reading alone will not do the job. A few verses from the Psalms in the morning is not a sufficient defense. Unless we return to the Word with opened eyes and purposeful hearts, we could live to see false doctrines and un-Biblical teachings scattered through the Free Will Baptist denomination. In the past many of our young people have not been sufficiently prepared to take a solidly Scriptural stand. Even now, though most of them spend much of their early lives in church, many still leave home scarcely prepared to face even a novice in cult-oriented perversion of Scripture. The only answer is a mass return to serious Bible study, both in our homes and from our pulpits.

How long has it been since you, personally, completed an exhaustive study through a book of the Bible? Can you define and defend the foundational doctrines upon which fundamentalism is built? A sound answer to every objection of Modernism is found within the Word of God, yet, Jesus warned, "Ye do err, not knowing the Scripture!" The revival Free Will Baptists have long awaited is bound within the pages of your own Bible. Open it today and enjoy its flowing springs of refreshing.

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

ATTENTION ALUMNI

Remember your annual alumni meeting during Bible Conference, April 7-11. At this time of expansion, the college needs your vigorous support.

SUMMER SESSION

June 11-18

The College has enlarged its regular Summer Session from 10 days to three weeks for 1968. This program is offered primarily for preachers, teachers and other Christian workers who wish to increase their knowledge of the Bible and their effectiveness as church workers. Up to four semester hours of college level training is available. The following courses will be offered this summer:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING

Two Semester Hours

Teacher—Mrs. Geraldine Hall

HERMENEUTICS

Two Semester Hours

Teacher—Leroy Forlines

DOCTRINE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

One Semester Hour

Teacher—Leroy Forlines

ANCIENT HISTORY

Three Semester Hours

Teacher—Ralph Hampton

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

One Semester Hour

Teacher—Charles Thigpen

HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

One Semester Hour

Teacher—Stanley Outlaw

PARLIAMENTARY LAW

One Semester Hour

Teacher—Charles Thigpen

FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE

One Semester Hour

Teacher—Dr. L. C. Johnson

LUCAN WRITINGS

Three Semester Hours

Teacher—Laura Barnard

College Extends SUMMER SESSION Adds PASTORS' CONFERENCE

An enlarged summer school program and the addition of a denominational pastors' conference will be featured in the Bible College's schedule of 1968 summer activities.

The Bible College dormitories and dining hall will be open for guests during both Summer Session and the Pastors' Conference. For more information, write the school requesting the Summer Session pamphlet.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

August 5-7

A special conference of Free Will Baptist pastors will also be held at the Bible College this summer. Running from Monday night, August 5, through noon, August 9, the meeting will feature times of inspirational preaching, Bible study, and informative seminars dealing with pastoral ministries.

Over 1,000 Expected

College To Hold 25TH Bible Conference



Randy Cox



J. E. Blanton



Tom Hamilton

More than 1,000 Free Will Baptists will be expected to attend the College's 25th annual Bible Conference, April 7-11. Special speakers for the meeting include the Reverends Randy Cox, J. E. Blanton and Tom Hamilton.

Randy Cox, with 10 years of pastoral experience, is one of the most active young preachers in the denomination. He is a 1958 Bible College graduate and received his Master's degree from Columbia Bible College in 1960. He has pastored in North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina, and now serves the First Church of Columbus, Mississippi.

J. E. Blanton, who will begin a Free Will Baptist work in Atlanta, Georgia, this summer, is a 1958 Bible College graduate. He has over 12 years of pastoral experience, including pastorates in Whites Creek, Tennessee, and his present work in Jesup, Georgia.

Tom Hamilton has been preaching for over 20 years. During that time he has pastored in Nashville Tennessee; Manning, South Carolina; and Glennville, Georgia. He received the Bible College's Bible Diploma in 1947, graduated from Columbia Bible College in 1950, and earned his Master's degree at Bob Jones University in 1952. Since 1962 he has worked as a full-time evangelist.

Other Conference speakers will include members of the Bible College faculty and administration. Special music, including choir, quartet, and solo numbers, will be presented by the school's music department.

A limited number of prospective Bible College students may be housed in the dormitories on campus if early arrangements are made. Meals for Conference guests will be served in the dining hall.

Plan To Attend

April 7-11

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alumni news BRIEfs

Les (1966) and **Cynthia** ('62-'64) **Carney** have a daughter, Sharon Kay, born in Trenton, N. J., on December 31.

Larry ('62-'67) and **Priscilla** ('62-'63) **Inscoc** have a son, John Carlos, born November 28 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Gerald ('60-'64) and **Wynell Ad-
dington** ('62-'63) **Owens** have a son, Gerald Anthony, born September 14 in Greenville, North Carolina.

Lloyd (1963) and **Betty Halliburton** (1965) **Plunkett** have a daughter, Cindy Rebecca, born in Seattle, Washington, on November 13.

Dwight (1963) and **Cathy Cox** ('58-'62) **Riggs** have a daughter, Elizabeth Alice, born December 11 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Jean Pittman (1962) became Mrs. G. C. Williamson on December 30 in Goldsboro, North Carolina.



Dr. Gannett, Dr. Mostert, and Dr. Martin with President L. C. Johnson.

Accrediting Team Inspects Bible College

An investigating team from the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges recently completed an examination of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The inspection group spent three days on campus putting the school through a period of intense testing and evaluation. This testing, which is periodically administered to all schools accredited by the AABC, covered every phase of Bible College activity. The inspection team investigated such areas as student morale, faculty qualifications, business practices, curriculum, and the school's physical plant.

The report drawn up by the visiting team will not be released for several months. Its contents must be examined and approved by the AABC's executive committee before being sub-

mitted to the Bible College. However, Dr. John Mostert, Executive Director of the Accrediting Association and a member of the inspection team commented, "The evaluating team was greatly impressed with the growth and development of Free Will Baptist Bible College, especially in the areas of its faculty and physical plant." The team's formal report will outline their evaluation of the Bible College and, if weak areas are found, will suggest possible courses of action to strengthen the school's program.

Other members of the evaluating team serving with Dr. Mostert were Dr. Alden Gannett, president of Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, and Dr. Alfred Martin, dean of faculty at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Free Will Baptist Bible College has been accredited by the AABC since 1958 and is one of 61 Bible schools in the United States and Canada to hold membership in the Association. The directives of the Association are carried out by a 7-man executive committee, of which Bible College President L. C. Johnson is a member. It is this committee's duty to examine

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From My Desk

President L. C. Johnson, L.H.D.

The educational program of Free Will Baptist Bible College is similar to the educational system that made this country great. ● When you look into the history of education in this country, you find that the Word of God occupied a prominent place in the textbooks and classrooms of those earlier days. Nobody questioned the constitutionality of Bible reading and prayer in those days. No one ever thought that things would so change that these basic ingredients of our educational program would be ruled unconstitutional. ● The Bible College program of education is the nearest thing to that early day system. At Free Will Baptist Bible College we begin with the premise that the Bible is true and anything that conflicts with it is not true. The Bible becomes the plumb line by which everything is measured. If we want to learn how this world came into existence, we go to the Bible for the answers, and not to the evolutionist. If we want to find out what is right and wrong, we look to the Bible instead of going to those who teach situation ethics. ● There are some who may feel that our standards are too high and, therefore, impractical. This could only appear to be true because they are in such sharp contrast to the low standards prevailing in our society. We can not afford to let down standards that are Bible-based in order to accommodate the low standards of modern society. This is the thing that brings Christians into conflict with the world about us. This is the price we must pay if we are to live like Christians in a crucial age. ● With your prayers and help, Free Will Baptist Bible College intends to continue setting these high standards for Christian living for the Christian young men and women who choose to be our students. It is encouraging to know that there are so many young people who are willing to accept the standards of a school that is dedicated to such high ideals. Your investment in this institution will help us take care of more such students.

ACCREDITING TEAM

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the qualifications of schools applying for accreditation and determine their readiness for admission.

The Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges was founded in October, 1947. Prior to that time Bible colleges and institutes had few commonly accepted standards and were, for the most part, not recognized by any state boards of education or accrediting agencies. One of the primary goals of the AABC has been to promote high standards of institutional excellence among participating schools in order that the quality of Bible college education might be recognized by national educational organizations. These high standards have made it possible for Bible College students to transfer their credits to secular schools when pursuing degrees in more specialized training.

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

"A" Honor Roll

David Popiel, Senior
Lonnie Skiles, Junior
Lynn Miley, Sophomore
Patsy Vanhook, Sophomore

"B" Honor Roll

SENIORS

Harvey Dupree
Glen Hood
German Vogel
Robert Woodard

FRESHMEN

Rosemary Anderson
Ruth Everson
Carilin Gower

Fred Harder

Susan Hayes
Faye Kennon
Anita King
Linda Markham
Sandra Ogletree
Barbara Pate
Roy Pearson
Jim Reed
Terry Simpson
Janie Sittin
Carolyn Stanley
Josephine Wainright
June Wilson

JUNIORS

Linda Alexander
A. B. Brown
James Cox
James Dixon
Nedo Eaddy
Charlyne Hinesley
Juanita Hinton
Darl Keifer
Kathy Tippet
Gail Underwood

SOPHOMORES

Janie Bilbrey
Linda Collins
Donald Edmonds
Dale Edwards
Sandy Goodfellow
Sam Hardy
Delores Jessee
Amelia Matthews
Nathan Ruble
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Kerry Steedley
Kenneth Upright
Brenda Wehmeyer

See the play "For He Had Great Possessions"
Bible Conference, April 7-11

New Students

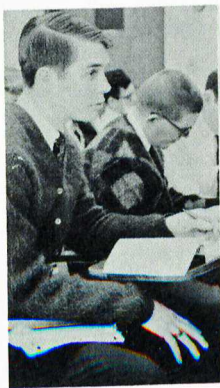
(2nd Semester)

Mary Jean Coker . . . Timmons ville, S. C.
 L. B. Coley Goldsboro, N. C.
 James Daniels, Jr. . . Union Lake, Mich.
 Jeanne Dukes Davis . . Lake Butler, Fla.
 Martha Eaddy Lake City, S. C.
 Charlotte Edmonds . . . Marion, Ill.
 Phillip Felts Joelton, Tenn.
 Marcella Fletcher . . . Ardmore, Okla.
 Patricia Franks . . . Jaboticabal, Brazil
 Wanda Jean Franks . . . Tifton, Ga.
 Kenneth Lee Frisbee . . . Akron, Ohio
 Vaughn Allen Hoover . . Nashville, Tenn.
 Jerry Wayne Johnson . . Houston, Texas
 Josephine Lawson . . . Berkley, Mich.
 Billy Jean McCoy . . . Bixby, Okla.
 Loyce McVay Pensacola, Fla.
 Charles Bryan Murphy . . Ada, Okla.
 Janie Lee Murphy Ada, Okla.
 Pansy Murray Hampton, Va.
 Peggy Paramore . . . Greenville, N. C.
 James Parham McDavid, Fla.
 Donna Pittman Asheboro, N. C.
 Ann Reeves Texarkana, Ark.
 Donald Lee Rehkop . . . Cantwell, Mo.
 James Roebuck Greenville, N. C.
 Gary Lynn Short . . . Nashville, Tenn.
 William Shutt Greenbrier, Tenn.
 Barbara Simpkins . . Ashland City, Tenn.
 Paulette Simms . . . Georgetown, S. C.
 Nancy Trimble Urbana, Ohio
 Willie Turnbough . . Pleasant View, Tenn.
 James E. Vallance . . . Huntington, W. Va.
 Donald Walker Detroit, Mich.
 Johnny Dale Williams . Cushing, Okla.

