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THE BIBLE COLLEGE UNVEILS THE NEWEST UNIT IN ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A new activities building, the latest unit in the Bible College's expansion campaign, will shortly be under construction on the campus. Plans for the structure are complete and an area has been cleared, ready for work to begin.

The building will serve a dual purpose. First, it will become the center for physical education and athletic activities on campus. At present, the school has to borrow or rent all facilities for campus athletics and is not able to provide a place for healthy physical recreation, except for one much-used outdoor basketball goal.

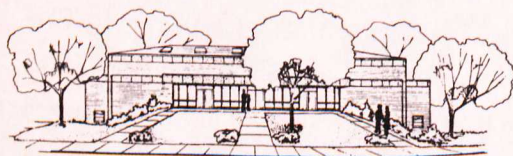
Second, the new activities center will become the site for several annual campus events that have outgrown the school's 450-seat Memorial Auditorium. Bible Conference, Missionary Conference, and Commencement Exercises will be held in the new building, which is expected to accommodate more than 2,000 guests.

The building will be constructed with two levels. The upper level will contain a lobby, rest rooms, a full-size gymnasium, and bleacher seating for 300 spectators. The lower level will be used for exercise rooms, game court, lockers/showers, offices, and a 60' x 24' pool. The FWBBC Alumni Association has pledged the sponsorship of the pool installation.

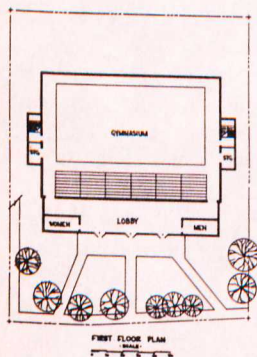
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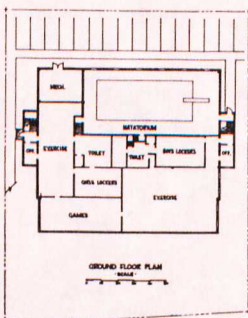
The Bible College's Richland Hall has been removed to make room for the new Activity Center.



FRONT ELEVATION



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

The corner of Richland and Bowling Avenues, formerly occupied by Richland Hall, will be the site for the new building. The school has also recently bought the adjoining property, which will assist in providing adequate parking space surrounding the activities building.

Construction will begin soon and is expected to be completed near the end of the year.

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Evangelist Jack Paramore, Director of Development for the Bible College, recently announced the initiation of the Three-Year Plan to underwrite support for the school's building program.

He explains that, rather than seeking annual commitments to the Development Campaign as he has in the past, under the Three-Year Plan he will encourage churches and individuals to make pledges spanning the three years from 1972 to 1975. "The main thought behind the Three-Year Plan is what it will mean in promotional savings, both in money and in man-hours," Paramore explains. "How much money we raise is not so important as how much we have after promotional expenses are taken out."

The goal for the drive is to raise \$750,000 by 1975 to go toward the construction of an activities building (see page 1), add a wing to the school's Welch Library, and acquire new property for future expansion. In order to reach his goal, Paramore is stressing the need for larger gifts to the Development Campaign. "Hat offerings will help," he says, "and we appreciate every dollar given. But it will take significant and sacrificial giving to build the kind of buildings we need."

Assisting Paramore in promoting this drive is Al Hamm, who recently assumed his duties as Assistant Director of Development. Hamm is centering his promotional activity in the southeast, concentrating on churches in Alabama, South Carolina, and Georgia. He has enjoyed success in encouraging a large number of churches to adopt College Days over the next three years in which they promote the ministry of the Bible College and receive offerings in support of the Development Campaign.

To date, the College's building drive has resulted in gifts and commitments of over \$1,000,000 to the program. The drive has been vigorously supported by many churches, individuals, and Bible College alumni.

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unveils three-year plan



DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN GIFTS

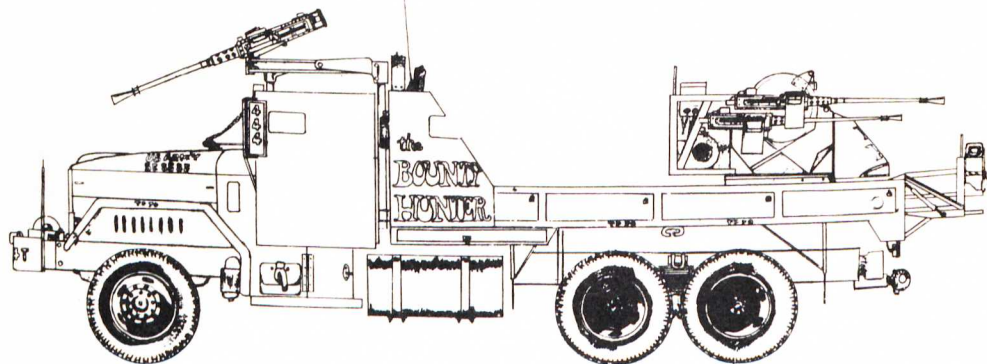
August, 1965—December, 1971

Alabama	\$40,556.21	North Carolina	\$123,886.10
Arizona	1,459.09	Ohio	21,870.63
Arkansas	18,465.64	Oklahoma	12,360.74
California	8,538.55	Oregon	115.00
Colorado	136.85	South Carolina	32,422.23
Florida	30,019.14	Tennessee	102,154.96
Georgia	80,706.09	Texas	27,452.33
Hawaii	187.00	Virginia	21,491.71
Idaho	172.70	Washington	903.04
Illinois	23,150.28	West Virginia	5,738.91
Indiana	10,082.71	Misc. States	448.07
Iowa	183.00	Foreign Missionaries	896.99
Kansas	734.98	W.N.A.C.	2,233.14
Kentucky	9,582.57	Faculty/Students	17,483.54
Louisiana	130.00	Special Gifts	19,594.11
Maine	110.50	Matching Gifts	32,203.76
Maryland	3,701.25	Alumni Gifts	43,327.85
Michigan	55,784.26	Furniture Gifts	82,814.13
Mississippi	22,973.18	General Fund Transfer	85,641.78
Missouri	22,271.54		
		TOTAL	\$961,984.62

Three-Year Plan Commitments

Current Alumni Project—\$70,000

Three-Year Pledges—\$51,800



VALOR ON THE BOUNTY HUNTER

The "Bounty Hunter" was one of four 5-ton gun trucks that rolled out of Qui Nhon on February 22, 1969. Heavily armored and bristling with weapons, its mission was to conduct safely a convoy of 100 tanker trucks, filled with highly explosive jet fuel, to the base at Pleiku. Behind the wheel of the "Bounty Hunter" was Specialist Four James F. Cowart.

Cowart, a native of Winter Haven, Florida, had not found it easy to live his Christian life in Vietnam. He had been saved less than two weeks before leaving the states, under the ministry of Free Will Baptist pastor Carroll Alexander in Columbia, South Carolina. But he had tried to make his witness count and he had grown close to the other four men aboard the "Bounty Hunter." The sergeant, in command, usually sat in the cab next to him, a machine gun mounted just above his head. Two cannoneers rode in back. It was their job to feed ammunition to the huge quad .50 that was mounted behind. It was four .50 caliber machine guns, electronically fired by the gunner, who sat shielded in the turret. The rapid rate of fire of the quad .50 can only be described as devastating.

The "Bounty Hunter" was positioned near the center of the convoy as it left Qui Nhon behind. All was routine for nearly an hour and Cowart, peering through the slot in his armored cab, could see that they were approaching Bridge 18. Suddenly the gun truck came under fire from automatic weapons and small arms well-hidden off the side of the road. Then mortar shells began exploding around the "Bounty Hunter." If one of them should hit a fuel truck, it was likely that the whole

convoy would be destroyed. But it seemed that the enemy had concentrated their fire on the gun trucks, knowing that the convoy would be defenseless once they were destroyed. It had also been rumored that because of their remarkable effectiveness in past combat missions, the crew of the "Bounty Hunter" had had a \$1,000 price put on their heads for anyone who put them out of action.

Cowart first pulled his truck out of the convoy and drove it directly into the kill zone where his gunners would have their best opportunity to repulse the attack. Grabbing up his M-16, he began firing from the safety of the cab.

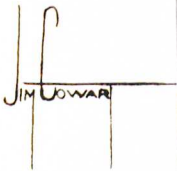
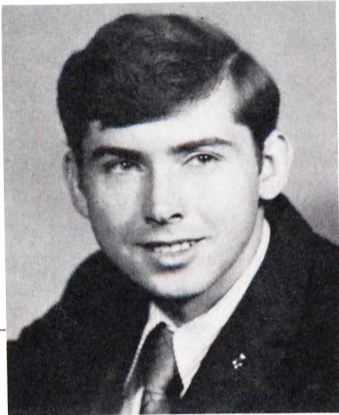
Suddenly the quad .50 behind him went silent. Seconds later he felt a hand slap the top of his helmet. He turned and saw the gunner, who had left his position in the turret, motioning for him to come and load the gun. Bolting the rail that ran across the back of his cab, Cowart looked and saw both cannoneers slumped on the deck. He dropped his M-16, opened a case of ammunition, and began feeding it into the quad .50 machine gun. A citation from the Army further describes his actions.

With complete disregard for his own safety, he openly exposed himself to enemy fire to perform the hazardous but essential task of loading the quad .50. He remained at this position throughout the remainder of the contact. The quad .50 is directly responsible for repulsing the enemy attack . . . By loading the quad .50 while the weapons system was receiving numerous hits, Specialist Cowart showed extraordinary courage.

The Army recently awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device (for valor) to Jim Cowart, now a sophomore attending FWBBC. In a chapel service, Dr. L. C. Johnson noted Cowart's bravery and cited him as an example of the kind of young men the Bible College is proud to train.

Jim Cowart is representative of thousands of young Christian men who have rendered outstanding service to the United States in defense of this country. None have served more willingly. None have fought more bravely. None have died with greater honor. Though the world may accuse Christians of being weak or timid, it must own that no soldiers have performed with more valor than those Soldiers of the Cross.

James Cowart, now preparing for a ministry in missionary aviation, has already distinguished himself for bravery. But his battle is not done. The days ahead will hold many battles and there will always be a need for courageous soldiers.



Jim Cowart is a multi-talented man. His ability as an artist is aptly illustrated by his sketch of the "Bounty Hunter" gun truck shown above. Jim has channeled that talent into his ministry by presenting the gospel through chalk-talk messages. He and fellow-student Ed Green are currently scheduling services for their evangelistic team, The Gospel Messengers. Pastors and youth leaders can contact the team through the school.

The Gospel Messengers
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tenn. 37205

A Giant In The Land



J. R. DAVIDSON

A big job requires a big man. Though short of stature, J. R. Davidson was a giant in our denomination, moving here and there among our people and leaving his footprints indelibly marking our history.

His cause was education, specifically, Christian education. In the days when Free Will Baptists had no school, he was one of the few whose vision encompassed the vast ministry of such an institution, and one of the fewer still who was willing to devote himself to its birth.

His travels took him among our people, from the mountains to the plains. He stirred them and shared with them the weight of his burden. It was due largely to his efforts that in 1942 the National Association announced its intention to found Free Will Baptist Bible College. On that occasion the national body stood in tribute to his work and he called his fellow-workers on the National Board of Education to the altar to offer a prayer of thanksgiving in the hour of victory.

But his work continued long after the founding of the school. He served as its business manager from 1942 through 1947. His term on the school's Board of Trustees is unsurpassed, spanning 21 years. During the first two years after the school opened he was chairman of the board and later served as vice-chairman for six years, and as secretary for four years.

With his passing, the Church, the denomination, and the Bible College have lost a good friend. He was a giant in the land in his day and, from time to time, we turn our eyes to search the horizon for new Giants in the Faith, who will lead us on from here.

112 On First Semester Dean's List

When grades were issued shortly before the Christmas holidays, the names of 112 students, the largest number for any semester at Bible College, were placed on the Honor Roll. Here are those students:

"A" HONOR ROLL

Steve Lytle (Senior)Swannanoa, N.C.
Linda Simmons (Junior)Paris, Ark.
Peter Wilson (Junior)Toledo, Oh.
Wayne Patton (Sophomore)Wheelersburg, Oh.
Ruth Creech (Freshman)Durham, N.C.
Laura Thigpen (Freshman)Nashville, Tn.

"B" HONOR ROLL

SENIORS

Sandra BazenPamplico, S.C.
Tommy DowlingTimmonsville, S.C.
Judy HovisRichmond Hts., Mo.
Tag KilgorePikeville, Ky.
Sheila ReidGlenwood, Ark.
Charles SartorCardiff, Cal.
Brenda SpruillWaipahu, Ha.
Robert TrimbleUrbana, Oh.
Stephanie VincentKirksville, Mo.

JUNIORS

Clifford ArthurN. Hampton, Mass.
Rodney BaileyElizabethton, Tn.
Claudia BlandGreenville, N.C.
Johnny CarterManchester, Tn.
Cheryl ClayW. Palm Beach, Fla.
Esther ClickFlint, Mich.
Alan CrowsonNashville, Tn.
Roger DePriestSt. Louis, Mo.
Lloyd DonicaNew Castle, Ind.
Gerald FenderBurnsville, N.C.
Linda FieldsDurham, N.C.
Myra FloydNorfolk, Va.
Cathy FowlerIna, Ill.
Alecia HammFayette, Ala.
Billy HannaFlorence, S.C.
James HarrierClarksville, Tn.
G. W. HarrisPalm Bay, Fla.
Ron IveyRichmond, Va.
Danny KeyKannapolis, N.C.
Mike KiddFort Gay, W. Va.
Earl LarsonPortland, Ore.
David LeeNewport News, Va.
Harvey LukeNashville, Tn.
Connie MaggardWheelersburg, Oh.
Garry MatthewsRaytown, Mo.
Pamella OrrRoan Mountain, Tn.
John ParkerDurham, N.C.
Virginia PooleClarksville, Tn.
Patricia RogersDarlington, S.C.
Alice SmithChesapeake, W. Va.
John SmithArvin, Cal.
Jack StephensonCanton, N.C.
Larry StevensDecatur, Ill.

Jonathan ThigpenNashville, Tn.
Don TurnerFlat River, Mo.
Rhonda WestberryJesup, Ga.
Jimmie WilliamsBryan, Tx.

SOPHOMORES

Virginia BaysWebbville, Ky.
Lana BlackburnW. Frankfort, Ill.
Cecil BoswellNewport News, Va.
Leslie BrownFranklin, Tn.
Barry ClowerArlington, Ga.
LaRue CulpepperPitts, Ga.
Deborah EdwardsNew Bern, N.C.
Deborah FlipppoPhil Campbell, Ala.
Carol FowlerIna, Ill.
Joe GarrisonAshland City, Tn.
Janice GentryDayton, Oh.
Julie GodwinMicro, N.C.
Joe GrimmattCleveland, Oh.
Deborah HatchellFlorence, S.C.
Otavia HolmesCoats, N.C.
Jerry McClaryLondon, Oh.
Tom McCulloughRoyal Oak, Mich.
Dennis OwenBratt, Fla.
Karla PayneIna, Ill.
Marilyn PritchardJohnston City, Ill.
Gail PurcellGlennville, Ga.
Sharon RobertsBlaine, Ky.
Janet RollinsBirmingham, Ala.
Tom SassStreator, Ill.
Jim StokesKinston, N.C.
Joan SweatKingstree, S.C.
Rex TuckerMascoutah, Ill.
Hollis WarrenDeKalb, Miss.

