



A Man With Two Burdens

by Bert Tippet

Jack Paramore is an evangelist. What's more, he's a good evangelist. He entered the revival ministry fresh out of Bible College in 1958, when many were leaving the field for lack of sufficient meetings. From the beginning he was in demand and since then he has held more than 500 revival campaigns, preached over 7,000 sermons and witnessed decisions by 13,000 individuals. By all standards, his evangelistic ministry has been successful.

But, successful or not, soul-winning is still his only life-long commitment. He says, "My heart is in evangelism. If I know anything about my limited abilities, they lie in that area of ministry."

Why then, in the face of such success,

should Jack cut his revival schedule in half, risk the complete disruption of his ministry and move his family to Nashville to direct a building program for Free Will Baptist Bible College?

When President L. C. Johnson announced plans to expand the campus in 1965, Jack was receiving five times more invitations for revivals than he could accept. Though already convinced of the need for such a program, when he heard of the Bible College's search for a director, he prayed, "Lord, don't let them ask me to head it." He knew that directing such a program would involve a certain risk to his evangelistic ministry.

Nevertheless, the call came.

"I wrestled with it for days, for weeks," he recalls. "I wondered if my friends would understand. Would the calls for meetings still come after I moved to Nashville? When I became convinced that it was God's will that I take this position, I knew I was laying my whole evangelistic ministry on the line."

Two factors convinced Jack of the need for building an enlarged Bible College. First, he was convinced that a strong Bible College was

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**Jack Paramore,
Director of
Development**



**Tom Malone,
Asst. Director of
Development**

a primary deterrent to liberalism in the denomination. "We are not immune to the errors that led to the downfall of other great denominations," he says. "That concern forced me into this position. I felt that if I could be used to help put up the buildings, God would raise up teachers and administrators to carry on."

Second, he wanted to serve the young people of the denomination. "Through the years," he notes, "I have become convinced that saved young people ought to have the opportunity to go to a college where their faith can be enhanced and their morals strengthened."

After reaching his decision, Jack moved with his family to Nashville in December, 1965. A review of the school's building needs indicated that a 10-year program would be required. Seven buildings—a classroom center, library, gymnasium and four dormitories—would complete the program. While much of the cost would be covered through fees, there remained an estimated \$1,500,000 for Jack to raise—the largest single project ever promoted among Free Will Baptists.

This promotion carried Jack 50,000 miles per year and required more than 400 speaking engagements annually. In addition to this, his continued burden for evangelism drove him to insert from 20 to 25 revival campaigns per year into an already-full schedule.

As the burden of the work grew, the need of an assistant on the field to help Jack became obvious. So, in February, 1969, the Reverend Tom Malone, also a Bible College graduate and an experienced pastor, joined the Office of Development as the Assistant Director. Since he had also maintained an active evangelistic ministry during his years as pastor, it was agreed that he would continue to hold from 12 to 15 revival campaigns per year, in addition to his duties for the school. As he began his travels, raising support for the building program, he proved to be more than just a capable assistant in the campaign. He also met with a warm reception from the many people all across the denomination who discovered his outstanding gifts as a preacher. Jack has lavishly praised Tom's work during the past two years. "No man," he says, "could ask for a better or more qualified assistant. His attitude is wholesome and his interest, drive and dedication to the task are excellent."

As the building program celebrates its Fifth Anniversary this month, the Development Campaign has passed the \$900,000-mark. Two dormitories, a gymnasium, and a library wing remain to be built in the total program. But the momentum Jack and Tom have built up will go far in carrying the program on to completion. Free Will Baptist Bible College will ever be indebted to these men of God who have so sacrificially given themselves to this great service.

But how has the work affected Jack's evangelistic ministry? By actual count, he recently received more than 250 campaign invitations in one twelve-month period. His years of travel for the school, if anything, have broadened his evangelistic opportunities. Now he looks forward to the day when he can look out across a modern Bible College campus and then once again turn his full energy back to his first love—Evangelism.



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Bible College Enrolls 470 For School Year

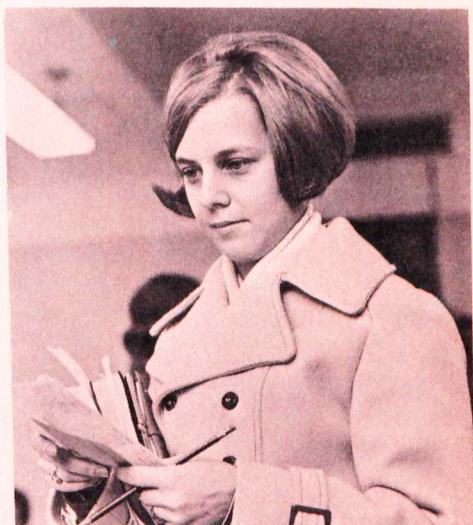
Forty-six new day students enrolled on January 5 as the Bible College began its second semester. Joining 389 students who were in school first semester, they boosted the 1970-71 day school enrollment to 435. Including Evening School registrants and those who attended the 1970 Summer Session, this brings the total Bible College enrollment to 470 for the current school year. This is only slightly below last year's record enrollment of 480.

By classes, the students this year numbered 164 freshmen, 137 sophomores, 67 juniors and 38 seniors. Twenty-nine enrolled as Special Students.

The Registrar's Office also announced that within this year's student body are 142 ministerial students and 36 studying for missionary service.

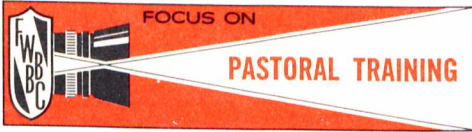
Thirty of the 46 second semester students are attending the Bible College for the first time. These are:

Narda Alexander, Miss.	Howard Messer, N.C.
Calvin Barber, Ala.	Herman Moore, N.C.
Jerry Chaney, Ala.	Carolyn Pike, Va.
Charles Cook, Fla.	Linda Potter, Ark.
Ernest Dukes, Ala.	Sharon Roberts, Ky.
Gerald Fowler, Ala.	Robert Roehl, N.C.
Nell Griffith, Oh.	Ronnie Snipes, N.C.
Gerald Kirby, S.C.	Brenda Spence, Wash.
James Knighton, Ala.	John Stephens, N.C.
W. Kuykendall, N.C.	Diane Syck, Mich.
David Lee, N.C.	David Turnbough, Fla.
David Matthews, Ill.	Daniel Vermillion, Ky.
Janie Matthews, Ala.	Larry Wells, N.C.
Kenneth Mayo, Ala.	Martha Woody, Mich.
Thomas McCall, Ga.	Evelyn Woolard, N.C.



1970-71 Enrollment, By States

Alabama	21	Michigan	25
Arizona	1	Missouri	19
Arkansas	14	Montana	1
California	12	New Hampshire	2
Colorado	2	North Carolina	67
Florida	16	Ohio	17
Georgia	23	Oklahoma	8
Hawaii	3	Oregon	1
Indiana	8	Pennsylvania	2
Illinois	29	South Carolina	30
Kansas	1	Texas	9
Kentucky	13	Tennessee	56
Maryland	2	Virginia	23
Massachusetts	1	Washington	6
Mississippi	10	West Virginia	14



The Free Will Baptist denomination will not rise above the level of its pastors. If it is to be great, then its pastors must be great. If it is to be evangelistic, then its pastors must be compassionate. If it is to be pure, then its pastors must have convictions.

For 29 years, the vision of training great men of God has been the incentive that has driven Free Will Baptist Bible College's Pastoral Training Program. In this program, eight areas are stressed.

First, every young preacher is thoroughly instructed in the Word of God.

Second, able teachers guide the ministerial student to a comprehension of Bible doctrines and theology.

Third, an understanding of the history of the Church, and especially of the Free Will Baptist denomination, is stressed.

Fourth, the Bible College seeks to stoke the fires of love and compassion within the

heart of every ministerial student.

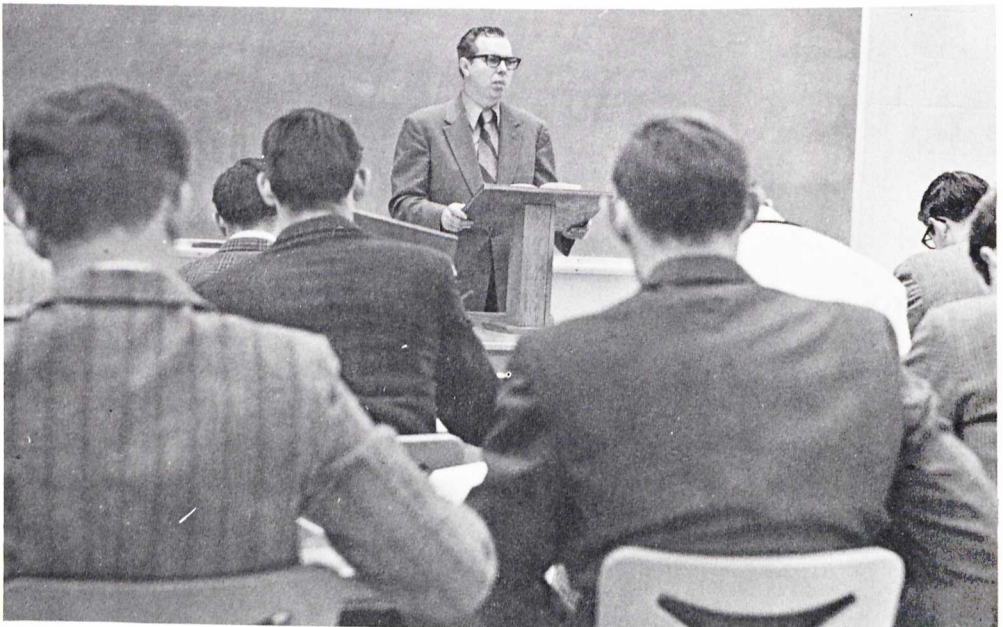
Fifth, he is taught to prepare and effectively deliver sound gospel messages.

Sixth, each pastoral trainee is expected to gain a clear grasp of local church government and Parliamentary law.

Seventh, students learn to organize and coordinate the church's auxiliary programs, such as Sunday school, C.T.S., Woman's Auxiliary, Vacation Bible School, etc.

Eighth, each student is taught to appreciate a well-rounded church music program, including the use of "Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs."

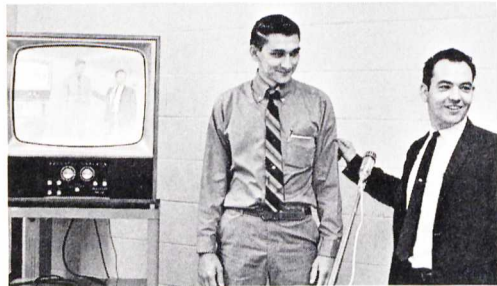
Free Will Baptists want their denomination to reach more of the lost and minister more effectively to the saints. God's blessings, called down by the prayers of our people, will continue to perfect the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College and its program of pastoral training.



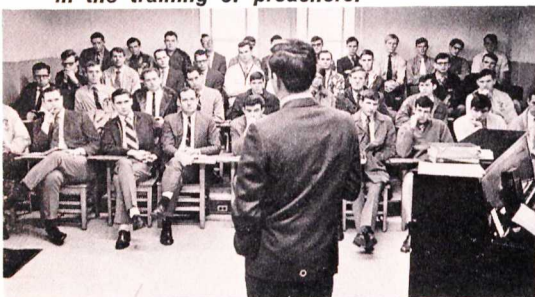
The Reverend Charles Thigpen, FWBBC Dean, serves as head of the school's Pastoral Training Program, instructing ministerial students in classes like this one.



Terry Forrest is one of several young preachers who pastor in the Nashville area.



Video Tape television is a valuable tool in the training of preachers.



Al Hamm preaches on weekends in Alabama and serves as chaplain of his campus society.



These are some of the more than 140 ministerial students now training at Bible College.



William Baird and Jack Stone enjoy a lighter moment in classroom study.



82 Students Make Dean's List

Eighty-two students closed first semester with an average of "B" or higher and were placed on the Dean's List of honor students. Of the five who maintained straight "A's", three were natives of Ohio. The school is proud to list the following honor students.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Rudy Woods (Senior)	Savannah, Ga.
Joe Grimmitt (Soph.)	Cleveland, Oh.
Peter Wilson (Soph.)	Toledo, Oh.
Wayne Patton (Fresh.)	Wheelersburg, Oh.
Altricia Pruitt (Fresh.)	Nashville, Tn.

"B" HONOR ROLL

SENIORS

Wanda Compton	Marianna, Fla.
Clyde Gillentine	Hico, Tx.
Al Hamm	Fayette, Ala.
Danny Keen	Smithfield, N.C.
Joyce King	Exeter, Cal.
Sue May	Salado, Ark.
Ronnie Moore	Orange Park, Fla.
David Nobles	Greenville, N.C.

JUNIORS

Nonnie Alexander	Tupelo, Miss.
Sandra Bazen	Pamplico, S.C.
Karen Brown	Greenville, N.C.
William Cooper	Philadelphia, Miss.
Tom Dowling	Timmonsville, S.C.
Larry Hughes	Fulton, Miss.
Tag Kilgore	Pikeville, Ky.

SOPHOMORES

Georgia Akers	Greeneville, Tn.
Rodney Bailey	Elizabethton, Tn.
Lenny Bass	Walnut Hill, Ill.
Claudia Bland	Greenville, N.C.
Cheryl Clay	W. Palm Beach, Fla.
Samuel Crosley	Chesterfield, Ind.
Allan Crowson	Nashville, Tn.
Gerald Fender	Burnsville, N.C.
Linda Fields	Durham, N.C.
Cathy Fowler	Ina, Ill.
Billy Hanna	Florence, S.C.
Robert Hartley	Denver, Colo.
Judy Hovis	Richmond Hts., Mo.

FRESHMEN

Cecil Boswell	Newport News, Va.
Deborah Carlisle	Royal Oak, Mich.
Larry Carr	Garden Grove, Cal.
Melvin Clark	Grimesland, N.C.
Deborah Edwards	New Bern, N.C.
Carol Fowler	Ina, Ill.
Janice Gentry	Dayton, Oh.
Bon Hutchison	Warrenville, Ill.
Janice Lacefield	Osceola, Ind.

Sandra Ogletree	Tifton, Ga.
Barbara Pate	Knoxville, Tn.
Roy Pearson	Laurel, Miss.
Tommy Sanders	Durham, N.C.
Terry Simpson	Loudon, Tn.
Janie Sitton	Clarksville, Tn.
Carl Stamey	Canton, N.C.
Eddie Vincent	Lebanon, Mo.
Jo Wainright	Greenville, N.C.