Second Semester Registrants Set New Enrollment Record

Twenty-five new day students and nine new evening school registrants brought the Bible College's 1967-68 enrollment to a record 467 students. This is an increase of nearly nine percent over last year's registration. A break-down shows that, in addition to the 398 students attending day sessions, 41 extra evening school registrants and 28 new summer school students took courses at Free Will Baptist Bible College during this school year.

Since the school's founding in 1942, it has experienced rapid and consistent growth. During the 26 years of the College's ministry, 18 new enrollment peaks have been set. For the past four years, since 1964, each previous year's record has been broken.



Our Mistake

Dates for the Bible College's Summer Session and Pastor's Conference, incorrectly given in the February Bulletin, should read June 11-28 and August 5-9, respectively.



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College Choir To Tour Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma

The 36-voice Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir will visit the states of Illinois, Missouri, and Oklahoma on its 15th annual tour, April 11-18. The group, under the direction of Mr. David Randlett, will present a program of hymns, anthems and songs of testimony. Also featured in the program will be the school's brass ensemble and male quartet.

The choir will hold nine services during the eight-day tour, seeking to reach thousands of individuals with their testimonies for Christ and to acquaint them with the ministry of the Bible College. The Rev. Paul Ketteman, Director of Public Relations for the school, will travel with the group and will speak at each of the choir's services. Hundreds of Bible College students, past and present, have borne witness to the fact that choir tour services greatly influenced them to attend the school.

The choir will pay a special visit to the campus of Oklahoma Bible College on Thursday morning, April 18. This will afford those in the Oklahoma City area an opportunity to hear the choir.

Some services have not yet been finalized, but the tentative tour schedule is:

Thursday, April 11	Benton, Ill.
Friday, April 12	Fredericktown, Mo.
Saturday, April 13	Farmington, Mo.
Sunday, April 14 (a.m. and p.m.)	St. Louis, Mo.
Monday, April 15	Mt. Grove, Mo.
Tuesday, April 16	Pryor, Okla.
Wednesday, April 17	Tulsa, Okla.
Thursday, April 18	Tulsa, Okla.

alumni news briefs

Ann Arnett (1963) married CWO **Fred Lindsley** on February 25 in Columbus, Georgia.

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Chuck (1967) and **Violet Brinkley** (1965) **Cox** have a baby daughter, **Tonya Marie**, born January 11 in Hazel Park, Michigan.

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Dan ('64-'67) and **Ann Rinehart** (1966) **Elliott** have a new daughter, **Kari Lynn**, born January 30 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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Karl ('62-'64) and **Joyce Whaley** ('62-'64) **Sapp** have a new son, **Karl Walter II**, born January 21 in Greenville, S. C.



L. C. JOHNSON

An Open Letter from the President

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Bulletin



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

3606 West End Ave. — Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bible College Friend,

I would like for you to accept this as a personal letter from my desk. This school year has been one of the most exciting years in the history of Free Will Baptist Bible College. On Thanksgiving Day we dedicated a new men's dormitory, a 26-room academic building and a library building. These buildings increased the assets of the College by more than three-quarters of a million dollars. Nothing like this has ever happened in modern-day Free Will Baptist history.

But along with these encouraging things, we have also had our problems. Two key men in our organization have experienced serious illnesses this year. Other members of the College family did all they could to absorb the duties of Mr. McDonald and Mr. Kettelman for the many weeks they were incapacitated. However, in a small organization which is already understaffed, you cannot help but suffer when key men are out.

Our financial need is very serious as we near the close of the school year. Our gift budget for this year called for \$150,000 to the general fund, up \$15,000 over last year's. In the face of the tremendous increase in expenditures due to the operation of two new buildings and a larger enrollment, this loss in income is very serious.

I feel that there are thousands of us who can and will send a special gift to the general fund to help us meet the operating costs of this school year. There are hundreds of churches that can, and I believe will, make a special gift above and beyond their regular giving to help us close this year in good financial shape. In the 26-year history of Free Will Baptist Bible College, we have never failed to meet our obligations. I have full confidence that we will meet them this year with your special help.

Sincerely yours,
L. C. Johnson
L. C. Johnson
President

MATCHED GIFTS--

***This simple 2-for-1
Plan could double
the amount many
individuals are
now giving
to F.W.B.B.C.***

The Bible College has received nearly \$16,500 in gifts from companies employing Free Will Baptist people during the past six years. These unsolicited, no-strings-attached gifts were made under the

matching-gift programs sponsored by many corporations. For instance, Ford Motor Company, which doubles any gift made by an employee to an educational institution, has in recent years sent the Bible College checks amounting to nearly \$13,000. Burlington Industries of North Carolina has given nearly \$700; Sunray DX Oil Company of Oklahoma, nearly \$300.

The matching-gift program is very simple. When an employee makes a gift to an educational institution, he obtains an appropriate application from his employer. After filling it out, he forwards it with his gift to the Bible College. The school then returns the application to the company and claims the matching gift.

Certain stipulations and rules governing matching-gift policies may vary from company to company. Most programs specify a limit to the amount their company will match in a single year, but these limits usually exceed a thousand dollars. Some companies, such as Chrysler Corporation, will match an employee's gift only if he is an alumnus of the school to which he contributes. Others, along with Ford Motor Company, will double the gift of any employee. But many, many corporations offer matching-gift programs which would enable hundreds of Free Will Baptists to have all of their gifts to the Bible College doubled.

To determine if you work for a matching-gift company and the details of their program, check with your employer. A list of 355 companies that participate in such programs is available from the Bible College upon request. Here are a few matching-gift companies:

Aetna Life Affiliated Cos.
American Potash & Chem.
Blue Bell Incorporated
Burlington Industries
Champion Papers Inc.
Chrysler Corporation
Cities Service Company
Container Corp. of America
Continental Oil Company
Dow Chemical Company
Esso Education Foundation
Ex-Cell-O Corporation
Firemen's Mutual Insurance
Ford Motor Company
General Electric Company
General Foods Corporation
General Mills, Incorporated
B. F. Goodrich Company

W. T. Grant Company
Hooker Chemical Corp.
Insurance Co. of No. Am.
International Tel. & Tel.
Marathon Oil Company
Munsingwear, Incorporated
National Cash Register Co.
Pilot Life Insurance
Pittsburgh Plate Glass
Prudential Insurance Co.
Ralston Purina Company
Rohm and Haas
St. Regis Paper Company
Sinclair Oil Corporation
Standard Oil (Ind., N. J. Ohio)
Sunray DX Oil Company
Travelers Insurance Cos.
Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.



More Than Ever Before

In June, the Bible College will grant degrees to the largest graduating class in the school's history.

Forty-one students from 16 states and two foreign countries will receive awards during the Bible College's 26th commencement exercises, June 6. Thirty-two bachelor degrees, six Bible diplomas, and three business certificates will be awarded. A number of pastors, teachers, and missionaries are included in the Class of 1969.

Bachelor of Arts

*Sharon Bennett . . . New Mexico
Ed Cook Florida
Martha Cooper . . . Mississippi
Jack Cox Tennessee
Daniel Curle Canada
*James Dixon . . . North Carolina
*Harvey Dupree . . . North Carolina
Nedo Eaddy . . . South Carolina
Charles Francen . . . California
Lorene Francen . . . California
Ray Gartman New Mexico
Raymond Getz Missouri
*Brenda Gibson . . . Tennessee
*Walt Golding Vermont
Tommy Henderson . . . Arkansas
Bobby Henson . . . North Carolina
*Glen Hood Oklahoma
Blaine Hughes . . . Tennessee
Donald Lombard . . . Missouri
Mathel Mayo Mississippi
*Dianna Meadows . . . Kentucky
Jerry Pinkerton Missouri
David Popiel Florida

Wally Price Missouri
*Jerry Rackley Missouri
Don Reed Texas
*Charles Reeves Texas
Holt Seawell Florida
Bobby Smith . . . North Carolina
Gene Wilfong Missouri
Shelia Williams Michigan

Bachelor of Theology

German Vogel Argentina

Bible Diploma

Don Jones Arkansas
Melvin Knott Texas
*James Pittman . . . North Carolina
*Karen Stephens Missouri
Jerry Johnson . . . North Carolina
Horace Gaskins . . . North Carolina

Business Certificate

Dorothy Travis Georgia
Dotty Vandiford . . . North Carolina
Dotty Walker New Hampshire
*—certified by Evangelical
Teacher Training Association

Editor Steedley, Associate Editor Vanhook, and Business Manager Goodfellow discuss LUMEN plans with Miss Wisehart.



North Carolina Student To Edit 1969 Yearbook

Kerry Steedley, a Salisbury, North Carolina, sophomore, has been selected to edit the 1969 edition of the Bible College LUMEN. Assisting him will be Patsy Vanhook, of Rogers, Arkansas, as associate editor, and Sandy Goodfellow, of Norfolk, Virginia, as business manager. The yearbook staff will work under the guidance of their faculty advisor, Miss Mary Wisehart.

In order to produce a fine annual, two members of the yearbook staff recently attended a weekend workshop for editors held in Atlanta, Georgia. The LUMEN is a project of the junior class.

A Ministry To Men

by Chaplain Gerald
Mangham, Class of '59

To most people, a day in the Army sounds about as exciting as a manual on dishwashing. However, such is not the case when you happen to be a Chaplain.

Every day is a new opportunity for witnessing for the Lord. Each man in uniform becomes an individual with an individual's needs, though he may feel quite the opposite. He most likely feels that he is anything but an individual—just another troop with no personal identity. Therefore, he is always willing to listen to anyone who views him as a man. He may not always follow a Chaplain's advice, but Army tradition has taught him that a Chaplain cares and can often be of help. In spite of the scars left upon it by some who have not appreciated the gospel of God or the silver cross of the chaplaincy, this tradition has remained very much intact. This is why the military is a vineyard for the interested soul winner.