FRESHMEN

Philip AngeDurham, N.C.
Virginia ArcouetteWhitefield, N.H.
Bruce BilbreyAnderson, Ind.
Denise CauleyJesup, Ga.
Sharon CokerTurbeville, S.C.
Barbara CollinsEvansville, Ind.
Charles CookBonifay, Fla.
Jim DanielsDetroit, Mich.
Joan DrollIna, Ill.
Marilyn ElliottNashville, Tn.

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Pastors Heap Praise On Recent Conference

More than 100 pastors registered for the Bible College's winter Pastors' Conference, held on campus December 27-31. The preachers, a few with their wives, were housed in the new women's dormitory and were served their meals in the new Cumberland Cafeteria.

They were high in their praise for the speakers and the program they presented. Studies ranged from Dean Thigpen's classes on the book of Galatians, to the Reverend Dale Burden's observations on the pastor and his problems, and into Dr. Monroe Parker's messages from the Revelation. Dr. Leon Wood's studies on Elijah and advice on preaching from the Old Testament were beneficial to every pastor who heard them.

Pastors encouraged Bible College officials to continue in their sponsorship of the Pastors' Conference. The school welcomes suggestions concerning the time and program for future pastors' meetings.

Music Proceeds Given To School

Mr. Raymond Lee, Sr., father of the late FWBBC student body president, Ray Lee, has informed the school that all proceeds from sales of Ray's song, "Since Jesus Came In," will be given to the school.

Copies of the song may be ordered for \$1.00 from:

Mr. Raymond Lee, Sr.
3113 Nottaway Court
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

College Choir to Tour Missouri; Drama Goes to South Carolina

The Bible College will sponsor two tours by student groups during the school's spring break, March 16-21. The Music Department will send the College Choir on its 19th annual tour, visiting Missouri, Illinois, and Oklahoma. The Bible College Evangel Players will also be conducting the school's second Drama Tour, holding services in churches throughout South Carolina.

The College Choir, which will be touring under the sponsorship of the Public Relations Department, has brought blessing and challenge to Free Will Baptist churches each spring, across the country. David Randlett, choir director, has prepared a program of gospel music, anthems, and hymns that will continue that tradition.

The Drama Tour will be conducted under the sponsorship of the school's Development Campaign. Jack Paramore, Director of Development, says, "I hope the tour will challenge all of South Carolina to give as never before to the development of our College. It will be our main promotional effort for the state in 1972. We are trusting the Lord to help us raise \$1,000 per service through the 10-service schedule." The drama tour program will be under the direction of FWBBC speech teacher, Joseph Jones.

Free Will Baptists in the areas these tours will cover are urged to watch for local publicity announcing the time and place for each service.



Choir and Drama tours sponsored by the school in past years have been a blessing to thousands of Free Will Baptists.



REMEMBER BIBLE CONFERENCE March 12-16

He delights to use the small

Friendship comes in all sizes. The Junior Sunday School Class from the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Charlotte, Tennessee, recently visited the Bible College. They brought with them \$50 they had collected in dimes to go toward equipping the Cumberland Cafeteria.

While their gift might seem small when compared to that of some others, it is this kind of "widow's mite" giving that has kept the Bible College alive for 30 years. Thank God for those pension dollar bills and the Sunday school dimes! He may use the mighty, but He delights to use the small!

Teachers, Jeanette Street and Helen Aldridge, stand with the juniors from the Oak Grove FWB Church.





alumni news briefs

Roger Tripp (1956) and **Sybil** have a new son, **Timothy Joel**, born November 28 in Chocowinity, North Carolina.

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Bill Van Winkle (1966) and **Hope (Morris, '63-'64)** have a new daughter, **Charity Ruth**, born November 12 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

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Mark your calendars, alumni, and make plans to attend the 1972 Bible Conference, March 12-16. This year's speakers—**Stanley Outlaw**, **Chester Phillips**, **Fred Warner**, and **Willard Wilcox**—are sure to be a blessing and will make this a Bible Conference to long remember!



One hundred and thirty students—a quarter of the student body—performed in the school's 1971 Christmas music program.

Christmas Oratorio, Play Presented



Margie Halliburton and Barry Clower gave a moving performance in "The Other Wise Man."

FRESHMEN

(continued from inside)

Bill Etterling ... Portsmouth, Oh.
Wayne Gunnoe ... McArthur, W. Va.
Tim Hailey ... Elm City, N.C.
Margie Halliburton ... Van. Wash.
Earl Hanna ... Florence, S.C.
Deborah Hendershott Berkeley, Mo.
Dennis Henderson ... Va. Beach, Va.
Barbara Holton ... Grifton, N.C.
Rick Jagers ... Townley, Ala.
Ronnie Knight ... Suffolk, Va.
Shelia Kuykendall ... Samantha, Ala.
Jim McKown ... Texarkana, Ark.
Jeannie Mitchell ... Dudley, N.C.
Debra Moore ... Guthrie, Ky.
Melba Morris ... Columbia, N.C.
Kay Oakes ... Snow Hill, N.C.
Jo Ratka ... Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Keith Rhoden ... Lucasville, Oh.
Dale Seley ... Wendell, N.C.
Ronnie Snipes ... Kinston, N.C.
Rebecca Steedley ... Waycross, Ga.
Barbara Talton ... Garner, N.C.
Linda Williamson ... Rocky Mt., N.C.
Sharon Wyatt ... Kannapolis, N.C.

Two special programs treated the College Family to a double delight on campus shortly before the Christmas holidays.

First, **Abe Baerg**, with the school's Music Department, directed the largest student chorus in the history of the school in **Camille Saint-Saens' "Christmas Oratorio."** **Louis Nicholas**, music critic for the **Nashville Tennessean** and husband of **FWBBC** music teacher and organist, **Sarah Lacey Nicholas**, complimented **Mr. Baerg** and the 130-voice chorus. "Quite apart from its musical qualities, which were quite respectable, and its aesthetic ones, which were quite enjoyable," he noted, "the performance was rather remarkable for the fact that it enlisted more than a quarter of the entire student body."

A second treat was the presentation of "The Other Wise Man," a play by **Harold Sliker**. Under the direction of **Joseph Jones**, the story of **Artaban** and his search for Christ came to life. Members of the Bible College's **Evangel Players**, and especially **Barry Clower**, who played the part of **Artaban**, must be credited for their outstanding performances.

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Colleges, like students, earn grades. The Bible College, long an "honor student" among colleges, recently received the highest transfer credit rating that can be given to a school. Dr. Robert Picirilli, FWBBC registrar, explains the new rating and what it will mean to our students.

by Dr. Robert Picirilli
Registrar, Free Will Baptist Bible College

Students who attend Free Will Baptist Bible College with plans to transfer later to another college can now be assured, more than ever before, that credits earned here will be recognized in transfer. This new assurance results from an "A" rating just awarded the College by the University of Tennessee. This is the highest rating that can be given for transfer credits.

The Bible College is the first college in Tennessee, other than regionally-accredited and state-operated schools, to achieve this rating.

HOW COLLEGES ARE RATED

Perhaps a word of explanation about school ratings would be in order. There are four ratings for transfer credit which may be given a college or university. An "E" means that no transfer credit will



be given. A "C" means that transfer credits must be validated by the student's good performance at the school to which he transfers. A "B" means that only a specified amount of transfer credit will be given.

The Bible College's new "A" rating means that no restrictions or limitations will be placed on work done at our school by the University of Tennessee. Other colleges and universities across the country should follow this same policy.

Since 1955 the Bible College has been rated "BC" by the University (UT). This meant that only two years of work could be transferred to UT, and that even this amount had to be proved by the student's good performance in class. The new rating has removed both of these restrictions.

Each year a handbook called the **Report of Credit Given** is distributed to all college registrars in the United States. That handbook will contain Free Will Baptist Bible College's new rating and most colleges across the country will follow the practices reported in it, as to transfer of the school's credits. The University of Tennessee has the responsibility of providing ratings in the handbook for all colleges and universities in the state.

WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TO STUDENTS

While we are thankful for the new rating and what it will mean to many students, we also recognize that it is not equal to nor a substitute for regional accreditation. However, it does mean that most colleges will from now on regard a transcript of credits from Free Will Baptist Bible College in the

same light as a transcript from a regionally-accredited school. Regionally-accredited institutions automatically receive an "A" rating.

Dr. William Smyth, Director of Admissions at the University of Tennessee, informed us of the new rating in January of this year. The decision came in response to a study report prepared and presented to Dr. Smyth last fall. The study examined the records of students who have transferred to other colleges during the past several years. Clearly revealed was the fact that almost all FWBBC students who transfer make as good or better grades in other institutions. We believe this means that academic standards at the Bible College are high and that students who attend the Bible College for their first two years or more are well prepared for upper-level work at other institutions.

F.W.B.B.C. ALREADY WELL RECOGNIZED

Actually, the Bible College has for the past several years enjoyed a far better academic recognition than the "BC" rating we had with UT. Many colleges have already been giving transfer credit for most of the work taken here, often well beyond the two years previously specified by the University. The Bible College's B.A. degree has been recognized by a number of universities. Bible College graduates have been admitted to graduate schools to pursue advanced degrees with increasing frequency in the last few years. The new UT rating will probably help open the doors to many more graduate schools.

Many Christian young people in our denomination plan to enter some profession for which FWBBC does not offer a full course of training. We encourage such young people to come here for at least two years and then finish their college work at some other institution. This approach has worked successfully for many years. The new rating gives even greater assurance that the Bible College can continue to help young people prepare for whatever vocations to which God may call them.



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What is the story on the accreditation of Free Will Baptist Bible College? In brief, this—the college is accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges; it is not regionally accredited.

Accreditation is a word often used but not always understood. The accrediting structure in education is very complicated. As simply as possible, “accreditation” means approved or authorized. In this sense, many types of “accreditation” exist.

Not counting all the lesser types of accreditation, there are two main types of college accreditation given in the American educational world. One of these is what we call professional accreditation. For example, there are associations which accredit law schools, medical schools, teachers colleges, and other types of professional institutions.

Theological schools are regarded as professional institutions and so there are professional accrediting associations which approve such schools. At the graduate level, the accrediting association for seminaries is known as the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS). On the undergraduate (college) level, the only recognized accrediting association for theological schools is the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC), with offices in Wheaton, Illinois.

Free Will Baptist Bible College, as noted above, is accredited by this latter association. As a result, the Bible College is recognized as an accredited professional college and is listed by the U. S. Office of Education as an accredited college.

WHAT IS REGIONAL ACCREDITATION?

The second main type of college accreditation is called regional accreditation. There are six accrediting associations operating in six separate regions of the United States. These associations represent the broadest and most important type of accreditation for general college-level work of all kinds. Free Will Baptist Bible College is located within the territory covered by the Southern Accrediting Association, but is not accredited by that association.

Of course, there are ways to win academic recognition apart from regional accreditation, and Free Will Baptist Bible College has won considerable recognition for itself. Accreditation by AABC, as noted above, is one such way. That association is recognized not only by the U. S. Government, but by many educational bodies like the New York State Board of Regents.

Another way an institution can win academic recognition is within the educational structure of the state in which it is located. The University of Tennessee, in 1955, officially recognized FWBBC at the two-year level. Thus, most colleges have since that time practised giving transfer credit for at least

The Accreditation Story

BY DR. ROBERT PICIRILLI





two years of work taken at FWBBC. As of January, 1972, the University of Tennessee has awarded FWBBC an "A" rating for transfer credit, which means that the two-year limitation has been removed. (See related article on page 1.) Therefore, FWBBC has achieved widespread recognition as an excellent institution, and credits earned here can generally be transferred anywhere else.

Naturally, the situation would be even better with regional accreditation. If FWBBC were to be able to achieve such accreditation, then all final barriers to the recognition of credits earned here, and to the recognition of our degree, would be removed.

WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS TO REGIONAL ACCREDITATION?

At present, however, there are at least three problems which stand in the way of regional accreditation for FWBBC. Perhaps the most important problem is the prejudice of the Southern Association against Bible colleges. Among the six different regional associations, attitude differs. In the territory of the Western Association, for example, almost every AABC-accredited Bible college is also regionally accredited. But the Southern Association has never accredited any Bible college!

In fact, the Southern Association issued (October, 1968) a mimeographed policy statement entitled "The Accreditation of Bible Colleges and Colleges with Special Religious Commitments." Among other things, that statement says that "education, not indoctrination, should be the mission of the college." The statement criticizes a certain school because its students are not encouraged to reach their own conclusions on theological issues and are required to make an "affirmation of theological conformity." The statement says that "propogation of the faith is not a bona fide purpose of a college," that the student must be permitted to "embrace a divergent theological view," that theological conformity ought not to be "a requirement for appointment to the faculty," that requiring faculty and students to subscribe to a statement of belief "appears to restrain open inquiry," and so on. The statement questions whether there can be open inquiry in a group having a single religious persuasion, and concludes by implying that a college will probably not be accredited whose "religious aims take precedence."

The second problem is closely related to this first one. There is a question in our minds whether it would be wise to obtain regional accreditation even if the Southern Association would extend it. Would the association's philosophy of education, as expressed above, be brought to bear against our distinctive Christian commitment? Would their insistence on "academic freedom" be so strong as to force us to hire teachers who were not committed to the Free Will Baptist doctrinal position? Would

These are some of the schools that have accepted Bible College graduates into their graduate programs.

**Austin Peay State University
Eastern Michigan University
Middle Tenn. State University
University of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City University
Old Dominion University
State University of New York
Syracuse University
Troy State University
Western Kentucky University
Western Michigan University**

we continue to be able to insist on conformity of doctrine and behavior from the faculty and students?

These are questions whose answers remain uncertain. But we will have to deal with these crucial considerations in the event that regional accreditation ever becomes possible from other points of view.

The final problem is the more practical one. Completely apart from the prejudice of the Southern Association and the philosophical differences referred to above, FWBBC could probably not now become regionally accredited because of the lack of financial resources. More funds would have to be obtained to provide a sizeable endowment, greater facilities, more volumes in the library, and so on.

A NEW WAY TO GROW

FWBBC may also soon seek "accreditation" by the Tennessee State Department of Education. A growing number of our students, in recent years, have shown interest in school teaching and we are giving serious consideration to adding a program of teacher-education. If this is done, approval by the State Department of Education will be needed; and a college does not have to be regionally accredited to gain this approval. We are not close enough to this point, yet, to be able to forecast an outcome, but prospects seem reasonably good.

In conclusion, let me observe that "accreditation" does two main things for a college. The first is to guarantee that credits can be transferred to other colleges. The second is to guarantee that a degree graduate can enter other graduate schools to work on advanced degrees.

In both these areas, FWBBC stands well. For many years students who have taken as much as two years here have been able to receive nearly 100% transfer credit at almost any college in America. With the new University of Tennessee decision, this situation is now even more certain.

And in the last few years, our graduates have been admitted to many graduate-level institutions to pursue advanced degrees. In the area of religious education, many seminaries admit FWBBC graduates without hesitation. And even in secular education, doors have opened for our graduates at many universities.

OUR GOOD STANDING IS VERIFIED

In summary, it can be said that Free Will Baptist Bible College has won for itself a considerable measure of academic respect and recognition. Regional accreditation, whether desirable or not, is not necessary in order to do a good job academically. The academic community, in those ways in which we have sought approval, has verified that the college has strived for and achieved excellence.



College Lists "Top Ten" Giving Churches

Nearly 20 percent of all church gifts to the Bible College during the last fiscal year came from just 10 churches, recent figures have shown. Paul Kettelman, director of public relations, has released a report showing that of the \$153,106 churches gave to the school between June, 1970 and May, 1971, these 10 churches accounted for \$29,829. Four of the ten are located in North Carolina.

