



## **TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION: A Wrong Way To Peace**

by Dan Cronk

A recent Nashville newspaper ran an ad under the headline, "TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi: Introductory

Lectures." These lectures were intended for those who wanted to learn more about the Transcendental Meditation (T.M.) technique and were held



at a local police station.

Similar announcements are posted in libraries, colleges and even laundromats from coast to coast. Housewives, congressmen, university students, executives and professional football heroes look twice each day for a quiet place to meditate and are promoting T.M. with evangelistic fervor. As a result, some 600,000 Americans—at a current rate of 30,000 per month—are paying \$125 at one of the 370 meditation centers across the country to be initiated by one of the 6,000 T.M. teachers now practicing in America.

The Maharishi, founder of the movement, has appeared within the last several years on the covers of such magazines as Time, Life, Look, and Esquire. He has made guest appearances on Johnny Carson's "Tonight" show and recently on the "Merv Griffin Show." In the early '60's he was the darling of the Beatles, Mia Farrow, and others in the counter culture. But today the teachers are Americans who adhere to a strict dress code of business suit and tie. The Maharishi's plan for world-wide peace, bliss, and meditation has been staggeringly successful. T.M. "missionaries" have established centers in 89 countries and reap an annual income of some \$12 million, in the U.S. alone. The T.M. movement in America owns a college in Iowa, a television station in California, and makes extensive use of modern communication techniques.

But what is T.M. and what does it claim to offer? Its supporters say it offers access to an unlimited reservoir of energy and "creative intelligence." They talk of self awareness, blank awareness, cosmic-consciousness, and super-consciousness. They offer instant bliss, joy, serenity, and the hope of world-wide peace. T.M., they also claim, is a new way to score more successes in business and more goals in football.

The technique seems simple. The meditator spends 20 minutes, morning and evening, in meditation, with the aid of his mantra, a sacred word of verse in the Sanskrit language taken from Hindu scriptures.

But before he can begin practicing meditation, he must attend pre-meditation lectures and pay his \$125. There are three consecutive sessions. The initiate must bring a white handkerchief, some fresh flowers, and some sweet fruit to the first session. His teacher leads him into a private room and lights a candle before a color portrait of Guru Dev, the "divine teacher" and monk who taught the Maharishi. The teacher also lights an incense stick, to "lubricate the psychic," and lays the fruit and flowers on the handkerchief before the guru's picture as an offering. If the initiate becomes suspicious that this is a religious ritual, his teacher explains that the handkerchief, flowers, and fruit are merely symbolic. The teacher then



Hindu god, Narayan

chants a prayer in Sanskrit to the Hindu Vedic gods, Brahma and Narayan.

When he completes this part of his initiation, the meditator joins a group of up to 50 to practice meditation. The teacher lectures using modern audio-visual equipment and charts. He also assigns each disciple his personal mantra which must always be kept secret. The meditator is taught to sit or lie in a very relaxed position and to let his mantra float upward into his mind, then to repeat it over and over.

According to the Maharishi, meditation takes the meditator deeper and deeper, until he is in contact with the source of "creative intelligence," or Being. The object is to convince the meditator that he and all things are a part of Being. This is monism, a theology that teaches that man and god are one, and that all else is unreal.

T.M., in language, teaching, and practice, is Hindu. The ability to relax, meditate, and think positively would be helpful to anyone, but the T.M. movement is subtle and deceptive, claiming that it is not a religion. Just the initiation prayers are enough to cause any Bible-believing Christian to reject this claim. Furthermore, its monistic theology attacks what the Bible says about the nature of God, man, and the universe. It denies sin and makes the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary a meaningless act.

Jesus Christ, now as always, offers much more than T.M. Christ, not meditation, is the way to God (John 14:1-3). The Apostle Paul offers us clear warning:

What I am saying is that those who offer food to these idols are united together in sacrificing to demons, certainly not to God. And I don't want any of you to be partners with demons when you eat the same food, along with the heathen, that has been offered to these idols (I Corinthians 10:20-21, LB).

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Glenn Batten (1974) and Charlene (Martin, '71-'73) have a new daughter, Jody Lynn, born Dec. 17 in Pascagoula, Miss.

Leslie Bennett (1970) and Shirli have a new son, Marty Ross, born Jan. 13 in Buhl, Idaho.

Gertrude Bowe (1946) recently celebrated her 25th year with Scripture Press, Inc., at Wheaton, Ill. The company honored her with a chapel recognition, a luncheon, and a gift.

Brian Carter (1971) and Betty (Lyles, '70-'71) have a new daughter, Cortni Noell, born Nov. 4 in Charlotte, N.C.

John Carter (1973) received his M.Ed. from Middle Tennessee State University on Dec. 19. He majored in Administration and Supervision.

Jim Daniels ('68-'72) and Linda (Robinson, '68-'70) have a new son, James Robert III, born Dec. 16 in Nashville.

David Duncan ('64-'65) and Lilly ('72-'73) have a new daughter, Beth Ann, born Jan. 8 in Nashville.

Tonda Jarrett (Warner, '70-'73) and Michael have a new daughter, Mica Noel, born Dec. 9 in Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Michael Kidd ('68-'71) and Nadene (Oppy, '68-'69) have a new son, Michael Darrin, born Dec. 20 in Sciotoville, Ohio.

Odie Nunley ('60-'64) and Brenda (Wiard, '62-'63) have a new son, Jay Carl, born Oct. 29 in Guymon, Okla.

Thurman Pate (1966) and Ann (Williams 1967) have a new daughter, Amy Elizabeth, born Dec. 16 in Nashville.

Rufus Penix, II (1974) received his M.A. from Middle Tennessee State University on Dec. 19. He majored in Psychology.

Sue Pittman (Dail, '66-'67) was recently promoted to Investment Officer for Nashville City Bank in Nashville.

Charles Sartor (1972) and Cathy (Plank, '68-'69) have a new son, Jeffrey Daniel, born Dec. 30 in Anaheim, Calif.

James Scarborough ('70-'75) and Sheila (Dyer, 1970) have a new daughter, Tiffany Crystal, born Nov. 22 in Nashville.

Jerry Scott (1975) and Waynelle (Parsons, '71-'72) have a new

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## Development Director Takes N. C. Pastorate

After nearly 10 years as Director of Development, Jack Paramore is leaving this post to pastor the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, N.C. During his years of service, more than \$2 million was raised for the college and he saw the construction of five major buildings on the campus.

The Board of Trustees met in December and commended Paramore's work. A statement from the Board, citing the launching of the program in 1966, says, "It was apparent that a person with unique abilities and a wide knowledge of our churches and people would have to be secured to promote the Development Program if it was to be successful. Brother Jack Paramore, who was widely known in our denomination and highly respected, accepted the directorship of our Development Program in connection with his evangelistic ministry. The results of his labors proved beyond doubt that he was the man for this position."



Paramore will continue to devote a portion of his time to the building program while the Trustees look for a successor. They stress that the building program must continue if the Bible College is to provide for the increasing number of young people who are choosing the school. They said, "It is only hoped that the Lord's leadership will be as definite in a choice of a new man for the office as it was in the choice of Brother Paramore to head the office for the past years."

The Bible College administration, faculty and staff are grateful for the years of service Paramore gave so freely and pray God's blessings upon his pastoral ministry.



Rev. Lucas and Mr. Tippet

The Torrington, Wyoming, Free Will Baptist Church sent more than \$1,000-worth of food to the Bible College in December through a drive sponsored by the church's CTS group. Rev. Fred Lucas, pastor, delivered some 1,300 pounds of ground beef, potatoes, and beans to the school's Cumberland Cafeteria. President L. C. Johnson and Food Service Manager E. W. Tippet were present to receive the gift and thanked Rev. Lucas and the CTS members who participated in the project.

The drive was reminiscent of the early days of the college. People occasionally designated portions of their garden or sent food to help provide meals for the young people who were training for Christian work.



# Bulletin Board

Bible Conference speakers this year will be Rev. Wade Jernigan, Rev. Randy Cox, Rev. L. C. Johnson, and Rev. Charles Thigpen. The Conference will be held on campus March 14-18.

Enrollment for the 1975-76 school year reached 615 in January, with 490 registering for second-semester classes. The student body includes 196 ministerial students and 44 others who are preparing for missionary service. Students came from 28 states and Japan. Eighty-three are planning to complete their studies and receive a degree or other award in May.

Students witnessed to nearly 7,000 people during first semester and reported that 1,346 made decisions.

## Alumni News (cont.)

daughter, Jennifer Tara, born Dec. 17 in Farmington, Mo.

*Robin Shipp* (Snowder, '71-'74) and Larry have a new daughter, Rebecca Leigh, born Nov. 20 in Charleston, S.C. Robin and Larry were scheduled to move to California in December.

*Stephanie Smith* (Shockey, '67-'68) and Garry have a new daughter, Marsha Lynn, born Dec. 11 in Nashville.