Most Chaplains see themselves as filling their role most rewardingly when serving as a counselor. It is as counselor that the problems of the individual are brought to the surface and dealt with. An average day will probably consist of four or five individuals arriving for a counseling session. Often one or two hours must be spent with each man, and the possibility of needing a long-range schedule of therapy always exists. The real challenge of this counseling ministry is to get the soldier to be completely honest about himself, perhaps for the first time in his life. But what a reward it is for the Chaplain, by God's help, to lead a young man to do just that. I have found that if I can get a man to see himself honestly, I'll have no trouble pointing him to Christ.

Of course, a Chaplain has other responsibilities which may include visiting the various units on the post or in the field. And there is always the hospital ministry, a vital part of any Chapel program. Here again the Chaplain must primarily fill the role of a counselor. There is much paper work and invocations to be prayed at P.T.A. meetings and football games. Also, time must be found during the day for personal Bible study and prayer. This is often difficult to do. But with the weight of next Sunday's sermon pressing upon his heart, the vital necessity of these moments is keenly evident to the Chaplain who seeks to serve his Lord.

Beneath the braid, the military parish is scarcely different from a civilian one. The problems are many and varied, but there is great satisfaction in being of service in the name of the Lord.

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alumni news Briefs

Rex and Shirley Mullens ('58) Lunsford have a baby daughter, Cheryl Ann, born March 7 in Taylor, Michigan.

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Vernon Maggart (1965) and Neta have a new daughter, Deborah Ruth, born in Columbus, Georgia, on March 25.

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Anna McElhinney ('62-63) became the wife of Robert Gardner on March 2 in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Jim (1967) and Vicki Proctor (1965) Sturgill have a daughter, Vicki Lynne, born on March 4 in Andrews, Texas.



KNOCK

KNOCK OF OPPORTUNITY

Preachers want to take advantage of every opportunity to make full proof of their ministry. Sponsored and hosted by Free Will Baptist Bible College—

Pastors' Conference, August 5-9,

will be one of the greatest opportunities afforded Free Will Baptist pastors in 1968. It will offer them four days of stimulating instruction under the guidance of such men as:

DR. ALDEN GANNETT, president of Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, Alabama, who will be instructing on the preparation and presentation of expository sermons. Lectures and demonstrations will be employed.

REV. JOE ANGE, pastor of Liberty FWB Church, Durham, North Carolina, teaching on the methods employed in visitation programs, as he has perfected them in his own 16 years of gospel ministry.

REV. BILL HILL, pastor of First FWB Church, Hazel Park, Michigan, who will teach on the importance of the pastor as a counsellor and illustrate some of the techniques of pastoral counselling.

REV. GUY OWENS, pastor of First FWB Church, Florence, South Carolina, presenting the radio ministry, including how to support a program, how to get extra air time, and the equipment needed for radio work.

REV. DON PEGRAM, pastor of Sciotoale FWB Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, instructing on mid-week Bible teaching, how to build mid-week crowds, and including the whole family in mid-week services.

Other Pastors' Conference features will include a daily Bible study hour conducted by Bible College registrar, Dr. Robert Picirilli; thoughts on the pastor's devotional life from Foreign Missions General Director, Reford Wilson; and a challenging evening message to close each day's activities. The program has been made flexible, with plenty of free time, to assure fellowship opportunities.

All guests will be housed in the College dormitories, with meals provided in the dining hall. An attractive brochure, detailing rates and other information, will be sent when requested.

By answering this knock of opportunity, each pastor will find his ministry strengthened and broadened, and himself more prepared for service to Christ.

More information may be obtained by writing:

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ALUMNI PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR COLLEGE

As the first step in their current Project 500, the Bible College Alumni Association voted on April 10 to buy for the school a house and lot located at 3630 Richland Avenue. Lacking a few hundred dollars needed for the down payment, alumni responded in the business meeting and banquet with a cash offering more than sufficient to close the deal. A number of alumni later expressed confidence that the total price of \$17,500 could be paid in a few years.



ANY Church Can Do It!



Paramore

"I don't believe there is a Free Will Baptist church operating that couldn't give \$1,000 to the Bible College Development Campaign," challenges Rev. Jack Paramore, Campaign director. "The determining factor is willingness, not ability."

At mid-April, 86 churches in the denomination had given \$1,000 or more to the College's current building drive. Another 90 had registered commitments for that amount with the Development Campaign office. This is a total of 176 churches in a denomination numbering nearly 2,100.

It hardly seems fair, when nearly every church has shared in God's blessings through the ministry of the Bible College, that less than one in ten feel the keen need of building a greater school. Every church will have the opportunity to send young people to study in the Christian environment of an enlarged campus. Every church will have the opportunity to call a pastor from the hundreds of new preachers that will be trained.

To prove the validity of Mr. Paramore's assertion, note the following examples. Size cannot be considered prohibitive to raising

\$1,000 when churches like one in South Carolina, with between 35 and 40 members, have already done it. Even indebtedness cannot be a reason for not giving when several churches, like Randall Memorial in Memphis, Tennessee, have made \$1,000 gifts while in the midst of major building programs of their own.

On February 18, Rev. Rolla Smith stood before the congregation of the First Church of Savannah, Georgia. "Today marks my first anniversary as pastor of this church," he said. "I am asking nine other men to join with me in pledging to give \$100 within the next 90 days to make up a thousand dollar gift to the Expansion Program of Free Will Baptist Bible College." Eight other men quickly stood. After a moment's hesitation, as people glanced about in search for the ninth man, one of the men already standing held up two fingers signifying his pledge of \$200. Just that quickly, the First Church of Savannah became part of that elite number of Free Will Baptist churches who have joined themselves to the momentum of the Bible College ministry.

In two-and-a-half years, \$480,000 has been raised to build the modern campus FWBCC needs. Another \$200,000 is needed before the National Association meets this July. If your church is one of 200 to pledge \$1,000 each during the next few months, the closing of the first phase of the Expansion Campaign could be announced this summer. Any church can do it. Here's hoping yours will be one.

WITH the sudden outbreak of civil disturbances in early April, the success of the Bible College's 25th Bible Conference appeared to be seriously threatened. Some, predicting that the lawlessness rampant in many cities would keep people away from Nashville, expected only meager crowds for the annual meeting.

The first Sunday evening service converted all doubters. It was one of the most heavily attended opening services in the history of Bible Conference. As the week rolled on, the attendance grew. Monday and Tuesday evening services had to be held in the afternoon due to the 7:00 p.m. curfew clamped on the city. Yet, as crowds overflowed the school's Memorial Auditorium, hundreds of people had to be directed to the student lounge and dining hall where the services could be heard through the public address system. With a partial lifting of the curfew on Wednesday, the final evening service was moved to a local high school auditorium to accommodate the crowd of over 1,000.

Powerful, pertinent preaching characterized the Conference from start to finish. The depth of conviction evident and the loftiness of ideals set forth challenged every person to display publicly the power of the Christian life.

Hailed by many as one of the most challenging services of the Conference was the Biblical drama, "For He Had Great Possessions." The play, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Thigpen, portrayed Ben Azel, the rich young ruler who rejected Christ and struggled under the weight of that decision. Roger Evans of Grove City, Ohio, was Ben Azel, with Linda Collins, Patsy Perry, and Joe Jones playing other key roles. The play, which was presented on Tuesday morning and Wednesday night of the Conference, resulted in several public rededications.

With the meeting behind us, we see two facts made clearly evident by this 1968 Conference:

First, that the over-taxed facilities of the Bible College will not be able to host such meetings much longer unless expansion takes place. For three years the evening services have had to be moved to a larger auditorium off campus. This year, with the Conference held under adverse conditions, the College auditorium was unable to accommodate even the daytime crowds.

Second, that these annual services are felt by hundreds to be of real spiritual value. Pastors, teachers, laymen, and students, at a time when most people were staying close to home, felt that Bible Conference was too good to miss. Their presence was a vote of confidence in the Conference and a demand that the College continue to sponsor it.

Spiritual Strength versus Civil Strife

A look at the effects of national upheavals on the College's 1968 Bible Conference.



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Rev. Ben Scott

Arkansas Pastor To Address Graduates

The Reverend Ben Scott, of Jonesboro, Arkansas, will bring the baccalaureate message on June 2 to the Bible College's 1968 graduating class.

Mr. Scott attended Southwest Missouri State College and, in 24 years of pastoral ministry, has held churches in his native state of Missouri, in Oklahoma, and in Arkansas. He served on the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for 12 years, for three years as moderator of the Arkansas State Association, and was elected in 1966 to the Bible College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Scott will address the largest graduating class in the history of the school. Thirty-two students will receive bachelor degrees, six be granted Bible diplomas and three awarded business certificates. The class represents 16 states and two foreign countries.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE PROGRAM

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
7:15 a.m .			B R E A K F A S T			7:15 a.m.
8:00 a.m.		BIBLE STUDY Picirilli	BIBLE STUDY Picirilli	BIBLE STUDY Picirilli	BIBLE STUDY Picirilli	8:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.		RADIO MINISTRY Guy Owens lecture	question-answer	EXPOSITORY PREACHING Dr. Alden Gannett lecture I	lecture II	9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.	 F E L L O W S H I P P E R I O D				10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.		VISITATION MINISTRY Joe Ange lecture		EXPOSITORY PREACHING Dr. Alden Gannett Demonstration I	Demonstration II	11:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.		L U N C H				12:15 p.m.
1:00 p.m.		MIDWEEK BIBLE TEACHING Don Pegram lecture		The Pastor's Devotional Life Reford Wilson		1:00 p.m.
2:15 p.m.		PASTORAL COUNSELLING Bill Hill	PASTORAL COUNSELLING Bill Hill	PASTORAL COUNSELLING Bill Hill		2:15 p.m.
3:30 p.m.		- - - - F E L L O W S H I P P E R I O D - - - -				3:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.		S U P P E R				6:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	EVENING MESSAGE L. C. Johnson	EVENING MESSAGE Joe Ange	EVENING MESSAGE Don Pegram	EVENING MESSAGE Alden Gannett		8:00 p.m.



JOSEPH ALEXANDER GOODFELLOW,
Student Body President,
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Virginian Elected Student President

The choosing of leaders from among students who are, themselves, among the finest in the denomination, is no easy task. It is for this reason that many people take note of those who are deemed by their fellow-students qualified to hold offices in the student government of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The newly-elected officers, chosen last month, are no exception.