Mary Nell Lanier	Leary, Ga.
Stephen Lytle	Swannanoa, N.C.
Sue Mullins	Alma, Okla.
Thomas Oster	Johnston City, Ill.
Brenda Sanders	Waipahu, Hawaii
Donald Turner	Rivermines, Mo.
Stephanie Vincent	Kirksville, Mo.
Delmus Walker	Goldsboro, N.C.

Ronnie Ivey	Richmond, Va.
Danny Key	Kannapolis, N.C.
Earl Larson	Portland, Ore.
Harvey Luke	Nashville, Tn.
Connie Maggard	Wheelersburg, Oh.
Tom Maines	Elizabethton, Tn.
Greg Mathis	Colquitt, Ga.
Garry Matthews	Raytown, Mo.
Virginia Poole	Clarksville, Tn.
Linda Simmons	Paris, Ark.
Alice Smith	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Joy Wade	Garden Grove, Cal.
Kay Walden	Guin, Ala.
Jimmie Williams	Bryan, Tx.

Phyllis Little	Newport News, Va.
Karla Payne	Ina, Ill.
Gene Phillips	Newport News, Va.
M. Pritchard	Johnston City, Ill.
Janet Rollins	Birmingham, Ala.
Sharon Sampey	Detroit, Mich.
Tommy Sass	Streator, Ill.
Jim Stokes	Kinston, N.C.
Brenda Tarwater	Hampton, Va.



Chapel Service Honors Former Dean, Librarian

Bible College officials designated December 8, 1970, as Appreciation Day, in honor of two retired staff members. Former librarian, Mrs. J. P. Barrow, and retired dean of women, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, were recognized for their outstanding service to the school during a special chapel hour.

Speaking for the entire College family, Mary Wisehart, English professor, described Mrs. Barrow's 20 years of dedicated service, titling her our "First Lady of the Books." Dr. Robert Picirilli, FWBBC registrar, read the college's tribute to Mrs. Simpson. He recalled her motherly care for the hundreds of girls placed in her hands during 17 years of service.

Each lady was presented with a silver tray, engraved in honor of the occasion, and was given an orchid corsage and a bouquet of roses.

Dr. L. C. Johnson closed the service with personal words of appreciation for Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. Simpson. He also recalled the service of so many others whose work has largely gone unrecognized. They have all made possible the school's present ministry.

Students Raise \$10,000 Over Christmas Holidays

Members of the College family raised over \$10,000 for the school over the Christmas holidays, it was recently discovered.

The Reverend Paul Kettman, Director of Public Relations, totaled receipts from special services held by students and announced in chapel that nearly \$8,000 had been raised by 60 students and members of the faculty. Some held Bible College services in their home churches, while others brought back signed monthly check-books. Kettman honored those who took part in promotional efforts with a steak supper.

On behalf of the school's building fund, members of the Bryan Society, a campus men's organization, sponsored "Walk-A-Thons" in their home communities while on vacation. Jack Paramore, Office of Development Director, has estimated that gifts from their drive will exceed \$3,000.

The school is grateful for these students who put forth personal effort to promote the Bible College. In view of the destructive tendencies of some college students, what a delightful contrast!



L. to R.: Dennis Teague, Gary Madray, Mr. and Mrs. Sluder, Jerry Griffith.

Six Appointed Summer Missionaries

The Reverend Reford Wilson, General Director of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department, recently announced that six members of the Bible College family have been approved for summer missionary service on the field.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Griffith, natives of Ohio, have been approved for service in Panama. Jerry teaches Spanish in the school's Language Department. Another couple, Mr. and Mrs.

Ken Sluder from California, will be sent to work with missionaries in the Ivory Coast. Two young men, Dennis Teague, a senior from Oklahoma, and Gary Madray, a junior from Georgia, will be stationed in France.

Besides assisting Free Will Baptist missionaries, these summer appointees will gain valuable insight into the needs of these foreign fields and the great opportunities for service.

alumni news BRIEFS

Joe Baker ('69-'70) and **Sandi** have a new son, **Joseph Todd**, born January 23 in Fuquay, North Carolina.

Jimmy Wayne Brown ('65-'66) married **Deborah Jean Jones** ('69-'70) on January 15 in Hartselle, Alabama.

Bill Fulcher (1959) and **Glen-da** ('56-'59) have a new son, **Michael Joseph**, born November 27 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Randall Johnson ('64-'65) and **Carole** have a new son, **Kevin Alan**, born November 1 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Ray Jones ('68-'69) married **Louise Armstrong** (1970) on

December 19 in Smithville, Mississippi.

Dick McClure ('66-'70) and **Paula** ('66-'70) have a new daughter, **Rejyna Dawn**, born December 5 in Nashville.

David Nobles (1971) and **Gaye** ('68-'70) have a new son, **Jonathan David**, born November 5 in Nashville.

Dwight Riggs (1963) and **Cathy (Cox)**, '58-'62) have a new son, **Derrick Ernest**, born November 18 in Nashville.

Phil and Kaye (Priest), '62-'64) Sturgeon have a new daughter, **Emily Elizabeth**, born November 28 in Springfield, Missouri.

Eugene Waddell (1954) and **Genevieve (Johnson)**, '59-'62) have a new son, **John Randall**, born December 16 in Nashville.

College Sponsors Choir, Drama Tour

Two student groups will tour Free Will Baptist churches in Michigan and North Carolina during mid-semester break, March 28-29, the Public Relations Office has announced. The College Choir has planned to visit the Detroit area on its 18th annual tour, while a dramatic group makes the College's first Drama Tour, visiting 13 churches along the eastern seaboard.

The 35-voice Bible College Choir, under the direction of Mr. David Randlett, will present a well-rounded program of anthems, hymns, and gospel songs, including "It's Real," "Crown Him" and a medley on the salvation experience. The school's brass quartet and trumpet trio will accompany the choir on some numbers. Also performing on the program will be the Gleaners Trio and the Victorymen Quartet. The 1971 Choir program has been entitled, "Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God."

Two plays, "Release" and "Daniel and The Tempter," will be performed each evening on Drama Tour by a company of 14 students, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Thigpen and Mr. Joseph Jones. The purpose of this tour is to present the gospel through the medium of Christian drama. Such productions have been presented on campus in the past, with numbers making decisions for Christ.

Free Will Baptists in the areas where these groups will visit are encouraged to attend their services. The school presents these programs to glorify the Lord and to reach those who do not know Him.

CHOIR TOUR

- Mar. 18 Scott St. FWB Church
Cookeville, Tenn.
- Mar. 19 Welch Ave. FWB Church
Columbus, Ohio
- Mar. 20 Shiloh FWB Church
Detroit, Mich.
- Mar. 21 Southgate FWB Church
A.M. Southgate, Mich.
P.M. Central FWB Church
Royal Oak, Mich.
- Mar. 22 Ten Mile FWB Church
Hazel Park, Mich.
- Mar. 23 Ecorse FWB Church
Ecorse, Mich.
- Mar. 24 Kirby FWB Church
Taylor, Mich.
- Mar. 25 Philadelphia FWB Church
Detroit, Mich.
- Mar. 26 Old Fashioned FWB Church
Detroit, Mich.
- Mar. 27 Hazel Park FWB Church
Hazel Park, Mich.
- Mar. 28 Friendship FWB Church
A.M. Flint, Mich.
P.M. Troy FWB Church
Troy, Mich.

DRAMA TOUR

- Forest Grove FWB Church
Knoxville, Tenn.
- First FWB Church
Elizabethton, Tenn.
- Liberty FWB Church
Durham, N.C.
- Shady Grove FWB Church
Durham, N.C.
- Unity FWB Church
Smithfield, N.C.
- Peace FWB Church
Wilson, N.C.
- Fairmount Park FWB Church
Norfolk, Va.
- Grace FWB Church
Greenville, N.C.
- Bethel FWB Church
Kinston, N.C.
- Pleasant Acres FWB Church
New Bern, N.C.
- Elementary School Aud.
Beaufort, N.C.
- Faith FWB Church
Goldsboro, N.C.
- Victory FWB Church
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Scene from "Release"





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Flowing and Growing

by WM. HENRY OLIVER

Sometimes a small stream of water, winding its way down a green valley, disappears for a while under the graveled bed over which it has been flowing. Farther down the valley, it surfaces again and moves on. Fed by additional streams from the hills through which it flows, it deepens and widens until it becomes a mighty river. This has been the history of Free Will Baptist education as I have personally observed it for the past 49 years. The stream has not yet reached its full size, but it is growing.

In September, 1927, after teaching one year in a public school in Tennessee, I accepted a position as teacher and athletic coach at Eureka College, a rather new Free Will Baptist school in Ayden, North Carolina. It was the work to which I felt God had called me—teaching in a Free Will Baptist school, helping to train Christian workers. I felt that I had found my place in life.

I did not realize as I began my second year at Eureka that the stream of Free Will Baptist education was about to go underground. Such was the case, however, for in December, 1928, the school was closed for lack of sufficient funds. Its closing made it necessary for me to return to public education.

Now, after having spent 35 years in public education and six years as Associate Professor of Education in a good liberal arts college, I have again found at least a part of the main stream of Free Will Baptist education.

It has surfaced magnificently and is now a steady river, not as big as it will some day be, but growing constantly as it makes its way on down the valley of Christian service. I have returned to the work to which I have always felt that God originally called me.

THE STUDENTS

Free Will Baptist Bible College is a good school. I have been very favorably impressed with what I have found here. The students are the most purposeful group of young people that I have ever known. Prayer, Bible reading, and witnessing are popular. In fact, they are a way of life. The young men and women who make up our student body are polite and courteous. They are warmly friendly, as Christians should be. They are modest and attractive in appearance. By and large, our young ladies are as beautiful and our young men as handsome, I believe, as can be found on any college campus in America. I have visited a considerable number of colleges and I am proud to say that our young men and women compare more than favorably with those that I have seen anywhere.

I have not seen any unbecoming conduct on the part of any person here, I have not heard any foul language, I have not heard of any cheating on tests or examinations; there is, of course, no drinking. I have not even smelled cigarette smoke. The standards of conduct are high, and the students seem proud to live up to them.

This does not mean that the students are passive or inactive. Quite the opposite is true. Our students are active, busy and wide awake, both in regular class work and in extracurricular activities. Rivalry and competition among campus groups is keen, and contests are hard-fought; but the activities are honorable and wholesome.

The students here are not students who could not have gone to other colleges. Many of them could do satisfactory work in al-

most any college. They did not come here because the work is easy. School work here is not easy. To pass our courses with high grades requires hard work, consistent, diligent study; but our students are here to study, to learn, to prepare themselves for lives of service to God and to their fellowman. Speaking as a member of the faculty, I would say, as to my own students, at least, that they are regular in attendance, attentive in class, and diligent and punctual in the preparation of assignments.

THE TEACHERS

The members of the faculty of Free Will Baptist Bible College have been extremely well selected and assigned. They are well prepared for their duties. There seem to be no misfits. They appear to be thorough in their work, and their attitude toward each student is one of helpfulness. They are rather well trained and experienced in their respective fields. They are approachable. I hear very little criticism on the part of students toward members of the faculty. In fact, I have hardly heard any at all. The students seem satisfied and pleased with their teachers. The generation gap is not pronounced. I believe that the students regard their teachers as friends—older, more experienced friends, who are here to help them learn. Needless to say, the members of the faculty are men and women of high character, exemplary personal habits, dedication, and devotion to duty. Most of them are deeply spiritual. They are persons of strong Christian faith and of definite commitment to their respective assignments. How fortunate it is for a student to be under teachers who care about the welfare and progress of each individual and who are trained and competent in the art of teaching!

It is hard for me to make a distinction in my mind between administration and faculty. Teachers and administrators are members of the same team. Most of those who would be considered members of the administrative staff are also teachers. This, I think, is good. There certainly should be no difference in overall purpose between faculty and staff. Since there are some staff members, however, who do not teach classes, and since

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their services are so tremendously important in the successful operation of the school, let me say that in my judgment the members of the staff deserve high praise for the job they are doing.

THE CURRICULUM AND FACILITIES

It is not practical in this article to discuss separately the different departments of our curriculum. We have a good curriculum for the present, and it is expanding, and will, no doubt, continue to expand, as the needs and purposes of our students may justify. We have a good library, efficiently operated, consisting of almost 20,000 volumes, with plans underway for enlargement, both as to space and as to number of volumes on the shelves. Our food program, so important in the lives of students, seems superb, with the exception of the fact that we do not now have room in the dining hall for all students to eat at the same time. However, a new cafeteria is presently under construction, which will also make possible an enlarged student center. Our growing student body will soon need, God willing, more dormitory space. This, too, is being provided for. A new dormitory for girls is expected to be ready for use next September. Our campus, including buildings and grounds, is clean, well kept, and beautiful. Our classroom building is exceptionally well planned and usable. The classrooms are spacious and well lighted. The furniture is new and appropriate. The heating, air conditioning, and ventilation system is quite modern. Adequate office space is provided for instructors. Facilities, including various machines, are provided for an extensive audio-visual program. We have a good auditorium and stage, with what appears to be an excellent public address system, capable of taking care of a rather large overflow audience should the need arise.

We do not yet have all that we want or need. For instance, we have no gymnasium or athletic field, with only the most meager facilities for health, recreation, and physical education.

No one, however, is grumbling. Every person on the campus is grateful, I think, for what we have. We are proud of it and we propose to continue to use it as best we may for the

glory of God. We are strong also in our faith that as God, through our people, has wondrously provided for our needs in the past, so will He continue to do in the future, if we trust Him and work and pray and give.

It is generally known that we do not accept financial aid from the federal government, as many other schools do. Federal money is available, but every federal dollar has strings attached to it and we do not wish to be bound by these strings. Our observation of other schools convinces us that to accept federal aid would render us less free to accomplish the purposes for which the school was founded.

We have not yet become all that we hope to be. We want to reach more students. We want to train more Christian workers. There are still other courses to be added and perhaps higher plateaus of accreditation to be reached, but Free Will Baptist Bible College is a good school, worthy of the prayers and support of all Christians, especially Free Will Baptists, everywhere.

The stream of Free Will Baptist Christian education hardly deserves even yet to be called a mighty river, but it has surfaced and it is flowing and growing. I do not believe that it will ever go underground again.



The Reverend Wm. Henry Oliver is both a Free Will Baptist preacher and an experienced educator. Since 1926 he has involved himself in the work of public education at many levels. He was a teacher and later a principal. In 1958 he was selected Superintendent of the Nashville City School System. He later served for six years as Associate Professor of Education at Belmont College.

Last fall Reverend Oliver joined the FWBBC faculty. Concerning his work, he says, "I am very happy in my work at Free Will Baptist Bible College. I am proud to be a member of its faculty. . . I enjoy my association with the students. . . I feel that I am where God wants me to be."

This article is a summary of Rev. Oliver's basic observations on the Bible College over the past eight months.