*Lissie Turnage* (1954) received her M.Ed. from Middle Tennessee State University on Dec. 19. Her major was Reading.

*Rodney Whaley* (1974) and *Vicki* (Shaw, '72-'74) have a new daughter, Karen Kaylyn, born Nov. 19 in Rocky Mount, N.C.

# 127 Dean's List Students Named

When semester examinations were over in mid-December, 127 students emerged with an average of "B" or higher and were placed on the school's Deans' List. Especially worthy of notice are the nine straight "A" students.

These first semester honor students are listed below with their home states.

## "A" HONOR ROLL

Lisa Allen (Freshman)	.....TN
Terry Bailey (Freshman)	.....TN
Phyllis Blackmon (Senior)	.....VA
Ken Fox (Senior)	.....MO
Paul Harrison (Freshman)	.....TN
Jennifer McCarty (Senior)	.....IN
Pam Newsome (Senior)	.....OH
Sterl Paramore (Freshman)	.....TN
Garnett Reid (Junior)	.....TN

## "B" HONOR ROLL

### SENIORS

Richard Atwood	.....Md.
Richard Barnard	.....Ga.
Denise Braswell	.....N.C.
Kent Bryant	.....N.C.
Diane Chapman	.....Mo.
Rebecca Coffey	.....Tenn.
Elizabeth Creech	.....N.C.
Regina Fletcher	.....Tenn.
Tim Hackett	.....Wyo.
Pat Hensley	.....W. Va.
Craig Jones	.....N.C.
Beverly Knight	.....Ark.
Debbie Lester	.....Va.
Jean Lewis	.....Tenn.
Philip Long	.....Miss.
Donnie Miles	.....S.C.
Melodye Miskelley	.....Tenn.
Mike Mutchler	.....Tenn.
Karl Novak	.....Miss.
Teresa Pitts	.....Ala.
Janet Pleasant	.....N.C.
Van Powell	.....S.C.
Gwyn Pugh	.....Ala.
Rhonda Spivey	.....N.C.
Troy Stocks	.....N.C.
Delmus Walker	.....N.C.
Ronnie Williamson	.....N.C.

### JUNIORS

Nate Ange	.....Tenn.
Danny Baer	.....Ohio
Sydney Barnes	.....N.C.
Judy Batten	.....N.C.
Donna Carr	.....Tenn.
Mary Carter	.....Tenn.
John Caulder	.....S.C.

Denise Dalton	.....Mich.
Joanne Gilliken	.....N.C.
Sandra Gwinn	.....Fla.
Darlene Hunter	.....Mich.
Dennis Jones	.....N.C.
Phillip Jones	.....N.C.
Carol Kettelman	.....Tenn.
Greg Kettelman	.....Tenn.
Mark King	.....Ill.
Doug Little	.....Ky.
June Lytle	.....N.C.
Rex Maynard	.....Ill.
Jim McClure	.....Mich.
Larry Monday	.....Calif.
William Pitts	.....Ala.
Kathy Raper	.....Tenn.
Terri Salyer	.....Ohio
Patricia Sweet	.....Okla.
Sandra Tittle	.....Ala.
Susan Turnbough	.....Tenn.

### SOPHOMORES

Daphne Arthur	.....N.C.
Brian Atwood	.....Md.
Patricia Boyd	.....S.C.
Billy Brown	.....Ala.
Diana Brown	.....Tenn.
David Burgess	.....Ill.
Kenneth Dodson	.....Mo.
Joyce Dunbar	.....Va.
Robert Edmonson	.....Tenn.
Martha Fletcher	.....Tenn.
Alvin Hook	.....Mo.
Tim Jones	.....Okla.
Chuck Kimmig	.....Ga.
Wanda Lee	.....S.C.

Ernie Lewis	.....Ill.
LaDohnna Lewis	.....Ark.
Donald McDonald	.....Tenn.
Sharon Ogle	.....N.C.
Kevin Payne	.....Ill.
Barbara Presley	.....Tenn.
Carey Rhodes	.....N.C.
Wanda Rogers	.....S.C.
Vila Satterly	.....Ky.
Sandra Tucker	.....Ala.

### FRESHMEN

Martha Alexander	.....S.C.
Jack Bales	.....Tenn.
Richard Berryhill	.....Ala.
Burl Brewer	.....Miss.
Debra Burnell	.....Mich.
Ronnie Byrd	.....N.C.
Teresa Carden	.....Tenn.
Randy Carr	.....Ala.
Margaret Carr	.....Ind.
Anita Compton	.....Fla.
Bryan Edwards	.....N.C.
Samuel Hersey	.....Japan
Philip Jackson	.....N.C.
Tim Johnson	.....Mich.
Tim Keeny	.....N.C.
Pam Latshaw	.....Mich.
Carolyn Looper	.....Ohio
Randy Lovern	.....Va.
Luther Lucas	.....N.C.
Dick Martin	.....Mich.
Teresa Morgan	.....N.C.
Jill Nicholson	.....Tenn.
Loyd Olsan	.....Tenn.
Frank Owens	.....N.C.
Cindy Randall	.....N.C.
Rick Rasberry	.....S.C.
Jerry Raymer	.....Tenn.
Robyn Riggs	.....N.C.
Debbie Rockmore	.....Ga.
June Seley	.....N.C.
Walter Sumerlin	.....N.C.
Terry Thompson	.....N.C.
Kevin Walker	.....Tenn.
Martha Walker	.....Ala.
Eugenia Ward	.....Tenn.

### SPECIAL

Bonnie Halliburton	.....Tenn.
Susan Mutchler	.....Tenn.



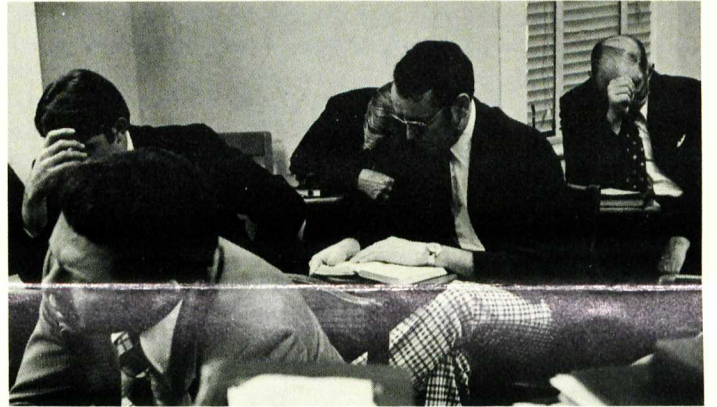
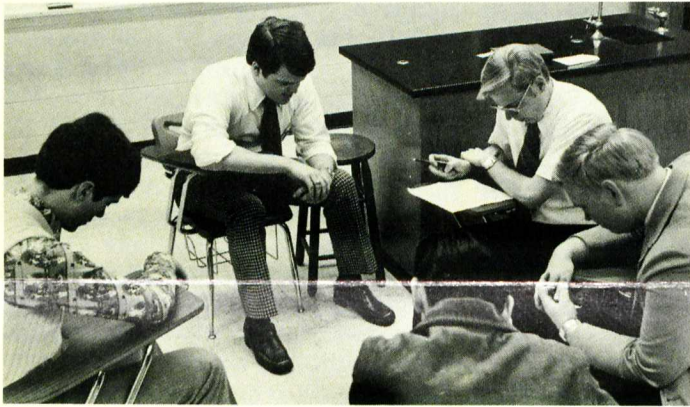
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# 1976 Day of Prayer: The "Still Small Voice"

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"A day of prayer? What is a day of prayer?" This was the question a new student asked of an older student when Dr. Johnson announced that Wednesday, February 18, would be a day of prayer. The older student said, "A day of prayer is a day when every class is called off here at Free Will Baptist Bible College and we meet to pray."

One of the numerous fine traditions of the Bible College is the day of prayer. Many former students look back upon certain days of prayer as the time when special needs were met in their lives, when burdens were lifted, when problems were solved, and some even date their call to the ministry or the mission field to such a day in the past.

The Administration and Faculty started planning and working towards this important day before it was announced to students. Older Alumni of the school may remember that in the early years of the school, the President would "spring" a prayer day on everyone by announcing in chapel that that very day would be a day of prayer. Now that the school is larger, more planning must be made for a meaningful day. The faculty and student leaders work during this time, to help prepare hearts for the day of prayer.

When this day of prayer arrived, everyone met in the college auditorium for opening remarks by President Johnson. After a few brief suggestions, the eighty groups, which had been pre-arranged, with seniors as leaders over five or six other students, separated to meet in small groups for prayer. At this same time the

faculty and staff men and women met in two groups for prayer.