These "Top Ten" churches are:

1. Central FWB Church,
Royal Oak,
Michigan \$6,926.45
2. Cofers Chapel FWB
Church, Nashville,
Tennessee 4,427.95
3. First FWB Church,
Savannah, Georgia 2,950.95
4. First FWB Church,
Florence, South
Carolina 2,688.51
5. Grace FWB Church,
Greenville, North
Carolina 2,669.17
6. Shady Grove FWB
Church, Durham,
North Carolina . 2,089.15
7. Fairmount Park
FWB Church,
Norfolk, Virginia 2,041.85
8. Bethany FWB Church,
Timmons ville,
South Carolina . 2,020.00
9. Unity FWB Church,
Smithfield, North
Carolina 2,014.91
10. First FWB Church,
Beaufort, North
Carolina 2,005.18



New members of the Gleaners Trio are Gail Purcell, Vicki Shaw, Kathy Pickett, and Joan Sweat.

College Forms 1972 Gleaners Trio

The Bible College has organized the 1972 Gleaners Trio and has begun scheduling them to hold services in Free Will Baptist churches. They present a sparkling program of hymns and gospel music, give clear-cut personal testimonies, and describe the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College. During the school year, they will hold services on weekends

only. The school is also planning a ten-week summer tour for the group.

Members of the trio are Vicki Shaw, a freshman from Wenatchee, Wash.; Kathy Pickett, a freshman from Birmingham, Ala.; and Joan Sweat, a sophomore from Kingstree, S.C. Gail Purcell, a sophomore from Glennville, Ga., is their accompanist.

The figures include gifts to both the school's general operation and building funds, but do not include special project gifts, such as furniture for the new women's dormitory-cafeteria.

A gift of \$4,106 was received from the sale of church property in Aliceville, Alabama, but because of the unusual nature of the gift, it was not included in the list with the churches above.

General Fund Gifts Setting New Records

Gifts to the Bible College's general fund have taken a sharp swing upward in recent months, according to Paul Kettelman, Director of Public Relations. A new monthly income record of nearly \$26,000 was set in December, bringing total school gifts to over \$127,000 for the current fiscal year (June, 1971-May, 1972).

Nearly \$6,000 in cash and signed checkbooks was raised by Bible College students and faculty members for the school during the Christmas holidays. Paul Kettelman, director of public relations, rewarded fifty-two students and three teachers with steak suppers in appreciation for their help in raising the money.

The largest single gift, \$600, came from the Cookeville, Tennessee Free Will Baptist Church and was raised by Ken Haney, a sophomore student from Cookeville.

This year's total from the Christmas project fell short of last year's total of \$7,790.

Student Services Raise \$6,000

Anita Ellis and Ken Haney were among those who enjoyed a charcoaled steak supper for their fund-raising efforts.



Courses of study that will benefit Christian workers in many fields are included in the Bible College's 1972 Summer Session curriculum.

The two-week session, May 15-26, will offer classes in Bible, church administration and theological trends for pastors. Music directors will benefit from the study of song leading and the materials currently available for effective church music programs. Parliamentary law is a must for those who serve as moderators.

Up to three semester hours of college credit may be earned. The total cost for the session, including registration, room and board, and tuition for a full 3-hour load, is \$118. The following schedule of classes will be followed:

TIME	SUBJECT
7:45- 9:00	Principles of Church Administration Biblical Interpretation (2 hours) Inter-Testament Period
9:05- 9:30	CHAPEL
9:45-11:00	Church Music Materials Biblical Interpretation (continued) Methods of Biblical Exposition Current Theological Trends
11:05-12:30	General Epistles Missionary Program in the Local Church Song Leading Parliamentary Law

Registration for Summer Session or requests for additional information may be addressed to: **Summer Session, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.**

1972
Summer
School

May 15-26



These new students are among the 28 who enrolled at the Bible College for the first time with the opening of second semester.

494 Set New Enrollment Record

Thirty-eight new day school students joined 456 who enrolled for first semester, giving the Bible College a total of 494 day students for the 1971-72 school year.

There were 28 new students, who have not attended the Bible College before, numbered among this semester's registrants.

Trena Adams	Belle Rive, Illinois
Carol Baker	Bryan, Texas
Jerry Calhoun	Midway, West Virginia
Stoney Creech	Greenville, North Carolina
Debra Eldridge	Clawson, Michigan
Trudy Haas	Rennes, France
Timothy Hackett	Torrington, Wyoming
Gregory Hanson	Chesterfield, Indiana
Donald Hodgens	Sprott, Alabama
Teresa Hyder	Elizabethton, Tennessee
Larry Martindale	Greenbriar, Tennessee
Ronald Moneymaker	Granite City, Illinois
Dennis Owens	Pontiac, Michigan
Brenda Pake	Greenville, Mississippi
Walter Parry	McArthur, Ohio
Deborah Peart	E. Wenatchee, Washington
Rufus Penix	Dearborn Hgts., Michigan
Charles Pennington	Charleston, West Virginia
James Scarborough	Belmont, North Carolina
Vicki Shaw	E. Wenatchee, Washington
Robert Tallent	St. Louis, Missouri
Beverly Tomblin	Columbus, Ohio
Jim Turnbough	Viburnum, Missouri
Judy Turnbough	Viburnum, Missouri
Teddy Waters	Alma, Georgia
Maryetta White	Loudon, Tennessee
Miriam Benton	Aynor, South Carolina
Shelia McCall	Poulan, Georgia

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alumni news BRIEfs

John Gibbs ('59-'62) and **Doris** ('61-'62) have a new son, **Darin Scott**, born January 11 in Nashville.

Mary (Duncan, '64-'65) Hancock and **Robert** have a new daughter, **Deanna Jane**, born December 5 in Opa-locka, Florida.

Ralph Mills ('61-'63) and **Sonia** now live in Huntington, West Virginia, where he is choir director and organist for the Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Karl Sapp ('62-'64) and **Joyce** ('62-'64) are in their third quarter of language study in Japan under the Gospel Fellowship Mission.

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MAKING THEIR MARKS

By Bert Tippet

Slowly, almost as in a dream, the heavily shod foot descended the ladder and Captain Neil Armstrong became the first man to put his print on the face of the moon. A handful of men—all Americans—have followed him and they too have left their marks in the lunar dust, where no wind blows to erase it.

Man cannot pass, neither on the moon nor the earth, without leaving behind some trace of himself. What man touches, he changes. And every change is for the better or the worse.

On May 11 the Class of 1972 passed across the graduation stage and left their last marks as students on Free Will Baptist Bible College. Their marks have been good. They were spiritual leaders among their fellow students. They were examples in their convictions and integrity. They were an encouragement to their teachers as they matured and grew.

Now they are gone.

Others will come behind them, hopefully to leave equally good marks on those whom they touch.

But the world is now their blackboard and the Class of 1972 will not pass without leaving on it their mark for the Master.





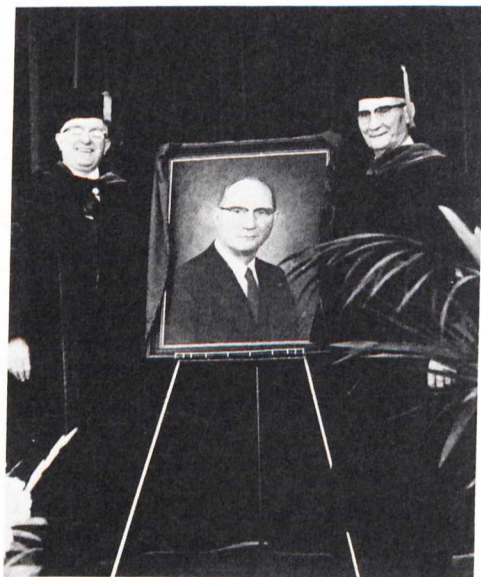
*Tag Kilgore, winner of
the 1972 Sermon Contest*



*Judy Hovis, Archie Ratliff, and
Sandra Bazen display the trophies
won by their respective societies.*



1972 COMMENCEMENT HONORS



Dr. Johnson and Rev. L. R. Ennis unveil portrait of Ennis, the Bible College's only past president.

Graduation exercises, being a time of recognition, are the ideal occasion to honor those students who have excelled during the year. A number of Bible College students received special recognition during the recent Commencement Exercises on campus.

Academic Honors

A college is a community of scholars in the pursuit of knowledge. The Bible College is a community of Christian scholars whose goal is a fuller knowledge of God's Word, will, and ways.

It is natural, therefore, that special recognition be made of those who have excelled in their studies.

Four members of the 1972 senior class graduated with honor. Sandra Bazen, from Pamplico, S.C.; Judy Hovis, from Richmond Heights, Mo.; and Tag Kilgore, from Pikeville, Ky., graduated **cum laude** ("with praise") by maintaining an average of 2.25 honor points over their college career. Steve Lytle, from Swannanoa, N.C., graduated **magna cum laude** ("with great praise"), with an honor point average of more than 2.50.

Two of the honored seniors, Sandra Bazen and Steve Lytle, were chosen for membership in Delta Epsilon Chi ("Approved in Christ"), the honor society among Bible colleges. Members

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are chosen by faculty vote, with scholastic achievement being the primary consideration.

Four students were presented medals for having the highest academic record in their respective classes for the current school year. The four were Laura Thigpen, freshman, from Nashville; Wayne Patton, sophomore, from Wheelersburg, Ohio; Peter Wilson, junior, from Toledo, Ohio; and Steve Lytle, senior. All four had maintained a straight-A average.

Societies Recognized

Competition is keen among the six student societies on campus, both in athletics and school spirit. Each year the school presents a trophy to the men's society and the ladies' society with the best sports record, and another for special contributions to school life.

In sports, the trophy went this year to the Christina Rossetti Society and the Pi Gamma Chi Society.

The Pi Gamma Chis also took home the trophy for school contributions. For the women, the award went to the Bronte Society.

Other Awards

It is traditional at the Bible College to present a medal to the Student Body President each year at graduation in recognition of his high office. Peter Wilson, 1971-72 president, was also awarded a plaque because of his outstanding performance as a leader on campus. In every area of campus life, Peter has made his influence felt. With this special award went the administration's thanks for his tireless devotion to his office.

Tag Kilgore, a graduating senior, was the recipient of a Bible as the winner of the 1972 Sermon Contest. Three finalists preached their messages on Friday, May 5. The winner was announced at graduation.

Linda Fields, from Durham, N.C., received the editor's medal for her work in producing the 1972 LUMEN, the FWBBC yearbook.

A special award for her work in speech and drama went to Hazel Taylor, a senior from Norfolk, Va.

Free Will Baptist Bible College has finished its 30th year. Each year there are those who, by their presence, make it special. Perhaps these honors have singled out some of the ones who have done so much to make 1971-72 a school year to be remembered.



Judy Smith



THE SENIOR WHO MISSED HER GRADUATION

Judy Smith missed graduating with her class on May 11. She was several thousand miles away at the time—serving as a student missionary in Japan. Two summers ago she rendered a similar service in Africa.

Perhaps this excerpt from her recent letter will explain why she was willing to delay her graduation.

"I love Japan... I love the quaint little people with black hair and brown eyes, but I also love those black people with short, kinky hair I visited almost two years ago.

"I love the three little Japanese girls I met near my home, who come to visit me and bring me gifts, but I also love that old Lobi woman in Doropo, who brought me a chicken. I love the kindness and honors the Japanese pay me, not because they have to, but because it's engrained in them; yet I love those African women who fall all over themselves to please me. I love the modern conveniences of Japan, but I also like roughing it in Africa.

"I love the Lost here in Japan, but I also love those lost souls in Ivory Coast.

"I don't know yet whether the Lord wants me in the cornfields of Africa or the rice fields of Japan, but I want to be harvesting for Him—somewhere."

Judy is one of 54 Bible College students now preparing for missionary service. Another 148 young men are studying for the ministry. These young people, to whom the will of God is all important, are the bright hope of tomorrow.

Your continued support to Free Will Baptist Bible College is your vote of confidence in them as they go forth to serve Him—somewhere.



Presenting The Class of 1972

**BACHELOR
OF ARTS
DEGREES**



SANDRA BAZEN
Pamplico,
South Carolina



WILLIAM HAYNES
Tulsa,
Oklahoma



CLIFFORD HOLLAND
Florence,
Alabama



GARY MADRAY
Jesup,
Georgia



LORNA MERRILL
Whitefield,
New Hampshire



JAMES MERTZ
St. Louis,
Missouri



SUE MOORE
Clarksville,
Tennessee



CLINTON MORGAN, JR.
Roxboro,
North Carolina



JOHN MURRAY, JR.
Hampton,
Virginia



WAYNE SPRUILL
Norfolk,
Virginia



JACK STEPHENSON
Canton,
North Carolina



VALERIE STEPHENSON
Othello,
Washington



HAZEL TAYLOR
Norfolk,
Virginia



ROBERT TRIMBLE
Urbana,
Ohio



STEPHANIE VINCENT
Kirksville,
Missouri



JOE BROWN
Nashville,
Tennessee



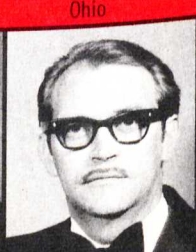
EDWARD GREEN
Aberdeen,
Maryland



C. F. HARTING
Warren,
Michigan



J. D. NORRIS
Raleigh,
North Carolina



DAVID TURNER
Stonefort,
Illinois



HOLLIS WARREN
DeKalb,
Mississippi



ALFRED CATES, JR.
Durham,
North Carolina

DOCK CATON
Ada,
Oklahoma

GARY FRY
Mountain Grove,
Missouri

GERALD GIBBS
Durham,
North Carolina

MICHAEL GILLIN
Adrian,
Michigan

JANICE HARRIS
Cramerton,
North Carolina



JUDY HOVIS
Richmond Hts.,
Missouri

LARRY HUGHES
Fulton,
Mississippi

DENNIS KEEN
Smithfield,
North Carolina

TAGGART KILGORE, II
Pikeville,
Kentucky

STEPHEN LYTLE
Swannanoa,
North Carolina

TIM McDONALD
Nashville,
Tennessee



ARCHIE RATLIFF
Anderson,
Indiana

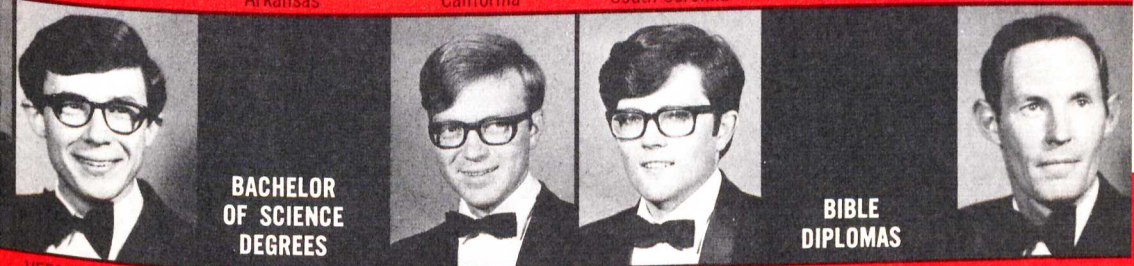
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Glenwood,
Arkansas

CHARLES SARTOR
Cardiff,
California

ROBERT SCOTT
Hemingway,
South Carolina

KENNETH SLUDER
Garden Grove,
California

BRENDA SPRUILL
Waipahu,
Hawaii



BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE
DEGREES

BIBLE
DIPLOMAS

VERNON WHALEY
Bessemer City,
North Carolina

LARRY GUNNOE
MacArthur,
West Virginia

DANNY THOMAS
Nashville,
Tennessee

WILLIAM BAIRD
Nashville,
Tennessee



BUSINESS
CERTIFICATES

ANITA ELLIS
Cordova,
Alabama

CARROLL HILL
Morehead City,
North Carolina

DIANNE JORDAN
Conway,
South Carolina

THOMAS SASS
Streator,
Illinois

REX TUCKER
Mascoutah,
Illinois

106 on Mid-Semester Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL

David A. Lee (Junior) Newport News, Va.
 Peter Wilson (Junior) Toledo, Ohio
 Barbara Holton (Freshman) Grifton, N.C.
 Shelia Kuykendall (Freshman) Samantha, Ala.