Joseph Goodfellow, a junior from Norfolk, Virginia, has been voted student body president. Known to his friends as "Sandy," he was president of his freshman class, served for a year as vice-president of Foreign Missions Fellowship, and is currently working as business manager on the 1969 year-book staff. Sandy is minoring in Missions in preparation for a ministry on the field.

Ernest Harrison, a junior from McAlester, Oklahoma, will be occupying the office of the vice-president next year. A graduate of Oklahoma Bible College, Ernie is studying for the ministry.

Linda Markham, a freshman from Birmingham, Alabama, was chosen student body secretary. Linda is a member of the National Honor Society, treasurer of her class, and is minoring in Christian Education.

Jerry Barron, from El Sobrante, California, was elected student body chaplain. Also serving as chaplain of his men's society, Jerry, a sophomore, plans to complete his minor in Christian Education.

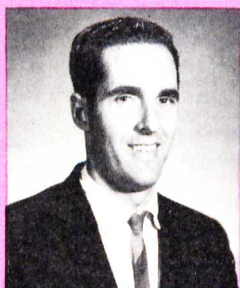
**ERNEST
HARRISON,**
*Vice-
President*



**LINDA
MARKHAM,**
Secretary



**JERRY
BARRON,**
Chaplain



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to every good work. (Titus 3:1)

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Hobbs, N. M.
Christian Education



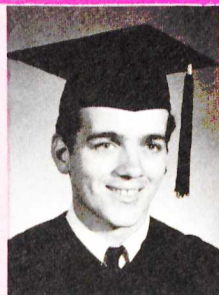
EDWARD COOK
Bonifay, Fla.
Missions



MARTHA COOPER
Philadelphia, Miss.
Teaching



JACK COX
Johnston City, Tenn.
Ministry



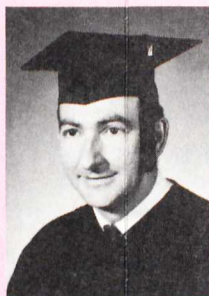
DANIEL CURLE
Windsor, Ontario
Missions



WALT GODING
Bellows Falls, Vt.
Further Education



TOMMY HENDERSON
Little Rock, Ark.
Children's Work



BOBBY HENSON
Marion, N.C.



GLEN HOOD
Joelton, Tenn.
Ministry



BLAINE HUGHES
Columbia, Tenn.
Teaching



CHARLES REEVES
Midland, Tex.
Ministry



HOLT SEAWELL
Jacksonville, Fla.
Ministry



BOBBY SMITH
Greenville, N.C.
Ministry



GENE WILFONG
Esther, Mo.
Teaching



SHELIA WILLIAMS
Detroit, Mich.
Missions

From My Desk

L. C. Johnson

Does it matter where one goes to college? By all means it does! You might as well ask does it matter in what country one lives—the United States or Russia. ● The college one chooses is one of the big decisions an individual makes in life. Why is this true? It is true because the college you attend is going to change your thinking about a great many things. The people you meet at college, the things they believe and do will influence you greatly. ● Do not believe anyone who tells you that “an education is an education and it doesn’t matter where you get it.” As a Christian, you want your education to help make you a better person. You are interested in the moral and spiritual standards of a college. Who are the teachers and what do they believe? What type student does the college attract? Will it strengthen my faith in God? These are questions every Christian should ask when ready to go to college. ● You will be rightly interested in the quality of instruction you will receive. A college that is thoroughly Christian must take its academic responsibilities seriously. While accreditation will help you to some extent in determining the academic soundness of a school, you will want to look at more than this alone before deciding which school to attend. ● A most important factor in this connection is, “Is the graduate qualified for his life’s objective?” Another good test is, “Is he able to hold his own when he transfers to other institutions for higher education?” ● Free Will Baptist Bible College has its doors open to students who are interested in an education that will strengthen their faith in God and that is educationally sound. Your moral and spiritual convictions will be deepened and made stronger at Free Will Baptist Bible College. At the same time, the academic quality of your education will be recognized by many of the outstanding institutions of this country. Consider these things carefully and make your choice as God gives you guidance.



L to R—David Thomas, bass; Larry Clyatt, baritone; Vernon Whaley, first tenor; Dennis Lowry, second tenor.

Quartet Plans Summer Tour

The Master's Quartet, the official 1968 Bible College promotional group, will tour Free Will Baptist churches in several states this summer. Services have been scheduled in Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia, and Kentucky. The quartet will also conduct youth rallies and provide special music for teen banquets.

The following students sing with The Master's: David Thomas, a freshman from Louisville, Kentucky; Larry Clyatt, a junior from Lake Butler, Florida; Vernon Whaley, a Bessemer City, North Carolina freshman; and Dennis Lowry, a sophomore from Ina, Illinois.

Some openings for services are yet to be filled. Pastors interested in having The Master's Quartet visit their churches should contact the Bible College Office of Public Relations.

MOVING?

Let's keep in touch. Send the Bible College your new address as soon as you learn it. We hate to lose a good friend.

DEACON BOARDS UNITE!

Send your preacher to FWBBC's Pastors' Conference, August 5-9. Write the school for details.



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the defense of the gospel. (Phil. 1:17)

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JAMES DIXON
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Ministry



HARVEY DUPREE
Smithfield, N.C.
Ministry



NEDO EADDY
Johnsonville, S.C.
Ministry



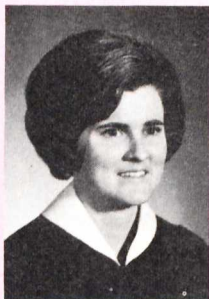
CHARLES FRANCEN
El Sobrante, Calif.
Bible College Staff



LORENE FRANCEN
El Sobrante, Calif.
Further Education



DON LOMBARD
Monett, Mo.
Ministry



MATHEL MAYO
Boonville, Miss.
Missions



DIANNA MEADOWS
Ashland, Ky.



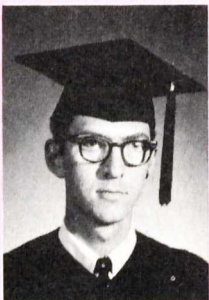
JERRY PINKERTON
Kirksville, Mo.
Missions



DAVID POPIEL
Miami, Fla.
Further Education



GERMAN VOGEL
Buenos Aires, Argen.
Teaching



DON JONES
Pocahontas, Ark.
Teaching



JAMES PITTMAN
Morehead City, N.C.
Ministry



KAREN STEPHENS
St. Louis, Mo.
Teaching



JERRY JOHNSON
Va. Beach, Va.
Ministry

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fore... (Matt. 28:19)



Commencement, 1968

Robes and hoods, tassels and mortarboards—all the regalia of graduation came on the Bible College scene as the school held its 26th commencement exercises early this month. Graduation is as much a part of spring as picnics and dandelions. We accept it as a regular part of the annual calendar of events.

But, as one watches the seniors step across the stage to receive their degrees, a sense of wonder grips the heart.

It is a wonder, for instance, that young people still value the disciplines of a Christian education. These seniors have each personally rejected the "free expression" philosophy, as well as the seething, riotous atmosphere which infests many American campuses today. They have chosen in its place the high standards and strict rules so essential to the molding of Christian character. Secular education offered to make them individuals of influence and prestige. They chose, rather, to be servants to their Lord.

The Bible College will miss them, even as they will miss the Bible College. But they have had their time in Midian, their years in Arabia.

And so, to the work!



RAY GARTMAN
Hobbs, N. M.
Music



RAYMOND GETZ
Flat River, Mo.
Ministry



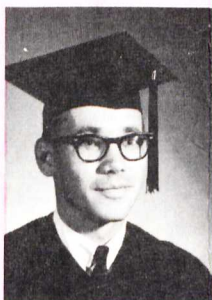
BRENDA GIBSON
Maryville, Tenn.
Teaching



WALLY PRICE
St. Louis, Mo.
Further Education



JERRY RACKLEY
St. Louis, Mo.
Ministry



DON REED
N. Zulch, Tex.
Ministry



HORACE GASKINS
Vanceboro, N.C.
Teaching



DOROTHY TRAVIS
Thomaston, Ga.
Business



DOROTHY WALKER
Meadows, N.H.
Further Education

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Dear Friends,

A stammering "thank you" is a poor return on the generous investment you have made in me these past four years. But, as a Bible College senior, I intend that all my future years of Christian service be constant dividends of thanks.

"But why are you thanking me?" you ask. For two reasons:

First, the Bible College exists because of you. I felt no particular call to Christian service when I came to FWBBC as a freshman. I could have gone, I suppose, to my state university. But now, because my denomination had the vision to establish a Christian school for young people like me, I go out to follow the Lord into the work He has given me.

Second, you helped to put me through school. It has taken a lot of sacrifice to pay for my education. But that sacrifice was shared by you. For every three dollars I paid, you gave one. It took, according to my figures, over \$1,600 in gifts from you to cover my four years of training. You also were generous in your support of the school's Development Campaign. Your generosity has already resulted in two new buildings on campus. These buildings meant much in helping make my senior year even more meaningful.

I realize that my debt to my denomination is greater than I can pay. But, since I go forth to do God's work within the ranks of Free Will Baptist people, I trust that my labors will be a fit expression of my eternal thanks. Those who shared in putting me through school will also share in the fruit of my ministry. Someday, I pray that I will be able to help some future student, just as you have helped me.

God bless you, is my prayer.

From a grateful heart,

A senior

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Linda Kelly ('61-'62) became Mrs. James Carnes on March 9 in Cordova, Alabama.

* * *
Harring ('60-'63) and Mary ('62) Shuemaker have a new son, Samuel VanWarren, born April 23 in Marianna, Florida.

* * *
Jack (1966) and Wilma Back ('62-'63) Stallings have a son, James Vance, born May 4 in Festus, Missouri.

* * *
Frank and Annette Jones Tomlinson (1958) have a son, George Randall, born May 9 in Leeds, Alabama.

* * *
Mark ('59-'60) and Louise ('60) Vandivort have a daughter, Bethany Louise, born April 4 in Nashville, Tennessee.



In these days,
with Free Will Baptists
enjoying unparalleled
material prosperity,

IS 73 CENTS A SACRIFICE?

With faithful regularity a crumpled dollar bill, clipped to a short handwritten note, arrives at the Bible College business office each month. The note contains a few encouraging words and, perhaps, a prayer request or two. The dollar bill is the remains of a meager pension check. The donor is an elderly Tennessee widow. Her note along with a receipt for her gift is placed on Dr. L. C. Johnson's desk regularly. A personal note of thanks from the president is returned to her each month. To some, such a small gift may not seem worthy of personal acknowledgement, yet this poor widow's gift totaled nearly 17 times the amount given the Bible College last year by Mr. Average-Free-Will-Baptist!