Each group leader earnestly sought to permit the Holy Spirit to lead him. In most groups the members shared scripture portions that had been meaningful to them, made confessions of sins and shortcomings, shared prayer requests and burdens. These were interspersed by seasons of prayer. If a group dismissed before the general assembly just before noon, each individual was to spend the time in personal Bible study and prayer.

Perhaps the most thrilling time of all was when we met back in the college auditorium an hour before lunch. President Johnson led this service and, from the opening moment, it was evident that God had been at work in our hearts. Opportunity was given for testimonies from anyone who cared to speak. Many expressions of gratitude were made for the day of prayer. Some spoke of definite, specific answers to prayer that had that morning become a reality. Others told of being reassured of the love and concern of fellow students and faculty members. For the better part of an hour many stood to acknowledge God's love and blessings which had been experienced anew.

There have been days of prayer in the past when some single outstandingly dramatic answer to prayer became evident, but this was a day of prayer when the "still small voice" of God's Holy Spirit seemed to touch every heart and every life as He burned out the dross of sin, and let His presence in to bring love, joy, and peace. The verse that best describes this day of prayer is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6b).



Cox



Gibson



Johnson

Jernigan



Thigpen



## Bible Conference Draws Heavy Attendance

Free Will Baptists reconfirmed their love for strong, Biblical preaching as hundreds of visitors joined FWBBC students, teachers and their families for the college's 34th annual Bible Conference, March 14-18. The attendance at some services was over 1,200. People filled the chairs on the main floor, and the bleachers in the school's Activities Building.

The preaching was worth the trip to Nashville, many visitors said. They felt that God had fed their souls through the preaching of Rev. Randy Cox, Rev. Luther Gibson, Dr. L. C. Johnson, Dr. Wade Jernigan and Dr. Charles Thigpen.

Rev. Cox, pastor of the First FWB Church, Raleigh, N. C., spoke from I Thessalonians on the Christian's preparation for Christ's return. Rev. Gibson, pastor of the First FWB Church, Booneville, Miss., now completing his 25th year as a Bible College trustee, preached on God's plan for the home. Free Will Baptist Bible College President L. C. Johnson's messages covered the Ten Commandments and applied them to Christians today. Dr. Jernigan, President of California Christian College, dealt with various requirements for effective discipleship. In his Wednesday evening message, Dr. Thigpen, FWBBC Dean, scripturally exposed the error of the cur-

rent "Tongues" movement.

In other Conference activities, the college's Drama and Music Departments enhanced an already effective meeting. The Evangel Players presented the play, "Simon the Leper," twice to a packed auditorium. The College Choir, quartets, trios and soloists, both students and teachers, contributed musically to every service.

Many prospective students attended the Conference. Several churches brought teenage delegations to the meeting so that they could look the school over. The freshman class described campus life to the visitors in a special program prepared for prospective students.

Early in the meeting, President Johnson said that he felt it was going to be a good Conference. When it closed, everyone knew that his prediction had been accurate.

## Trustees Commend New Faculty Degrees

The Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees has commended three members of the school's faculty/administration for receiving advanced degrees during the current school year. Rev. Milton Crowson, who teaches social studies and Bible, received his M.A. degree from Bob Jones University. Dr. Stanley Outlaw, in the Bible Department, received his Ph.D. degree, also from Bob Jones University. Dr. Charles Thigpen, Dean of the college and teacher in pastoral training, received his D.A. degree from Middle Tennessee State University.

The Trustees noted that several other teachers are also doing graduate study and expect to earn advanced degrees in the future. "This program of continuing education on the part of our faculty will assure the students of Free Will Baptist Bible College of the highest quality of education," the Trustees said.





*Kathleen (Sturgeon, 1969) Fambrough* and Maurice have a new son, Thomas Nathan, born January 20 in Nashville.

*Sandy Goodfellow (1970) and Dari (Keifer, 1970)* have a new daughter, Kelly Jo, born January 24 in Norfolk, Va.

*Bill Hill ('73-'75) and Gayle (Petty '73-'75)* were married November 8 in Nashville. They now live in Washington, N. C.

*Ray Jones ('73-'75) and Louise (Armstrong, 1970)* have a new daughter, Melanie Charae, born November 7 in Nashville.

*Renetta (Armstrong, '73-'74) McMillan* and Ellie have a new daughter, Heather Lee, born September 24 in Amory, Miss.

*Paula (Leonard, '73-'74) Stephens* and Gordon have a new daughter, Kristy Ann, born January 4 in Jacksonville, Fla.

*Jack Stephenson (1972) and Valerie (Hilbert, 1972)* have a new son, Paul David, born November 4 in Pocatello, Idaho.

*Kathy (Smith, '64-'65) Streetz* and Robert have a new daughter, Stephanie Leigh, born August 25 in Mechanicsville, Va.

*Ann (Short, '69-'70) Waites* and Tony have a new son, David Anthony, born February 2 in Little Rock, Ark.



Moore



Rice

## Moore and Rice Speak

Recent speakers on campus include Mr. Sam Moore and Dr. Bill Rice. Moore, President of Thomas Nelson, Inc., America's largest Bible publisher, spoke in chapel about his conversion in Lebanon and God's blessing on his work in America. Rice, Director of the Bill Rice Ranch in Murfreesboro, Tenn., described the work of an evangelist for ministerial students.

## Student Missionaries Approved For Summer

Six Bible College students will work 10 weeks this summer under the direction of Free Will Baptist foreign missionaries in Brazil, France, Ivory Coast and Panama, according to the Foreign Missions Department. Their applications were approved in December and they were given the go-ahead to begin raising funds.

Neil Gilliland, from Wheelersburg, Ohio, will go to Brazil. Becky Rigby, from Pensacola, Fla., and Cathy Crawford, from Minford, Ohio, plan to work in France. John Rhodes, from Granite City, Ill., will work in Ivory Coast. Sandra Tittle, from Oakman, Ala., and June Lytle, from Swannanoa, N. C., will go to Panama.

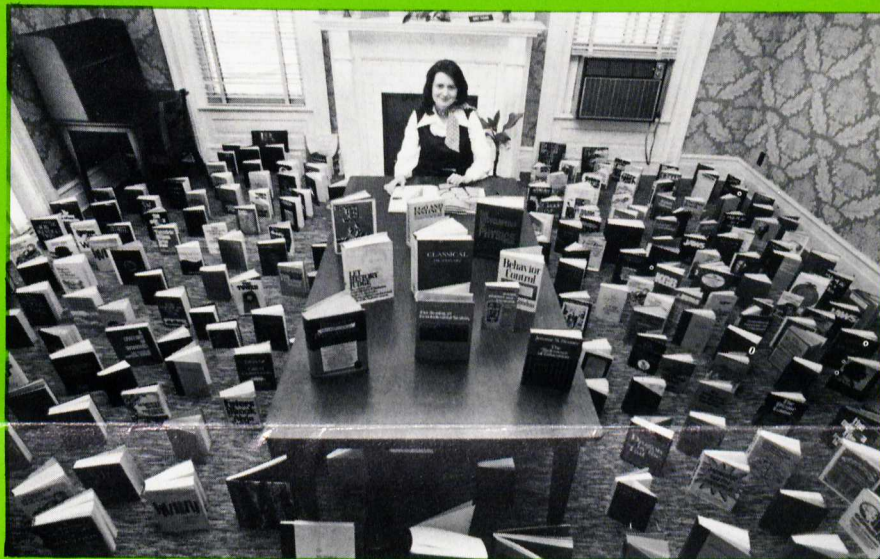
The students were approved for foreign missions service by both a candidate committee and the

Foreign Missions Board. The FWBBC faculty was also consulted before the students were approved.

Every missionary intern must be classified as a junior or senior and must meet academic standards. The intern program's purpose is to give Christian workers a taste of life on the foreign field, as the missionary experiences it.

Most of the students will leave for their respective fields in May. In the meantime, they are doing deputation work in order to raise money to get them to the field, just as veteran missionaries must do. They will have to each raise between \$1,000 and \$1,900, depending on transportation costs to the various countries in which they will work.

If you will help, send your gift to either the Foreign Missions Department, earmarked for the students you wish to support, or directly to the student, in care of Free Will Baptist Bible College.



## Library Project Draws Healthy Support

Free Will Baptist women in 15 different states have pledged to raise over \$4,200 for new books for Welch Library and Bible College students. An appeal sent to Woman's Auxiliaries across the denomination returned this encouraging response. Others, like Mr. and Mrs. L. C. DeFee of Florence, S. C., are helping to increase the library's holdings in another way. They recently gave the 203 volumes pictured above with Librarian Judy Shrewsbury. Another 105 volumes were recently given by Mrs. Clarence Crowe of Nashville. The result: A bigger, better Bible College library.



## Many Student Interns Still Need Sponsors

Eighty-eight FWBBC students want to work in some Free Will Baptist church this summer so that they can observe the work of the ministry and learn by experience what the pastor must face. But, at mid-March, less than half of them had found a sponsoring church and pastor who will participate in the 10-week internship program.