"B" HONOR ROLL

Seniors

Sandra Bazen Pamplico, S.C.
 Tommy Dowling Timmonsville, S.C.
 Judy Hovis Richmond Hgts., Mo.
 Tag Kilgore Pikeville, Ky.
 Steve Lytle Swannanoa, N.C.
 Sheila Reid Glenwood, Ark.
 Valerie Stephenson Othello, Wash.
 Jack Stephenson Canton, N.C.
 Stephanie Vincent Kirksville, Mo.

Juniors

Rodney Bailey Elizabethton, Tenn.
 Carol Baker Bryan, Texas
 Claudia Bland Greenville, N.C.
 John Carter Manchester, Tenn.
 Cheryl Clay W. Palm Beach, Fla.
 Esther Click Flint, Mich.
 Phillip Cook Bonifay, Fla.
 Allan Crowson Nashville, Tenn.
 Lloyd Donica New Castle, Ind.
 Gerald Fender Burnsville, N.C.
 Linda Fields Durham, N.C.
 Cathy Fowler Ina, Ill.
 Alecia Hamm Fayette, Ala.
 Billy Hanna Florence, S.C.
 G. W. Harris Palm Bay, Fla.
 Danny Key Kannapolis, N.C.
 Harvey Luke Nashville, Tenn.
 Connie Maggard Wheelersburg, Ohio
 Garry Matthews Raytown, Mo.
 Tommy Meade Manassas Park, Va.
 James Munsey Morristown, Tenn.
 John Parker Durham, N.C.
 Virginia Poole Clarksville, Tenn.
 Patricia Rogers Darlington, S.C.
 Linda Simmons Paris, Ark.
 Alice Smith Chesapeake, W.Va.
 Jonathan Thigpen Nashville, Tenn.
 Jim Turnbough Viburnum, Mo.
 Donald Turner Rivermines, Mo.
 Jimmie Williams Bryan, Texas

Sophomores

Virginia Bays Webbville, Ky.
 Lana Blackburn W. Frankfort, Ill.
 Leslie Brown Franklin, Tenn.
 Larry Carr Garden Grove, Cal.
 Sam Crosley Chesterfield, Ind.
 Deborah Flippo Phil Campbell, Ala.
 Carol Fowler Ina, Ill.

Janice Gentry Dayton, Ohio
 Joe Grimmett Cleveland, Ohio
 Joe Haas Rennes, France
 Deborah Hatchell Florence, S.C.
 Otavia Holmes Coats, N.C.
 Janice Lacefield Osceola, Ind.
 Phyllis Little Newport News, Va.
 Jerry McClary London, Ohio
 Tom McCullough Royal Oak, Mich.
 Mike Meyer San Francisco, Cal.
 Patricia Moore Marion, Ill.
 Wayne Patton Wheelersburg, Ohio
 Karla Payne Ina, Ill.
 Marilyn Pritchard Johnston City, Ill.
 Gail Purcell Glennville, Ga.
 Sharon Roberts Blaine, Ky.
 Tom Sass Ottawa, Ill.
 Fredrick R. Stone Pamplico, S.C.
 Ann Sutherland Madison Hts., Mich.
 Brenda Sutton Charlotte, N.C.
 Nancy Thomas Davis, N.C.
 Rex Tucker Sesser, Ill.
 Ronald Wallace Homerville, Ga.
 Tonda Warner Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Susan Wells Perry, Fla.
 Rodney Whaley Bessemer City, N.C.

Freshmen

Trena Renee Adams Belle Rive, Ill.
 Philip Ange Durham, N.C.
 Virginia Arcouette Whitefield, N.H.
 Stephen Ashby Dayton, Ohio
 Miriam Benton Aynor, S.C.
 Sharon Coker Turbeville, S.C.
 Barbara Collins Evansville, Ind.
 Charles Cook Bonifay, Fla.
 Ruth Creech Durham, N.C.
 Sara Davis Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Marilyn Elliott Nashville, Tenn.
 Wayne Gunnoe MacArthur, W.Va.
 Trudy Haas Rennes, France
 Tim Hackett Torrington, Wyo.
 Deborah Hendershott Berkeley, Mo.
 Dennis Henderson Virginia Beach, Va.
 Joyce Jacob Maroa, Ill.
 Rick Jagers Townley, Ala.
 Jo Ratka Norfolk, Va.
 Keith Rhoden Lucasville, Ohio
 Dale Seley Wendell, N.C.
 Ronnie Snipes Kinston, N.C.
 Rebecca Steedley Waycross, Ga.



Blackburn, Jagers, Cook

School Selects Editor For 1973 Yearbook

The staff to produce the 1973 LUMEN, the Bible College yearbook, will be headed by Miss Lana Blackburn, a junior from West Frankfort, Illinois. Her assistants will be Rick Jagers, a sophomore from Townley, Alabama, who will serve as assistant editor, and Charles Cook, a sophomore from Bonifay, Florida, who will be business manager.

The LUMEN is one of the biggest projects undertaken by Bible College students, spanning eight to ten months and requiring the expenditure of several thousand dollars. Miss Blackburn has earned the respect of her fellow students and the administration/faculty, and is expected to produce an excellent yearbook.

Her first project will be to plan a 16-page second semester supplement to the 1972 LUMEN.

Much of the cost of producing the LUMEN is underwritten through ads purchased in the book by churches. If you are interested in your church assisting in this worthy project, you may request information by writing the school.

Margaret Sutherland

Madison Hts., Mich.
 Barbara Talton Garner, N.C.
 Laura Thigpen Nashville, Tenn.
 Beverly Tomblin Columbus, Ohio
 Elaine Vernelson Greenville, N.C.
 Linda Williamson Rocky Mt., N.C.
 Sharon Wyatt Kannapolis, N.C.

"The King is Coming!"

College Releases Latest Record

The Bible College Music Department recently produced a new record entitled "The King is Coming!" which features the College Choir, the Victorymen Quartet, the Gleaners Trio, and the Trumpet Trio. Two thousand copies of the record have been pressed and will be available from the school, with musical groups on tour during the summer, and at the Bible College booth during the National Association this July in Fort Worth.

The record includes the most popular songs from the College Choir's 1972 Tour, plus contemporary selections by the trios and quartet. It will be a favorite in any home's Christian music library.

Paul Kettelman, director of Public Relations, says that the record will be sent free to anyone signing or renewing a checkbook to the general fund and requesting the record. The record may also be ordered from the school for \$5.00. No C.O.D. orders can be accepted.



Trumpet Trio

Yearbook Announces Student Superlatives

The 1972 LUMEN recently distributed to the Bible College student body, announced that Sandra Bazen from Pamplico, South Carolina, and G. W. Harris from Palm Bay, Florida, had been selected as the Best All-around Students on campus. Miss Bazen was also chosen by the faculty as the year's Most Outstanding Student.

Miss Bazen graduated with honors in the Class of 1972. Harris is a senior and expects to graduate next year.

Such qualities as leadership, spiritual life, dependability and social life were considered in the selection.

Campus Observes Day of Prayer

All Bible College classes and activities were suspended on campus April 13 so that the school could observe a day of prayer. Though the day of prayer came later in the school year than usual, Dr. Johnson observed that perhaps this was the spiritual surge needed by the College family to carry them into and through the summer.

Confession seemed to be the predominant result of this latest day of prayer. Administrators, faculty members and students publicly acknowledged their need for a closer walk with God.

The words of the hymn often sung by the Bible College Choir seemed to characterize the feelings of many:

There's a sweet, sweet spirit
In this place.
And I know that it's the Spirit
of the Lord.



Quartet, Trio On Tour For Bible College

The Ambassadors Quartet and the Harvest Trio are currently making a tour of Free Will Baptist churches in four states. This makes a total of three student groups traveling for FWBBC this summer, including the Gleaners Trio previously announced.

The Ambassadors are sponsored by the General Fund and the trio is touring for the Building Fund.

The Harvest Trio

The Ambassadors



1972 Commencement Speakers



Luther Sanders

Julian Gamble



The Reverend Luther Sanders, Free Will Bible pastor in Waipahu, Hawaii, preached the Baccalaureate Sermon and the Reverend Julian Gamble, president of Southern Methodist College, brought the graduation address on campus during Commencement Week, May 7-11.

Sanders, whose daughter, Brenda, was among the graduates, spoke on "Christianity in Conflict," exhorting seniors to consider the contradiction of sinners, the chastening of the Lord, and the weakness of self as they are graduated to service on the field. His text was Ephesians 6:10-11.

Reverend Gamble, coming from Orangeburg, S.C., to deliver his address, recommended faithfulness, flexibility, and contentment as qualities of life worthy for students to strive for.

Both speakers assisted in bringing to a fitting climax the four years of training imparted to the Class of 1972.

alumni news BRIEFS

Gene Anderson (1961) died while undergoing heart surgery on April 18 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he pastored. We share his family's grief at his passing.

Kermit Argo ('57-'62) died on April 17 in Norman, Oklahoma, following a brief bout with cancer. Alumni and other friends support his family in this time of loss.

Jerry Banks (1970) and **Janice (Baskins)** (1969) have a new daughter, Joy Catrina, born April 8 in Colquitt, Ga.

Leslie Bennett (1970) and **Shirl** have a new son, Jeremy Del, born March 7 in Buhl, Idaho.

Gertrude Bowe (1946) has been promoted to Advertising Copywriter for Scripture Press in Wheaton, Illinois.

Wanda Brown (Spruill) ('66-'68) and Paul have a new son, Peter Douglas, born March 14 in Mc-

Lain, Mississippi.

Wanda Creech (Watson) (1963) and Glenn have a new daughter, Amy Ruth, born April 14 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Larry Cusick ('65-'67) is now serving as a chaplain at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michigan.

Jack Fletcher ('59-'60) left in January for missionary service in Indonesia under World For Christ Missions.

Delma Gunnels (Wright) (1964) and Vern have a new son, Brian Alan, born January 30 in Visalia, California.

Fred Harder ('67-'69) and **Janice (Ford)** ('62-'64) have a new son, Kevin Allan, born recently in Roseau, Minnesota.

Wallace Hayes (1965) and **Judy** ('66-'67) have a new son, Kyle Ashley, born January 30 in Nashville.

Anna Kirby ('70-'71) was among the Class of 1974 at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in

Kinston, N.C., School of Nursing to receive their caps in April of this year.

Judy Johnson (Felts) ('65-'67) and Boyd recently lost their infant son in Ashland City, Tennessee due to cardio-vascular failure. Our prayers go with them in their time of grief.

Danny Keen (1971) and Jane have a new son, Johnathan Brian, born March 26 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Nancy Powell ('66-'69) became Mrs. Bobby Joe Hohn on May 6 in Flint, Michigan.

Eddie Riddick (1967) and **Carolyn (Dail)** ('65-'66) have a new daughter, Melinda Carol, born March 18 in Chipley, Florida.

Leroy Welch (1967) and **Beverly (Lee)** ('66-'67) have a new son, Kirk Raymond, born April 22 in Royal Oak, Michigan.

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A Hurdle, Not a Barrier



by TOM SANDERS
Student Aid Director,
Free Will Baptist Bible College

Roger plans to be a missionary. This fall he will begin his third year at Free Will Baptist Bible College and he shows great promise. But without the help of the school's Student Aid Program, Roger (not his real name, of course) might not have made it.

You see, Roger comes from a rather large family and his parents made no preparation for him to go to college. Even he, himself, was able to save only enough to get him through his first semester at the Bible College. From there on, he has had to rely on loans to get him through each school year, then paying them back from his summer earnings. But we were convinced that Roger both had a genuine need and had a future worthy of our full support.

Since assuming the post of Student Aid Director at Free Will Baptist Bible College, I have become increasingly aware that many students, like Roger, need help if they are to attend our school. The cost of sending a son or daughter to college is one of the heaviest financial burdens the family is called upon to shoulder. And when there are several children,

that burden is multiplied. Unfortunately, some families make little or no preparation for their children to go to college and, therefore, are not able to support them when the time comes. It is a wise father who begins early to prepare for the future training of his children.

But is it right that these Christian young people who have such a potential in the Lord's service, be deprived of the Christian education they seek?

We, here at the Bible College, feel a responsibility in this area. Therefore we have organized our Office of Student Aid. At present, our assistance to these needy students is made in three ways: scholarships, loans and campus employment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships—cash grants made to students with financial needs—are administered by the school but are furnished by individuals and various groups across the Free Will Baptist denomination. In many instances these are memorial scholarships, funded and awarded each year in memory of some loved one. Hundreds of dollars are given every year to worthy students as scholarships, helping them continue their training for Christian service. The school does not maintain academic scholarships. The scholarships are usually awarded because of need and future potential and are not applied for.

LOANS

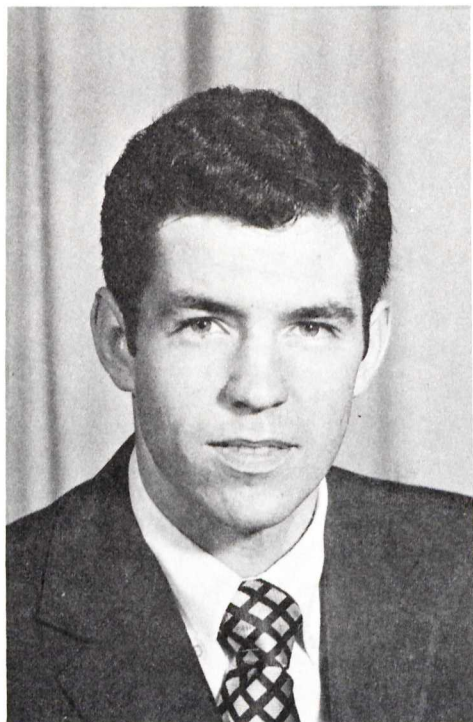
Many students find the financial boost they need by borrowing money to stay in school. The preferred way to borrow would be through

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Tom Sanders, the Bible College's new Student Aid Director, graduated from the school in 1971. He returned this year, after a medical discharge cut short his service in the U. S. Army, to head up the office.

the student's home bank or other lending agency. Application for the United Student Aid Fund, administered through your local bank, may be secured by writing to the Bible College. This method, in addition to often being simpler and more convenient for the borrower, prevents the depletion of Bible College loan funds by those to whom other avenues of borrowing are open.

The largest of the funds administered by the school is the College Student Loan Fund with a potential of more than \$70,000 available to needy students. This fund, set up in 1970 in cooperation with a Nashville bank, has been funded largely through gifts to the school. Students also have contributed by designating offerings received during Sunday evening services on campus to the fund. Several smaller loan funds administered by the Bible College were set up by groups and individuals who

wished to help students from their own areas. Sources, such as the Dot Harvey Loan Fund (for Georgia students) and the Alabama Loan Fund, have been frequently tapped by worthy students in need of financial help. Last year 113 separate loans were approved by the school for students—a total of nearly \$40,000.