Crowds Throng 1971 Bible Conference



It is doubtful that any Bible Conference ever sponsored by the Bible College has enjoyed a heavier attendance than that recently held on campus, March 14-18. From the opening Sunday night service it was apparent that new records for attendance would be set.

Day services were centered in the school's Memorial Auditorium, with a capacity of 500. But even the early morning crowds overflowed into the student lounge and a lecture hall in the Ennis Classroom Building where they observed the services over closed-circuit television.

Evening services, held in a large school auditorium near the campus, were also record-breakers. Crowds reached a peak of 1,200—the auditorium's capacity—on Tuesday evening for the Bible College's Choir program and message by the Reverend Ralph Hampton.

Other speakers for this 28th Bible Conference were the Reverends Bobby Aycock, Ben Scott, and Gordon Sebastian.

Even the FWBBC dormitories were filled with young people brought from across the denomination for the Conference. Buses brought them from Michigan and North Carolina. Others rode with pastors, parents and friends. Finally, every spare dormitory bed had to be utilized to accommodate

the influx of young people.

Bible College administrators are pleased with the success of Bible Conference and look forward to the day when better facilities will be provided for this great meeting.



Gordon Sebastian was one of several outstanding preachers at the 1971 Conference.

New Fund Will Help Students

Due to the establishing of a substantial student loan fund, the Bible College is now more able than ever before to help students needing financial assistance, Treasurer E. B. McDonald recently announced. This fund, added to funds sponsored by Free Will Baptist organizations and individuals as listed in the school's Catalog, will make it possible for many of our denomination's young people to attend the Bible College who might otherwise not be able to afford a Christian education.

Individual students may borrow up to \$800 per year to cover tuition and fees charged by the school. There are two possible programs of repayment.

In the preferred program, a short-term arrangement, the student would borrow what he needs for the year, then repay the loan as he works during that school year.

A longer-term program can be worked out for those who find it impossible to adopt the preferred short-term arrangement. This loan would be financed at current interest rates, but with the Bible College paying half the interest while the student is in school. Three months after leaving school, the student would begin repaying his loan. For those who attend for two years or less, the loan would be repaid within 36 months. Those who attend longer than two years would have up to 60 months to repay the loan.

This new fund has been established in cooperation with a Nashville bank. Under the arrangement, the Bible College puts up as security one-fourth of the total capacity of the fund.

Though the new fund is substantial, the Business Office notes that nearly one-third of its total capacity has already been applied for by students needing financial aid. Therefore, prospective students anticipating their need for assistance should write the Bible College as soon as possible requesting a loan fund application.

ANONYMOUS DONORS BOOST BUILDING FUND

Two anonymous donors have given nearly \$30,000 to the Bible College's building program, Jack Paramore, Director of Development, recently announced. The first gift totaled \$23,123.75—the largest single gift in the history of the school. The second gift, for \$6,000, was sent several months ago by a member of another denomination.

A long-time friend of the school called Jack Paramore to her home last January while he was holding promotional services in the area and presented him with an envelope which held her gift to the school. Paramore first pulled out several war bonds which dated from the early 1940's and totaled \$5,000. Then he noticed that the envelope was not yet empty. In the bottom he found a bank deposit book with a single entry nearly 20 years old—for \$10,000. Interest on the bonds and savings amounted to over \$8,000.

The second gift came in the form of a \$6,000 check from an individual unknown to anyone in the school's administrative offices. A phone call to a pastor in the area from which the check was sent uncovered the fact that the donor was a layman in another denomination who occasionally visited the Free Will Baptist church. It was finally discovered that the mystery donor had been in a service nearly seven months earlier, had heard Assistant Director of Development Tom

Malone speak on the school and its building program, and later decided to make this outstanding gift to the Bible College.

These gifts have helped bring total giving to the Development Campaign to over \$950,000.

alumni news briefs

Woody Davis ('67-'68) and **Sandra (Eubanks,** '67-'68) have a new daughter, Heather Lynn, born January 15 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Jim Griffin (1966) and **Phyllis (Walker,** '65-'67) have a new daughter, Amy Geni Vee, born December 23 in Ayden, North Carolina.

Jerry Johnson (1968) and **Patricia (Letchworth,** '64-'67) have a new daughter, Jo Ann, born November 5 in Hazlehurst, Georgia.

Lynn Miley (1970) and **Mona (Mathis,** '67-'69) have a new daughter, Lezlie Michelle, born February 10 in Columbia, South Carolina.

James Puckett (1962) and **Judy (Combs,** '64-'65) have a new son, James Randall, born February 8 in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Bobby Smith (1968) and **Linda** ('65-'67) have a new daughter, Becky Diane, born March 10 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Jack Stallings (1966) and **Wilma (Back,** '62-'63) have a new son, Mark Andrew, born February 16 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Leroy Welch (1967) and **Beverly (Lee,** '66-'67) have a new son, Kreston Jackson, born March 16 in Royal Oak, Michigan.



Day of Prayer Held on Campus

The Bible College observed its annual Day of Prayer on Thursday, February 18, with students and teachers laying aside their books and spending the day in prayer. Students later testified, "I'm glad to be attending a school that provides a day like this for us."

The day opened with the entire College family gathered in Memorial Auditorium. After refreshing everyone's mind concerning God's promises to answer prayer, President L. C. Johnson dismissed the group, urging them to meet in small units about the campus for continued prayer. Later, the College's men and women held separate prayer meetings, sharing numerous requests. The spirit of prayer continued through the day.

A voluntary evening assembly saw most of the students gathered again in Memorial Auditorium to share experiences of the day. Several told of specific answers to prayer. Others confessed that spiritual needs had been met. Like so many Days of Prayer held in the past, it seemed that God gave the Bible College what was needed for the hour.

91 On Mid-Semester Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL

Terry Simpson (Senior)	Loudon, Tn.
Carl Stamey (Senior)	Canton, N.C.
Rudy Woods (Junior)	Savannah, Ga.
Cheryl Clay (Soph.)	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Gerald Fender (Soph.)	Burnsville, N.C.
Peter Wilson (Soph.)	Toledo, Oh.

"B" HONOR ROLL

SENIORS

Wanda Compton	Marianna, Fla.	Barbara Pate	Knoxville, Tn.
Terry Forrest	Myrtle, Mo.	Roy Pearson	Laurel, Miss.
John Gillentine	Hico, Tx.	Junior Peterson	McDavid, Fla.
Al Hamm	Fayette, Ala.	Tommy Sanders	Durham, N.C.
Sue May	Salado, Ark.	Janie Sitton	Clarksville, Tn.
Aldene Moore	Ceres, Cal.	Gloria Stubbs	Glennville, Ga.
Ronnie Moore	Orange Park, Fla.	Jo Wainwright	Greenville, N.C.
Sandra Ogletree	Tifton, Ga.	Arilla Wode	Collinsville, Okla.

JUNIORS

Sandra Bazen	Pamplico, S.C.	Mary Nell Lanier	Leary, Ga.
Phillip Cook	Bonifay, Fla.	Steve Lytle	Swannanoa, N.C.
Roger DePriest	St. John, Mo.	Sue Mullins	Alma, Okla.
Tommy Dowling	Timmonsula, S.C.	Brenda Sanders	Waipahu, Hawaii
William Haynes	Tulsa, Okla.	Judy Smith	Henderson, Tx.
Tag Kilgore	Pikeville, Ky.	Donald Turner	Rivermines, Mo.
		Stephanie Vincent	Kirksville, Mo.

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John Carter	Manchester, Tn.	Garry Matthews	Raytown, Mo.
Allan Crowson	Nashville, Tn.	Elaine McKinney	Clayton, N.C.
Carolyn Daniel	Royal Oak, Mich.	Dennis Owen	Atmore, Ala.
Cathy Fowler	Ina, Ill.	Glenda Raymer	Joelton, Tn.
Dennis Frisbee	Akron, Oh.	Patricia Rogers	Darlington, S.C.
Joe Grimmitt	Cleveland, Oh.	Linda Simmons	Paris, Ark.
Billy Hanna	Florence, S. C.	Alice Smith	Chesapeake, W.Va.
Robert Hartley	Denver, Colo.	Jonathan Thigpen	Nashville, Tn.
Shirley Hawkins	Ina, Ill.	Joyce Thomas	Kirksville, Mo.
Judy Hovis	Richmond Hts., Mo.	Wanda Weaver	Timmonsula, S.C.
Danny Key	Kannapolis, N.C.	Jimmie Williams	Bryan, Tx.
Bobby Lewis	Rock, W.Va.	Martha Woody	Westland, Mich.

FRESHMEN

Howard Bass	Walnut Hill, Ill.	Billy Maynard	Meta, Ky.
Virginia Bays	Webbville, Ky.	Wayne Patton	Wheetersburg, Oh.
Lana Blackburn	W. Frankfort, Ill.	Karla Payne	Ina, Ill.
Cecil Boswell	Newport News, Va.	Marilyn Pritchard	Johnston City, Ill.
Larry Carr	Garden Grove, Cal.	Marilu Richards	Fulton, Tx.
Melvin Clark	Grimesland, N.C.	Herman Riley	Norfolk, Va.
Barry Clower	Arlington, Ga.	Janet Rollins	Birmingham, Ala.
Charles Cook	Pensacola, Fla.	Thomas Sass	Streator, Ill.
Deborah Edwards	New Bern, N.C.	Ronnie Snipes	Goldsboro, N.C.
Carol Fowler	Ina, Ill.	James Stokes	Kinston, N.C.
Janice Gentry	Dayton, Oh.	Ann Sutherland	Madison Hts., Mich.
Clement Heath	Cove City, N.C.	Brenda Tarwater	Hampton, Va.
Donald Johnson	Cisco, Ill.	Rex Tucker	Mascoutah, Ill.
Special		David Turnbough	Perry, Fla.
Danny Dwyer	Ashland City, Tn.		



Rev. Welch is recognized by Dr. Johnson at presentation of portrait.

PORTRAIT PRESENTED FOR WELCH LIBRARY

On March 14 the Bible College unveiled a portrait of the Reverend and Mrs. J. L. Welch in the school's Memorial Auditorium. The Welch's were among the denomination's earliest leaders in the promotion of Christian education. The portrait will be hung in the school's Welch Library, named in their honor.

The portrait was commissioned by the Truth Seekers Class of Cofers Chapel FWB Church and was presented to the Bible College by Arnold Poole, class president. For many years before her death in 1969, "Miss Mary" Welch was teacher of the class.

President L. C. Johnson received the portrait with expressions of gratitude for the tireless work of Brother and Sister Welch on behalf of the Bible College. Reverend Welch was among the more than 300 guests present for the service.

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Laymen Raise Over \$12,000

More than 135 pastors and laymen attended the National Laymen's Rally on campus February 19 and raised more than \$12,000 to date for the school's building campaign. The rally was sponsored by the Office of Development for the purpose of reviewing the accomplishments of the current campaign and acquainting laymen with future projects.

The laymen were welcomed to Nashville and to the Bible College by Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey and President L. C. Johnson. Many indicated that it was their first visit to the school. Development Director Jack Paramore then led in a complete review of the campaign. Speakers representing the Board of Trustees, school administration, faculty, and students told what impact the new buildings already put up under the drive were having on the Bible College's educational program, and summed up their expectations for future buildings.

At mid-morning, the laymen shared in the school's regular chapel hour. The Bible College Choir sang two numbers from their current tour program and Dr. Johnson brought a devotional message.

The remainder of the morning was spent in a Question-and-Answer session. Two laymen—John Raper from North Carolina and Raymond Lee from Texas—addressed the group concerning their personal commitments to the Development

Campaign.

An afternoon tour of the entire campus was cut short by showers but undampened enthusiasm among the laymen resulted in renewed pledges of support to the campaign from individuals, churches, Sunday schools, C.T.S.'s, and associations. A steak supper served in the College dining hall completed the activities of the day.

Paramore commented that it was impossible to put a monetary value on what the meeting would mean to the school. "I am very satisfied with the Rally," he said.



Mr. Raymond Lee addresses the assembled laymen.

Dr. Johnson welcomed all visitors to the campus.



A visitor listens intently to a description of the Development Program.



College Names 1972 LUMEN Officers

The College administration has announced that two North Carolina students will hold key positions on the publication staff for the 1972 yearbook. Linda Fields, a sophomore from Durham, was named LUMEN editor. Melvin Clark, a freshman from Grimesland, will serve as assistant editor. Business manager for the project will be Bob Lewis from Lester, West Virginia.

Miss Fields very capably aided in the production of the 1971 LUMEN, which will be released in late April. Her first duties in her editorial capacity will be to appoint the members of her staff and begin work on the publication of a summer supplement to the current yearbook.

The LUMEN is a project undertaken annually by the students and requires their utmost in talent and effort.

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Summer School Planned For Pastors

Attention, pastors! Free Will Baptist Bible College's 1971 Summer Session is being planned with you in mind. The school is offering five courses, all of practical value to preachers. Dates for the two-week school are May 17-28.

Among the subjects to be offered are: Pastoral Leadership, The Acts of the Apostles, and Free Will Baptist Distinctives and History. Credit for up to three semester-hours may be earned. Cost for the entire Summer Session, including room, board, and tuition for three hours, is \$109.

TIME	SUBJECT	TEACHER
8:00- 9:15	Free Will Baptist Distinctives	Ralph Hampton
	and History—2 hours	
	Biblical Ethics—2 hours	Leroy Forlines
9:15- 9:55	CHAPEL	
10:00-11:15	Acts of The Apostles—1 hour	Charles Thigpen
	Pastoral Leadership—1 hour	L. C. Johnson
	Church Drama—1 hour	Mrs. C. A. Thigpen
11:20-12:35	Free Will Baptist Distinctives	Ralph Hampton
	and History—(continued)	
	Biblical Ethics—(continued)	Leroy Forlines

Full information on the Summer Session may be obtained by writing the school.

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New Choir Record Now Available

The Bible College Choir has produced and released its second record in two years, Choir Director David Randlett recently announced. The record has

been recorded in stereo and contains the 1971 Choir Tour Program, "Now Sing We Joyfully."

Released during the school's annual Bible Conference, the record was also introduced to Free Will Baptists in Michigan and North Carolina by students on Choir and Drama Tours.

The Victorymen Quartet and Gleaners Trio are featured, as well as the choir. Accompaniment is provided by piano, bass, guitar and the school's trumpet trio.

The new choir record, "Now Sing We Joyfully," may be ordered from the Bible College at \$5.00 each, including postage and handling.





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Looking Back

Seniors try to capture what their years at Free Will Baptist Bible College have meant to them.

RITA WENNING

"Trying to select one thing as the most influential part of my days at this school is almost too difficult for a short testimony. Considering the ideas given in classes, the encouragement of friends now scattered across the states and foreign countries, the interest shown by teachers, it becomes an almost impossible task.