Dr. Joseph Ange, Director of Religious Activities, describes the program. He says, "While the intern is with the sponsoring pastor and church, he is actually involved in the various phases of the work. He is also discovering his various gifts . . . and developing them. He is seeking to know the place God would have for him in future full-time service."

About 35 churches have agreed to sponsor a summer intern. A few will sponsor two students in separate 10-week sessions.

As to financial obligations, Dr. Ange says, "So far, none of the churches that have set out to sponsor an intern has failed. There are so many different ways to take care of an intern financially that almost any size church can manage to do it."

If you or your church will consider helping a young man prepare for the ministry, write or call Dr. Joseph Ange:

Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Box 50117  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
Phone: (615) 297-4676

## College To Offer Two Summer Sessions

Students will have a choice of two Summer School programs again this year at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The two-week program, May 17-28, offers up to three semester hours of college credit in biblical studies and church-related ministries. This is followed by a four-week session May 31-June 25. Here, general education courses are combined with Bible study for up to six hours of college credit.

While many regular students are eager to use this opportunity to pick up extra courses, many Free Will Baptist laymen and preachers have also enrolled for Summer School sessions at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The two-week session is especially suited to outside students. Pastors may not need to miss more than one Sunday in their pulpits, and will return to their churches refreshed by their study of the Word.

Prospective students, who want a taste of life and work at Free Will Baptist Bible College, could not find a better opportunity. Here, while they look over the college and profit from their studies, they can earn up to nine hours of credit in one summer that will be applied to their transcript when they finish high school. This credit is available to high school students who have finished their junior year.

Courses in each of the Summer School sessions, with the cost, is listed below:

### SUMMER SCHOOL NO. 1

May 17-28, 1976

Song Leading (1 hr.)  
Parliamentary Law (1 hr.)  
Editorial/Design Seminar (1 hr.)  
I & II Thessalonians (1 hr.)  
Biblical Hermeneutics (2 hrs.)  
Highlights of the Old Testament (2 hrs.)

Church Drama (2 hrs.)

Eschatology (2 hrs.)

#### Cost:

Registration .....\$ 5.00

Tuition, per hour ..... 30.00

Room ..... 22.00

Meals ..... 38.00

(Cost for a student taking three hours would be \$155, plus books.)

### SUMMER SCHOOL NO. 2

May 31-June 25, 1976

Interpretive Speech (2 hrs.)

World Literature (2 hrs.)

General Psychology (3 hrs.)

Bible Doctrines (3 hrs.)

Biblical Evangelism (2 hrs.)

Romans (3 hrs.)

Ecology (3 hrs.)

Sociology (3 hrs.)

#### Cost:

Registration .....\$10.00

Tuition, per hour ..... 30.00

Room ..... 45.00

Meals ..... 80.00

(Cost for a student taking six hours would be \$315, plus books.)

If you plan to attend either Summer School, please write to the Bible College for more information. List the courses you are interested in taking.



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Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina, was honored for 10 years of service as director of development, during which over \$2 million was raised for the Building Fund. Reverend William Mishler, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his work.

Since education is the fundamental ministry of FWBBC, many of the students honored were those whose scholastic work was outstanding.

Eighteen seniors graduated with honors: *Summa Cum Laude*—Richard Barnard, Donna Carr, and Rebecca Coffey. *Magna Cum Laude*—Charles Cook, Elizabeth Creech, Regina Fletcher, Jean Lewis, Jennifer McCarty, Pam Newsome, and Rhonda Spivey. *Cum Laude*—Richard Atwood, Phyllis Blackmon, Ken Fox, Tim Hackett, Bev Knight, Donnie Miles, Melodye Miskelley, and Delmus Walker.

Five seniors were also inducted into the Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society. They are: Richard Barnard, Donna Carr, Rebecca Coffey, Elizabeth Creech, and Jennifer McCarty. The society was founded by the American Association of Bible Colleges. The Greek letters signify "Approved in Christ."

Students holding the highest average for the year within their class received scholarship medals. Several with straight-"A" averages tied for the honor. The class medalists were: *Freshman Class*—Lisa Allen, Memphis, TN and Paul Harrison, Nashville, TN. *Sophomore Class*—Sandra Tucker, Huntsville, AL. *Junior Class*—Garnett Reid, Nashville, TN. *Senior Class*—Phyllis Blackmon, Jennifer McCarty, and Pam Newsome.

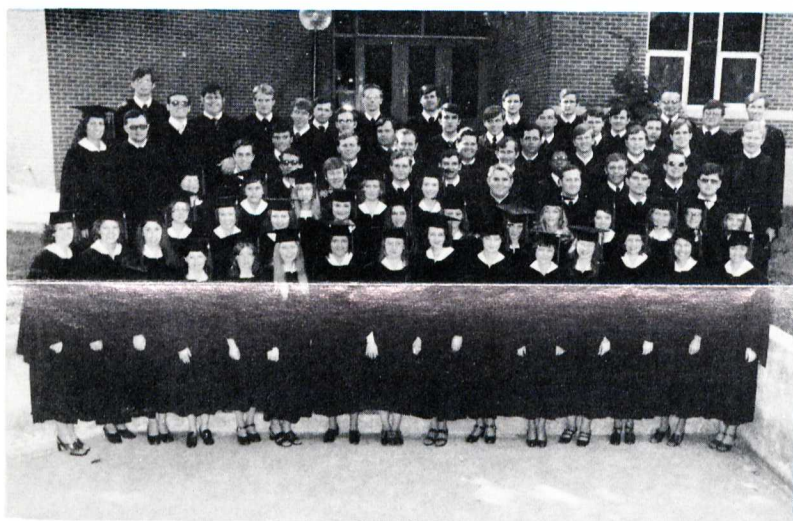
Intersociety sports trophies went to the Louisa Mae Alcott Society and the Alpha Chi Omega Society.

Donnie Miles was doubly honored. He received a medal for his service as student body president and was also honored as the faculty's choice as the Most Outstanding Student of 1975-76.

Two seniors—Richard Barnard and Rebecca Calvery—were recognized as the Best All-around Boy and Girl, selected by vote of their fellow students.

Garnett Reid, a junior from Nashville, was awarded the Editor's Medal for his work in producing the 1976 LUMEN, the college yearbook.

Perhaps the greatest graduation honors were reserved for people who did not march to the platform; who received no medals. The hundreds of parents, wives, and friends who made graduation possible for the 83 members of the Class of '76 were honored in a quiet way—a tear on the cheek, a hug, a kiss. The seniors also honored their teachers for sharing, not just their learning, but their lives. May 13, 1976 was a day of honors, public and private. Our prayer for these graduates is that they will serve God, mindful of the great Day of Honors in which He will reward those who have been faithful.



The Class of '76

## Day of Honor

The Free Will Baptist Bible College administration, faculty, staff and student body joined hundreds of parents and other guests on May 13 in the school's Activities Building to honor the 83 members of the Class of 1976. The building was filled to capacity. The rain predicted for the day held off until after graduation exercises, allowing the seniors to make the traditional march from the Student Lounge to the Activities Building.

The Class of '76 will be remembered especially because eight of its members are the first FWBBC graduates to complete the school's new Elementary Education program. The program is intended to train young people whom God calls to teach, for a ministry in either church-related or public schools.

Reverend Bill Jones, president of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma, challenged the graduates to live under the control of the Word of God as they leave the school to enter the ministries to which God has called them. His message complimented the Baccalaureate Sermon preached on Sunday night, May 9, by Reverend Ronald Creech, state evangelist for the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists.

It was a day of honors. Academic medals, sports trophies and other symbols of achievement were liberally bestowed on those who had excelled.

Reverend Jack Paramore, pastor of Trinity Free Will





Michael Murchler  
Clarksville, TN



Phillip Murchler  
Clarksville, TN



Pamela Newsome  
Columbus, OH



Ralph Nitcher  
Richmond, CA



Karl Novak  
Columbus, MS



Janice Parks  
Manchester, TN



Van Powell  
Johnsonville, SC



Kathleen Reeds  
Nashville, TN



Rebecca Rigby  
Pensacola, FL



William Sealy  
Cove City, NC



Willie Smith  
Pink Hill, NC



Rhonda Spivey  
New Bern, NC



Troy Stocks  
Havelock, NC



Donald Stroud  
Lenore, WV



Timothy Sturgill  
Norton, VA



Charlotte Tallent  
St. Louis, MO



Delmus Walker  
Goldsboro, NC



James Ward  
St. Louis, MO



Frances Williams  
Nashville, TN



Denise Braswell  
Grifton, NC



Elizabeth Creech  
Durham, NC



James Futrell  
South Roxana, IL



Patricia Hensley  
MacArthur, WV



Beverly Knight  
Jonesboro, AR



Deborah Lester  
Norfolk, VA



Jennifer McCarty  
Wabash, IN



Melody Miskelley  
Granite City, IL



Teresa Pitts  
Northport, AL



Janet Pleasant  
Greenville, NC



Gwyn Pugh  
Florence, AL



Samuel Shrewsberry  
Odd, WV



Peggy Sloan  
Nashville, TN



Deborah Williams  
Colquitt, GA



James Burtram  
Eltridge, AL



Walter Conger  
New Bern, NC



David Scott  
Warner Robins, GA



Roger Spivey  
Orlinda, TN



Yvonne Thigpen  
Nashville, TN



Robert Wells  
Norfolk, VA



Peggy Gouldcock  
Bermont, NC



Jo Lynn  
Durham, NC



Valerie Miskelley  
Granite City, IL



Sue Presley  
Memphis, TN



Karen Smith  
Belk, AL





“...meet for the Master’s use...” (1 Timothy 2:21).