Non-College administered loan funds, such as the Women's National Auxiliary Convention Memorial Student Loan Fund and the Poston Baggett Memorial Loan Fund (South Carolina) must be applied for through the offices that administer these funds. The addresses of such offices are available from the Bible College. Students needing to borrow are advised to check their state loan funds before seeking a college administered loan.

EMPLOYMENT

The third source of assistance to the student is campus employment. Last year the Bible College employed 142 students on campus with an estimated payroll of nearly \$80,000! These students worked in the College's Cumberland Cafeteria, assisted in campus maintenance and filled part-time staff positions in the office. Work on campus is limited, however, and there is usually a long list of students who are waiting for campus employment. Other students find jobs in the Nashville area. This part-time work during the school year, coupled with steady summer work and saving, is often sufficient to keep the student in school without excessive borrowing.

More information on finances at Free Will Baptist Bible College and the school's Student Aid Program is available by writing the school.

No, education is not cheap. It often means hard work and sacrifice. But it is one of the soundest investments an individual can make. That is especially true of the Christian who is investing in a solid program of Christian training. Lack of finance may be a hurdle in front of the prospective Bible College student, but it need not be a barrier.

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Trustees Consider Dormitory Needs

The Bible College Board of Trustees, holding their semi-annual meeting on campus recently, authorized the administration to develop plans for the construction of new dormitories. The Board, with all nine members present, studied the past year's enrollment—the highest figure in the school's history, considered the already filled dormitories and studied projections for another record enrollment for next year.

The first step in carrying out the Board's directions, reports President L. C. Johnson, will be to look into possibilities of acquiring

new property adjacent to the campus. The Board, itself, has already taken the first step in property acquisition, authorizing the purchase of a house and lot next to the Women's Dormitory-Cafeteria. The building is expected to take some of the overflow from the Women's Dormitory next year.

With spiraling registrations, the Trustees spent a good portion of the meeting discussing the continuing growth of the school. The meeting was to be concluded at the National Association in Ft. Worth.

Considering the financial needs of the Bible College for 1972-73, the Board voted to approve a general fund gift budget of \$250,000 (see related article).

Several Trustees were able to remain following their meeting for Graduation Exercises in the school's Memorial Auditorium. During this service they paid special tribute to staff and faculty members whose service to the school had exceeded 10 years and 15 years. Dr. Johnson also unveiled the portrait of former president L. R. Ennis, which had been commissioned by the Board of Trustees.

Members of the Board will meet again on campus in November for their annual meeting.



Lorna
Merrill

Class of
1972

"One of God's DELAYS"

by BERT TIPPETT

"Oh, I'm still going to the mission field. This is just one of God's delays."

I marveled at Lorna's courage and the firm faith that had brought her triumphantly through what many of us considered a tragedy. She had boarded a bus in Nashville shortly after midnight on May 13, two days after her graduation from Bible College. Her destination was Jenkins, Kentucky, where she was scheduled to give her testimony and appeal for support so that she could minister as a summer missionary in Brazil.

As she waited for the bus, she made the acquaintance of a young serviceman on his way home for the weekend. When they boarded, he urged her to share his seat so that she could finish telling him about her plans to go to the mission field. He chose a seat near the back of the bus—a choice that probably saved Lorna's life.

They talked as the bus sped east through the night. As dawn drew near, he invited her to rest her head on his shoulder and catch a quick nap. When she declined, he remarked that he had never met a girl like her.

He got off the bus at Rockwood, 35 miles west of Knoxville, and Lorna continued on alone. She dozed as the bus pulled out of Knoxville, headed north—and that is the last memory she has for nearly a month.

Authorities determined that near the town of Bean Station, Tennessee, the bus, for some reason still unknown, wandered ten feet across the center line and directly into the path of an oncoming transfer truck. The head-on collision resulted in the deaths of 14 people in what the Highway Patrol described as Tennessee's worst highway accident.

Lorna was one of three critically injured survivors who was rushed to St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville. Her only identification was her FWBBC senior ring. Hospital officials were able to identify her after phoning the school.

Her injuries were serious. Both legs were badly broken. Her pelvis was fractured. But her most serious injuries were to her head and face.

For about three weeks she remained in intensive care, only semiconscious. Her speech wandered. Her movement was erratic, sometimes almost violent. But, though only partially lucid, she remembered to ask God to bless the food her mother fed her. When a familiar Bible passage was read for evening devotions over the hospital's public address system, Lorna would repeat it from memory.

As the weeks passed, she gradually improved. Her spirits lifted and she became an inspiration to many of those who cared for her. Her Christian witness was both persistent and positive as she shared her faith with those about her. When moved to a private room and given a wheelchair in which to get about, she began visiting the rooms of others in the hospital, especially those who had been involved in the bus accident. Wherever she went, she left a testimony.

The doctors noted her improvement but felt that surgery would be necessary to aid the healing of one leg. "I had been having my devotions everyday," Lorna told me. "Then, one day I read a particular devotion and somehow felt that God was going to heal me without the surgery, so I told the doctors and nurses that The Great Physician was

going to take care of my leg." When I last visited the hospital, Lorna said that the place on her leg where surgery had been anticipated had shrunk from the size of her hand to that of a silver dollar. "The nurse who dressed it this morning said it is healing beautifully," Lorna said with a grin.

Facing several weeks of continued hospitalization, Lorna flew home to New Hampshire the last of June. She will not be allowed to get on her feet until mid-July, but she gives no

indication of any depression at the thought of continued confinement. Indeed, I had last visited her in Knoxville with the hope of cheering her up, but found that it was my day that had been brightened by the visit. Her infectious enthusiasm and steadfast courage showed no sign of wavering.

The mission field? Oh, Lorna is quite certain she'll still make it and has graciously accepted her accident as "just one of God's delays."



Ange, Johnson Join College Personnel



Ange



Johnson

Dr. Joe Ange and Mark Johnson recently joined the Free Will Baptist Bible College staff, filling two newly-created offices on campus. Dr. Ange, coming to Nashville from a rich ministry in the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, N.C., has been named Director of Religious Activities for the school. Johnson, son of College President L. C. Johnson and recent graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, is the Bible College's new Director of Physical Education.

Dr. Ange, a successful pastor who stands high in the regard of Free Will Baptists across the denomination, graduated from the Bible College in 1950 with the school's Bible Diploma. He later studied at Duke University and Detroit Bible College. In 1971 Bob Jones University awarded him his honorary doctorate. Dr. Ange's work will center upon directing the school's Christian Service Department, organizing the witnessing outreach of the school's more than 400 students each semester. He also plans to work closely with ministerial

students, drawing from his rich experience in the ministry. One of his aims is to direct a ministerial internship program through which students training for the pastorate can gain experience under the guidance of veteran pastors. Dr. Ange plans to move to Nashville during the summer and assume his new post in August.

Johnson attended the Bible College from 1967-1969. He transferred to M.T.S.U. where he earned his B. S. degree in physical education. He graduated with honors in the spring. With the Bible College anticipating the completion of a new physical education building, College administrators are looking to Mark to supervise the use of the facility and direct the school's physical education program. His new job will also include scheduling and supervising sports activities among the school's eight student societies.

The creating and filling of these two new offices marks another step forward in the Bible College's continuing quest for greater excellence in Christian education. The College family welcomes these two new members.

The administration has announced that Leroy Forlines, professor of theology, has been appointed Acting Dean of Students for the 1972-73 school year. In accepting this newly-created post on campus, he will assume some of the heavy responsibilities that have formerly fallen upon Academic Dean Charles Thigpen.

Ken Riggs, professor of education, has been asked to fill Forlines' position and serve as Acting Dean of Men next year. A reduction in his classroom load will provide the additional time needed to carry out this new responsibility.

121 On Second Semester Dean's List

"A" HONOR ROLL

Steve Lytle (Senior)	Swannanoa, N. C.
David Lee (Junior)	Newport News, Va.
Peter Wilson (Junior)	Toledo, Ohio
Wayne Patton (Sophomore)	Wheelersburg, Ohio
Sheila Kuykendall (Freshman)	Samantha, Ala.
Laura Thigpen (Freshman)	Nashville, Tenn.

"B" HONOR ROLL

SENIORS

Sandra Bazen	Pamplico, S.C.
Tommy Dowling	Timmonsville, S.C.
Janice Harris	Cramerton, N.C.
Clifford Holland	Franklin, Tenn.
Judy Hovis	Richmond Hgts., Mo.
Tag Kilgore	Pikeville, Ky.
Tim McDonald	Nashville, Tenn.
Sheila Reid	Glenwood, Ark.
Jack Stephenson	Canton, N.C.
Valerie Stephenson	Othello, Wash.
Stephanie Vincent	Kirksville, Mo.

JUNIORS

Rodney Bailey	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Carol Baker	Bryan, Texas
Ernest Barnes	Albany, Ga.
Brenda Beavers	Havre de Grace, Md.
Claudia Bland	Greenville, N.C.
Johnny Carter	Manchester, Tenn.
Cheryl Clay	W. Palm Beach, Fla.
Esther Click	Flint, Mich.
Phil Cook	Bonifay, Fla.
Pauline Cope	Belmont, N.C.
Allan Crowson	Nashville, Tenn.
Lloyd Donica	New Castle, Ind.
Gerald Fender	Burnsville, N.C.
Cathy Fowler	Ina, Ill.
Alecia Hamm	Fayette, Ala.
Billy Hanna	Florence, S.C.
G. W. Harris	Palm Bay, Fla.
Robert Hartley	Denver, Colo.
Grady Holder	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Ron Ivey	Richmond, Va.
Danny Key	Kannapolis, N.C.
Harvey Luke	Nashville, Tenn.
Connie Maggard	Wheelersburg, Oh.
Garry Matthews	Raytown, Mo.
Marcia Mitchell	Goldsboro, N.C.
Virginia Poole	Clarksville, Tenn.
Patricia Rogers	Darlington, S.C.
Linda Simmons	Paris, Ark.
Alice Smith	Chesapeake, Va.
Jim Turnbough	Viburnum, Mo.
Don Turner	Flat River, Mo.
Jim Williams	Bryan, Texas

SOPHOMORES

Debra Adkins	Taylor, Mich.
Virginia Bays	Webbville, Ky.
Lana Blackburn	W. Frankfort, Ill.
Leslie Brown	Franklin, Tenn.

Dan Carr	Anderson, Ind.
Larry Carr	Garden Grove, Cal.
Melvin Clark	Grimesland, N.C.
Sam Crosley	Chesterfield, Ind.
LaRue Culpepper	Pitts, Ga.
Deborah Flippo	Phil Campbell, Ala.
Carol Fowler	Ina, Ill.
Janice Gentry	Dayton, Ohio
Joe Grimmett	Cleveland, Ohio
Debbie Hatchell	Florence, S.C.
Otavia Holmes	Coats, N.C.
Janice Lacefield	Osceola, Ind.
Phyllis Little	Newport News, Va.
Jerry McClary	London, Ohio
Tom McCullough	Royal Oak, Mich.
Mike Meyer	San Francisco, Cal.
Patricia Moore	Marion, Ill.
James Munsey	Morristown, Tenn.
Dennis Owen	Bratt, Fla.
Karla Payne	Ina, Ill.
Sue Postlewaite	Little Rock, Ark.
Marilyn Pritchard	Johnston City, Ill.

Gail Purcell	Glennville, Ga.
Sharon Roberts	Blaine, Ky.
Tom Sass	Streator, Ill.
Jim Stokes	Kinston, N.C.
Randy Stone	Pamplico, S.C.
Brenda Sutton	Charlotte, N.C.
Mike Tart	Benson, N.C.
Nancy Thomas	Davis, N.C.
Rex Tucker	Mascoutah, Ill.
Ronald Wallace	Homerville, Ga.
Tonda Warner	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Susan Wells	Perry, Fla.

FRESHMEN

Trena Adams	Belle Rive, Ill.
Phil Ange	Durham, N.C.
Virginia Arcouette	Whitefield, N.H.
Steve Ashby	Dayton, Ohio
Suzanne Barker	Louisa, Ky.
Miriam Benton	Aynor, S.C.
Bruce Bilbrey	Anderson, Ind.
Sharon Coker	Turbeville, S.C.
Barbara Collins	Evansville, Ind.
Charles Cook	Bonifay, Fla.
Ruth Crech	Durham, N.C.
Sara Davis	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Gerald Fowler	Dothan, Ala.
Wayne Gunnoe	McArthur, W. Va.
Trudy Haas	Rennes, France

Librarian Describes Need For Expansion

The Bible College is working on a three-story addition to the Welch Library and is looking forward to its completion by the end of the year. "With the new addition, we will have more space to expand our book collection, as well as more reading room," says Judy Shrewsbury, librarian.

There are presently more than 20,000 books catalogued in the library, with approximately 500 having been added since January. There is no room to add more books in the present building, according to Miss Shrewsbury. When completed, the addition will accommodate more than 40,000 volumes.

As one would expect, the library is an important facility to the students at FWBCC. "The key word that we have used has been 'service,'" says Miss Shrewsbury. "We have served on the average 175 people daily."

Tim Hackett	Torrington, Wyo.
Margie Halliburton	Vancouver, Wash.
Dennis Henderson	Va. Beach, Va.
Barbara Holton	Grafton, N.C.
Rick Jagers	Townley, Ala.
Jo Lewis	Beaufort, N.C.
Jim McKown	Texarkana, Ark.
Deborah Peart	Wenatchee, Wash.
Jo Ratka	Norfolk, Va.
Keith Rhoden	Lucasville, Ohio
Rebecca Rigby	Pensacola, Fla.
Dale Seley	Wendell, N.C.
Ronnie Snipes	Kinston, N.C.
Margaret Sutherland	Madison Hts., Mich.
Barbara Talton	Garner, N.C.
Beverly Tomblin	Columbus, Ohio
Elaine Vernelson	Greenville, N.C.
Linda Williamson	Rocky Mt., N.C.
Sharon Wyatt	Kannapolis, N.C.

alumni news briefs

Terry Beck (1969) and **Mary Nell (Johnson, '61-'63)** have a new son, **James Linton**, born May 28 in Durham, North Carolina.

C. B. Dowdney (1953) and his wife lost their son, **Roger**, in an automobile accident June 17 in Baconton, Georgia. We share their sorrow at this loss.

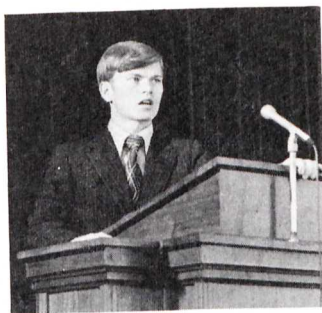
David Duncan ('64-'65) married **Lilly Tiner** on June 17 in Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Carolyn Fields (1969) married **Michael McEvers** on May 26 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mike Gillin (1972) and **Jo (Wainright, 1971)** have a new daughter, **Myra Kay**, born June 3 in Nashville.

Larry Hampton (1969) received his Master of Religious Education degree from Covenant Theological Seminary on May 1 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Carol Henderson ('70-'71) married **Victor Caine** on February 6 in Marianna, Florida.



Lloyd Donica,
President

Indiana Senior Chosen President

Shortly before the close of the school year, Bible College students went to the polls and chose **Lloyd Donica**, a senior ministerial student, as their 1972-73 Student Body president. Donica, from New Castle, Indiana, is a consistent honor student and has served among the officers of his campus society.

Students also selected other officers who will serve on the Student Council during the upcoming school year. **Tom McCullough**, a junior from Royal Oak, Michigan, was elected vice president. They picked **Connie Maggard**, a perky senior from Wheelersburg, Ohio, to be their secretary-treasurer. **Tom Maines**, a senior from Elizabethton, Tenn., was elected chaplain.