In one of my first classes here, the statement was made, 'Before a person is really able to make a living, he must learn how to live.' To me 'living' was synonymous with 'making a living.' But then a most startling fact came to me, that only a life lived in God's will is worth living at all. Living in the society and times that we do, I had lost sight of those real values in life. I had forgotten that being successful according to this generation's standards is not necessarily to be successful by God's standards.

Once I had that established in my heart and mind, I was able to seek the Lord's will in my life, not only for the future but for that present time also. I am thankful for the atmosphere at the Bible College during those years when I was making those decisions that would effect my entire life as a student, friend, wife, mother, and a servant of His, wherever the need might be."

SANDRA OGLETREE

"One of the things about Bible College that has meant most to me has been watching the Lord lead others, as well as myself. The Christian fellowship with students and teachers has been an experience I will never forget. Sharing an answered prayer, talking of the Lord's blessings and seeing spiritual growth in your own life and in the lives of others is an unsurpassed joy.

What has FWBBC meant to me? I remember long hours of work and study, yet I wouldn't have it any other way. There have been associations with students in the Snack Shop and around campus, the sports activities, and chats in the dormitory. All of these have been my life. But no, really only a preparation for a life of service for my Lord.

I could have attended other colleges. There might have been better opportunities for improving my mind, by secular standards. But nowhere would I have received the spiritual improvement, the basis for living a Christian life and the training to be a servant of the Most High God like I have received here!"

LARRY WHITWELL

"If I were asked to name the most influential aspect of my stay at Bible College, I would definitely say fellowship. Not in the usual sense of the word, but true fellowship as spoken of in I John 1. That is the true fellowship of Christian brothers and sisters who hunger to know more about the Lord, as shown through His Word. This fellowship is priceless to me.

Through this fellowship, I have realized that Christianity is not a lot of 'do's' and 'don'ts', but the one way of life.

My burden now is to help people realize what it means to be a Christian and to know the complete peace that comes by realizing how wonderful it is to know Christ more and more, and to be able to see the world from God's point of view."

DANNY KEEN

"Free Will Baptist Bible College has had an outstanding influence on my life. But the part of our school that has meant most to me is a faculty, staff and administration that are dedicated to their task. Without dedicated leaders, there could be no spiritual life. Without scholarly teachers, there could be no study life. Without an experienced and concerned staff, there would be no relaxed social atmosphere.

The teachers that have taught, the leaders that have preached and the deans that helped me with social adjustments have meant most to me. From busy schedules, teachers have sacrificed their time and given their energies to help. They have helped me not only to do something, but to be something!"

SUNNY WENNING

"The one thing that has been most meaningful to me is my friends. These include my friends on the faculty, my friends at the different churches I have attended, my friends at school, and the greatest Friend of all, the Lord Jesus.

My friends on the faculty were there when they were needed. They helped me to learn my courses and they also helped me find a deeper life in Christ. Many times they came to me with helpful criticism and much needed encouragement. If I had a real pressing need, I would not have hesitated to approach them for help.

Also, I had real friends in the churches, that offered wonderful fellowship for me in the Lord. I refer to my church at home, those I attended in Nashville, and the one I pastored. These people gave to me of their time and their money, for which I am grateful.

Then, there were my schoolmates. We cried together, worried together, shared our lives and burdens, and had wonderful fellowship. But the most meaningful times were the times we prayed and

witnessed for the Lord together. These are blessings I will remember the rest of my life.

The greatest of my friends was the Lord, who made a way and took care of me and my family. He has blessed me and done so much for me. I praise His Name and hope my life will be of service to Him."

CARL STAMEY

"As I look back over my four years at Bible College, the one thing that has meant the most to me is that while here I accepted the calling of God to the ministry. If I had not come here, then possibly I would never have accepted this call. But here there were friends who prayed for me and faculty members who encouraged me to give God first place in my life.

There was also the daily study of God's Word which enabled me to see that I owed God all the energies and abilities that He had given me.

I believe the call to the ministry to be of utmost importance in my life. I am thankful that through the Bible College He was able to tell me what He had planned for me. Yes, I feel that I owe the school more than I could ever hope to repay, but I'm glad that we, as Free Will Baptists, have a place where we can come and listen for God to speak to each of us and direct our lives."

JANIE SITTON

"I think the greatest contribution the Bible College has made to my life has been the Christian fellowship I have had with other young people. Though this is one of the more lightly emphasized points concerning the College, yet it has meant more to me than many other things.

I graduated from a large high school and had many friends, but the common bond of our fellowship was not our religious faith. During my high school years my dad was pastoring a small church. I

had fellowship with the young people there, but the fact is that there just were not many teenagers in my church.

But coming to a small Christian college has placed me in a completely new situation. The atmosphere is different and I have made many friends with whom I can share my faith. These friendships are the lasting kind that have a solid foundation—the common desire to know the Lord and to do His will.

I am sure that the Lord led me to the Bible College. It has been a valuable and enriching experience, the effects of which I will still be realizing years from now."

ROY PEARSON

"Free Will Baptist Bible College is everything I expected it to be. There is an opportunity for real Christian fellowship with the students and faculty. There is a deep concern on the part of the faculty for the spiritual and educational growth of the pupil. The school is under the direction of fine men, each one desiring to help. All of these things are just what I expected.

But the greatest impression the College has left on me is the change that has come in my life through the work of the school. As I look back on my four years here, I see myself better equipped for what God has called me to do. I have many unforgettable memories and each one of them has contributed to my spiritual and intellectual growth. Through classes, Days of Prayer, chapel messages, Missionary and Bible Conferences, and student organizations, I have seen God take me and mold me into a better vessel. I forever praise God for these four years here."



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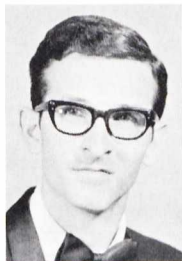
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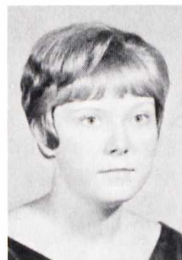
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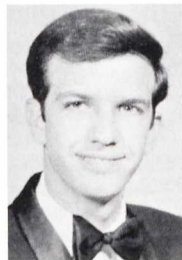
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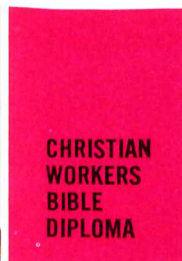
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Joseph Haas	Dalton, Ga.
Deborah Hatchell	Florence, S.C.
Clement Heath	Cove City, N.C.
Janice Lacefield	Osceola, Ind.
Billy Maynard	Meta, Ky.

Wayne Patton	Wheelerburg, Oh.
Karla Payne	Ina, Ill.
Marilyn Pritchard	Johnston City, Ill.
Marilu Richards	Fulton, Tx.
Sam Riley	Norfolk, Va.
Janet Rollins	Birmingham, Ala.
Tom Sass	Streator, Ill.
Jerry Scott	Pompano Beach, Fla.
Ronnie Snipes	Kinston, N.C.
James Stokes	Kinston, N.C.
Ann Sutherland	Madison Hts., Mich.
Brenda Tarwater	Hampton, Va.
Rex Tucker	Mascoutah, Ill.
David Turnbough	Perry, Fla.
Rodney Whaley	Bessemer City, N.C.
Betty Winchester	Bryson City, N.C.



Wayne Spruill

Student to Head Phi Beta Lambda

Wayne Spruill, a senior from Norfolk, Virginia, was recently elected Tennessee state president of Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization for college business students. Wayne was Bible College student body president this year and served as business manager on the 1971 yearbook.

The Bible College's business students maintain an active chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, promoting higher standards of excellence and Christian principles among those who are preparing for a career in business. The FWBBC chapter recently donated a new adding machine to be used in the school's Business Department.

The following registration figures were recently released for the past school year:

MALE	267
FEMALE	168
MINISTERIAL	142
MISSIONARY	36
SINGLE	309
MARRIED	126



Thigpen, Wilson, Reid

Students Elect '71-'72 Officers

Bible College students elected new student body officers for 1971-72 shortly before the close of the school year. Peter Wilson, a straight-A junior from Toledo, Ohio, was elected president.

Other officers chosen are Jonathan Thigpen, vice president, from Nashville, Tennessee; Sheila Reid, secretary-treasurer, from Glenwood, Arkansas; and Billy Hanna, chaplain, from Florence, South Carolina.

The new officers will assume their duties in August, when the school opens for the fall semester.

Gift Budget to Remain at \$200,000

General fund gifts to the Bible College, June, 1970, through May, 1971, totaled approximately \$180,000, Paul Kettelman, Director of Public Relations, reported recently. While this is the record amount to be received by the school in a twelve-month period, it still falls about 10 percent behind the \$200,000 1970-71 gift budget.

Mr. Kettelman is optimistic, however, concerning denominational giving to the Bible College. He says, "Churches have done extremely well in recognizing the needs of the general operation fund, while continuing to support our building program. This shows me the depth of their concern for the day by day operation and a spiritual maturity in their giving to this work."

Individual state quotas have been adjusted to reflect current giving. Quotas for eleven states were raised, 10 were lowered, and eight left unchanged for the 1971-72 fiscal year.

State	Old Quota	New Quota	State	Old Quota	New Quota
Alabama	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000	Mississippi	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250
Arizona	750	1,000	Missouri	13,500	14,000
Arkansas	5,000	5,000	New Hampshire	600	150
California	4,000	5,000	New Mexico	400	100
Colorado	600	600	North Carolina	34,000	34,000
Florida	7,800	8,500	Ohio	8,000	8,000
Georgia	13,000	13,500	Oklahoma	8,000	10,000
Hawaii	250	200	South Carolina	13,500	13,500
Idaho	300	250	Tennessee	21,500	21,500
Illinois	5,000	5,500	Texas	4,500	5,000
Indiana	2,000	1,000	Virginia	7,500	6,000
Iowa	200	100	Washington	850	200
Kansas	500	400	West Virginia	2,500	3,500
Kentucky	3,500	4,000	W.N.A.C.	2,500	500
Maryland	500	250	Other	8,500	6,500
Michigan	13,500	13,500	TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

1971 LUMEN Dedicated to Mrs. Laura Thigpen



The 1971 LUMEN, dedicated to Mrs. Laura Thigpen, was unveiled and the first copy presented to her in a chapel service April 13 by the yearbook's editor, Kathy Grob. Mrs. Thigpen teaches in the school's Speech Department and has directed most of the Bible College's dramatic productions through the years. A portion of the dedication reads: "Her time is spent lovingly as a mother, conscientiously as a teacher, and sincerely as a friend. 'And so she plays her part.'"



C. Daniel, C. Bland, M. Lanier, P. Little

College Trio on 10-State Tour

The Gleaners Trio, now on their summer promotional tour for the Bible College, will visit more than 60 churches in 10 states. Their 8-week schedule of services will take them from Illinois, through Michigan, Indiana, Arkansas, and as far south as Florida.

The girls of the Trio will travel with a representative of the school and present the ministry of the Bible College through songs, testimonies, and a slide program of the school. The members of the Trio are Claudia Bland, Carolyn Daniel, Mary Nell Lanier, and Phyllis Little.

Claudia is a junior from Greenville, North Carolina. She is working toward a degree in Music and Bible. She accompanies the Gleaners and has also served as accompanist for the Bible College Choir, both on tour and in concert on campus.

Carolyn is also a junior and comes from Royal Oak, Michigan. She is majoring in Bible, minoring in Christian Education, and hopes to teach in a Christian day school after graduation.

Mary Nell is a transfer student who came to the Bible College after two years at a junior college. Her home is Leary, Georgia, and she is majoring in Voice.

Phyllis, from Newport News, Virginia, has just finished her first year at the Bible College. In addition to her Bible studies, she is pursuing a major in Voice and a minor in Christian Education.

Check your newspapers and church announcements for the dates the Gleaners will be in your area.

REGISTRATION STATISTICS 1970-71

Regular (day-class) enrollment	First Semester	389
Additional Regular enrollment	Second Semester	46
Total Regular Enrollment		435
Evening Students not already counted		24
Summer, 1970, not already counted		12
Total Enrollment, 1970-71		471

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Ed Cook (1968) and **Linda** have a new daughter, **Cynthia Carol**, born December 25 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Laron and **Kathy (Jones)**, '66 '68) **Dye** have a new daughter, **Mitzi Renea**, born March 16 in Jackson, Tennessee.

Larry Montgomery (1967) and **Sammie** ('66-'67) have a new son, **Larry Todd**, born January 28 in Aurora, Illinois.

Eugene Richards ('60-'63) and **Ruth (Ferguson)**, '64-'65) have a new son, **Kendall Colby**, born April 4 in Dallas, Texas.

Joe Ray Short ('69-'70) and **Judy (Plyler)** '68-'69) have a new daughter, **Mary Elizabeth**, born March 2 in Glenwood, Arkansas.

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the pieces of our past

by Bert Tippet



A pair of Bible College "history sleuths" have been searching for materials they can add to our Free Will Baptist Historical Collection. But they are needing help.

I was browsing through the Historical Collection room in the College's Welch Library recently when I found an old volume entitled "Religious Denominations." Its cover was dry and the pages were yellow with age. Out

of curiosity I turned to see what it recorded about our denomination. Under a head "The Freewill Baptists," the compiler had opened his discussion by saying, "Considerable difficulty is connected with the writing of the history



This Bible is an exact duplicate of the original 1611 King James Version now on display in the British Museum. Fifteen hundred registered copies were produced and distributed around the world. This copy, on display in the Welch Library, was presented to the Bible College by the Revs N. R. Smith and Lonnie DeVault.

of this people; chiefly because they themselves do not appear to have collected and preserved the materials without which the historian cannot fulfil the duties of his office."

At first I resented his implication that Free Will Baptists had been negligent in preserving the articles of their heritage. But, as I considered the matter, I wondered if he might not have been right, not only in speaking of Free Will Baptists of days past, but perhaps those of our own day as well. There have been occasional spurts of interest, token efforts to assemble a collection of historically valuable denominational materials, but nothing of lasting import.

Recently, however, such a drive has been launched, under the direction of a team of Bible College historians who have determined to compile a collection through which Free Will Baptists may accurately trace their rich spiritual heritage. Dr. Robert Picirilli, FWBBC registrar, and Mary Ruth Wisehart, a member of the English faculty, have begun to scour

the country for articles of historical significance.

Already their labors have been exceedingly fruitful. They have salvaged the minutes of meetings held long ago that might otherwise have been forever lost. Copies of early Free Will Baptist newspapers have been found and preserved between sheets of parchment-like preservative. Diaries, histories, pamphlets, sermons, and other records of past days have been unearthed, like missing pieces in our historical picture, and will be prepared for display with the Collection.

Each piece is handled with great care. Loose covers are refastened and torn pages are mended. A bookplate is carefully attached to the inside cover of each piece noting the name of the donor who added it to the Collection. Minutes are properly cataloged and, when sets are completed, bound into volumes.