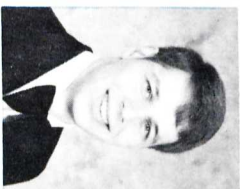


Free Will Baptist college presents the Class of 1976.

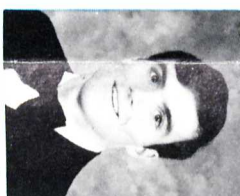
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Richard Atwood  
Aberdeen, MD



Robert Blair, Jr.  
Florence, SC



Richard Barnard  
Glennville, GA



Phyllis Blackmon  
Portsmouth, VA



Kent Bryant  
Durham, NC



Rebecca Gakery  
Ft. Smith, AR



Donna Carr  
Nashville, TN



Larry Carr  
Garden Grove, CA



Diane Chapman  
Marshfield, MO



Rebecca Coffey  
Nashville, TN



Charles Cook  
Pensacola, FL



James Cowart  
Columbia, SC



Ella Crittenden  
Cwasso, OK



C. L. Dixon  
Timmonsville, SC



Patricia Edmonds  
Florence, SC



Novis Edwards  
Ashland City, TN



Randy Eubanks  
Beaufort, NC



Ledgel Ferguson  
Blaine, KY



Susan Ferguson  
Troy, MI



Regina Fletcher  
McMinnville, TN



Kenneth Fox  
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Paul Garrett  
Houston, TX



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Kannapolis, NC



Timothy Hackett  
Torrington, WY



Roger Hood  
Cullman, AL



Craig Jones  
Smithfield, NC



Joan Kennon  
Royal Oak, MI



Terry Key  
Northport, AL



Sharon King  
Johnson City, IL



Paula Landers  
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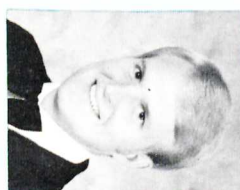
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Nashville, TN



Philip Long  
Tupelo, MS



Kenneth Mayo  
Enterprise, AL



Billy Wickimney  
Abbeville, GA



Duilene Wilkes  
Darlington, SC



# Bulletin Board

LUMEN Editor Garnett Reid presented the first copy of the 1976 yearbook to Rev. Luther Gibson. The book is dedicated to Gibson, who has been a Trustee of the college for 25 years.

New yearbook officers for the 1977 LUMEN are Editor Teata Burden, Assistant Editors Joyce Dunbar and Sam Hersey, and Business Manager Donald McDonald.

Peter Wilson has been promoted to Dean of Students. Wilson, who was Dean of Men, also received his M.A. in psychology from Middle Tennessee State University on May 7.

Abe and Verleen Baerg will return to the FWBBC Music Department in the fall. The Baergs have been in California where Abe is completing his Master's studies.

Student body officers for the '76-'77 school year will be President Garnett Reid, Vice President Donald McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer June Lytle, and Chaplain Nate Ange.

A gift of 105 books to Welch Library noted in the March/April BULLETIN was incorrectly credited. Mrs. Lem Crow of Nashville gave the books to the college.

The FWBBC Quartet and Gleaners Trio are on the road this summer. The Quartet is visiting California and several central states for 12 weeks. The Trio is on a 10-week tour of churches in the Southeast. Both groups will sing at the National Association in Tulsa, July 11-15.

## 137 Dean's List Students Named

With final examinations out of the way, 137 students emerged with grades averaging "B" or higher and were placed on the college Dean's List. Of these, 11 made straight "A's" during second semester.

The Dean's List students are listed below:

### "A" DEAN'S LIST

Lisa Allen (freshman)	Tenn.
Phyllis Blackmon (senior)	Va.
Suzanne Blevins (freshman)	Tenn.
Margie Carr (freshman)	Ind.
Elizabeth Creech (senior)	N.C.
Regina Fletcher (senior)	Tenn.
Paul Harrison (freshman)	Tenn.
Mark King (junior)	III.
Jennifer McCarty (senior)	Ind.
Garnett Reid (junior)	Tenn.
Sandra Tucker (sophomore)	Ala.

Carey Rhodes	N.C.
Wanda Rogers	S.C.

### FRESHMEN

Martha Alexander	S.C.
Terry Bailey	Tenn.
Mike Belesky	Mich.
Burl Brewer	Miss.
Barbara Brown	Mich.
Preston Bryan	N.C.
Darla Buck	Fla.
Ronnie Byrd	N.C.
Randy Carr	Ala.
Anita Compton	Fla.
Ray Conner	N.C.
Daniel Cooper	W.Va.
Mike Cushen	Tenn.
Melanie Drew	S.C.
Sandra Flannagin	Ala.
David Foster	Ky.
Anita Ganey	N.C.
Brenda Gedeon	Oh.
Susan Grant	Ga.
Sam Hersey	Japan
Philip Jackson	N.C.
Tim Keeny	N.C.
Pam Latshaw	Mich.
Randy Lovern	Va.
Thurman Lucas	N.C.
Dick Martin	Mich.
Freddie McCracken	N.C.
Jill Nicholson	Tenn.
Loyd Olsan	Tenn.
Frank Owens	N.C.
Sterl Paramore	Tenn.
John Plyler	Ark.
Rick Rasberry	S.C.
Jerry Raymer	Tenn.
Robyn Riggs	N.C.
Debbie Rockmore	Ga.
Sherry Rouse	N.C.
June Seley	N.C.
Lawrence Short	N.C.
Gary Silence	N.C.
Walter Sumerlin	N.C.
Terry Thompson	N.C.
Doug Thorpe	Va.
Eugenia Ward	Tenn.
Mike Willhite	Mo.

### "B" DEAN'S LIST

Richard Atwood	Md.	Sandra Gwinn	Fla.
Rebecca Calvery	Ark.	Darlene Hunter	Mich.
Diane Chapman	Mo.	Phillip Jones	N.C.
Rebecca Coffey	Tenn.	Carol Ketteman	Tenn.
Randy Eubanks	N.C.	Greg Ketteman	Tenn.
Ken Fox	Calif.	Mike Lake	Ind.
Lavonne Griffin	N.C.	Doug Little	Ky.
Tim Hackett	Wyo.	June Lytle	N.C.
Pat Hensley	W.Va.	Jim McClure	Mich.
Craig Jones	N.C.	Valerie Miskelley	Tenn.
Joan Kennon	Mich.	Larry Monday	Calif.
Beverly Knight	Ark.	Jane Picirilli	Tenn.
Larry Lawrence	Ind.	Dannye Potter	Tex.
Debbie Lester	Va.	Kathy Raper	Tenn.
Clarence Lewis	Ala.	Elfrieda Revis	Va.
Jean Lewis	Tenn.	Mike Rhodes	III.
Phil Long	Miss.	Terry Salyer	Oh.
Donnie Miles	S.C.	Jack Saulsgiver	Pa.
Melodye Miskelley	Tenn.	James Stevens	III.
Mike Mutchler	Tenn.	Patricia Sweet	Ok.
Teresa Pitts	Ala.	Sandra Tittle	Ala.
Gwyn Pugh	Ala.	Jeff Turnbough	Tenn.
Kathy Reeds	Tenn.		
Sam Shrewsbury	W.Va.		
Peggy Sloan	Tenn.		
Charolette Tallent	Mo.		
Debbie Williams	Ga.		
Frances Williams	Tenn.		

### SOPHOMORES

Brian Atwood	Md.
Billy Brown	Ala.
Diana Brown	Tenn.
Teata Burden	Va.
David Burgess	III.
Don Craft	N.C.
Ken Dodson	Mo.
Joyce Dunbar	Va.
Robert Edmonson	Tenn.
Martha Fletcher	Tenn.
Richard Greenup	Mo.
Tim Jones	Ok.
LaDohnna Lewis	Ala.
Donnie McDonald	Tenn.
Kevin Payne	III.
Keith Potter	Tex.

### SPECIAL STUDENTS

Danny Baer	Oh.
Susan Mutchler	Tenn.
Betty Sobacki	N.C.