Overall denominational giving to the Bible College general fund last year amounted to only 73 cents per church member—barely enough to buy a hamburger, french fries and a cold drink. Of course, the people of some areas did far more than their share. For instance, the Free Will Baptist church members of New Hampshire averaged giving \$6.57 each to the Bible College. In Mississippi the per capita average was \$1.54; in Florida, \$1.49; in Michigan, \$1.34; and in North Carolina, \$1.11. But a number of states fell far below the 73 cent

denominational average. Can the average Free Will Baptist dare to speak of "sacrifice" in the light of such figures?

Individual gifts are not an optional or supplementary source of income for the Bible College. Aside from student income, they are the school's ONLY source.

"But," some ask, "don't students pay for their education?" Very few Free Will Baptist young people would ever be able to afford a college education if they bore the total expense. No college operates on student income alone. Every school must have additional sources. Since the founding of the school, every effort has been made to keep down the cost of attending Bible College. The burden of financing a son's or daughter's Christian training weighs heavily on many a Free Will Baptist family. Numbers of students each year work long hours in order to put themselves through school. For the sake of these, the college holds student expenses to a minimum. A recent survey showed the Bible College to be \$700 per year under the national average cost for a college education. To make up the gap, more than \$400 per year must come in for every student trained. Every \$3.00 paid by a student must be matched by \$1.00 from the denomination.

Many colleges supplement their student income by relying on endowments and government aid. Endowments, from both individuals and corporations, range from tens of thousands to millions of dollars. No such endowment has ever been received by Free Will Baptist Bible College. Government grants for huge sums are available to virtually any college or university that does not object to the imposition of fed-

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From My Desk

Pres. L. C. Johnson, L.H.D.

"... that in all things he might have the preeminence" Colossians 1:18.

The dictionary's definition of preeminence is "quality or state of being preeminent." Preeminent means to be prominent, to surpass, to be superior. This definition applied to Colossians 1:18 simply means that in all things Christ is to be superior or to have the most elevated place. ● The Christian who desires that Christ have the preeminence in "all things" must first analyze every situation in the light of what is right and pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ. Every business transaction of the businessman must be conducted in the light of the preeminence of Christ. Every date of a Christian young lady or gentleman must be in the light of this standard. An educational institution in its recreational program, in its social, cultural, and spiritual life must be judged by this lofty ideal. Everything the professor teaches in the classroom, every appeal for finances should be so designed as to give Christ the preeminence. ● Some would say that this standard would make a religious service out of every social gathering; a prayer meeting out of every college and educational institution; that it would shackle every function of life with a depressing religious atmosphere and make out of all of us abnormal, depressed, religious fanatics. Should we take such an attitude, it would only reveal our complete lack of understanding of what a radiant, normal, well-balanced life the Christian life really is. ● To know Christ and put Him first in everything is not depressing and does not unbalance us for life and its responsibilities. Rather, it brings us into a relationship with God that He intended we should have. The out-and-out Christian is the most normal person in all the world. The peace, orderliness, composure, and drive of a well-balanced Christian life is a beauty to behold and the world needs to see more demonstrations of such lives.

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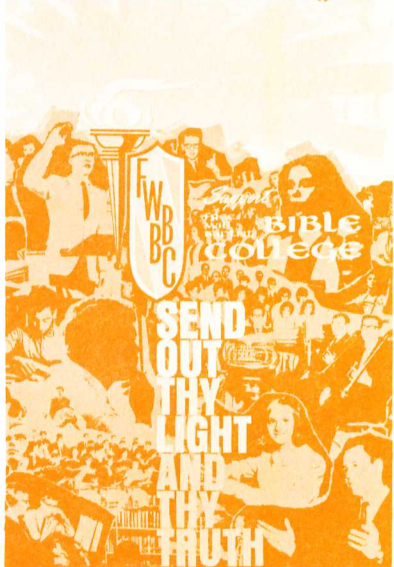
eral controls and stipulations. The Bible College Board of Trustees decided several years ago that Christ's Kingdom and the Free Will Baptist denomination could not be effectively served if the school yielded to the governmental demands that accompany federal aid.

This leaves only one source to which the Bible College can look for help—individual Free Will Baptist people. Last year the average was 73 cents per person. This year it must reach \$1.00 if the school is to meet its \$175,000 budget. A 25% increase in average giving is not impossible, but it presents a real challenge.

Two things must be done. Those who have faithfully supported the Bible College's ministry must continue to stand beside her. And new friends must be added to their ranks.

Thank God for the large gifts from those who are able to give such. But the crumpled dollar bills that come in monthly will not be overlooked. With an average of only 73 cents per person, it doesn't take a large gift to put you in the above-average bracket.

"Christian education can make the vital difference."





N.C. LAYMAN LOANS \$12,000

J. V. Avery, of Smithfield, North Carolina, recently presented a check for \$12,000 to Jack Paramore, director of the FWBBC Development Campaign. For the use of the money, Mr. Avery will receive an annuity from the Bible College.

National Association Selects Board Members

The Reverend Bill Robinson and California layman, Delmer Priest, were elected to the Bible College Board of Trustees by the National Association. The Reverend Randy Cox, currently a member, was asked to succeed himself for another term. Other members of the College board are William Mishler, Ben Scott, Damon Dodd, Luther Gibson, Owen Thomas, and M. E. Howard.

Annual Library Report

FINANCIAL GIFTS

Bronte Literary Society	\$ 3.65
Crosswhite, Dean H.	55.00
Hagwood, Ralph	10.00
Horton Heights FWB Church	3.00
Smith, Bobby G. (alumnus)	61.35
Trinity FWB Church Aux.	10.00
W.N.A.C.	78.50
WNAC (Tennessee)	1.00
Wedded Belles (FWBBC)	32.00
Barrow, Mrs. J. P. (librarian)	50.00

VOLUME GIFTS

Alvis, Mrs. Shelby (Vicars)	14
Bryan, Robert (alumnus)	1
Cordell, Richard (student)	2
Cox, Jack (alumnus)	2
Critcher, Harold (alumnus)	3
Dodd, Damon (alumnus)	1
Duncan, L. E.	13
East Nashville FWB Church	14
Erwin, David (student)	2
Fehsenfeld, Rev. Del	36
Frazier, Mrs. J. E.	17
Fulton, Darrell (alumnus)	30
Grice, Donald (alumnus)	4
Hall, Mrs. J. B. (faculty)	1
Hardy, Samuel (alumnus)	1
Kirksey, Mrs. C. E.	2
Knoth, Mrs. P. R.	10
McDonald, E. B. (adm.)	9
McQueen, Shelia (student)	8
Montgomery, Larry (alumnus)	1
Mt. Zion FWB Church (set)	9
Simpson, Dr. D. J. (faculty)	1
Smith, Bobby G. (alumnus)	123
Teague, Mrs. Harold (alum.)	2
Vogel, German (alumnus)	1
Williams, Shelia (alumnus)	2
Woolsey, Alice	4
Anonymous Donor	90

alumni news BRIEfs

An Alumni Breakfast, attended by more than 150 former Bible College students, was held in Oklahoma City on Wednesday morning, July 17, during the National Association. Special music was provided by the Gospeliers Quartet. President Eugene Waddell addressed the group, and Development Campaign Director Jack Paramore reported on the progress of the College building program. Alumni have encouraged the executive committee to make the breakfast a regular feature during the annual meeting of the National Association.

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Jerry (1964) and Brenda Saverance ('61-'64) Norris are the parents of twin girls, in the birth of quadruplets July 23 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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Claudius (1965) and Dorothy Dunn ('61-'63) Mullins have a daughter, Tabatha Lee, born April 28 in Fulton, Miss.

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Jesse Webb ('65) recently received his B.S. degree with teacher certification from Austin Peay State University.

Missions Conference Discontinued

The annual *Missionary Conference*, hosted for several years by the Bible College, is being discontinued in favor of area missions conferences, held in local churches. Home and Foreign Missions departments heads and the Bible College administration have agreed that much of the appeal of a denomination-wide missionary conference has been lost since numbers of highly effective conferences are being conducted on state and district levels. The Bible College will continue to accentuate missions to its students through the use of missionary speakers and missions emphasis weeks.

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STATE GENERAL FUND QUOTAS 1968-69

STATE	QUOTA	STATE	QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 8,000.00	Michigan	\$ 14,000.00
Alaska	200.00	Mississippi	6,500.00
Arizona	1,000.00	Missouri	10,800.00
Arkansas	4,000.00	New Hampshire	600.00
California	5,000.00	New Mexico	700.00
Colorado	600.00	North Carolina	24,000.00
Dist. of Col.	300.00	Ohio	8,000.00
Florida	8,000.00	Oklahoma	7,500.00
Georgia	10,500.00	South Carolina	8,800.00
Hawaii	200.00	Tennessee	18,000.00
Idaho	750.00	Texas	4,500.00
Illinois	6,000.00	Virginia	7,000.00
Indiana	2,000.00	West Virginia	2,000.00
Iowa	200.00	Washington	850.00
Kansas	1,000.00	W.N.A.C.	2,500.00
Kentucky	3,000.00	Other	8,500.00
		TOTAL	\$175,000.00

Crowson, Riggs Join Faculty

Two Bible College graduates will return to the school this fall as members of the faculty.

The Reverend Milton Crowson, from Tupelo, Mississippi, will be instructing in Bible and English. A 1960 graduate, he finished with the highest average in his class at FWBBC. He has spent a year working toward his M.A. degree at Bob Jones University. Crowson has held pastorates in Tennessee, South Carolina, and Alabama.

The Reverend Dwight Riggs, originally from Hazel Park, Michigan, will join the faculty as professor of Christian education. A 1963 Bible College graduate, he earned his M.A. degree at Columbia Bible College and



has completed his residence work toward the Ph.D. degree at Bob Jones.

Leaves of absence have been granted to three Bible College faculty members.

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Simpson will spend approximately a year-and-a-half at the University of Oklahoma where he will complete work on his Ed.D. degree in education. Dr. Simpson already holds the Ph.D. degree in Christian education.

The Reverend Ralph Hampton, Bible instructor at FWBBC, is completing work toward the B.D. degree at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. This work is expected to take at least two years.

SATURATION POINT

Imagine for a moment.

A handsome, clean-cut young man has just turned eighteen. He's a Christian and he wants to go to Bible College—but he'll probably never make it.

It isn't that he lacks the dedication. Every fellow-member of his high school senior class has felt the touch of his quiet, consistent witness. On the athletic field, in the classroom, at home and in the crowd he has lent an atmosphere of wholesomeness and Christian virtue to every activity. His church knows he's around. No other Sunday school class compares to his. He has sparked the interest of other young people and has been the spiritual example they so desperately need. But he can't go to Bible College this year.