Already the Collection is taking shape in the library's Historical Collection room. Large metal cases with sliding glass doors line the wall.

The volumes inside are bound in rich covers of blue, maroon, and green. Gold stamping on the spine identifies the contents of each volume. At last, we are beginning to reassemble the traces of our history.

And what an interesting history it is! Those old records speak to us of a hardy, warm-hearted, godly people who possessed a real pioneer spirit. They were people who knew God and determined to walk in His ways. The Reverend John Wolfe, a Free Will Baptist preacher of earlier days, kept a book of personal notes and in 1896 he recorded the following story:

"Red School House, where had been prayer meetings, but so few being out, the pastor announced that they would discontinue the meeting. But an old lady who did not feel that it could be given up, took her lantern and walked to the school house where she wrestled with God for a revival. On her way home, becoming exhausted, she stopped at one of the Deacon's to rest.

'Where have you been, mother?'

'Why, up to the prayer meeting.'

'I thought that was given up.'

'Not at all.'

'Who was there?'

'Why, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost was there. And unworthy I was permitted to be there.'

The next week the Red School House was crowded with penitent sinners."

Free Will Baptists have long been prolific writers. From the earliest days of the denomination, they published their sermons, observations, and records of meetings in newspapers and magazines. Many of those publications have been found and prepared for display with other items in the Collection. They make for fascinating reading. Oklahoma Free Will Baptists printed a paper called "The Gospel Pruning Hook." The April, 1917, issue carries an article entitled "Does People Talk In Unknown Tongue?" A question-and-answer column inside, headed "Iky's Catakism," reveals a heated controversy that existed between the Free Will Baptists and the Missionary Baptists in the territory. It reads:

Q. "As a rule, are Missionary Baptists devided?"

A. "Yes, the most devided church in the world."

Q. "Should we quarrel with (Missionary Baptists)?"

A. "No, we should not, for the reason they will soon die from lint on their lungs for chewing the rag among themselves."

(Spelling as in original)

Other periodicals in the Collection include issues of "The Morning Star" from 1897-1902 published by Free Will Baptists in Boston and every issue of North Carolina's "The Free Will Baptist" from 1950 through the present.

Diaries and notes kept by ministers and other prominent Free Will Baptists have also proven of great value, documenting the great work of our denominational pioneers. The Reverend W. B. Woolsey, grandfather of former missionary Paul Woolsey, kept a diary from 1851-1904 in which he listed his church members under two headings: "Names of Males" and "Names



This five-piece silver communion set was presented to the Waterloo Free Baptist Church in May, 1874, by the citizens of Waterloo, Kansas. The Reverend John Wolfe later presented the set to the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Haddam, Kansas. When the church was disbanded, the communion set was sent to the Bible College to be placed in the historical collection.

of Females." On September 21, 1890, he wrote that the church excluded one of its members "for theft and running away and marrying another woman and his wife still living."

One of the most important pieces in the puzzle is the official minutes of all state and district associations. These are the records of the actions of our denomination and are of great value to the Collection. The research team has placed great emphasis on the importance of collecting as many copies of old and new minutes as possible. They were recently able to have bound and put on display a complete set of the minutes of the Tennessee State Association, from 1938 through the present. But the minutes of other state and district meetings are still missing, leaving gaps in the picture of our history.

So these are the items that will make up our Free Will Baptist Historical Collection: minutes, diaries, pamphlets, papers, and articles of historical value. Some have been destroyed and may never be replaced. On a recent visit to North Carolina, Miss Wisehart learned of the burning of an old trunk containing records of considerable importance to the Collection. No one seemed to know what to do with them.

But there still exist many of these valuable materials that should be added to the Collection. They lie moldering at the bottom of old trunks. They are stored in boxes and tied up with strings, but serve no purpose. These items, if placed in the Historical Collection, could provide the missing information needed to complete the picture of our denomination's past.

But suppose that 50 years from now a historian, opening his account on the work of Free Will Baptists, begins by writing, "Considerable difficulty is connected with the writing of the history of this people; chiefly because they themselves do not appear to have collected and preserved the materials without which the historian cannot fulfil the duties of his office."

We must not let it be.



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let's get it all together

A stamp collector recently purchased a roll of 100 six-cent stamps which has been estimated to be worth more than a million dollars. Reason? It seems the stamps were poorly printed and incorrectly perforated, making them very valuable to collectors.

But how do you put a price on a people's heritage? How much is our history worth to Free Will Baptists? Is it worth a few minutes of your time? A few cents postage? Giving up an old book or papers that have been in the family for years?

If the Historical Collection being assembled at the Bible College is to be complete, it must have the cooperation of Free Will Baptists all across the country. Search your attics and cellars for items of historical value. Package them up and send them to the Historical Collection. Here are some of the things now needed:

- **MINUTES**—Minutes of meetings both old and new, from both state and district associations.
- **BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS**—The works of Free Will Baptist writers, both old and contemporary.
- **MAGAZINES AND PAPERS**—Complete sets of state papers and magazines such as Missouri's GEM and North Carolina's WITNESS, as well as those from past days.
- **DIARIES AND WRITINGS**—Personal accounts written by those who have been close to the work of the denomination.
- **ARTICLES OF HISTORICAL MERIT**—The Bible used by an old Freewill Baptist preacher, the gavel used to call the old quarterly meeting to order, and other such objects from our denomination's past.

Please help us assemble material for the Historical Collection. Address all inquiries or donations to:

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Caudle Jerry Adkins ('69-'70) married Miss Linda Bowling on June 19 in Huntington, West Virginia.

Joe Ange (1950), pastor of the Liberty FWB Church in Durham, N. C., was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Bob Jones University at the school's convocation exercises on June 2.

Charles Branch (1970) and **Janice (Jones, '67-'69)** have a new son, Charles Edwin, Jr., born June 28 in Greenville, North Carolina.

Chesley Campbell ('68-'70) and **Nonnie Alexander** ('68-'70) were married May 29 in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Jim Combs (1963) and **Shirley (Roberts, '60-'63)** have a new daughter, Tania Marita, born May 26 in Santa Catarina, Brazil.

Jim Daniels ('68-'69) and **Linda Robinson** ('68-'70) were married June 12 in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Odine (Haley, '60-'62) Dawson and Robert have a new son, David Jackson, born January 31 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ernie Deeds (1958) and **Jean** (1958) have a new son, Daniel Lewis, born May 24 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Ray Dukes ('66-'67) and **Judy (Pike, '64-'67)** have a new daughter, Kelly Rae, born April 23 in Gainesville, Florida.

Cletis Edgmon ('67) and **Sue (Jones, '67-'69)** have a new son, Anthony Stephen, born June 15 in Pensacola, Florida.

Dave Erwin (1969) and **Ola Mae (Leach, '66-'68)** have a new son, David Glen, born May 22

A Victory For Grace



*Rev. Henry Melvin
1906-1971*

in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Jerry Flug ('63-'64) and **Billie Ann (Spencer, '60-'61)** have a new daughter, Karen Denise, born April 30 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Darrell Fulton (1962) and **Sarah (Brown, 1959)** have a new daughter, Tamala Jean, born May 26 in Wheaton, Illinois.

Carilin Gower ('67-'69) graduated from Dallas Baptist College on May 28 in Dallas, Texas.

Ernest Harrison (1969) and **Brenda (Boykin, '67-'68)** have a new son, Clinton Rip, born May 9 in Haskell, Oklahoma.

Van Dale Hudson (1965) and **Sandra** ('62-'65) have a new son, Devin Paul, born May 27 in Amory, Mississippi.

Tom Malone (1963) and **Verna (Odum, '61-'62)** have a new daughter, Tommi Joann, born June 14 in Florence, Alabama.

Junior Peterson (1971) and **Kay Rigdon** ('67-'69) were married June 12 in Alma, Georgia.

Sheila Dyer ('66-'71) married James Scarborough July 17 in North Belmont, North Carolina.

Kyle Sexton ('69-'70) and **Linda Bedford** ('68-'70) were married June 25 in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Ricky Tippet ('68-'70) and **Gwen Reel** ('67-'69) were married May 30 in Greenville, North Carolina.

With the passing of the Reverend Henry Melvin in Nashville on June 9, the Bible College lost a dear friend. Melvin served more than six years on the College Board of Trustees, two years as its chairman, and was the school's Business Manager from 1947-1952. In his many travels with the Bible College quartet, he planted his own love for the school in the hearts of Free Will Baptists across the country.

Bible College President, L. C. Johnson officiated at the funeral. Evangelist Jack Paramore, Director of Development, was among the speakers being one of 26 men who entered the ministry under the leadership of Brother Melvin.

His death followed an extended illness. But, as he noted shortly before passing, it was not a victory for the disease but a victory for grace.

Pastor's Conference Planned For December

The next in a series of Pastors' Conferences sponsored by the Bible College will be held in Nashville on the campus this winter. The Conference will begin Monday evening, December 27 and will continue through Friday noon, December 31. Information on speakers, the subjects for the program, and cost will be released in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

The large number of Free Will Baptist preachers attending past Pastors' Conferences is a testimony to the effectiveness of the meeting. More than 300 pastors from 21 states attended the last Conference in January, 1970.



With dissent being currently "in" among so many college students, it takes little courage to follow in its well-worn rut. Real courage belongs to those students who will stand before their peers and declare their allegiance to the proven moral and patriotic values of their fathers.

II Timothy 4:16-17 "At my first answer no man stood with me . . . notwithstanding the Lord stood with me and strengthened me."

"It was a pity that of all the schools represented at the Collegiate Forum, there was not one school except Free Will Baptist Bible College that could stand up and say that they stood for God's Word. There was no other school that could stand up and say that they had no drug problems," says Peter Wilson, 1971-72 FWBBC student body president.

Peter, with three other student officers, represented the Bible College at the first annual Governor's Collegiate Forum held in early May in Cookeville, Tennessee. The meeting was

attended by student leaders representing some 50 colleges and universities across the state and was held for the purpose of opening lines of communication between students and Volunteer State government officials, primarily Governor Winfield Dunn.

As the Forum opened on Friday, May 7, the four Bible College representatives found themselves distinctly in the minority. In some cases they stood alone. The Forum plan called for students to hold informal discussions on Friday to formulate the issues which they wanted to discuss with the governor on Saturday. But reports from those attending the meeting indicate that the discussions were dominated by students representing some of Tennessee's larger state institutions and that these pre-

Gov. Dunn addresses
the First Annual Governor's
Collegiate Forum.



When students took their stand

From a report by Peter Wilson,
1971-72 Student Body President

sented resolutions demanding freer state dormitory laws, liberalization of abortion laws, and legislation making it illegal for a citizen of Tennessee to be drafted to fight in Vietnam.

As the resolutions were read, and votes taken, the Bible College students voted "no" on resolution after resolution. While on some issues a few other students stood with them in opposition, when the vote was taken on the resolution to legalize abortion, the vote was 49 "aye" and 1 "no".

Peter Wilson, in a report made to the College following the Forum, said, "We did not agree with these proposals. We were against them 100 percent and we tried to stand up and tell them so."

During the course of the discussions on Fri-

day, student representatives commented on the problem of drug abuse on their individual campuses. Even campus leaders from schools generally acknowledged as being Christian admitted that their administrators were having trouble controlling the use of illegal drugs by their students. When Bible College students stated that drugs were not a problem on their campus, they were challenged by students from other schools. The general opinion was that it was impossible for 400 young people to live on one campus without drugs being present. Nevertheless, FWBBC student leaders firmly declared that no illegal drugs were used by Bible College students. One boy standing by remarked, "I didn't know there was a college anywhere that could still hold such standards."

On Saturday, Governor Dunn addressed the students and listened to their proposals. "I'm thankful the governor didn't accept them," Wilson reports. "He turned most of them down."

When the Bible College students returned to campus, they were concerned that Governor Dunn be informed that they were in disagreement with the resolutions presented by the students from other campuses. In a letter to the governor signed by all four Bible College student officers, they said:

We did not agree with the proposals concerning the Vietnam war, abortion, or racism as adopted by the Collegiate Forum. In our opinions, these proposals were unAmerican and unChristian. We are Christians attending a Christian college of which we are very proud. We believe God's Word to be true and follow it as our standard of living. We love our school, we love our nation, and we love our God, for which we make no apology. . . . As you have seen by the proposals, our view was not popular; nevertheless, we still stand for that which we believe to be right in the eyes of God and man.

Following the meeting, Wilson summed up his feelings. Many of the schools represented were private denominational schools, many of which are considered 'Christian,' he said. "It simply showed us that we, as a Christian institution, must take a firm stand for decency and Christian standards in the face of growing opposition."

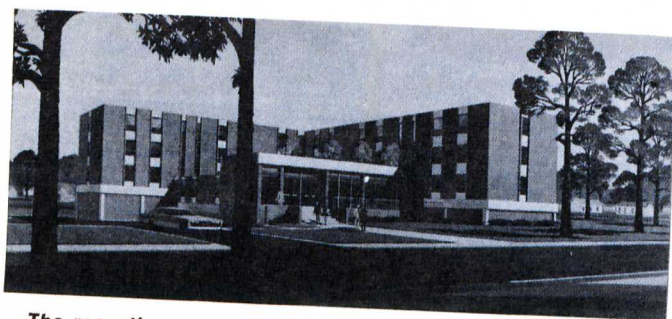
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The recently completed Women's Dormitory-Cumberland Cafeteria was used by guests attending the National Association in mid-July and will be open to students this fall.

One Project Closed, Another Opens

Jack Paramore, Director of Development, recently launched a drive termed "Debt Retirement Day: August 31" through which he hopes to raise \$25,000. With the exception of the two new dormitories which are financed, this will pay off all debts the school has incurred during the million-dollar Development Campaign.

The newest addition to the campus, the \$900,000 Women's Dormitory—Cumberland Cafeteria, has been completed and was opened to guests during the National Association. The building will house 154 women students and a dormitory supervisor when school opens in the fall. The new cafeteria will accommodate more than 400 at one sitting.

Paramore says that the next project in the building program will be to construct a gymnasium on the site of the old Richland Hall. He hopes to see construction begun this fall. The cost is estimated at \$425,000. In addition to service as a physical education center, the new building will serve as an auditorium during seasons of special need, such as annual conferences and commencement exercises.

A three-story addition to the Welch Library it is hoped can be built concurrently with the gymnasium. It will cost an estimated \$100,000.

Support for the College's building program has been growing steadily across the denomination since the drive was launched in February, 1966. Gifts to the Development Campaign in 1970-71 totaled more than \$200,000.

SEND YOUR GIFT FOR

Debt
Retirement
Day August 31

The new FWBBC Physical Education Building, next unit in the Development Campaign, is scheduled for construction during the 1971-72 school year.