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# year of evaluation

## The President's Annual Report, 1975-76

by Dr. L. C. Johnson  
President, Free Will Baptist Bible College

This has been another good year for Free Will Baptist Bible College. There has been a healthy growth in general fund income. It is expected that by the close of the fiscal year—May 30—this will reach \$320,000; with an extra good month this could go to \$325,000 which would be the amount of the budget.\* Gifts to the development fund will likely reach \$121,000.\*\* The enrollment for the year stands at 615.

Perhaps the most outstanding part of the statistical report is that we have been able to keep expenses down and will show a healthy balance of income over expenses. This could be as much as \$64,000.

This year's graduating class of 83 is the largest to graduate from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The prospect for next year's enrollment is about normal. The number presently enrolled, who have indicated they plan to return, is up considerably from last year. What the new student applications will be is hard to forecast at this point.

### Self-Study Submitted For Teacher Training Program

Perhaps the most in-depth self-evaluative study the college has ever undertaken was completed this year. This was made for the Tennessee State Department of Education with a view to being certified for teacher training in elementary education. Upon the completion of this study, a committee from the State Department visited our campus for two days. Their report was very favorable. Most all members of the committee were highly commendable in their comments about the overall quality of the college. They gave six specific recommendations that the college would need to meet in order to qualify for teacher training in elementary education. They are: (1) The addition of an elementary education professor with a degree in elementary education and experience in public elementary school teaching. (2) The addition of local public schools to the list of schools where our students may perform their supervised practice teaching. (3) The assignment of teaching loads so that at least one faculty member is teaching full-time in each of the eight departments of the curriculum. (4) Demonstrated evidence of the competency of at least one group prepared in our program (the report of this year's student teacher will be accepted for this). (5) Making sure that at least 85% of



the teaching faculty has Master's degrees. (6) Improving the facilities and equipment for our laboratory used in teaching natural sciences.

When the college has implemented these recommendations, the committee's report will go before the State Board of Education and a final verdict will be made by said board. We have until August to report on progress made toward implementing these recommendations.

### Should The College Offer Graduate Studies?

Because of the time involved in preparing the report for the State Department of Education, there was not time to complete the study recommended by the board concerning the need for, and wisdom of, a program of graduate studies to be offered by Free Will Baptist Bible College. I am requesting that the time for this study be extended. Enough discussion has been given to the matter to make it evident that a very careful analysis should be made of this issue. It demands much more than a cursory study. A commitment to such a program would have to be based on a combination of many factors, including:

#### 1. Need

- (a) Do our churches need more highly trained pastors?
- (b) Is there a need for more internal growth and development in those who would be taking this program of study?

#### 2. Desire

- (a) Is the desire for graduate study strong enough to motivate students to longer years of sacrifice of time and money?
- (b) Where does the desire for a graduate program originate? Is it from those who might take the program, or those who might administer the program?

#### 3. Feasibility

- (a) Has the time arrived in the development of our denomination that such a program should be undertaken? An ideal whose time has not come can become a catastrophe.
- (b) What would be required to staff such a program?

#### 4. Structure

What would be the organizational structure of a graduate program? →

\* Actual, \$314,667.87

\*\* Actual, \$121,666.67



The above factors are mentioned as an illustration of many other possible factors that should go into a study of such an undertaking. Perhaps there have been too many programs within our denominational development launched without adequate study and planning. Need and desire are essential ingredients to progress. But an assessment of the readiness of our constituency to support our programs is also essential.

### **Five Essentials For A Bible College**

I would like to bring to your attention, and I hope, in some measure, to the attention of our denomination at large, my concept of at least five things that are essential in the development of an institution of higher learning.

#### *One. A sound academic program*

This is the most obvious. Christian colleges and Bible colleges have been accused of shoddiness in the area of academics. Whether the charge is true or not, the Christian college must not be guilty of such an indictment. When we use the adjective "Christian" or "Bible" to describe college, we have committed ourselves to the very highest type of education. The academic program of a Bible college cannot afford to be weak and sub par. Free Will Baptist Bible College has tested its program in various ways for more than thirty years and its reputation has been well established as having a solid, excellent academic program.

The essentials for a strong academic program are: (1) a strong faculty, (2) adequate physical facilities, (3) a good library.

#### *Two. A wholesome cultural environment*

A college should expose students to such cultural experiences that will develop an appreciation for the best in music, art, literature and the social graces that an educated person should have. College life may be the last, or only, opportunity a person has to have his personality polished with the accumulated refinements and ennobling experiences of all the good things learned by great people who have lived before. No college is fulfilling its responsibility if it sends its graduates out not knowing or caring about the difference between the crude and the cultured.

#### *Three. A wholesome, satisfying, social life*

The social life on a college campus must not be left to chance. It must be planned and properly directed. College age is when social experiences are very important. Many who come from high school to college have never developed social skills and graces. This could be especially true of Christian young men and women. The only social life they have observed was built around dancing, drinking, unbecoming relationships between the sexes and other unChristian activities. Far too many college age people are socially starved or socially maladjusted. Some have interpreted

Christianity as demanding a type of monasticism or a withdrawal from the world. A college, especially a Christian college, should provide wholesome interpersonal relationships between persons of the same sex as well as persons of different sexes.

#### *Four. A properly balanced recreational program*

We must remember that Scripture teaches "exercise profiteth little . . ."

I am always alarmed when I find Christian workers, especially preachers, who completely downgrade, in the name of dedication, the need for a reasonable amount of recreation and physical exercise. A college must make proper provisions for, and give direction to, a program of this kind. It is just as important to see that this program is not too heavy as it is to see that it is not too light. Just because a Bible college is not engaged in inter-collegiate sports is no excuse for it to have a shoddy program.

#### *Five. A spiritual emphasis based on truth.*

We might call this the extra dimension of a Christian college. The secular college does not bother itself with this responsibility. This area is left totally to the student. A Christian college (Bible college in particular) does not have a right to bear the name Christian if it does not make this emphasis of highest importance.

This is where Bible college education has an advantage over even the Christian liberal arts college. The reason for this is, the more Bible truths taught, the more likely that a wholesome spiritual life will issue from these truths. The Christian liberal arts college may have a Christian philosophy as a basis for its spiritual life, but the Bible college has a broader base of Biblical teaching, plus the Christian philosophy, as a base for its spiritual emphasis.

To have a spiritual life with impact there has to be discipline based on Bible truth. There has to be strong dedication of Bible truths preached in Chapel. Classroom teaching must present these truths with proper force. All areas of study must be taught consistent with Scripture. Teaching and administrative personnel must live lives consistent with these truths.

These five things—academic, cultural, social, recreational, and spiritual—are essential to any educational institution that qualifies as an institution of higher learning. An administration that does not hold these things in proper view and balance is not qualified to give direction to a college program.

The Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees should charge its administrators with these responsibilities and see that they are properly carried out. In doing so, Free Will Baptist Bible College will remain a strong institution, with proper balance, that will have the blessings of God and the respect of students and faculty, as well as the academic community.





## North Carolina Couple Makes Record Gift

Free Will Baptist Bible College recently received the largest gift in its history, according to Dr. L. C. Johnson, president. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McLamb, members of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, near Dunn, N.C., presented a deed for a tract of land valued at \$50,000 to the college official June 1 while visiting the college. The property is located in Harnett County, N.C., and is investment property. The Bible College will benefit over the years as the land is sold for building lots.

The McLambes stated that they intend to present another tract to the school in the near future, also valued at approximately \$50,000. This will fulfill a personal commitment of \$100,000 to the Bible College from the McLambes, according to Rev. Bob King, pastor of Prospect Church.

Mr. McLamb, a deacon in the Prospect Church, said that the Lord had blessed him materially so that he could share in the Lord's work. McLamb, with his wife, Hazel, have been faithful supporters of the Bible College and other national denominational departments for many years.

Dr. Johnson thanked the McLambes on behalf of the school for their generous gift.

## 145 Students Enrolled In Two Summer Schools

Student enrollment for Free Will Baptist Bible College's two 1976 summer schools was 145, according to the registrar's office. Eighty-two students enrolled for the two-week session, Summer School No. 1, and 63 registered for the four-week Summer School No. 2.

Dr. Charles Thigpen, academic dean, noted that the enrollment is an increase over last year's and considers student response to summer school good. He and other FWBBC officials are continuing to examine the summer programs and are considering possible changes in order to make them as beneficial as possible for those who want summer studies.

## Free Will Baptists Give Over \$436,000

Free Will Baptists gave \$436,334.51 to Free Will Baptist Bible College during the school's 1975-76 fiscal year (June, 1975 to June, 1976). General Fund gifts were \$314,667.87. Giving to the Building Fund totaled \$121,666.67.

The combined totals show a decrease of nearly \$21,000 in gifts to the school from 1974-75 gifts. The drop was in support to the Building Fund, while the General Fund showed an increase of over 5.8 percent.