Ann (Booker, 1966) and **James Jones** have a new son, **George David**, born April 28 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Ken Riggs (1964) and **Carolyn (Rutledge, '60-'62)** have a new son, **Jonathan Kenneth**, born April 11 in Nashville.

Janie Sitton (1971) married **Thomas Carroll** on June 16 in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Marlene Stiles (1970) married **Berry Alfred Parks** on March 11 in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Oscar Wright ('60-'61) died from a heart attack on July 1 in Salinas, Cal. Alumni share in the loss felt by his family.

An 18-minute full-color film on the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College was recently completed by the Public Relations Department and is available for showing in churches on special Bible College Days. The film is narrated by President **L. C. Johnson** and centers around the distinctives of Bible college education. Scenes of the campus, chapel, and student activities will serve to introduce the Bible College to those who have never visited the school.

The Public Relations Department, with the film, will provide literature on the school for distribution to the congregation.

Booking for the film may be arranged by contacting the Public Relations Office. First, second, and third choices as to dates should be listed so as to avoid possible conflicts in scheduling.

College Completes Film For Churches

Dr. Johnson narrates the school's new film, as viewers tour the FWBBC campus.



General Fund Gifts Set New Record

A new general fund gift record was set between June, 1971 and May, 1972 as Free Will Baptists gave \$227,700 to the Bible College. The gifts exceeded the 1971-72 quota by nearly \$28,000.

Seventeen of the 29 states from which the Bible College requests quota giving either met or surpassed their quotas for the year. Director of Public Relations Paul Kettelman reported recently. These gifts helped cover the costs of educating the 534 students who enrolled at the school this year. According to Kettelman, the school needs at least \$500 per student in general fund support to operate.

Anticipating another jump in enrollment, the Bible College Board of Trustees recommended to the National Association a 1972-1973 gift budget of \$250,000. The Office of Public Relations has worked out new state gift quotas that must be met to reach the budget.

Evangelist Jack Paramore, Director of Development for the school, reports that \$145,856 was given to the building fund during the same 12-month period. This includes special alumni project gifts and furniture project gifts.

General fund gifts and new state quotas are listed below:

STATE	GIFTS		NEW QUOTA
	June, 1971- May, 1972	OLD QUOTA	
*Alabama	\$ 15,108.90	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,500
Arizona	823.99	1,000	1,000
*Arkansas	6,684.29	5,000	8,500
California	2,239.29	5,000	5,000
*Colorado	616.21	600	600
*Florida	10,661.92	8,500	10,500
*Georgia	19,446.54	13,500	18,600
*Hawaii	285.00	200	300
Idaho	159.35	250	250
*Illinois	7,137.15	5,500	7,500
*Indiana	2,301.52	1,000	3,000
Iowa	25.00	100	200
*Kansas	400.49	400	800
*Kentucky	4,771.66	4,000	6,500
Maryland	77.04	250	250
Michigan	10,595.97	13,500	15,500
*Mississippi	8,749.27	6,250	8,500
*Missouri	16,465.87	14,000	16,500
New Hampshire	129.00	150	150
New Mexico	50.63	100	100
*North Carolina	41,398.82	34,000	38,500
Ohio	6,716.26	8,000	9,000
Oklahoma	9,563.40	10,000	14,500
South Carolina	12,126.82	13,500	15,500
*Tennessee	25,511.14	21,500	25,000
Texas	3,994.31	5,000	5,000
*Virginia	9,401.46	6,000	9,500
*Washington	215.66	200	250
*West Virginia	3,529.18	3,500	4,500
W. N. A. C.	487.05	500	500
*Other	8,027.27	6,500	7,500
TOTALS	\$227,700.46	\$200,000	\$250,000

*—Congratulations to those who exceeded their quotas.

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Students Organize Two New Societies

Two new student societies were organized on the Bible College campus shortly before the close of the school year. The Elizabeth Barrett Browning Society for girls and the Alpha Chi Omega Society for men will compete in the fall for new members, along with the six societies presently sponsored by the school.

Linda Fields is the president of the Brownings and Johnny Carter was chosen to lead the Alpha Chi Omegas.

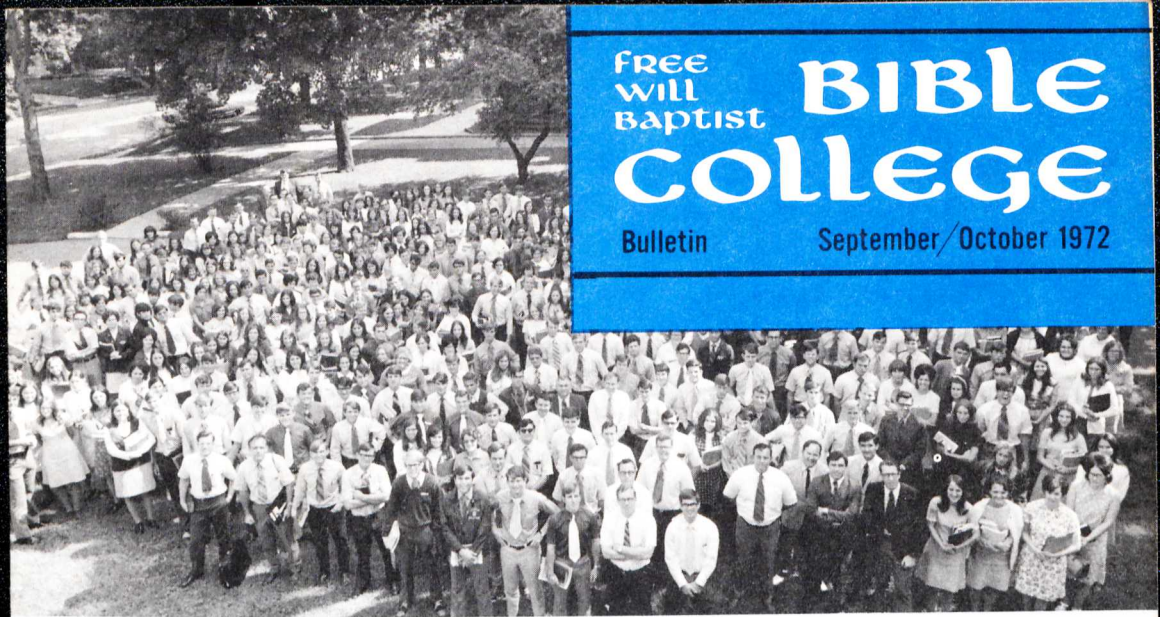
The new societies were begun to broaden the base of competition and endeavor among the students.

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MORE EVERY YEAR

A Steadily Growing Bible College

By Dr. Robert Picirilli

Registrar, Free Will Baptist Bible College

The FWBBC student body expands by nearly 10% each year. But experts are predicting that private colleges will soon begin losing students. Dr. Picirilli analyzes the current situation and suggests how the Bible College can continue to attract hundreds of Christian students annually.

Ever since David sinned in numbering the children of Israel, it has been said that we cannot measure strength by counting heads. And rightly so.

Yet, there is no more significant way of measuring the growth of Free Will Baptist Bible College than in terms of the numbers of students enrolling each year. And there may not be any more significant numbers to count, even for a reckoning of denominational progress.

A Pattern of Healthy Growth

The prospects for the future can be more clearly charted if one looks first at the past. The Bible College is not a very old institution, as colleges go, and yet has established a pattern of steady, if not spectacular, growth. In September, 1942, the college began its first session with eight students. In August, 1971,

the college began its 30th year with 457 students.

The current picture is clearly outlined by the figures for the last three years. In the fall of 1970, 389 students enrolled; in the fall of 1971, 457; and this fall the number will be approximately 489. By the way, these figures do not include the summer session, evening school or new second semester students, all of which would be counted for total enrollment. But the fall day-school enrollment is generally considered the most significant number.

You will see, then, that there have been significant increases of students the last few years. We cannot say whether this rate will continue indefinitely. Past records reveal that enrollment often shoots up two or three years in a row, and then remains more or less stable for two or three years. We are never able to

predict the exact pattern from one year to the next.

Actually a new day-school enrollment record has been set each year for the last eight years at the Bible College, though the increases were sometimes small. But the average increase over these last eight years—from an enrollment of 242 to 489—has been 9.5 percent per year. If that same rate were to continue, we would expect 1,000 students to register at Free Will Baptist Bible College in the fall of 1979, just seven years from now.

Private Colleges May Lose Students

There are many factors that make it impossible to project into the years ahead with real certainty. In particular, we must consider college enrollment trends in general. Most experts are predicting that enrollment at public colleges and universities will continue to grow spectacularly, but that enrollment at private colleges is already levelling off and will soon drop.

I have in hand, for example, a booklet recently published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers entitled "Projections of Enrollments, Public and Private Colleges and Universities." Shown there are these startling facts: In 1971, private colleges in the United States enrolled 2,141,000 students; by 1987 the number is expected to drop to 1,866,000. But during the same period the enrollment at public colleges is expected to increase from 6,750,000 to 11,316,000!

Most of us can readily understand why this is so. Not long ago most states had but one or two public universities each. Now, with the multiplication of state universities and the establishment of numerous community colleges, there is a public college or university almost at the doorstep of every citizen. In 1950 public colleges enrolled only half of the college students in the country; by 1985 they are expected to have 85 percent of the student population.

Furthermore, tuition at a state-supported college is always much cheaper—because of tax money, of course—than at private colleges. Indeed, many educators are predicting that public universities will soon provide education without tuition charged at all!



Not long ago one of our students rode to Alabama with me. When we passed a large town about thirty miles from his home, he said, "Here's where I went to college my first two years." He was referring to a big, new state community college located there. He said it had cost him less for those two years than for one semester at Free Will Baptist Bible College. I thought I had a point when I reminded him he had had the expense of driving back and forth every day. But he pointed out that the state had provided a free bus for him to ride!

There isn't any doubt, then, that a student can live at home and go to college much cheaper than attending a private college away from home, such as Free Will Baptist Bible College. Furthermore, we can't hope to compete with the great number of courses that will be offered there. It boggles the mind to think of the thousands of exotic courses—in everything from basket weaving to space technology—that can be offered by a university with a thousand on the faculty and thirty thousand students!

The Bible College's Answer

How, then, are we to compete in the contest for students? I have a firm conviction about the answer to that question. I don't think we can compete by trying to become more like the state universities, or even by offering all the courses they have. If a student wants the atmosphere and curriculum of a state university, he's going to go there, simply because the quality and the cost cannot be beat. This is one reason I personally do not think that fundamental Christian denominations should expend their limited, precious funds on very much of the traditional so-called Christian liberal arts education.

In my judgment, we can compete successfully, and continue to draw increasing numbers of students. But only if we offer them a program so distinctive, an atmosphere so different that students with these interests will be attracted. Free Will Baptist Bible College stands for clean, separated Christian living, insisting on high standards of behavior, quite against the current of the times. The Bible College keeps the Bible at the center of the curriculum, when Biblical ideas are generally considered out-of-date. We vigorously challenge our students to develop themselves spiritually and as witnesses for Christ. We are interested in their lives, not just in information for their minds.

We believe that there will continue to be significant numbers of Free Will Baptist young people who want just such an education, and know this is the place they can come to get it. In one respect, the state colleges are helping us at this very point: Their deteriorating moral climate is becoming increasingly repulsive to Christians. The statistics of the past, as cited above, certainly seem to confirm our confident expectations of greater enrollments ahead.

Godly Young People—Our Firm Hope

What a thrill it is to know that there are hundreds of clean Christian young people in our denomination who want the kind of distinctively Christian education we offer. They know about our strict rules, our spiritual atmosphere, our high academic standards. And still they want to come. I believe that we

should provide for everyone who truly desires what we have. This means, for one thing, that we sincerely intend to provide for those who are going to be laymen as well as for those who will be preachers and missionaries. This is one reason Free Will Baptist Bible College is offering more "liberal arts" courses than it has ever offered. We expect to continue to expand in this area, though always within the framework of a Bible college. For another thing, the conviction that we should provide for every young person who wants this kind of education means that we are going to have to continue to expend greater and greater sums of money for expansion.

We believe, then, that the enrollment at Free Will Baptist Bible College will continue to increase, though many private institutions are already hurting for students. Surely our denomination can continue to look toward a brighter future as we face the prospects of added hundreds of young people who come here because they want spiritual development and training for the service of the gospel.



Dr. Picirilli, in addition to his duties as registrar, teaches Greek and Bible for the school. He writes for the Sunday School Department and for CONTACT magazine.

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The Bible College began its 31st year smoothly and enrolled a record 509 students this fall. Of this number, 146 are young ministerial students and 50 are preparing for missionary service.

The regular day-class enrollment of 489 includes students from 31 states and four foreign countries—France, Japan, India and Uruguay. The senior class, working toward graduation this spring, numbers 64 and will probably be the largest class the school has graduated. In other classes, there are 84 juniors, 115 sophomores, 212 freshmen and 12 special students.

Begins 3rd Decade

School Sets New Record Enrollment

There are 208 students who have registered at Free Will Baptist Bible College for the first time. These new students are:

ALABAMA

Jeffrey Brown	Gordo
Mary Cook	Dothan
Roger Flannagin	Florence
Roger Hood	Vinemont
Rebecca Jagers	Townley
Terry Key	Northport
Carla Lambert	Eldridge
Kenneth Morgan	Folkville
Gwyn L. Pugh	Florence
Willis West	Florence

ARIZONA

Judith Atchley	Tucson
Ronald McMillin	Tucson

ARKANSAS

Lilly Duncan	Pocahontas
Beverly Knight	Jonesboro
Clarence Lewis	Batesville
Debra Marshall	Pine Bluff
Karen Pettus	Texarkana
Daniel Phillips	Rogers
William Plyler	Glenwood

CALIFORNIA

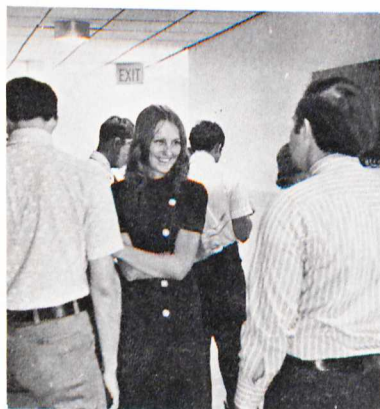
Rebecca Moore	San Jose
Ralph Nitcher	Richmond
Sharon L. Nitcher	Richmond

FLORIDA

James Christian	Cocoa
Cynthia Garrett	Winter Haven
Gregory Godby	West Palm Beach
Luther Hansley	Ocala
William Hedrick	East Palatka
Nancy Holloway	Marianna
Wendy Miller	West Palm Beach
Kathleen Owens	Cottondale
Donald Pridgeon	Perry

GEORGIA

Edward Hodges, Jr.	Swainsboro
Patricia Hughes	Alma
Bobby McKinney	Abbeville
Taylor Merritt	Lyons
Deborah Murphy	Moultrie
David Scott	Warner Robins
Deborah Williams	Colquitt



HAWAII

Paul Garrett Waipahu

ILLINOIS

David Johnson Rockford

Sharon King Johnston City

Melodye Miskelley Granite City

Gregory Ragland Tamaroa

INDIANA

Earl Barnes Anderson

James Caldwell New Castle

Deborah Conley Lewisville

Faith Givens New Castle

Michael Lake Indianapolis

Larry Lawrence Anderson

Jennifer McCarty Wabash

Steve Ratliff Anderson

IOWA

Glenn Harlinger Bettendorf

MARYLAND

Richard Atwood Aberdeen

Lena Neal Havre de Grace

Marion Settle Aberdeen

MICHIGAN

Craig Brewer Madison Hgts.