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FWBBC:
Beginning Our 30th Year

A record 457 students registered for classes August 24-25 as the Bible College began its 30th year. In his address to the faculty shortly before the opening, President L. C. Johnson said, "I can honestly say I am more excited over our prospects here than I have ever been before."

Much of the talk on campus has been over the hope for a student body revival like the ones experienced in 1969 and 1970. Plans for a fall revival campaign are already being laid by the school's Ministerial Fellowship.

The 186 new students, registering for classes for the first time at the Bible College, have joined 271 returnees. By classes, they break down to 179 freshmen, 122 sophomores, 90 juniors, 42 seniors, and 24 special students.

Other figures released by the Registrar's Office show that 148 students are studying for the ministry. Forty-four others are preparing for missionary service.

Listed below by states are those students who registered at the Bible College for the first time this fall:

ALABAMA

James L. Burttram . . . Center Point
Sara Kay Davis . . . Tuscaloosa
Deborah Flippo . . . Phil Campbell
Rickey Jaggers . . . Townley
Shelia Kuykendall . . . Samantha
Harold Dewain Mayo . . . Adamsville
Shelia Elaine Mayo . . . Adamsville
Louie Burl Nix . . . Eldridge
Kathy Jo Pickett . . . Birmingham

ARKANSAS

Jimmy Leroy McKown . . . Texarkana

CALIFORNIA

Michael Gene Meyer . . . Richmond

COLORADO

Kenneth Dean Collins . . . Denver

FLORIDA

Jack Bales . . . Pembroke Pines
Gregory A. Barlow . . . Orange Park
Norma Jean Cathey . . . Hollywood
Jeffery Brantley Long . . . McDavid
Gregory L. Owens . . . Vernon
Melvin Terrel Peterson . . . McDavid
Audrey Pettis . . . Ft. Walton Bch.
David Pollitt . . . Marianna
Rebecca Ann Rigby . . . Pensacola
Otoniel Rodriguez . . . Miami
James Alfred Simmons . . . Titusville
Susan M. Wells . . . Perry

GEORGIA

Earlene Arthur . . . Albany
Deborah M. Barger . . . Glennville
Ernest Owen Barnes . . . Albany
Clifford Lee Benfield . . . Brunswick
Cherryl Denise Cauley . . . Jesup
Patsy Cox . . . Colquitt
Samuel Kicklighter . . . Glennville
Margaret A. Mercer . . . Millwood
Derrick F. Ogletree . . . Tifton
Gail Wanda Purcell . . . Glennville
Rebecca Rose Steedley . . . Waycross
Rhonda Sue Westberry . . . Jesup
Larry Dale Williams . . . Baxley
Kathy Winge . . . Glennville

ILLINOIS

Linda J. Boone . . . Granite City
Barbara Collins . . . Granite City
Lola Maxine Conard . . . Cisne
Joan Deayn Droll . . . Ina
Deborah J. Elliott . . . Mt. Vernon
Bonnie B. Frey . . . S. Roxana
Anita Louise Gray . . . Eldorado
Timothy Hayes . . . Kell
Joyce Ann Jaco . . . Marva
Nancy Ellen Mikulonis . . . Sesser
Patricia Ann Moore . . . Marion
Loretta J. Roberts . . . Johnson City
Larry Ray Stevens . . . Decatur
Jane Ann White . . . W. Frankfort

INDIANA

Bruce W. Bilbrey . . . Anderson
Lesley R. Brown . . . Chesterfield
Rick Albert Harris . . . Anderson
Dale Eugene Todd . . . Anderson

KENTUCKY

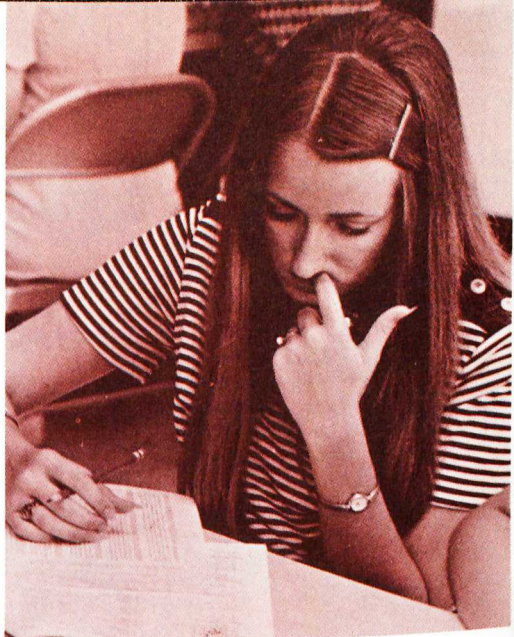
Suzanne Barker . . . Louisa
Pearlene Derossett . . . Louisa
Ledgel Ferguson . . . Blaine
Larry George Gill . . . Louisville
Billie B. Maddix . . . Ashland

MICHIGAN

Debra Jean Adkins . . . Taylor
Ronald E. Bailey . . . Southgate
Carol Lynn Creech . . . Troy
Daryl W. Ellis . . . Hazel Park
Edwin D. Kirkpatrick . . . Royal Oak
Pamela Sue Lawrence . . . Southgate
Dennis Craig Martin . . . Warren
Sandra Kay Matlock . . . Oak Park
Thomas R. McCullough . . . Royal Oak
Mark Allen Settle . . . Royal Oak
Margaret Sutherland . . . Madison Hgts.
Madison Hgts.

MISSISSIPPI

John M. Harris . . . Smithville
Michael Steven Horne . . . Smithville
Billy Wayne Roberson . . . Tupelo
Donna Marie Williams . . . Columbus



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MISSOURI

John Wesley Bigelow Raytown
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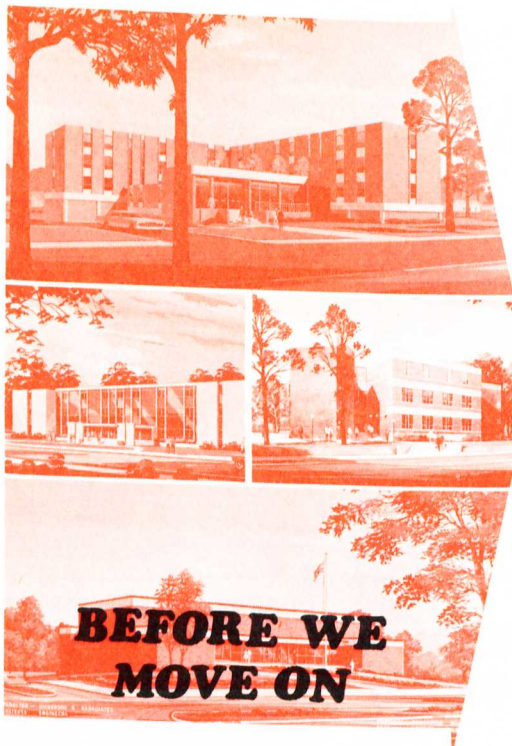
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What has been the effect of the school's intensive building program on its basic purpose? The President evaluates its influence before moving into the next phase of the drive.

by Dr. L. C. Johnson

For the last five years Free Will Baptist Bible College has been in an intensive building program. During this time two new dormitories and a new classroom building have been built. In addition, several pieces of property have been purchased which will be necessary for future development.

We wondered at the beginning if it would be possible to have such an intensive building program and keep the General Fund growing at the same time. With rising costs it was absolutely necessary that the General Fund not only not suffer, but grow.

We also wondered if the interest engendered by a building program would have a tendency to get our minds off the main purpose for having a Bible College, namely, to train men

and women to go to the ends of the earth with a message of God's redemption in Christ.

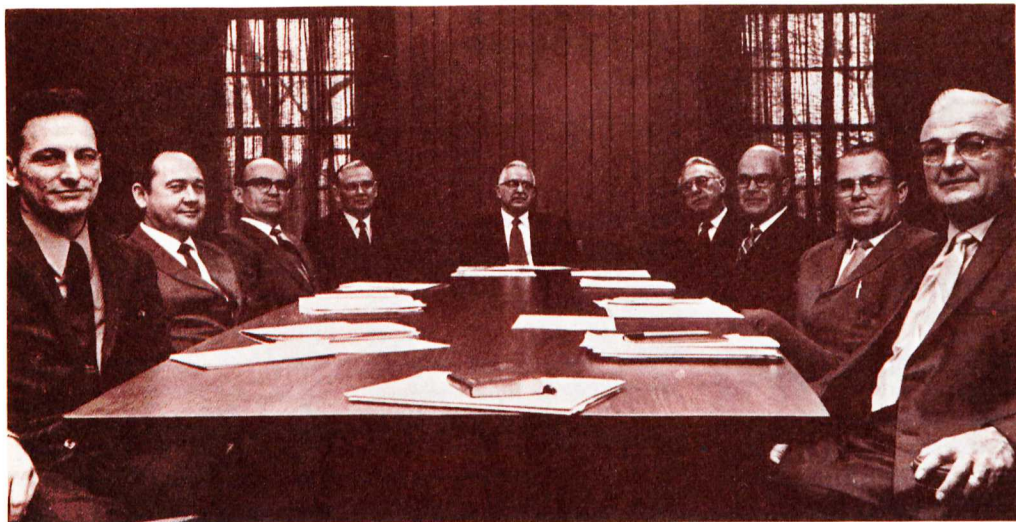
As we come to the end of Phase I of this building program, after having raised more than a million dollars in cash and having built buildings valued at two million dollars, we pause and evaluate what has happened as we prepare to move on into the next phase of our much-needed development program.

Without hesitation we can say that the drive for our building program has helped, rather than hurt, our General Fund income. Churches and individuals across our denomination have been made more aware of Free Will Baptist Bible College and its ministry because of the building program. It is understood better than ever before that to operate a denominational school without State or Federal money is not only expensive, but also essential. There has been almost a ground swell of increased and new support beyond our expectations. Our faith has been strengthened as we prepare to move into the second phase of the program.

This new awakening has not only brought an increase in giving, but has done something for our students and faculty as well. Instead of our success in putting up new buildings inflating our egos with fleshly pride, it has been a means of aiding us to see the marvels of God's blessings upon an institution that makes every effort to exalt Jesus Christ in what it teaches, as well as by conduct.

During the past few years, we have experienced some of the most deeply moving revivals the college has known. As we begin this new year, many of us seem to sense in returning and new students alike a sense of dedication with revival fires already burning. We very well realize that in order to have the kind of Bible College that we need and want, we must have many infillings of God's Spirit. We must never be willing to accept an educational program that stimulates the mind, while it leaves the heart cold and unmoved.

With the tools of education, man can sharpen the mind, but only God can change the heart. God has been good to do more than His part in warming our hearts as we endeavor to train the minds of dedicated Christian youths for Christian living and service.



From time to time it seems wise for Free Will Baptist Bible College to re-commit itself to the principles that have guided it through its history.

In a day of outright rejection of the Bible as the very word of God by liberals; in a day when the fad of dialoguing with liberals is practiced by neo-evangelicals; in a day of sickening tolerance practiced by pseudo intellectuals; in a day of compromise by opportunists; in a day when the doctrine of salvation is still preached but the doctrine of Christian separation almost totally ignored, Free Will Baptist Bible College reaffirms its belief in the Bible as the inerrant Word of God; its opposition to entering into dialogue with liberals; its belief that Christian doctrine and Christian living are inseparable.

Since certain expansions are being made in the curriculum of Free Will Baptist Bible College in order to meet the needs of our growing denomination, your Board of Trustees wishes to make it clear that these enlargements in no way change the purpose or direction of the institution. It should be made clear to all that the Bible College principle of education still guides the institution. It is believed that this kind of institution was in the minds of the founding fathers and has served our denomination well.

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Gleaners Trio Raises \$30,000

The Gleaners Trio, summer ambassadors for the school, holding services across the denomination, have reported one of the most successful itin-

eraries ever held by a Bible College touring group.

In ten weeks of travelling, they held 79 services, in 13 states. They covered more than 12,000 miles during the summer. Several decisions were recorded in their services and they raised more than \$30,000 in support for the school.

Members of the trio were Mary Nell Lanier from Georgia, Phyllis Little from Virginia, Carolyn Daniel from Michigan, and Claudia Bland from North Carolina.

Several new touring groups are being organized among the school's 1971-72 students.



Book Store-Student Center Opened

The Bible College's new book store and student center, in use for the first time this semester, have become the campus center for informal gatherings for both students and teachers. Snack tables and chairs now line the walls of the old dining hall. A new soda fountain and grill operate where the kitchen used to be. A storage building adjoining the old dining hall now serves as the campus book store. This miracle of renovation, wrought by the school's maintenance department during the summer, is a vast improvement over the old Snack Shop that used to be located in the basement of the Polston Hall women's dormitory. Tommy Sanders, manager of the new facility, says that it has proven more popular and is doing a larger volume of business than was anticipated.

alumni news BRIEfs

Terry Beck (1969) and **Mary Nell Johnson** ('61-'63) were married in Nashville on August 7. They are now living in Durham, N. C., where Terry manages the Free Will Baptist Bookstore.

Susan Pierce ('68-'69) was married to Steve Corbitt on June 11 in Memphis, Tennessee.

David Moore ('66-'69) and **Dotty (Travis, '66-'68)** have a new son, Dennis William, born August 31 in Thomaston, Georgia.

Major LaVelle Sawyer (1959) and **Sandra (Powers, '58-'59)** were recently transferred for duty at Taegu Air Base, Korea.

Bonnie Shellnut (Belcher, '63-'64) recently received her M.A. in Speech from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Kerry Steedley (1970) and **Brenda (Langford, '68-'69)** have a new son, Kevin Gene, born July 19 in San Antonio, Texas.

Mary Ruth Wisheart (1955), Professor of English at the Bible College, has been honored by inclusion in the 1971 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America."

Flash!

The Bible College's Office of Development reports that gifts to **Debt Retirement Day, August 31** have surpassed the \$25,000 needed to erase the school's indebtedness. The entire College family expresses deepest thanks to those whose gifts made this victory possible.

College Names New Faculty-Staff Members

The Bible College's record enrollment for this school year has demanded an increase in the school's personnel. Several additions have therefore been made recently to the faculty and staff.

The Rev. Ken Riggs, prominent youth evangelist across the denomination, recently joined the faculty to teach Christian education and general education subjects. He graduated from the Bible College in 1964, earned his M.S. degree from Old Dominion College, and is presently completing requirements for his M.Ed. degree at Middle Tennessee State University.

The Rev. Jimmy Brown, former Alabama pastor and worker with the Virginia and Tennessee Homes for Children, has been employed to supervise the approximately 150 dormitory

men now living on the campus. Brown attended the Bible College from 1956 through 1960.