School officials are not alarmed over the decline in gifts to the Building Fund since this was anticipated when Jack Paramore, director of development, resigned to accept a North Carolina pastorate. When a new development director is found, administrators feel that Building Fund gifts will pick up.

Commenting on General Fund gifts, Paul Ketteman, director of public relations, congratulated 13 states that exceeded their gift quotas. Sixteen states fell short of their 1975-76 quotas, though several came very close to meeting them. Perhaps the darkest spots in the General Fund report were the 11 states whose giving failed to rise to the level of the year before. The loss from these states was over \$16,600.

The 1975-76 gift report, state by state, is listed below:

STATE	GENERAL FUND			BUILDING FUND 1975-76 Gifts
	1975-76 Gifts	1975-76 Quotas	New Quotas	
Alabama	\$ 23,393.01	\$ 18,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,923.26
Arizona	1,291.03	1,000	1,200	100.00
Arkansas	10,698.47	10,000	11,000	6,119.36
California	1,559.73	3,000	3,500	1,838.28
Colorado	751.17	700	900	—
Florida	13,341.39	15,000	15,000	1,460.00
Georgia	23,022.13	27,000	26,000	7,461.06
Hawaii	400.00	300	300	200.00
Idaho	245.11	400	300	—
Illinois	10,540.60	11,000	12,000	1,975.00
Indiana	4,648.09	3,000	5,000	345.00
Iowa	360.60	150	400	—
Kansas	965.76	500	1,000	15.00
Kentucky	10,721.03	5,500	11,000	595.91
Maryland	141.82	500	950	120.00
Michigan	10,812.41	15,000	14,000	4,195.42
Mississippi	15,749.31	12,000	14,000	1,279.40
Missouri	14,149.54	15,000	16,000	12,672.09
New Hampshire	76.15	250	100	—
New Mexico	144.53	100	200	—
North Carolina	42,427.40	43,000	44,000	37,535.65
Ohio	10,969.54	12,000	12,000	551.96
Oklahoma	12,991.67	15,000	16,000	253.00
South Carolina	23,415.51	27,500	25,500	3,792.30
Tennessee	40,088.38	46,500	46,000	10,236.45
Texas	4,262.09	8,000	8,000	437.50
Virginia	12,442.78	13,000	13,000	2,723.00
Washington	344.76	100	400	—
West Virginia	8,553.40	7,000	8,500	365.00
Wyoming	111.50	—	—	—
W.N.A.C.	1,202.45	1,000	2,500	50.00
Staff/Students	9,255.89	—	—	4,429.00
Other	2,765.62	13,500	16,250	20.00
Matching Gifts	2,370.00	—	—	1,990.00
Missionaries	455.00	—	—	150.00
Alumni Project	—	—	—	17,833.00
TOTALS	\$314,667.87	\$325,000	\$350,000	\$121,666.64





## Interns Rate "A" On "Go Power"

Summer interns from the Bible College are reporting rich experiences in the churches where they are working, and the pastors who are teaching them are generally pleased with the students' work and growth, according to Dr. Joseph Ange, director of the program.

Fifty interns are participating this year. Each is spending 10 weeks under the supervision of an experienced pastor, who is showing him, first hand, the work of the ministry.

The interns' zeal is apparent. They recorded 70 decisions during their first three weeks on the field. Twelve of the 50 interns are repeating the program, without credit, in order to better prepare for their first pastorate.

Dr. Ange has stressed witnessing and soul winning to them. He reports that one Tennessee intern witnessed to 35, won five to the Lord, and saw seven make rededications. Another intern witnessed to 30 and baptized four in one week. An intern in North Carolina reports, "The meanest dogs in the world are in this town!" But he still

led one soul to Christ.

The pastors are equally enthusiastic. One comments, "Our intern has a burden for souls and he has been able to get others burdened." A Florida pastor says that his intern "has earned the respect of our young people as a leader because of his dedication and faithfulness." A mid-western pastor observes, "Our intern has grown tremendously." A preacher in Tennessee said of his intern, "He is very stable and confident. He did an excellent job preaching last night." Most pastors have written the college, commending the interns with whom they are working.

Dr. Ange requested that Free Will Baptists pray for the young men who are going through this critical time of training. He also encourages all pastors who are considering sponsoring an intern next summer to contact him right away.

"I believe he will make one of our finest pastors," one North Carolina preacher predicts of his intern. That sums up the purpose of the program and the hope for every intern.



Quartet



Trio

## Student Touring Groups Welcomed In Churches

The Bible College Quartet and Gleaners Trio are being used of God this summer to bless those churches they are visiting, according to reports from those who have heard the groups. Paul Kettelman, director of public relations, says that souls are being saved in their services and that the students are serving as good will ambassadors wherever they go.

The quartet's tour has taken them as far west as California. The trio is visiting churches in the Southeast. Both groups were on the National Association program in Tulsa.

The financial support raised by these singing groups has been good, according to Kettelman. He also reports that they are making numerous contacts with prospective FWBBC students in their services.



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## State Approves Teacher Education Program



The first students to complete the new teacher education program are (sitting) Jennifer McCarty, Elizabeth Creech, Peggy Sloan, Debby Lester, (standing) Steve Futrell, Sam Shrewsbury, Pat Hensley, and Deborah Williams.

**F**ree Will Baptist Bible College received a new kind of accreditation in Nashville, August 6, when the Tennessee State Department of Education approved the school's teacher training program.

This means that students who graduate with the Elementary Education major—including the eight seniors in the Class of 1976 who are the first to complete the program—can obtain state certification to teach grades 1-9.

The state's approval reflects well on the quality of the school's program and the care taken in laying the groundwork for it. As early as 1968, Bible College administrators saw the growing need for more teachers

to work in Free Will Baptist day schools. They added several courses to prepare students better for teaching ministries. Following this, officials added a minor in Elementary Education in 1972. In 1974, the Bible College Board of Trustees approved a full four-year program of teacher training.

The administration had planned to apply for state approval after several students had completed the program and their effectiveness as teachers could be measured on the field. However, in the fall of 1975, state department officials encouraged the Bible College to apply right away. They said that, if state standards were met, the first students to complete the program could be certified.

The entire faculty/administration bent every muscle to complete a massive institutional self-study to be submitted with the application. The 237-page study was finished in early March, 1976, and sent, with the application, to the state Department of Education.

A seven-member examining committee visited the campus March 25-26. After thoroughly inspecting the college, and particularly the teacher training program, they recommended approval of the program, if the college met a few specific recommendations. (See related article on the visit by this committee and some of their comments.)

Having met these recommendations, school officials appeared before the Tennessee State Board of Education on August 6. After confirming that all conditions had been met, the board approved the college's program.

The speed with which approval was secured and the relatively few conditions that the school had to meet testify to the quality of the program and the college's readiness to enter the ministry of teacher training. "Some may think that we started on this program only recently," President L. C. Johnson said. "In a sense we began working toward it when Free Will Baptist Bible College committed itself to quality Christian education for the denomination's workers."

The college family thanks God for opening this new door through which will pass qualified teachers for our Free Will Baptist day schools.



## Examining Committee "Impressed"



The process of getting state approval for Free Will Baptist Bible College's teacher training program took nearly a year. Several steps spanned the period between the initial decision in the fall of 1975 to apply for state approval and the granting of that approval on August 6, 1976. Probably the most critical of those steps was a two-day visit to the campus by an examining team appointed by the State Department of Education.

This seven-member team was responsible to check both the college and the teacher training program, to be certain that state standards were met. The inspection included everything from the buildings to the school's financial structure.

The only way such a thorough inspection could be carried out in two days was for college personnel first to do a self-study of the school and to turn over their findings to the examining committee. The self-study was a massive project. It involved virtually every teacher and staff worker on campus, and required several months. All of the findings were bound into a 237-page report. The report was sent to members of the examining team prior to their visit. The team later referred to this self-study in their report to the Commissioner of Education, commending the college "for the accuracy and thoroughness of the required documentary self-study . . ."

The examining committee visited the campus March 25-26, 1976. Its members included two professors of education from Middle Tennessee State University and Belmont College, an elementary school teacher from Nashville, a specialist in elementary grades from the Tennessee State Department of Education, a senior education student from David Lipscomb College and two representatives from the Division of Teacher Education and Certification.

During their two days on campus, members of the

team sat in on classes, visited with teachers and students, examined records, and shared in all the facets of life at Free Will Baptist Bible College. What was their opinion? They were impressed.

The campus and buildings impressed them. They commented on the cleanliness and excellent condition in which both older and newer buildings were maintained. Members of the team could scarcely believe that some buildings were as old as they are.

The team was also impressed by the faculty. Those who visited classes were favorably impressed by the competence of the teachers. Others spoke of the faculty's "commitment" to their work.