The problem isn't financial. For years he had planned to enroll at Bible College this fall. Knowing that his parents could lend only limited assistance, he worked at odd jobs after school in order to salt away the money he needed. Every summer found him hard at work while others of his friends took trips to the beach and leisurely whiled away their vacation. Yet, in spite of his careful preparation, he will not join this year's freshman class at Bible College.

His application arrived at the business office in mid-summer. A week later he held the reply in his hand. "We regret to inform you that, due to severely overcrowded conditions, the Bible College will not be able to enroll you this semester. The school has reached its absolute

saturation point. We will hold your name on our waiting list in case there are cancellations; however, you must not depend on this. Perhaps next semester. . . ."

Next semester! Those words, to a young man eagerly awaiting college entrance, might as well say "next year." Such a disappointment would be heartbreaking.

The situation is fictitious, but it contains the seeds of actuality. There is an international swell of young people intent on going to college. It's today's "in" thing to do. This vast movement of young people has put colleges in the trying position of having to limit their enrollments or else enter vast expansion programs in order to keep pace with entrance demands.

Now this situation is coming home to Free Will Baptists. One of the early Bible College founders declared that an enrollment of 25 students would be sufficient evidence of God's blessings upon the institution. Fifteen times that number are enrolled at FWBBC this year. Sometimes it is feared that our vision has not kept pace with reality. We still envision a college that can operate adequately on renovated apartment buildings and heated garages, when the actual situation demands the most modern educational facilities. Our vision must be updated to meet reality!

The frustration of young people, whose plans for a Christian education have been denied, is obvious. Do we send them to other denominations' schools or to the independents? In the past, through this course, we have lost many young people with their great potentials. Do we ask them to satisfy themselves with a secular education? Then we condemn many of them to live their lives by the secular principles and for the secular ideals a secular education produces. Spiritual principles and spiritual ideals will be strangers to them. Do we have such an abundance of pastors, evangelists and missionaries that we can afford such a move? No generation has more desperately needed the benefits of

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From My Desk

Pres. L. C. Johnson, L.H.D.

"Preach the word . . ." (II Timothy 4:2)

Have you ever tried to imagine having the responsibility of training over one hundred and fifty young men to "preach the word"? We have about that number of ministerial students enrolled this year at Free Will Baptist Bible College. But, more than that, try to imagine the responsibility of training the greater part of the ministers for an entire denomination. ● What would you tell them? How would you direct them? Whom would you hold up before them as models? "The Lord Jesus should be their example," you say. He was a misfit in his day, rejected and crucified. If you told them to model their ministry after John the Baptist you would have to remind them that he had his head cut off. ● Paul stayed in prison during much of his ministry. The Apostle did not meet with popular acclaim in his day. He said, "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me." ● We, here at the Bible College, have tried to never be guilty of telling our young men to be like Jesus or Paul without also urging them to count the possible cost. Paul said, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." ● Following his charge to preach the word, Paul tells what kind of response to expect. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." I am certain we are living in a day when sound doctrine is not as popular as it once was. Could it be that there is a "lightening up" in our own Free Will Baptist churches? Could it be that in our eagerness to attract more people we are endeavoring to take the offense out of the gospel? Perhaps we are not yet guilty. Let's hope we shall not be. ● So you see, the task and the responsibility we have of training your and my future pastor is not easy. We want to do a good job. We want to please you with the product sent out from Free Will Baptist Bible College, but we **must** please God.

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Christian education than the one now before us. While humanism, secularism and atheism penetrate deeper and deeper into the world of higher education, the influence of Bible college training must be accelerated in order to cancel their devastating effects. Positively, the Bible College must be equipped to effectively train the men and women who will take the reins of denominational leadership. The fate of future generations of Free Will Baptists rests in the hands of those who are seeking admission to the Bible College today. Failure to provide for these will stunt our denominational progress for decades.

In the past, the screening program of Free Will Baptist College has consisted of two questions: "Are you a Christian?" and "Do you believe that God is leading you to Free Will Baptist Bible College?" But, as the belt grows tighter and space comes at a premium, academic screening may become necessary. The present policy of admitting applicants with only limited formal education may have to be modified. High school grades will become an increasingly important factor as to whether students may or may not be admitted to Bible College. Such a screening program, it is hoped, will never become necessary. If it should, numbers of worthy students will be denied the privilege of Christian training at the college they have chosen.

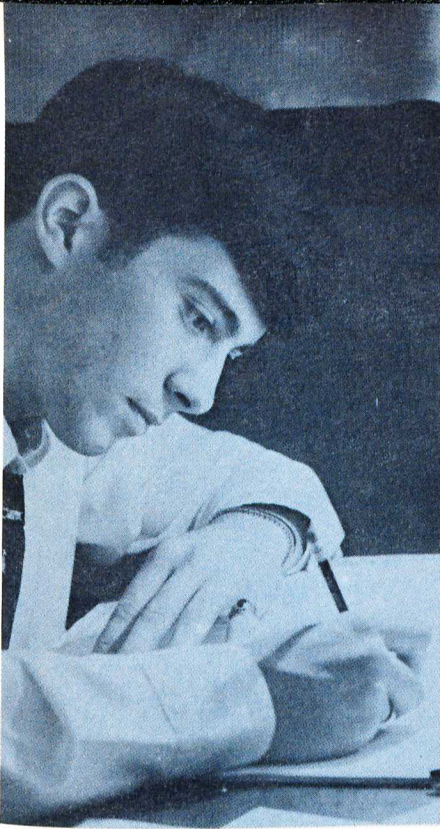
Will Free Will Baptist Bible College reach its saturation point? It hasn't yet. Join us in prayer that it never will.

Material for this article was provided by

Rev.
William
Mishler,



chairman of
the Bible College
Board of Trustees.



Bible College is no picnic!

TESTS, TESTS, AND MORE TESTS. The endless barrage of Bible, English and ACT tests assail the newly-arrived Bible College freshman. Just as he begins to falter under the withering bombardment, the realization strikes, "This isn't what I expected Bible College to be!" The notions of a 4-year Sunday school or nine months of revival meetings are quickly stricken from his head. Of course, there are frequent moments of blessing, such as that early morning devotional pause that refreshes and the evening prayer times. But, while the study of theology may be thrilling, much of it is hard work. Memorizing Bible verses is fine, but the more than a hundred assigned by the Evangelism teacher requires the tapping of new sources of self-discipline. No one is overworked. The load isn't unbearable, even for the weaker ones. But the ministry of turning the weak into strong requires work and sacrifice on the part of all. The Bible College's commission to train the ministers, missionaries and Christian workers for an entire denomination is not taken lightly. It is a staggering responsibility. For that reason, the standards are set high, the tests made thorough and the work demanding. A Free Will Baptist generation is hanging in the balance. Bible College isn't a picnic. But, then, picnics don't turn boys and girls into spiritual men and women.

Special Men - - Special Needs

One hundred preachers from 15 states attended the Bible College's Pastors' Conference in August with a sense of special need. And these men's needs are special. They are ministering to an indifferent generation in troubled times. They get tired. They get discouraged. They often wonder if anyone else understands. Pastors' Conference brought these men together to frankly discuss their problems and find new answers. Pastors' Conference provided an opportunity for strengthening fellowship and the sharing of burdens. It gave one hundred men time to catch a new vision, muster their strength, and launch a fresh attack in the battle for men's souls. And now one hundred churches are beginning to feel the impact of those four Conference days. Thank God for Special Men!





10 per cent of Gifts to Aid Students

*As you help
the Bible College,
you also help
some needy
student.*

Trustee Passes

The Bible College administration expressed regret at the death of Rev. George Dunbar of Chuckey, Tenn., a former member of the board of trustees. Brother Dunbar died on July 20, less than a month short of his 80th birthday.

It hurts to watch a student dig down deep in his pockets and draw out his last few pennies to pay his school bills. It has happened many times in the course of the Bible College's 26-year ministry, but it's a sight one never gets used to.

But, once the Bible College reaches its 1968-69 gift budget, a loan fund of over \$17,000 will be created for such needy students. Ten cents out of every dollar given to the school will be placed in a special student loan fund. A low interest rate and a generous repayment schedule will put this fund within the reach of students who might otherwise be forced to drop out of school.

The WNAC's Memorial Student Loan Fund, the Tennessee Education Loan Corporation, United Student Aid Funds, Inc., and a host of others have assisted hundreds of worthy students to complete their Bible College preparation. However, as the school's enrollment continues to climb annually, more students with greater needs are facing financial problems. By placing the tithe of all Bible College gifts in a student loan fund, the school hopes to meet these problems and save these students.

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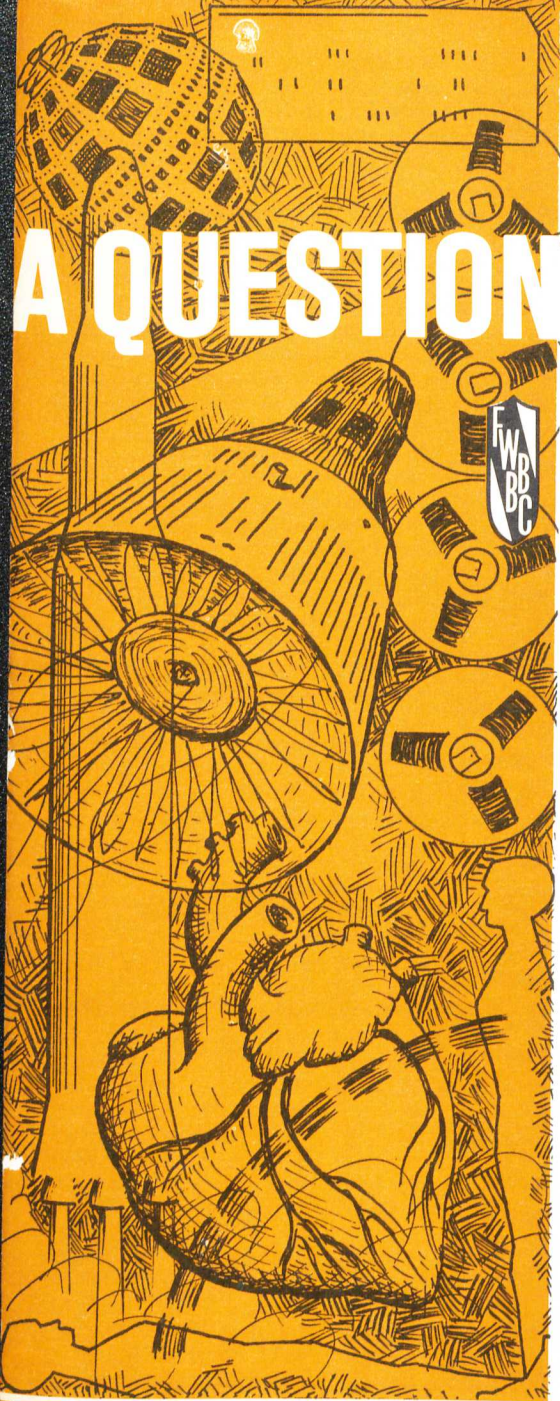
David ('63-'66) and **Shirley Walker** ('63-'66) **Turner** have a daughter, Amy Lynn, born in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Bobby Joe (1956) and **Barrie Sue** ('54-'56) **Davis** have a son, Peter Daniel, born July 25 in Houston, Texas.