Evangelist Jack Paramore recently announced the addition of the Rev. Al Hamm as Assistant Director in the school's Office of Development. "He is an evangelistic preacher and has good pulpit ability," Paramore says. Hamm won the school's 1971 Sermon Contest shortly before his graduation. His work will include promotional work in churches and among the school's alumni, as well as several revivals annually.

Two new workers, Miss Judy Shrewsbury and Mrs. Ralph Hampton are working in the Welch Library this year. Miss Shrewsbury, a 1971 graduate, has been employed as Acting Librarian. Mrs. Hampton, a 1959 FWBCC graduate, will be

supervising student workers in the library.

Three workers joined the staff in the Bible College's administrative office this year. Mrs. Michael Gillin, another 1971 graduate who comes from Greenville, N. C., is performing secretarial duties for the offices of Development and Public Relations. Miss Sandra Ogletree, a recent FWBCC graduate from Tifton, Georgia, is now working full time with the school's publications and mailing operations. Miss Renea Jones, from Nashville, is the school's new IBM operator.

Mr. Tommy Sanders from Durham, N. C., is managing the Bible College's recently enlarged bookstore/student center.

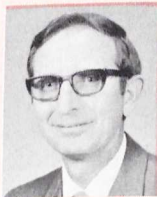
The Bible College administration welcomes these new workers to its family.



Robinson



Payne



Wilson



Willis



Picirilli



Forlines

Missionaries To Speak

Paul Robinson, missionary to Uruguay, and Rev. Eddie Payne, on leave from the field of Ivory Coast, will be among the speakers featured at the Bible College's annual Missionary Conference on campus, November 15-17.

The Reverends Homer Willis and Reford Wilson, directors of Free Will Baptist Home and Foreign Missions, will bring the morning messages on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. Robert Picirilli, FWBCC registrar and Bible teacher, and Rev. Leroy Forlines, Dean of Men and theology professor, will also speak during the meeting.

Judging from the attendance at past conferences, the administration anticipates a large number of visitors for the meeting.



PASTORS' CONFERENCE SET; December 27-31

Plans to hold the Bible College's third Pastors' Conference December 27-31 have been announced by the school's administration. The dormitory facilities and dining hall will be employed to accommodate the several hundred preachers who will attend the Conference.

Speakers for the meeting include Dr. Monroe Parker, an experienced Bible educator who is now engaged in full-time evangelism, and Dr. Leon J. Wood, Dean of Grand Rapids Seminary and Professor of Old Testament Studies. The Reverend Dale Burden, pastor of Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia, will conduct several sessions during the Conference. Dean Charles Thigpen will preside at the daily Bible study.

A wide range of subjects will be covered during the year-end Conference. Dr. Wood will teach methods of expository preaching and discuss modern-day defense of the Faith. Dr. Parker's classes will relate to the pastor and his relationship to events in the last days, leading to the Second Coming of Christ. Rev. Burden will deal with pastoral problems relating to visitation, counselling and general church problems.

The cost for the 5-day meeting will be \$40 and will include room, meals, and the Conference fee.

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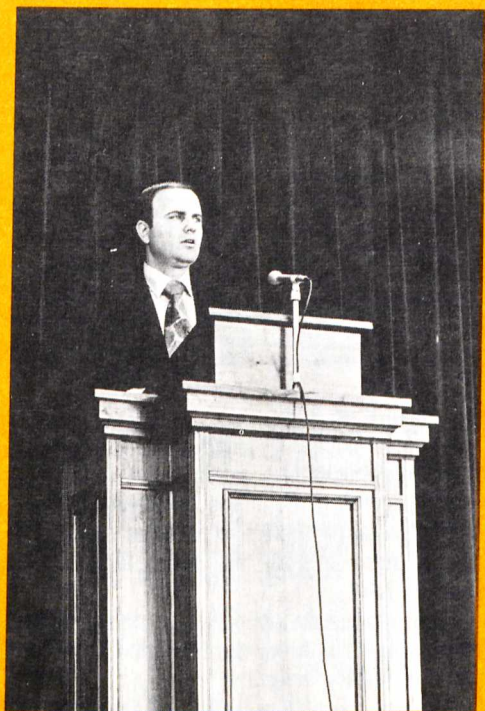
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
7:30		BREAKFAST				7:30
8:15		CONFERENCE				8:15
		Dr. Parker	Dr. Parker	Dr. Wood	Rev. Burden	
9:15		BIBLE STUDY				9:15
		Dean Thigpen	Dean Thigpen	Dean Thigpen	Dean Thigpen	
10:15		RECESS				10:15
11:00		MORNING MESSAGE				11:00
		Dr. Wood	Rev. Burden	Dr. Johnson	Dr. Wood	
12:15		LUNCH				12:15
1:00		CONFERENCE				1:00
		Dr. Parker	Dr. Wood	Rev. Burden		
2:00		CONFERENCE				2:00
		Dr. Wood	Rev. Burden	Dr. Wood		
3:00		RECESS				3:00
6:00		SUPPER				6:00
7:00		EVENING MESSAGE				7:00
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Tom Malone called upon students to renew their dedication in recent campus revival.

Revival Rouses Student Body

Students made public decision in every service. More than 100 responses to the invitation were recorded.



As the result of services held recently on the Bible College campus, students are learning the reality of two eternal Christian truths—that God answers prayer and that knowing and doing God's will is the one path to peace and joy.

Ministerial Fellowship, the school's organization for young preachers, sponsored their third annual campus revival during the first week of November. The evangelist was the Reverend Tom Malone, a 1963 alumnus, presently pastoring in Florence, Alabama.

From the opening service on Wednesday through the benediction on Sunday night, students flocked in tears to the altar, filling the front of Memorial Auditorium and backing up in the aisles. Decisions of all kinds were recorded. More than 40 made a general rededication of their lives, 20 yielded their lives to be used as God chooses, and 11 made some decision of a different nature. But, perhaps, the most thrilling decisions were made by more than a dozen young men who publicly announced their call to the ministry and nearly that many again who felt God's leading into full-time evangelism and to the mission field.

Ministerial Fellowship president, Jack Stephenson, said following the meeting, "When God's children forsake sin, become humble, answer His call for service and perform that service, God is pleased. This is what took place in our revival. Praise God, He still answers prayer!"

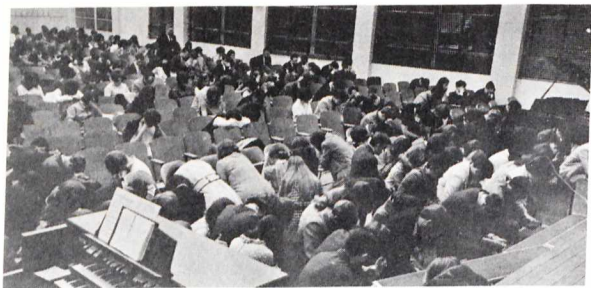
Evangelist Malone, at the concluding service said that he had experienced a personal revival during the meeting and that he had never seen God work as He did at that time.

Students gave public testimonies concerning the nature of their decisions. Several said that they knew other students had been praying

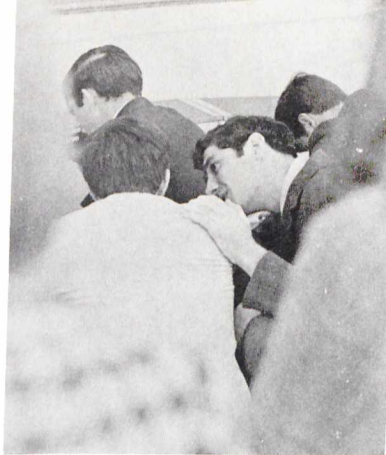
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Students responding to the invitation filled the front of the auditorium (above). Many came to pray and deal with others who had come forward (right).



for them and wanted them to know that God had answered their prayers.

Prior to the meeting, several students had been burdened to pray for a special moving of the Holy Spirit among the men on campus. They were impressed that God wanted to call more men into the ministry and to the mission field, so they prayed that such a call would be answered. After the revival, several said that they felt God had answered their prayers.

Following closely on the heels of the revival was the school's annual Missionary Conference, held November 15-17. Speakers for the meeting were missionaries Eddie Payne and Paul Robinson, representing the fields of Ivory Coast and Uruguay; General Directors Reford Wilson and Homer Willis, from the departments of Foreign and Home Missions; and professors Leroy Forlines and Robert Picirilli, both teachers for the Bible College.

Interest in the conference ran high, coming so soon after the revival. Both students and members of the faculty-administration rated the conference outstanding.

Student interest in missions on campus is growing and is finding expression in positive action. New members are joining the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship. Attendance at the daily 1:00 p.m. Missionary Prayer Band, while not perfect, is healthy.

But some students are going beyond regular campus activities to express their concern for missions. Nine of these are on their way to Japan to spend six months working with the Free Will Baptist missionaries on that field in reaching Japanese young people. One of their special projects will be to do extensive witnessing during the Winter Olympics held

in Sapporo in 1972.

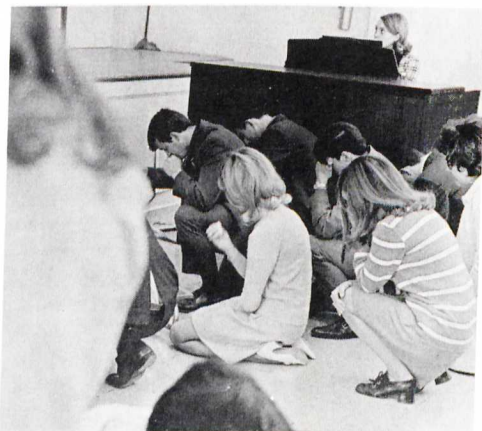
A missions team of eight other students is currently conducting services in Free Will Baptist churches promoting worldwide evangelism. Several of these plan to serve as summer missionaries on both the home and foreign fields in 1972.

A third group on campus is currently making plans to work with our denomination's missionaries in Mexico over the Christmas holidays.

November was the month of thanksgiving. But it seems scarcely possible that anyone anywhere could have more to be thankful for than those who experienced God's blessings on the Bible College's revival and Missionary Conference.



A broken spirit was evident in those whose hearts God had touched.



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TESTIMONIES

Following the campus revival, students responded with testimonies concerning the meeting's impact on their lives. Some of their comments about the revival follow:

"To me, the campus revival meant a personal re-evaluation of priorities . . . My goal to be a Man of God before anything else in my life was firmly re-established."—J.T.

"The revival was the most marvelous experience I've ever had. So many of my prayers were answered. It feels like Christmas morning, yet better!"—M.G.

"The revival started with me before the meetings and I answered the call to missions. I felt that this was only the second real revival I've seen."

Thursday night I went up and laid everything on the altar. Then, Sunday morning, I went up when God called me to preach. I thank God for calling me, for this school, and for Jesus."—R.S.

"I answered the Lord's call for full-time foreign missions work."—J.M.

"I feel that this was the first real revival that I have ever been in."—M.M.

"I had gotten so depressed and dissatisfied that I doubted my salvation and even wondered about God.

I couldn't pray. I couldn't even think straight. And it all went back to my not having devotions. I now have them and I feel great!"—T.M.

"Brother Malone was so specific that even though he did not know my name, he was saying, ' . . . you need to get things right with the Lord!' Praise God for Spirit-powered messages!"—V.B.

"This revival has shown me the power of prayer and given me a greater love for people."—P.C.

"For the first time in my life Christianity is a reality, not just formality and ritual . . . After I got right with the Lord, I started praying for others here on campus. It is wonderful to see your prayers answered."

"I have never seen the Holy Spirit move in such tremendous ways. This revival has shown me how real prayer and Jesus Christ are."—B.H.

"I am still looking for God's will for me. Pray for me. Also pray for my unsaved parents."—

"I prayed that God would show my best friend His will for his life, then I would be will to do whatever he did. Now, I want to know God's will for MY life."

"I feel a peace and happiness that I haven't known for a long time. I also see the strong bond of Christian fellowship and love we have on campus. I praise God for working in my life!"—S.W.

"I had been afraid that God would call me to preach. Well, He did, and I thank Him for it."—G.M.

"As I face an operation, I have no fear . . . I know I am in His will."—G.W.

"I was concerned with a problem that was detrimental to my salvation—a lack of boldness for Christ back home. Now, I have determined to take that stand."

"I was certainly revived. I thank God for speaking to us through His man, Tom Malone."—A.S.

"I've grown closer to the Lord through the revival. I can say that I truly love this college."

"I wasn't able to attend all the services, but I thank God for the presence of the Holy Spirit. I accepted the call into the ministry Sunday night."—S.C.

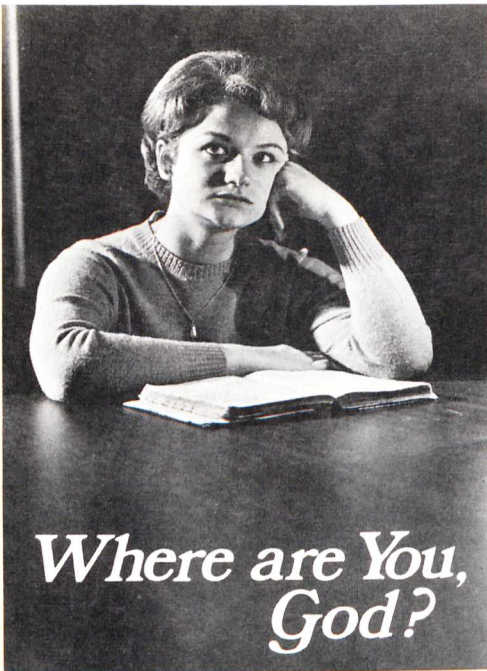
"It was fantastic! I've never felt such a perfect peace in my life. Praise God!"—M.C.

"This revival has meant a lot to me, mainly because I've seen so many prayers answered."

"This revival really meant a lot to me. I feel the Lord is close, closer than He has ever been before."—P.D.

"Revival began for me before the services started. After running for a year-and-a-half, I finally answered God's call to the mission field."—B.F.

"This revival has really made a change in me. I quit serving self and started serving God. Christ showed me His will to preach Sunday night."—G.O.



Where are You, God?

A young girl travels from France to Nashville. But that distance is nothing, compared to her transition from doubt to assurance.

by Rolande Niogret

"Near?" The word whirled like a pinwheel in my mind. "But God is not near! He is far away and has nothing to do with us!"

I reached toward the verse and traced its lines with my finger, reading each word carefully. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near," the prophet had written.

But the thought of God being near was inconceivable. I had always thought of Him as too holy and far-removed to be concerned with the cares and problems of people in this life. I had been taught it all my life in school and, since moving to Grenoble two months earlier, I had begun to wonder if there was a God.

In fact, the only time in my life when I wondered if God might not be personal and near was when my brother, Michel, was converted at one of the summer Christian camps he had attended. He was completely changed by the experience and, for once, I wondered if God might, after all, be able to reach out and do something for ordinary people. But, still I wondered, how?