Susan Ferguson Troy

Clyde Jacobs Detroit

Donald Jarvis Ypsilanti

Freda Kennon Royal Oak

Karen Reno Detroit

Darlene Slaven Ypsilanti

MISSISSIPPI

Katherine Armstrong Smithville

Marilyn Harris Smithville

Julia Long Tupelo

Philip Long Tupelo

Herman Pannell, Jr. Tupelo

Lynda Raffield Columbus

MISSOURI

Mary Britton Arnold

Diane Chapman Marshfield

Virginia Fry Mt. Grove

Brenda Horton Farmington

Yvonne Howard Arnold

David Huett Imperial

Stanley Jones Lebanon

Sharon Rich Mt. Grove

Debra Seabaugh Fredericktown

Sandra Summers Flat River

NORTH CAROLINA

Walter Bell Morehead City

Gloria Braswell Grifton

Debra Brown Raleigh

George Bryant Durham

Walter Conger Havelock

Elizabeth Creech Durham

Theresa Cunningham La Grange

Huberta Davis Beaufort

Randall Eubanks Beaufort

Emma Evans Greenville

Patricia Farrell Durham

Joanne Gillikin Beaufort

Donna Glisson Greenville

Neta Griffin Kannapolis

Barbara Hunter Morehead City

Stephen Jackson Greenville

Dennis Jones Greenville

Thomas Jones Smithfield

Ronald Ledford Boone

Robert Lunaas, Jr. New Bern

Paula Midgett Lowland

James Mullen, Jr. Garner

William Nelson Chocowinity

Teresa Pitts Canton

Janet Pleasant Greenville

Sharon Pruitt Franklin

Emily Purifoy New Bern

Deborah Sebastian Wilson

Michael Simpson Clarkton

Rhonda Spivey New Bern

David Thompson Jacksonville

Robert Travis Lexington

Hilda Tyndall Kinston

Donna Weeks Beaufort

Donna Whitfield New Bern

Sandra Whittenton Angier

Susan Williamson Chocowinity

Jerry Woodruff Mt. Holly

OHIO

Paula Boyd Akron

Debora Dooley Springfield

Christine Foulk Bellefontaine

Phyllis Holloway Dayton

Phillip Justice Mechanicsburg

Nicholas Leonard Ironton

Doris Naves Maumee

Pamela Newsome Columbus

Susan Wilson Toledo

OKLAHOMA

Marie Crittenden Owasso

Sandra Wells Tulsa

PENNSYLVANIA

Deborah Denlinger Lancaster

Darlene Gerlach Columbia

SOUTH CAROLINA

Janet Baxley Florence

Linda Brooks Spartanburg

John Caulder Florence

Clarence Dixon Timmonsville

Patricia Edmonds Florence

Steve Ford Fort Mill

Brenda Gibbons Florence

George Greenwood Columbia

Alma Hyman Pamplico

Lester Lee Timmonsville

Donnie Miles Darlington

Janet Poston Pamplico

Trudy Powell Johnsonville

Theron Scott Hemingway

Frances Sweat Kingstree

Samuel Taylor, Jr. Hemingway

Regenia Tipton Turbeville

TENNESSEE

Michael Barker Joelton

Esther Barnett Chapmansboro

David Bowman Greeneville

Raymond Coffey Nashville

Rebecca Coffey Nashville

William Cole Nashville

Peggy Cordell Nashville

Patricia Davis Franklin

Donald Denison Portland

Joan Ellis Ashland City

Donald Fletcher McMinnville

Regina Fletcher McMinnville

Amy Hines Nashville

Carl Ivens Nashville

Roy Jenkins Portland

Paula Landers Nashville

Henry Mackie Cookeville

Robert Miller Whites Creek

Dianne Minnehan Woodlawn

James Mutchler Clarksville

Phillip Mutchler Clarksville

Thomas Parker Joelton

Janice Parks Manchester

Jean Picirilli Nashville

Kathleen Reeds Nashville

Joyce Rollins Knoxville

Susan Sherrell Manchester

Walter Sloan, Jr. Nashville

Roy Smith Nashville

Roger Spivey, Jr. Orinda

Daniel Turnage Greeneville

Joyce Wilson Cookeville

TEXAS

Cynthia Cutler Bryan

Blake Humbles Barcliff

Pamela Nations Beckville

Dannye Potter Midland

VIRGINIA

Cynthia Banks Norfolk

Ralph Bevan Woodbridge

Phyllis Blackmon Portsmouth

Vicki Brown Portsmouth

Ronald Callaway Norfolk

Elmer Hurley Hampton

Fred Jones Portsmouth

Julian King Richmond

Thomas Lovern Newport News

Peggy Pittman Portsmouth

Richard Polston Portsmouth

David Prescott Suffolk

Richard Sirico Portsmouth

Robert Smith Virginia Beach

WEST VIRGINIA

Patricia Hensley MacArthur

Eddie Holstein Charleston

Carol Scarberry Huntington

Samuel Shrewsbury Odd

Donald Stroud Lenore

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Rebecca Calvery Japan

Randall Cronk India

Peter Fujii Japan

Brenda Hanna India

Kenneth Robinson Uruguay

Walk-A-Thon

Young People to Help College in \$25,000 Building Project

Young people, participating in Free Will Baptist Walk-A-Thons around the country, have the potential of raising at least \$25,000 for the Bible College's new Activities Building, according to Jack Paramore, FWBBC Director of Development. To harness that potential, Paramore has hired the Reverend Dann Patrick, pastor of the Randall Memorial FWB Church in Memphis, Tennessee, to work part-time in organizing a national Walk-A-Thon program on behalf of the school.

Patrick originated the Walk-A-Thon idea on behalf of the school by organizing local Nashville young people in 1970 and challenging them to raise pledges from local Free Will Baptists for each mile they walked on Walk-A-Thon day. The drive resulted in more than \$2,200 for the school. Since then, he has continued to use the idea successfully in sev-

eral places. It was for this reason that he was picked to organize the program on a larger scale.

Rev. Patrick has contacted leaders in several states concerning their sponsorship of Walk-A-Thons and reports definite plans underway in Greenville, N.C.; Blakely, Ga.; and Tuscaloosa, Ala. Pastors and laymen in other areas have written him of their interest in organizing Walk-A-Thons in their areas.

The funds raised through the program will go toward installing a gym floor in the Activities Building, now under construction on campus. Paramore hopes to see all the money raised by the time of the school's annual Bible Conference in March.

Information and materials on Walk-A-Thon are available from the Bible College.

Student Groups Report on Tours

Three musical groups on summer tour for the school, returned with excellent reports of their visit among Free Will Baptists across the country. They held 251 services in a total of 19 states, traveled more than 32,000 miles, and raised over \$50,000 in gifts to the school.

The Harvest Trio, on tour for the school's Office of Development, reported nearly \$35,000 in pledges, in addition to \$17,000 in support for the building program. Though they held most of their services in small churches, average giving was \$650 per service. They reported that people in three newly-started churches were especially responsive to their program and the Bible College's ministry.

All three groups reported decisions in services, many by young people. The school is deeply grateful for the ministry of the Harvest and Gleaners Trios, and the Ambassadors Quartet.



Lorna Merrill Leaves Hospital

Lorna Merrill, the 1972 FWBBC missionary graduate who was severely injured in a tragic bus-truck collision in east Tennessee, is out of the hospital and home with her family in New Hampshire. She has made constant progress in her recovery and recently was able to attend church for the first time in over three months. "It seemed so good to go to church Sunday morning," she said, "but I got a headache from crying for joy."

Lorna is not able to walk yet and is taking daily therapy at the hospital. She requests the prayers of friends for her full recovery and is still looking forward to service on the mission field.

Student Supervisors Join School

Miss
Kennedy



Several former students have returned recently as employees of the Bible College. Most of them will work as student supervisors.

Miss Rudene Kennedy, a 1963 Bible College graduate, has joined the school as dean of women. She earned her M.S. degree at Old Dominion University in 1971. She has worked extensively in youth camps, with Bible clubs and in the public schools of Virginia. Miss Kennedy has proved herself to be a devoted servant of the Lord and has earned the respect of those with whom she has worked.

Mrs. Sandra Cook, who graduated from the Bible College in the spring, will work with Miss Kennedy as assistant dean of women. A native of Pamplico, S. C., she left an enviable student record, chosen as both the most outstanding and the best all-around student in school her senior year.

Mrs. Maxine Bennett, who also attended FWBBC last year, is now serving as dormitory supervisor, working among the girls on campus. Mrs. Bennett is from Cisne, Illinois.

Mr. Peter Wilson, president of the 1971-72 Student Body, is assisting Dean of Men Kenneth Riggs as a dormitory supervisor. Wilson's home is Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Joyce Barlow, a 1971 Bible College graduate, has returned to work with the school as an instructor in English and physical education. She will also serve on the dean of women's staff. Mrs. Barlow is from Exeter, California.

Steve Ange ('67-'69) and **Trula (Jetters,** '67-'68) have a new daughter, Melissa Diane, born May 15 in Nashville.

Harley Bennett (1969) and **Sharon (Gartman,** 1968) have a new son, David Wayne, born July 5 in Goldsboro, N. C.

John Cooke, III, and **Linda (Sharpe,** '70-'71) have a new son, John Cook, IV, born July 22 at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Chuck Cox (1967) recently received his B.S. degree in Biology from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. **Violet (Brinkley,** 1965) was awarded her M.A. degree from Eastern Michigan University, majoring in elementary education.

Marvin Deaver ('64-'65) and **Bonnie (Poole,** '64-'65) have a new son, Darby Lyn, born July 17 in Kinston, N.C.

Kelly Douglas ('67-'69) and **Karen (Smithmier,** '68-'69) have a new son, Kevin Lee, born July 15 in Westland, Michigan.

Bernard Everson ('70-'71) married Carole Ann Becvar Nov. 16, 1971, in Hermitage, Tennessee.

Ruth Everson ('67-'69) became Mrs. W. T. Henry on March 25 in Colquitt, Georgia.

Milton Fields (1967) and **Helen (Finch,** '62-'65) have a new son, Stephen Robert, born May 9 and adopted by them June 15 in Eau Gallie, Florida.

Buddy Gailey (1969) and **Wanda (Fitzgerald,** 1969) have a new son, Scott Eugene, born August 14 in Nashville.

Our deepest sympathy to **Henry Hughes** ('63-'66) for the loss of his wife, Roxie, in mid-August in Bailey, N.C.

Joseph Jones (1965) and **Beverly** ('62-'64) have both received their Master's degrees from the University of Alabama. His major is speech and hers is elementary education.

Harold Mullins ('67-'68) and **Faye (Kennon,** '67-'68) have a new son, Rodney James, born July 6 in Troy, Michigan.

Conny Parker ('67-'70) and Sharon have a new son, Kenneth Lee, born August 19 in Nashville.

Thurman Pate (1966) and **Ann (Williams** '63-'65) have a new son, Bryan McLain, born September 15 in Nashville.

Leonard Pirtle (1970) and **Carolyn (Bullard,** '65-'67) have a new son, Jason Stephen, born July 29 in Moultrie, Georgia.

Doug Randlett (1966) and **Jane (Halliburton,** '62-'66) have a new son, Scott Hunter, born September 12 in Greenville, N.C.

Jackie Simpson (1962) and **Judy (Aycok,** '60-'62) have twin daughters, Melanie Carol and Letitia Michelle, born September 6 in St. John, Newfoundland, Canada.

Linda Williams (1969) became Mrs. Ron Callaway on June 24 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Tom Willey (1955) and **Emma Ruth** ('54-'55) have a new son, Thomas Randall, born September 14 in Panama.

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Evans

N. C. Underwrites Activities Bldg.

North Carolina Free Will Baptists voted last summer to raise \$350,000 to underwrite the cost of the basic structure of the school's new Activities Building already under construction. The move was made during the annual state meeting, held this year in Durham.

To assist in this mammoth project, Development Director Jack Paramore has announced the employment of the Rever-

end Bob King to promote the drive in North Carolina. King, a 1961 FWBBC graduate, has pastored in Tennessee, Missouri, and, most recently, in Miami, Florida. He has moved his wife, Joanne, and their two children, Janet Ruth and Dow Douglas to Cramerton, N.C., where he will set up his office.

The Reverend Bill Evans, pastor of the First FWB Church in Farmington, Missouri, has also joined the school's Office of Development, in a part-time capacity, to publicize the program in his state. Evans graduated from the Bible College in 1962 and has pastored in New Hampshire and Missouri.

Paramore expressed pleasure at the addition of these fine men to his Development Program team and is confident that they will be extremely beneficial in promoting the Bible College's ministry.



Davenport



Powell



Barnard



Franks

Home, Foreign Missions Slated for Conference

Speakers for the Bible College's annual Missionary Conference, to be held this year November 6-8, will represent both the home and foreign points of view, thus giving students a cross-section of the total Free Will Baptist missions program.

The Reverend Frank Davenport and the Reverend Larry Powell will speak concerning the home missions outreach. Davenport, pastor of the Faith FWB Church in Goldsboro, North

Carolina, is chairman of the National Home Missions Board. Powell, a 1964 FWBBC graduate, began a home missions church in the Virgin Islands and has recently moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he is starting a new work.

Foreign missions speakers will be Miss Laura Belle Barnard and the Reverend Dave Franks. Miss Barnard, one of the members of the original Bible College faculty, ministered for much of her life in India and is now professor of missions for the school. Franks, a 1955 Bible College graduate, pastored in Alabama before going to Brazil to open the first Free Will Baptist church in that country. Dave is presently home on furlough following his third term on the foreign field.

The Missionary Conference will begin Monday evening, November 6, at 7:30. Classes will be suspended on Tuesday and Wednesday. Though facilities are limited, Bible College officials continue to open the conference to visitors.

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by Dr. Joseph Ange
Director of Religious Activities
Free Will Baptist Bible College

Johnny believes that God has called him to preach.

He wants to be the best preacher, pastor and leader possible. This year he is a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College. What will be the college's role in the "making" of this young preacher?

First, only God can truly "make" a preacher. However, I believe that God has called this school into existence as an instrument to help develop preachers.

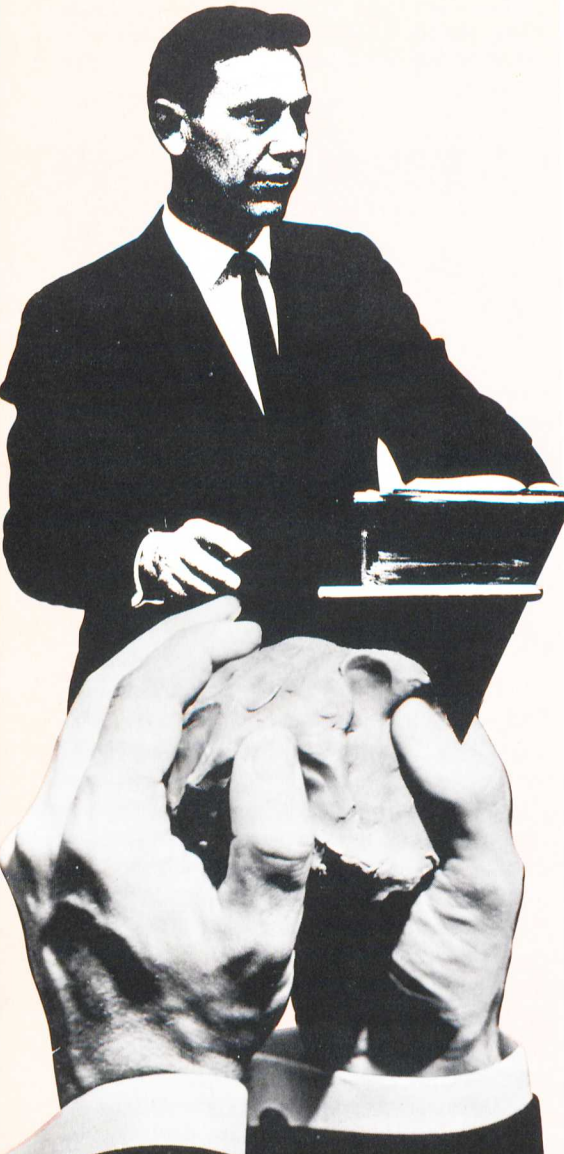
This year the College Board and Administration asked me to accept the post of Director of Religious Activities. In this position, I shall join others at FWBBC in the training of preachers. We intend to help our preacher boys become skilled workmen who are "fruitful unto every good work."