Charles (1960) and **Peggy Cox** ('59-'61) **Hampton** have a son, Joel Eric, born August 10 in Austin, Texas.

Glenda Hayes (1965) married Robert Beach on May 15 in Quincy, Florida.

Ravon and **Joyce Perry** ('57-'59) Mayo of Ashland City, Tenn., have adopted a son, Ravon Zane.



A QUESTION

Bible college training may be fine for preachers and missionaries, but, in this technical world of ours, is it academically sound? You might say it's . . .

OF QUALITY

Dr. Robert Picirilli, Registrar, FWBCC

"You're too bright and talented to go to a Bible college," a Free Will Baptist young person was recently advised. "You can go there if you find the work too hard in one of the better schools."

Is Bible college education second rate? Evidently the person giving that advice thought so. But he would have gotten an entirely different picture if he had been with me recently. I was visiting with one of our former students. She described to me how that, following her transfer to a well-known state university, she had found the work far lighter than was required of her at Bible College.

Bible college education is decidedly not inferior. In fact, in many ways it is clearly superior to education in a secular state university. I recently did some follow-up studies on how FWBCC graduates do when admitted to graduate schools. A number of our graduates have recently been accepted into such graduate schools as Syracuse University, Peabody College, Middle Tennessee State University, Old Dominion College, the State University of New York, Eastern Michigan University, and others. Without exception, the Bible College students have done well.

FWBCC has also had many of her graduates to enter various seminaries, including Grace, Covenant, and Bob Jones. These students have also done good work and several have graduated with distinction.

In addition to those admitted to graduate level studies, hundreds of our students have transferred after two years or so to other colleges. In nearly every instance they have left a commendable record with the college to which they moved.

Academic standards are high at Free Will Baptist Bible College and good grades are given only when earned. Grade distributions are regularly studied and compared. Student abilities and achievements in several areas are measured by standardized testing programs

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From My Desk

President L. C. Johnson, L.H.D.

Three large private universities in this country just reported that they would run a deficit of several millions of dollars this school year. Each of these schools has hundreds of millions of dollars in endowments and draws its students from among the wealthiest people in this country. These three universities state that it costs them \$7,200 for each student enrolled. In other words, they are saying that the private institutions of this country are in financial trouble. This is the general talk among all private college educators. Many are forecasting that private colleges, which include all church-related schools, will be forced out of existence unless new sources of revenue are discovered. The only alternative, they say, is to have a second-rate educational program which cannot compete with the public university and college. As I read these reports and forecasts I cannot help but think about Free Will Baptist Bible College and its financial needs. It was founded in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1942, a \$5,000 payment was made on a \$15,000 piece of property, leaving only a few dollars in the bank with which to open school. From that day until now the College has operated almost entirely on a cash basis, with the exception of our present building indebtedness. With the memory of the financial failure of some of our denomination's past educational endeavors, a very conservative financial policy has been followed during the Bible College's 28-year history. This year's gift budget is \$175,000—or \$450 for each student enrolled. We propose to take 10% of this amount and put it into a Student Loan Fund to help needy students. In this way, your gifts will not only help support the general operation of the College, but also make financial aid available to some needy student. Several hundred new donors are needed to underwrite our financial needs. If the young people of our denomination are willing to come to a Christian college, we must be willing to provide it for them.

Support your Bible College.

and compared to national norms for college students. For example, a study was recently conducted on an entire junior class at FWBBC. As freshmen they had been tested in English expression and were found to rank at the 37th percentile—well below average (50th percentile). When re-tested as juniors, their percentile rating had risen a full ten points, placing them on a norm with college juniors across the country.

The Bible College also follows a careful program of academic warning and probation. For example, during the present semester there are some 35 students on academic probation—which means that if their grades do not improve, they will have to drop out of school. Several students had to be dropped for academic failure at the end of the past school year. But, because of this system, those who make it through can be assured that their education, course for course, will compare favorably with what they would be getting anywhere.

Now, what about some reasons for maintaining that a Bible college education may be better than a secular one? For one thing, there is the point of size. FWBBC is a small college, a fact which means the individual is important to us. Even if we were not small, we would still, as Christians, be compelled to take a personal interest in each student. But, since we are small, we are able to successfully maintain close student-teacher relationships.

For another thing, there is the point of atmosphere. The environment at many colleges is not especially conducive to diligent study. Our students are alert. Their minds are not clouded by alcohol, drugs, or all-night carousings. They are more involved in studies than to "beat Harvard" or burn the campus. Those really interested in studying can know they will not be interfered with in that pursuit.

Finally, there is the point of educational philosophy. Education is far superior when it is approached from the certainty of revealed truth than when it is little more than a confused sorting of conflicting theories. And when teachers and students share a spiritual commitment to Christ, they can be expected to do their best in every area, including academic pursuits.

Successful education is, in the final analysis, mainly dependent on motivation—a point on which educators agree. Bible college education is education with a clearly defined purpose. Teachers and students have a clear objective for their teaching and study—to prepare for effective Christian service. This is education with a reason.

411 Register For Fall Term

One hundred and sixty new enrollees brought the Bible College's fall registration figure to a record 411 students. Day registrants numbered 378, with 33 additional students entering evening school. The new FWBCC students are:

ALABAMA

Don Hayes Tuscaloosa
Dennis Haygood Florence
Velinda Jordan Ashford
Josephine Larson Huntsville
Larry Nix Detroit
Connie Nobles Eldridge
Donnie Patterson Florence
Diane Smith Hamilton

ARKANSAS

Larry Bishop Plainview
Pat Dickens N. Little Rock
Judy Plyler Glenwood
Sheila Reid Glenwood

FLORIDA

Phil Cook Bonifay
Gary Harris Palm Bay
Freddie Lockwood Jacksonville
Kenneth Parker Chipley
Freda Rehberg Marianna
Bob Shupe Eau Gallie
Jim Wallace Jacksonville
Beth Wheeler Jacksonville

GEORGIA

Amelia Barnes Blakely
Ken Driggers Bainbridge
Debbie Goss Arlington
Brenda Langford Unadilla
DeDe Lisenby Arlington
Gary Madray Jesup
Beth Smith Savannah
Linda Todd Millen
Martin Windham Reynolds
Rudy Woods Savannah

HAWAII

Alex Oberneder Waipahu
Cathy Plank Waipahu
Brenda Sanders Waipahu
Charles Sartor Waipahu
Alfred Sumabat Waipahu

ILLINOIS

Gary Carstens S. Roxana
Gloria Droll Ina
Kathy Grob Sesser
Shirley Hawkins Ina
Vickie Ragland Tamaroa

INDIANA

Archie Ratcliff Anderson

KENTUCKY

Vernon Barker Louisa
Vivian Bays Webbville
Mike Kidd Fort Gay
Tag Kilgore Pikeville
Sue Moore Guthrie

MICHIGAN

Forrest Anderson Madison Hts.
Esther Click Flint
Mary Cutshall River Rouge
Ginger Fairchild Royal Oak
Fred Harting Warren
Kent Pool Utica
Pat Riggs Royal Oak
Linda Robinson Royal Oak
Karen Smithmier Westland
Patsy Worley Dearborn Heights

MISSISSIPPI

Nonnie Alexander Tupelo
Linda Bedford Tupelo
Ava Brown Tupelo
Nelda Daniels Toccopola
Roger Williams Columbus

MISSOURI

Terry Forrest Alton
Gary Fry Mountain Grove
Jim Mertz St. Louis
Tom Owens Buffalo
Jean Ragsdale Flat River
Linda Rich Mountain Grove
Pat Smith St. Charles
Joyce Thomas Kirksville
Stephanie Vincent Kirksville
Billy Williams Lebanon

NORTH CAROLINA

Joseph Baker Fuquay-Varina
Linda Burleson Asheville
Linda Deweese Canton
Bob Eatman Durham
Myra Floyd Cove City
Leonard Gibbs Durham
Jim Hall Swannanoa
Brenda Harris Greenville
Janice Harris Cramerton
Milton Hollifield, Jr. Swannanoa
Linda Lee Greenville
Steve Lytle Swannanoa
Clint Morgan Roxboro
Ted Pittman Morehead City
Deidre Scarborough Belmont
Joel Street Raleigh
Edith Walker Goldsboro
Ricky Washington Fuquay-Varina

OHIO

Pam Ashby Dayton
Lois Brown Grove City
Steve Casebolt Columbus
David Coleman Grove City
Sharon Evans Ironton
Sheila Farmer Columbus
Jim Marcum Columbus
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Sharon Patrick Mansfield
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College Hires IBM Operator

Miss Ann Short, of Glenwood, Arkansas, has been employed as an IBM operator by the College. She graduated from Glenwood High School, third in her senior class, and received the Best Business Student award. At Briars Business College, Hot Springs, Arkansas, she completed her 18-month business training in 10 months. FWBBC proudly welcomes her to its staff.



Ann
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College Development Campaign Report

NEEDED: \$141,000

Phase I of the Bible College Development Program is thirty months old. This phase has included the purchase of two large units of property, the preparation of two sites for building, architectural fees, and the construction of a men's dormitory and an academic building. The total cost for Phase I has been \$650,000. Through August, \$509,000 had been secured in cash, commitments, and bonds. Therefore, the Bible College lacks only \$141,000 to completely underwrite Phase I of the program. Entry into Phase II of the Development Program is being delayed until this amount is secured in cash and/or commitments.

Phase II of the program is expected to include the construction of a women's dormitory and a gymnasium-auditorium capable of seating about 2,000 people. These new buildings are needed now since the women's quarters are filled and the present auditorium will not accommodate either Bible Conference guests or crowds attending graduation exercises.

The College Board and the Administration are anxious to enter Phase II. Every effort is being made to conclude Phase I this fall. Churches and individuals who have given are being asked to give again, while those who have delayed are being urged to make their move now. The Office of Development has also requested that individuals and churches who are unable to make cash gifts in the near future, set long-range goals and commit themselves to reach them.

A concerted effort on the part of Free Will Baptists will assure the rapid closing of Phase I as the magic figure—\$141,000—is attained.