Since moving from Lyon to Grenoble in early 1966, life was getting worse and worse. Nothing attracted me any longer. After several dark months, a Protestant church I knew was in Grenoble somewhere came back to my remembrance. I decided to go and see if I could find some friends to help me. I met some, but they had changed so much. What was the difference, I wondered? I also met an American missionary couple, Dan and Margaret Merkh, both Free Will Baptist Bible College alumni. They took me under their wings and for two months tried to persuade me to receive the Lord.

Now, on this April night, I had decided to give God a chance to prove Himself. As I read the Bible Michel had given me, I looked for something that could give me peace, or at least something with which I could challenge God and put Him to a test.

As I read on in the writings of Isaiah, chapter 55, suddenly I found what I was looking for. It was verse 11. Here was something with which I could test God. "My word," he said, "shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please . . ."

"God, if this Book is your Word, then let it accomplish something in me!" I prayed. "If You can reveal Yourself to me at our youth meeting tomorrow night, then I'll know You are real and I'll accept you."

The next night I arrived just as the service was beginning. We discussed some things about the Bible and several people my own age testified about how real God was to them. They sounded so sure and had such joy! I could not comprehend how anyone could be so close to God that they could speak with such confidence. All through the meeting I ran my doubts through my mind, like soldiers on review, looking for an answer.

But when the service ended, I still had no peace. As I was going toward the door, Mr. Merkh met me and offered to drive me home. On the way we talked about what the young people possessed that seemed so different. He had me read several verses from the Bible and I felt a deep need in my heart. I wanted to find peace, but how? So often I had asked that question—How?

I did not know that, sensing my need and

conviction, Mr. Merkh had scheduled a new program for my evening. He drove me by my home and asked my parents' permission to have me spend the night with his family. They agreed and we went to the Merkh's house.

I enjoyed the atmosphere of that Christian home so much. There was something so different about it, but I could not discern what it was.

As we sat in the living room, Mr. Merkh asked me if I was ready to receive the Lord. I replied by asking some of the nagging questions that were, as yet, unanswered for me. Was God truly near to me? Did He care for me? How could I really know?

Patiently, the missionary answered each of my questions, not with clever arguments, but with Scripture. The verse I had read the night before returned to my mind: "My word shall not return to me void." Doubt after doubt fell before the power of the Word!

Finally, he repeated his original question. "Rolande, are you ready to receive the Lord?"

I had run out of questions. There seemed to be no arguments left. I had to surrender. The Word of God had won the battle.

I nodded and we knelt there in the living room. I was afraid to pray. I did not know what to do. I had been used to reciting the Pater Noster and Ave Maria, but felt uneasy to be so intimate with the Almighty God! In spite of my fears, I prayed and sincerely asked God to come into my heart. However, it was not until someone prayed, "Lord, thank you that Rolande's name is now written in the Book of Life," that I felt my heart flooded with the assurance that God was truly near, that He had forgiven my sins and filled my life. All my doubts, all my questions vanished and I at last understood the confidence with which the young people had testified. It was all so clear, so real!

At church the next day I felt what it was to worship for the first time. During the next week I attended a women's retreat with Mrs. Merkh and began to grow through fellowship and study.

My immediate reaction to my conversion was to tell some others of my experience. First, I wrote Michel. Then, I wrote two long-time pen pals, one in Spain, the other in Argentina.

Neither of them replied. It seemed I had lost my friends, but now I had the Lord.

I know the Lord called me to the mission field right after my conversion. Was it the great desire to discover new lands? Or, was it a sudden love for the lost? Honestly, I feel that both contributed to my decision.

However, before my departure for the foreign field, I had—and still have—many things to learn. I graduated from high school after two years, then I spent two more years at the European Bible Institute in Lamorlaye, near Paris.

You may wonder why a French Christian girl should come to America and Free Will Baptist Bible College. Should I answer that it is God's will? Well, it is! God led me to the school through the Merkhs and convinced me, opening all the doors, that this was His will.

What a joy! But, also, what a change to leave the old European continent and face the new one! I can imagine Columbus' feeling when he found this New World and all the pioneers who fled from their persecutors. Everything is big, from the airports to the hamburgers! Everything is new and quite different.

There have been conflicts between my mother culture and my new one, misunderstandings, and lack of communication. But these are some of the problems God solved for me during our recent campus revival.

I am thankful for the new Christian friends who provided all my needs for the first semester at Bible College. The Lord has been very good to me! Thank you for your prayers and gifts. I am confident that, being in God's will, He will provide my needs during the second semester.

Today I know that God is near, truly near. He is not far off, not transcendent nor unreal. God is not a myth. He is real and alive, close to those who search for Him and long to please Him. (Matthew 6:33).



Rolande Niogret, from Grenoble, France, has attended the European Bible Institute for two years and is enrolled as a junior at FWBCC. She is minoring in Missions.

111 Make Mid-Semester Dean's List

A record 111 students made grade averages of "B" or higher during the first half of the semester. These honor students are listed below by states:

"A" HONOR ROLL

Steve Lytle (Senior)	Swannanoa, N.C.
Rudy Woods (Senior)	Savannah, Ga.
Don Turner (Junior)	Rivermines, Mo.

"B" HONOR ROLL

SENIORS

Sandra Bazen	Pamplico, S.C.	Tag Kilgore	Pikeville, Ky.
Tommy Dowling	Timmons, S.C.	Clint Morgan	Roxboro, N.C.
Jerry Gibbs	Durham, N.C.	Shelia Reid	Glenwood, Ark.
Clifford Holland	Florence, Ala.	Brenda Spruill	Waipahu, Ha.
Judy Hovis	Richmond Hts., Mo.	Stephanie Vincent	Kirksville, Mo.

JUNIORS

Rodney Bailey	Elizabethton, Tn.	Ron Ivey	Richmond, Va.
Ernest Barnes	Albany, Ga.	Earl Larson	Portland, Ore.
Claudia Bland	Greenville, N.C.	David Lee	Newport News, Va.
John Carter	Manchester, Tn.	Harvey Luke	Nashville, Tn.
Cheryl Clay	W. Palm Beach, Fla.	Connie Maggard	Wheelerburg, Oh.
Esther Click	Flint, Mich.	Garry Matthews	Raytown, Mo.
Allan Crowson	Nashville, Tn.	Tommy Meade	Manassas Park, Va.
Roger DePriest	St. Louis, Mo.	John Parker	Durham, N.C.
Lloyd Donica	New Castle, Ind.	Virginia Poole	Clarksville, Tn.
Gerald Fender	Burnsville, N.C.	Patricia Rogers	Darlington, S.C.
Linda Fields	Durham, N. C.	Ivan Ryan	Galatia, Ill.
Myra Floyd	Norfolk, Va.	Linda Simmons	Paris, Ark.
Cathy Fowler	Ina, Ill.	Alice Smith	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Billy Hanna	Florence, S. C.	John Smith	Arvin, Cal.
James Harrier	Clarksville, Tn.	Larry Stevens	Decatur, Ill.
Robert Hartley	Denver, Colo.	Jonathan Thigpen	Nashville, Tn.
Shirley Hawkins	Ina, Ill.	Rhonda Sue Westberry	Jesup, Ga.
		Peter Wilson	Toledo, Oh.

SOPHOMORES

Virginia Bays	Webbville, Ky.	Patricia Moore	Marion, Ill.
Cecil Boswell	Newport News, Va.	Dennis Owen	Bratt, Fla.
Leslie Brown	Franklin, Tn.	Wayne Patton	Wheelerburg, Oh.
Larry Carr	Garden Grove, Cal.	Karla Payne	Ina, Ill.
Deborah Edwards	New Bern, N.C.	Jackie Penny	Durham, N.C.
Carol Fowler	Ina, Ill.	Gail Purcell	Glennville, Ga.
Julie Godwin	Micro, N.C.	Sharon Roberts	Blaine, Ky.
Joe Grimmett	Cleveland, Oh.	Tom Sass	Streator, Ill.
Otavia Holmes	Coats, N.C.	Jim Stokes	Kinston, N.C.
Jerry McClary	London, Oh.	Fredrick Stone	Pamplico, S.C.
Tom McCullough	Royal Oak, Mich.	Joan Sweat	Kingstree, S.C.
		Rodney Whaley	Bessemer Cy., N.C.

FRESHMEN

Philip Ange	Durham, N.C.	Marilyn Elliott	Nashville, Tn.
Virginia Arcouette	Whitefield, N.H.	Bill Etterling	Portsmouth, Oh.
Suzanne Barker	Louisa, Ky.	Wayne Gunnoe	MacArthur, W. Va.
Bruce Bilbrey	Anderson, Ind.	Tim Hailey	Elm City, N.C.
Barbara Collins	Evansville, Ind.	Margaret Halliburton	Van. Wash.
Charles Cook	Bonifay, Fla.	Deborah Hendershott	Berkeley, Mo.
Patsy Cox	Colquitt, Ga.	Dennis Henderson	Va. Beach, Va.
Ruth Creech	Durham, N.C.	Barbara Holton	Grifton, N.C.
Phillip Denton	Holly Springs, N.C.	Rickey Jagers	Townley, Ala.
Joan Droll	Ina, Ill.	Ronald Knight	Suffolk, Va.

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FMF officers meet while at Toccoa Falls conference.

Mission Students Attend Conference

Fifty-one FWBBC students attended the annual Missions Conference at Toccoa Falls, Georgia, October 8-10. They were accompanied by the school's missions professor, Miss Laura Barnard.

More than 300 students from a number of Christian schools registered for the meeting. The conference theme was "Don't Wait For the Macedonians."

Concerning the conference, Miss Barnard noted that speakers stressed that God often guides His children through the accumulation of ordinary circumstances, rather than the spectacular occurrences some have come to expect.

She says that a second principle expounded at the conference was the difference between williness and readiness. "Many say, 'I am willing,'" she notes, "and never get a sense of direction. 'I am ready,' was Paul's position, and this denotes commitment for action."

Approximately 50 Bible College students are presently preparing for missionary service.

alumni news briefs

Georgia Akers ('68-'69) was married to Donald Hipps, July 11 in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Mathel (Mayo, 1968) Ambrose and Ralph have a new son, David Paul, born October 11 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Brian Carter (1971) and **Betty Jo Lyles** ('70-'71) were married November 27 in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Robert Cooper (1969) and **Ava (Guinn, 1969)** have a new daughter, Julie Kasette, born November 14 in Greenville, S.C.

Bill Evans (1962) and **Brenda (Hampton, '60-'62)** have a new son, Benjamin Scott, born October 31 in Farmington, Missouri.

Anna (McElhinney, '62-'63) Gardner and Bill have a new daughter, Steffany Ann, born October 11 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Don Hanna (1969) and **Belinda** ('68-'69) have a new son, David Ardell, born October 12 in Linneus, Maine.

Doug Henderson (1969) and **Kathy (Tippett, 1969)** have a new daughter, Kimberly Ruth, born November 7 in Kinston, N. C.

Bernadene (Little, 1965) Kemble and Tom have a new daughter, Tonya Leigh, born October 1 in Newport News, Va.

Anna Kirby ('70-'71) has entered nurses' training at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, N. C.

Mary Nell Lanier ('70-'71) was married to Charles Hall, Jr., on November 24 in Patmos, Georgia.

Elaine McKinney ('69-'70) was



Debbie Hatchell checks with Editor Linda Fields on LUMEN copy.

married to Glenn Boyette on June 12 in Smithfield, N. C.

Leroy Scudder, (1965) is working with Scripture Press as field representative for the Southwest territory. He and his wife now live in Dallas, Tex.

Linda Sharpe ('70-'71) was married to John Cook, III on August 29 in Columbia, S. C.

Karen (Dyer, '66-'67) Sparks and Glenn have a new daughter, Shasta Nikola, born September 21 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Students Even Score, Beating Alumni

Fourteen alumni took on the boys in the current student body in a football game November 13 and found they're building them tough these days. In spite of giving it all they had, the "old timers" went down to a 33-0 defeat, evening the score for the beating alumni handed the students last year.

Dwight Bernard ('70-'71) quarterbacked the alumni. Others on the team were Steve Ange, '67-'69; Bobby Eatman, '68-'70; Caston Gainey, '67-'69; Earnest Harrison; 1969; Mark Johnson, '67-'69; Joe Jones, 1965; Larry Meade, '68-'70; Dan Martin, 1970; Sam Orender, '68-'70; Steve McCarty, '69-'71; Gary Short, '68-'71; Terry Simpson, 1971; Fred Smith, '67-'68; Carl Stamey, 1971.

LUMEN Growing, Editor Reports

"The 1972 LUMEN will be the largest yearbook the Bible College has ever published," says Linda Fields, editor of the book. The enlarged student body and numerous campus activities are only partly responsible for the LUMEN'S growth, she notes. Numerous churches across the denomination have purchased ad space in the book, more than in any previous edition.

Though near the deadline for advertisers, Miss Fields says that she will try to get any ads submitted to her by January 1 in the book. Prices for ads are: Full page, \$60; Half page, \$40; Quarter page, \$25; Eighth page, \$15.

Ads may be sent to the LUMEN, in care of the Bible College.

COMING EVENTS

✓ **PASTORS' CONFERENCE**
DEC. 27-31

✓ **Bible Conference**
Mar. 12-16

Administration Names Speakers



Stanley Outlaw

Bible College administrators recently named the speakers for the school's 29th annual Bible Conference, to be held on campus March 12-16.

Among them is the Reverend Stanley Outlaw, a 1962 FWBBC alumnus and former Alabama and Tennessee pastor. Since 1966 he has taught Greek and Bible for the College. He is a competent preacher and a dedicated student of the Word.

The Reverend Fred Warner, also to speak, attended the Bible College from 1956 to 1961. Since leaving Nashville, he has done full-time evangelistic work, pastored in Arkansas and Tennessee, and since 1967 has served as Promotional Director for Arkansas Free Will Baptists. He is still active in evangelism, holding several revival each year.

The Reverend Willard Wilcox, an outstanding preacher who will be remembered from the 1969 Bible Conference, has been invited back again this year. Wilcox, a 1947-48 FWBBC alumnus, maintains an extensive evangelistic television ministry in Kentucky and southern Ohio.

Also on the program is the Reverend Chester Phillips, pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina. His rich pastoral experience highly qualifies him to be included among this year's speakers.

These outstanding preachers encourage us to look forward to a great conference.



Fred Warner



Willard Wilcox

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Pastors' Conference Given Good Response

Registrations for the Bible College's upcoming Pastors' Conference, December 27-31, are coming in steadily, according to Dean Charles Thigpen.

Reactions to the program, which includes discussions on expository preaching, pastoral problems, defending the faith, and the preacher in the last days, have been favorable.

Accommodations are not yet full and pastors wishing to attend the conference may still send their reservations to the school. The \$40 fee will include room, board and registration.