Every young preacher who enrolls at this school is a sacred trust. Therefore, every effort will be made to help each one of these men fulfill his high calling. I am personally endeavoring to help these young men through one or more of the following channels: Campus Pastorate, Christian Service Outreach, Pastoral Internship Program.

CAMPUS PASTORATE

Each Sunday evening I preach to the campus students. This affords an excellent opportunity to preach messages that relate to the development and training of preachers—faith- and character-building sermons, messages of encouragement, messages on one's prayer life, etc. And all these sermons will be to help our preachers be "thoroughly furnished unto every good work."

On alternate Wednesday nights I am conducting prayer meeting for our married students. These meetings and messages will be



HOW DO
YOU MAKE
A PREACHER?



planned to meet special needs in these married students' lives. They will deal with the pastor's home, the role of the pastor's wife, his children, etc. I am also planning a special seminar for pastors' wives.

Through preaching and personal counseling I will share the things I have learned as a pastor and an evangelist. The young men can come to me for help through their times of confusion and frustration, or for help with problems. Publicly and privately, I will emphasize to them such things as heart purpose, vision and good character. I will also teach them how to look for God's solution to their needs.

I am maintaining an open door policy to my office. Since beginning my work, rarely have there been fewer than ten students each day who have come to me for counsel or instruction. On some days the number has been far greater. At these times, I am sharing with these young preachers the practical things God has taught me, such as soul winning, church building and service to Him. I have found them eager to learn such practical things.

Ministerial Fellowship, an organization for young preachers on campus, is another channel through which I am trying to guide, influence and encourage these men. This group sponsors our annual campus revival. They also sponsor a great prayer fellowship. I plan to invite guest preachers who are successful pastors within our denomination to speak to this group. I want these men to emphasize "how to do it." Greatly used men of God from outside the denomination will also be invited to share their experience with our young

Dr. Ange's work for the Bible College ranges from advising the officers of Ministerial Fellowship to counselling with a student during the fall revival on campus.



preachers. These guests will teach our students how to start a church, church growth, church administration, outside ministries, follow-up and many kindred subjects.

I hope that by inviting men of God to share with our preacher boys from their experiences we can cover every area of pastoring and church building.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE OUTREACH

I believe that Christianity is practical. Serving God is practical. Being God's preacher, pastor, or missionary is practical.

In directing our Christian Service Department, I plan to involve every student in one or more practical Christian ministries. Our young men are learning by experience how to become skilled personal soul winners. This year our young preachers are regularly involved in more than 80 different service assignments in the Metropolitan Nashville area. Besides this, they travel many miles to distant towns and cities for weekend revivals, youth rallies and Bible College promotion days.

The range of Christian service assignments includes street preaching, visitation, prison ministry, services for the deaf and the blind, rescue mission outreach, child evangelism clubs, music, and many, many other opportunities.

More than 25 of our groups are directly related to visitation and bus ministries for our local Free Will Baptist churches. I have received many favorable comments from our pastors in this area.

Eventually I am hoping to take some of our more mature student preachers, with other

*"...Commit thou
to faithful men... .. Who shall be able to teach others also."*



students helping them, and organize several new Free Will Baptist churches in the middle Tennessee area. I would do this as a joint venture between our Bible College personnel and our existing Free Will Baptist churches around Nashville.

A more complete report on the effectiveness of our Christian service outreach is given elsewhere in this issue of the BULLETIN. But let me report here that in the first nine weeks of Christian service activity our students distributed nearly 4,000 gospel tracts, witnessed pointedly to 3,150 people, and had nearly 700 decisions recorded as the results of their efforts.

PASTORAL INTERNSHIP

To further develop our ministerial students, I am directing an internship program for our future pastors. This provides intensive training for our young men under the careful guidance of dedicated preachers. Under this program, offered for college credit, these interns are receiving on-the-spot training in more than 40 specific areas of the pastoral ministry.

This training includes personal soul winning, all types of pastoral visitation, the conducting of church business meetings and board meetings, weddings, baptisms, and many other areas. The pastors will also involve our interns in long-range church planning. They will teach the intern how to counsel with people with a variety of problems. Each student will be subjected to the total pastoral ministry in the church where he is assigned.

The present internship program takes place during the school year. I have also suggested a summer internship program that would last



for 10 weeks. Under this program I would assign interns to work with progressive participating pastors from coast to coast. This program, if and when inaugurated, will include all that is included in our present program, but would be much broader and would include greater opportunities for the young preacher to develop as a man of God.

Yes, only God can truly "make" a preacher. But I have dedicated myself, along with many others here at Free Will Baptist Bible College, as a channel of blessing in this thrilling task. With God as our Helper, we will see to it that Johnny, with all of our other young preachers, becomes the very best preacher possible. We will spare ourselves no effort in reaching for that objective.



Dr. Ange's rich pastoral experience highly qualifies him to carry on his vigorous work among the Bible College's more than 150 ministerial students.

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Good News Bible Club



Dr. Ange has chosen these group leaders to direct the Christian Service activities of those students assigned to them.

500 TO REACH 500,000

Evangelism With Enthusiasm

MONDAY:	Children's Bible Clubs Union Rescue Mission
TUESDAY:	Home for Mentally Retarded Youth Center Service
WEDNESDAY:	Convalescent Home Blind Ladies' Home Youth Center Service
THURSDAY:	Home for Mentally Retarded Convalescent Home
FRIDAY:	Convalescent Home Union Rescue Mission Bible Clubs
SATURDAY:	Hospital Visitation State Prison for Women Street Meetings Tract Distribution
SUNDAY:	Convalescent Home Tenn. Preparatory School

This is the Bible College's calendar for weekly witnessing. Every Bible College student, nearly 500 in all, is involved in this outreach ministry, directed by the school's Christian Service Department.

Dr. Joseph Ange, the new Director of Religious Activities, heads up this department and has injected a healthy dose of evangelistic enthusiasm into the program since his coming. He has opened new doors of witnessing, getting students into places formerly



Class in sign language for the deaf



closed to them. He chose 54 students to serve as group leaders and to direct the ministries carried on by their groups. Then he sent them all over Nashville to teach, preach, witness and minister, representing Jesus Christ in every quarter of the city.

Some have been sent to reach the children. Fourteen Bible clubs are directed by students in homes and churches. Youth centers present a challenge to students sent out to witness to teenagers. Detention homes have been opened to students, giving them opportunities to hold services.

The "down and out" stratum of society presents still another challenge. Six days each week students hold services at the city's Union Rescue Mission. Some are directed to reach men, while others minister to women passing through the Mission. Some members of the Bible College family hold regular counseling sessions at the Mission.

Tract distribution and street preaching is a third area of ministry. In the first nine weeks of school students passed out more than 4,000 gospel tracts.

Convalescent centers, and homes for the mentally ill and the blind provide further opportunities for students to minister. Students are teaching other students how to witness to

Service at home for the mentally ill



Visitation with the blind

the deaf through the mastery of sign language.

Local Free Will Baptist churches are also benefiting from the school's Christian Service outreach. Fourteen groups carry on weekly house to house visitation on behalf of the churches. Others promote revivals and aid in bus ministries. Twenty-five students teach Sunday school classes and others direct youth and music ministries. Dr. Ange reports that local pastors have praised the work of students on behalf of their churches.

At the close of the first nine weeks of Christian Service ministry, Dr. Ange reported the following results: Students preached 575 messages, taught 677 classes and sang 1,124 musical numbers. Of 3,156 people dealt with by students concerning spiritual needs, 302 were saved and 392 reported some other decision.

In the face of a Nashville population of nearly 500,000, the small number of Bible College students will make only a limited impact. However, they are reaching people with the gospel and they are learning how to be effective witnesses, putting their learning to work for the Lord.

Pray for the ministry of the Christian Service Department, for Dr. Ange, and for the students who are doing this good work.



Cathy Fowler, a senior from Ina, Illinois, outlines the plan of salvation for an inmate at the Tennessee State Women's Prison.

Free!

"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

The freedom described by Jesus in John 8:32 is a freedom of the soul that cannot be bound by physical confinement. I have seen this freedom experienced by four inmates at the Tennessee State Women's Penitentiary when they accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Though they are confined for a certain amount of time, their souls have been released from the awful bondage of sin and the Great Judge has pronounced them "Not Guilty."

I and the students on my group thank God and the Christian Service Department for the opportunity to take the wonderful plan of salvation to these precious souls.

Will you join us in praying for these precious souls?

Kitty Wells,
Group Leader
Perry, Fla.



Students and inmates pose together for a picture at the close of a recent service.



College Holds Principal's Conference

Representatives of nine Free Will Baptist day schools in five states met at the Bible College October 5-6 for the college's first Principals' Conference. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss aspects of the Christian day school program and to give principals an opportunity to interview FWBBC students who plan to teach in Christian schools.

William H. Oliver, education professor for the Bible College, was the main speaker. In his two addresses to the principals he related the history of Christian education in America and spoke on the importance of teaching by example. Ken Riggs, who teaches Christian education for FWBBC, spoke to the group on maintaining Christian standards in their schools.

A panel of principals from several Free Will Baptist schools directed a discussion on topics relating to their work. Blaine Hughes from Bethany Christian School in Norfolk, Virginia, spoke on finances; Harley Bennett with Faith Christian Academy in Goldsboro, N.C. covered transportation; William Ruffin from Bethel Christian Academy in Kinston, N.C., discussed school services; and Thurman Pate from the Donelson Christian School in Nashville spoke on school relations.

According to Academic Dean Charles Thigpen, the Principals' Conference will become an annual event on the Bible College calendar. Plans for the next meeting are currently being discussed.



Professors Riggs and Oliver welcome to the conference (front row) Benito Rodriguez, Norwood Gibson, Harley Bennett, Eugene Hales, (middle) Harrold Harrison, William Ruffin, Marvin Deaver, (back) Thurman Pate, Blaine Hughes, Douglas Henderson, and Don Edmonds.

Professor Strikes Note On Education

by Dean Charles A. Thigpen

Seldom has a more eager, expectant group met at the College's Memorial Auditorium than those who came for the Principals' Conference, October 5-6.

Professor William Henry Oliver gave the opening address on Thursday night in which he recounted the public school's debt here in America to the private, church-related school. Professor Oliver traced the history of education in America down to the present day. He insisted that secularism, materialism and several recent rulings by the judicial branch of American government have



William Henry Oliver

contributed to the present-day lack of adequate moral and religious tone in the public schools. The most obvious solution to the problem, he said, lies in the God-honoring, Christ-exalting private elementary and secondary school coming into existence to meet one of the greatest needs of this hour: Quality education that will produce academic excellence and moral greatness.

Oliver spoke again on Friday. His theme was "Teaching by Example" in which he underscored the very important role of the teacher and showed that good teaching must be done by example as well as by precept.

1973 LUMEN Nears Final Deadline

Work on the 1973 Bible College yearbook has passed the half-way mark and is getting near completion, reports LUMEN editor Lana Blackburn, a junior from West Frankfort, Illinois. She and her staff are working to make this annual one of the best ever produced for the students and friends of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The book will be completed in early January and will be released in April.

Charles Cook, business manager for the book, says that advertisements from churches around the denomination are coming in at a good rate. The yearbook staff allots ad space in the book for prices ranging from \$60 for a full page to \$15 for an eighth-page section. All ads in the book must be placed by December 15. Anyone interested in an ad should write to:

The LUMEN
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205



Editor Lana Blackburn and Assistant Editor Rick Jaggers oversee the production of the latest FWBBC yearbook.

alumni news BRIEFS

A. B. Brown (1969) and **Barbara** have a new daughter, Susan Annette, born September 1 in Festus, Missouri.

Dock Caton (1972) and **Norma Jean** ('70-'71) have a new daughter, Deborah Lynn, born September 28 in Detroit, Michigan.

Ronnie Dail (1966) and **Barbara** have a new daughter, Julie Leigh, born October 10 in Durham, North Carolina.

Don Edmonds (1970) and **Charlotte** ('68-'69) have a new son, Elgin Eldon, born June 18 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Larry Hampton (1969) has joined the faculty of California Christian College in Fresno.

His brother, Ralph, is on the FWBBC faculty and Charles, another brother, teaches at Hillsdale College in Oklahoma. All three colleges are Free Will Baptist institutions.

Ray Jones ('68-'69) and **Louise (Armstrong)**, 1970) have a new son, Christopher Randall, born September 9 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Dennis Keen (1972) and **Carol** have a new daughter, Jennifer Michelle, born August 26 in Marianna, Florida.

Dennis Lowry (1970) and **Myra (Marlin)**, 1970) have a new son, Thomas Bradford, born October 8 in Lake City, South Carolina.

Dan Martin (1970) has announced his call to the ministry of evangelism. He can be

contacted at 3719 Three Oaks Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri 63044.

Don Rehkop ('68-'70) reports that he completed requirements for his Associates Degree in Nursing and has passed his Missouri state board examination for license as an R.N.

Terry Simpson (1971) and **Wanda (Weaver)**, '69-'72) have a new daughter, Jennifer Lee, born November 5 in Loudon, Tennessee.

Lynn Smith (1969) became Mrs. Terry Seymore on June 17 in Dothan, Alabama.

Earl Sutton (1970) and **Gay** ('66-'67) have a new daughter, Sharon Renee, born September 18 in Georgetown, South Carolina.

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N.C. WALK RAISES \$4,500

A North Carolina Walk-A-Thon, sponsored by 10 Tarheel churches in behalf of the Bible College Development Program, has resulted in \$4,500 in gifts to the school. The Reverend Ronald Niebruegge, pastor of the Unity FWB Church in Smithfield, N.C., and organizer of the walk, says, "I believe that most of the churches did better than they had reported so the total should go over \$5,000."

The approximately 50 walkers, which included FWB/C Director of Development Jack Paramore and members of the Bible College's Ambassadors quartet, walked 10 miles, starting at the new mission in Dunn, N.C., and finishing at the Prospect FWB Church outside of town.

The churches that participated in the Walk-A-Thon were College Lakes (Clinton), Colonial Heights (Fayetteville), Faith (Carey), First (Raleigh), Hilltop (Fuquay), Prospect (Dunn), Tippet's Chapel (Clayton), Unity (Smithfield), Victory (Goldsboro), and West Calvary (Smithfield).

Dann Patrick, national organizer of Bible College Walk-A-Thons, reports that walks have also been scheduled in Greenville, N.C.; Maryland; Columbus, Oh.; Blakely, Ga.; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Tuscaloosa, Ala.

New Buildings On Campus Near Completion

The Bible College's new Activities Building (below) and Welch Library addition (right) are nearing the final construction stages. The library annex will be completed first and is expected to be turned over to the college before the end of November. The Activities Building should be ready for the school's annual Bible Conference in March.