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"IGNORANT AND UNLEARNED MEN"

by Charles A. Thigpen, Dean
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Peter and John were a mystery, a frustrating problem to the scribes and elders who surrounded them that morning. An investigation had been launched to determine by what means they had healed the lame beggar usually found seated at the temple gate. These ignorant fishermen insisted on attributing the miracle to an insurrectionist, Jesus of Nazareth. It should have been quite a simple matter for Annas, the high priest, and the other highly educated rulers of Israel to refute their story and crush the rumor before it could spread and reach the ears of the people.

But these unlettered villagers refused to fit the pattern. They had never sat at Gamaliel's feet, yet they quoted the Scriptures with assurance and authority. They had never been through the schools of their day, yet they spoke with an indisputable logic and a holy zeal.

Ignorant and unlearned men simply aren't supposed to behave in such a manner!

But, unknown to the Jewish rulers, Peter and John had been to school. For more than three years they had sat at the feet of the Master Teacher, drinking in His words and deeds. It was a type of education totally in conflict with the formal training of the day. Yet, it had fully prepared these men to defend the truth against the vicious attack of some of the most highly educated religious leaders in Israel.

Christians in every age have found themselves in conflict with the secular world's educational systems. It was for this reason that most of the early colleges founded in America were an outgrowth of the church. Their purpose was to train

preachers, missionaries and other Christian workers. But as they expanded, that noble purpose was lost in the shuffle.

Harvard College was started in 1638 for the purpose of providing advanced study to qualify men for the Christian ministry. It is no wonder that during its first 100 years half of the graduates from this school entered the Gospel ministry. In 1642 Harvard adopted rules of government for its operation which included the following statement . . . "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider that the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ . . . and seeing the Lord only gives wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of him."

Other Pre-Revolutionary colleges such as Yale, Princeton, King's College (now Columbia University) and Rutgers made it clear in their statements of purpose that they prepared young men for "public employment in Church and State." King's College boldly stated in public advertisement . . . "The chief thing that is arrived at in this college is to teach and engage children to know God in Christ Jesus, and to love and serve Him in all sobriety, godliness, and richness of life with a pure heart and willing mind, and to train them up in all virtuous habits and all such useful knowledge as may render them creditable to their families and friends, ornaments to their country, and useful to the public weal in our generation."

In contrast to these worthy statements, a modern secular educator was recently quoted as

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From My Desk

President L. C. Johnson, L.H.D.

A visitor, whose work takes him to colleges and universities in 14 southern states, was on our campus recently. As he sat at lunch with us in the dining hall, I noticed him watching our students very intently. He turned to me and commented that he had not seen anything like this in all of his travels. I asked him more pointedly the meaning of his statement and he said, "The wholesome appearance of this campus stands out in sharp contrast to the average college campus." He referred specifically to the young men who were neatly dressed in ties and dress shirts, and with their hair neatly trimmed. The modest dresses worn by our girls were also noted. I told him that we felt the manner of dress was a reflection of the type of students that we have and that the college did not allow hippie hairdos and miniskirts. ● This incident reminded me of another gentleman from one of the large insurance companies in our state who spent several days on our campus. After walking about the campus for a while, he soon became aware that he had seen no one smoking. He commented to a friend that he did not see how you could get that number of young people together and enforce a "no smoking" policy. He was even courteous enough to walk away from the campus to do his own smoking. ● I am convinced that there are thousands upon thousands of decent Christian young people in this country who would welcome an opportunity to attend a college with high moral standards and Christian principles. Perhaps one of the most important services Christian people can render the youth of our country is to provide good Christian colleges for them. Our own denomination has this opportunity. ● Every college-age man or woman who is a Christian should have the privilege of attending a Christian school. Public colleges cannot provide the spiritual training our young people need. Therefore, it is the intention of those of us who work for the Bible College to reinforce the Christian principles taught our young people, not destroy them.

alumni news BRIEFS

Tom Clark (1967) and Juanita have a new son, Thomas Reuben, III, born September 9 in Greenville, S. C.

Ricky Duncan ('65-'66) and Pat have a daughter, Kelly Ann, born July 1 in Healdton, Oklahoma.

Seville and Annis Foreman (1961) Reed have a son, Seville Shane, born October 24 in Concord, Arkansas.

Paul Johnson ('59-'61) and Joye have a son, Mark Hamilton, born November 3 in Titusville, Florida.

Miss Jerry Howard ('62-'63) and R. J. Kennedy ('58-'61) were wed August 31 in Richmond, Virginia. They are now living in Black Mountain, N.C.

Clarence (1964) and Betty O'Haver (1960) Mays have a daughter, Laura Dianne, born September 29 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Verla Pembrook Blowe (1963) and Floyd have a daughter, Jeanna Fay, born September 11 in Merced, California.

Eddie (1966) and Carolyn Dail ('65-'66) Riddick have a daughter, Karen Lynn, born November 2 in Littleton, New Hampshire.

Gene (1964) and Marjorie Hinton (1964) Workman have a new daughter, Regena Raylene, born September 23 in Moore, Oklahoma.

"We have not yet begun to give," might be a rather free paraphrase of John Paul Jones' famous rallying cry. But it fits. The current alumni project to purchase property for the school is just beginning to roll. With your support, the best is yet to come.

"IGNORANT MEN AND UNLEARNED MEN"

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saying, "The purpose of liberal higher education is to free men from all authority." Free Will Baptist Bible College is unapologetic in its opposition to this philosophy. We stand alongside the original objectives which Harvard and Columbia once espoused. Though their torch for higher Christian education has long since been extinguished, we believe that God in His providence has raised up the current Bible College movement to lift high the Biblical standard.

There are four ways by which Bible colleges seek to implement their educational and spiritual responsibility. (1) These institutions are built upon a Christian philosophy of education. Its source book is the Bible which answers the basic questions concerning man's origin, purpose and destiny. (2) The curriculum is Christ-centered. It is necessary to have a central principle, an integrating factor, which serves as the effective focus for the entire curriculum in a college program of study. The Written Word, which presents the Incarnate Word, is that center in a thoroughly Christian school. (3) The entire faculty is committed to the Christian purposes of Bible College

education. No matter how clear the doctrinal statement may be, or how completely Christian the philosophy of education set forth in the school's catalog, the teachers themselves must be true Christians in profession and practice. Not everything can be "taught" on a campus, some things must be "caught" from the daily, consistent lives of Godly men and women. And finally, (4) it is essential to have a student body made up of Christian students. All would agree that students influence other students tremendously. In order for their influence to contribute to the grand purpose of the college, the students themselves must be Christians. Also, it is only when this is true that the teaching-learning process can be "three-dimensional." That is, to the Christian teacher and the Christian student is added the interacting presence of the Holy Spirit. These are the four ways in which Free Will Baptist Bible College endeavors to be true to its spiritual heritage and God-given purpose.

People of the world may still criticize followers of the Lord as being "ignorant and unlearned". But they must also take knowledge of our students, as they did of the first century Christians, "that they have been with Jesus".

*Gospel pioneers, Mack Owens and Angus McDougal
were among those who recently urged
FWBBC students to greater . . .*

CONSECRATION AND COMPASSION



A short, rotund Christian gentleman with a Scotch burr and tartan tie laid bare the burden of his heart for Nova Scotia before the assembled Bible College students. Angus McDougal, Free Baptist preacher of over 50 years' experience, brought a series of chapel messages recently, designed to challenge every Christian to deeper personal consecration and a world-wide compassion. Mr. McDougal was accompanied by Mack Owens, veteran Free Will Baptist pioneer in church extension. Other recent chapel speakers included missionaries Jimmy Aldridge and Eddie Payne, now home from Africa, and Louis Coscia, from Brazil. Don Pegram, Portsmouth, Ohio pastor, was guest speaker both in chapel and evening services during a weekend revival held on campus in October. All, except Mr. McDougal, are alumni of the school. The combined impact of their messages will be long felt on campus.

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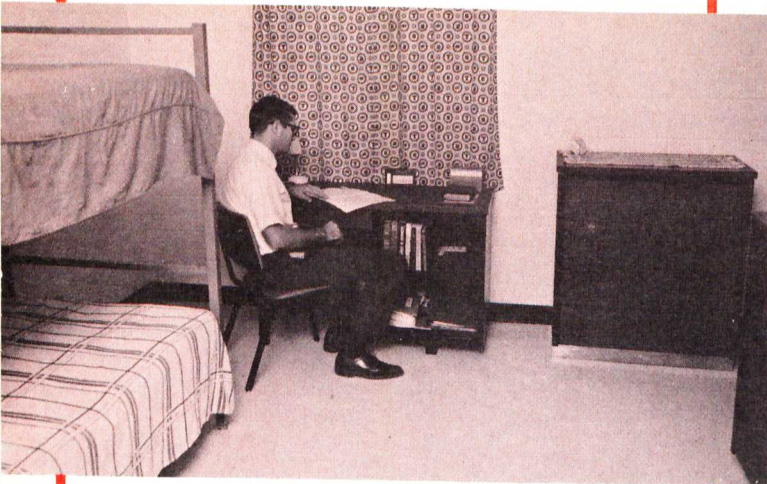
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A project of \$200 will provide furniture for one student at the Bible College. \$400 will furnish an entire dormitory room.

Furniture Projects Available

Groups Raise \$10,000 To Furnish Buildings

A group of Alabama teenagers were challenged not long ago to do something beneficial. Following a visit to their church by the Bible College quartet, they decided to adopt a project for the school. Within a month, the Heralds CTS class of the Forestdale Church in Birmingham raised \$200 toward furnishing the Bible College's new men's dormitory. Similar accounts involving Sunday school classes, Auxiliaries, and even entire Associations could be related. And together they have given and pledged more than \$10,000 toward furnishing FWBBC's new buildings.

A church in Columbia, South Carolina has made a gift to the project in memory of a young serviceman from their church. The Bible College will provide a commemorative plaque for any gift of \$200 or more designated as a memorial.

The range of projects is wide. Furniture projects have been adopted to purchase a student desk (\$16) and to provide furniture for three lounges (\$1,500) in the college's new classroom building.

Any group or individual interested in learning more about the school's furniture needs may write the Bible College's Office of Development.

Secretaries Launch SOS Campaign

An SOS Campaign (Save Our Sanity) has been launched by a number of secretaries in the FWBBC Business Office. A large number of gifts intended for the building fund and other special projects regularly arrive at the school undesignated. Therefore, these are credited to the General Fund. In a flurry of desperate re-shuffling, the secretaries have attempted to properly credit these gifts. You can help their SOS Campaign by marking ALL your gifts to the school for a specific fund:

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