But, above all, they were impressed by the students. At the close of the first day of examination, a member of the team went home and phoned her mother. "All is not lost," she told her. "There is still a place where there are young people who are wholesome and happy!"

The student who was on the team said that, as a student herself, she was most impressed by the students at Free Will Baptist Bible College—their appearance, courtesy and happiness.

After interviewing the eight seniors who were completing the elementary education program, one of the examiners suggested that they be hired by the college's Public Relations Department. Another said he would be glad to think that the seniors from his school were as fine as these.

When the committee concluded its visit, it made six recommendations. These dealt with faculty training and experience, purchase of additional laboratory equipment, and the placement of students for practice teaching—all of which have since been met by the college. But the committee took pains to stress that they did not want to change Free Will Baptist Bible College. They were pleased by what they had found and wanted it to



remain. One team member, after expressing confidence that the college could meet the recommendations without being swayed from its Christian commitment, said that if gaining the teacher education program would detract from the college, it would be better for the school not to have the program.

In summary, the members of the examining committee testified, both by their individual comments and in their report to the State Department of Education,

that Free Will Baptist Bible College is an outstanding institution. Academically, they found the school solid. But they were also impressed by the Christian dedication of the teachers and students, in a day when standards in most schools have sunk to an all-time low.

Free Will Baptist Bible College has never shaped its standards or its programs to gain the world's applause. But, when confronted by an institution where the training is excellent and people are happy, even the world takes note.



## Why Teacher Preparation at a Bible College?

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

When the founding fathers of Free Will Baptist Bible College wrote its charter, they defined the objective of the school as: "... the equipment of Christian workers, teachers, ministers, and missionaries of both sexes for Christian service."

I am not sure who originally penned those words, or what he meant by "teachers." My guess is he meant teachers for the churches. I can only wonder whether the first Board of Trustees envisioned a day when we would be preparing *school* teachers.

Anticipated or not, that day has come. Why? Does a program of teacher preparation fit the purpose of a Bible college? Are we wandering from that original objective in the college's charter?

We are fully convinced that the new program in elementary education is in perfect harmony with the one basic and original purpose of Free Will Baptist Bible College. That purpose is to prepare "Christian workers ... for Christian service."

True, we have not always had a serious intention of

beginning a program for school teachers. The thing that brought us to it was the Christian day school movement. What happened is simple: churches began operating schools.

No doubt most of the church world and the educational world were caught off guard by the rapid multiplication of Christian schools during the past few years. Some observers say integration caused it all. Many of us think the deterioration of discipline and the dominance of a secular and humanistic educational philosophy had more to do with it.

Whatever the motivation, the fact is that operating schools came to be accepted as a valid part of the church's activity. And teaching in those schools therefore becomes an important kind of Christian service, a spiritual and church-related ministry.

That's where Free Will Baptist Bible College comes in. We exist for no other reason than to prepare young people to serve Christ and His church. Teachers in church schools are as much "Christian workers" as





anybody.

Free Will Baptist churches, you see, went into this business right along with others. A few years ago there was not a single elementary or high school operated by Free Will Baptists. Today there are dozens, and more are expected. The need for prepared teachers simply exploded on us.

In fact, these schools—Free Will Baptist and others—have hired our students like a sponge soaks up water. They wanted our graduates whether they were prepared to teach or not. More than 60 of the 295 graduates from 1970 through 1975 were employed to teach in more than 20 schools. And this in spite of the fact that these 60 had only an average of eight semester hours each in education courses (eight as compared to our present 47-hour education major). In response to a survey, the principals of these schools unanimously encouraged us to complete the teacher preparation program. The principals said that only schools like ours could meet their needs.

**A**dd to that demand the desire of many of our students to minister in this way. A poll of our students last year (500+) showed that 90 were interested in teaching. Of last year's graduates, eight completed the new education major, the first ones to be able to do so. More than 20 others expressed some interest in teaching.

None of this means we will object if some of our graduates teach in public schools. We certainly hope all is not lost in the public schools of our country. If some graduates choose the public school as the arena of their Christian service, we will rejoice in them, too. But it was the need of our own churches that moved us into this field of education. We responded to their call for help.

And this is what we told the Tennessee State Department of Education, honestly and openly. I want to conclude this article with a lengthy quotation from the *Report of Self Study* we presented to the State Department last spring.

*The college administration does not sympathize with any effort that might be made by private school administrators to hire sub-standard teachers. If Christian day schools are to avoid successfully some of the criticisms that have been levelled against them, teachers must be properly*

*prepared. The Christian philosophy provides no excuse for shoddy academic standards. Herein lies the raison d'être for a program of teacher preparation at the college: to provide thoroughly prepared, certified teachers for Christian day schools.*

College officials realize there is an excess of prepared teachers above job openings in many areas, and have no desire to add to that congestion. Naturally, there will be students at the college who plan to teach in the public schools, and the college is keenly interested in these. Formerly, these have had to transfer to other colleges to pursue a certified program. Primarily, however, the college's program has been added to prepare teachers for Christian schools, and with the conviction that Christian day school teachers ought to be just as well prepared as their counterparts in public schools. The most obvious way to ensure such general equality is to submit this program of teacher preparation to the discipline of the state's system for certifying teachers.

Christian day school administrators will not generally be employing teachers prepared in the public universities. The survey of administrators reported in chapter two of this study produced a unanimous expression on their part that colleges like Free Will Baptist Bible College ought to have a program of teacher preparation, and that they prefer to employ graduates of such a program because they will be better prepared for their needs than the graduates of regular colleges. Experience over the past several years shows that these administrators will employ these graduates whether they are fully prepared to teach or not. The college considers it has an obligation to ensure that such graduates are well prepared to teach. Implicit in this sense of obligation is the acknowledgement that Christian day school operation is a valid activity of the church. Consequently, the college, as a Bible college committed to the preparation of various kinds of Christian workers, has a valid interest in preparing students to teach in these schools.



Dr. Robert Picirilli





## Nat. Association Elects Trustees

Two former Bible College trustees were returned to the school's board and one new member elected at the annual meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Tulsa, July 12-15.

Rev. Randy Cox and Rev. Tom Malone were returned to the board and Rev. Dann Patrick was elected to serve his first six-year term.

Rev. Cox, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C., served on the trustee board 1962-74. He is a 1958 FWBBC graduate.

Rev. Malone pastors the First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, Ala. He graduated from the college in 1963 and served as assistant director of development 1969-71. He was on the trustee board 1974-76.

Rev. Patrick, a 1969 FWBBC graduate, pastors the Randall Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

Their terms of service will expire in 1982.

Other members of the FWBBC trustee board are: (Terms expire 1978) Bobby Floars, Goldsboro, N.C.; Rev. William Mishler, Johnston City, Ill.; Rev. Ben Scott, N. Little Rock, Ark.; (Terms expire 1980) Rev. Richard Cordell, Guin, Ala.; Delmer Priest, Glendale, Ariz.; Rev. Bill Robinson, Columbus, Miss.

## Two Receive Degrees

Two teachers received advanced degrees in August.

Mary Ruth Wisheart received her Ph.D. August 14 from George Peabody College for teachers, majoring in English and with a Spanish minor.

Mark Johnson received his M.Ed. from Middle Tennessee State University. His area of study was Health, Recreation, Physical Education and Safety.

## North Carolina Laymen Give \$100,000

Three North Carolina laymen recently made substantial gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College, totaling nearly \$100,000, according to Public Relations Director Paul J. Ketteyman. They are Bobby Floars, from Goldsboro; Vernon Laughinghouse, from New Bern; and R. A. McLamb, from Dunn.

Mr. Floars, a trustee of the college since 1974, gave the school 30 shares of stock, valued at approximately \$40,000. He is a member of Faith Free Will Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Frank Davenport. Floars told President L. C. Johnson how God had blessed his life and work since he became a Christian. God's goodness, he said, placed a great stewardship responsibility upon him.

Mr. Laughinghouse, a member of Pleasant Acres Free Will Baptist Church, made a gift of \$5,600 to the college. A retired farmer who has been a Christian only a few years, he also testified to God's goodness. His pastor is Rev. Larry Stevens.

Mr. McLamb, whose gift was reported in the July/August BUL-

LETIN, gave the college land valued at approximately \$50,000.

Such sacrificial gifts, large and small, have met Free Will Baptist Bible College's needs for 34 years, and will always be vital to the school's existence.

## Principals To Meet

The Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Christian Day Schools will meet on campus November 2-4 to conduct business, sponsor workshops, and interview FWBBC students for possible teaching positions, according to Lorenza Stox, president.

The program of workshops this year includes "Financing the Christian School Program," "Standards in the Christian School," "Selecting Textbooks and Curriculum," and a discussion on the problems facing church-related schools and sources of help.

The Fellowship, which represents about 25 member schools, has followed with interest the Bible College's progress toward an approved program of teacher training.

## Pegram Conducts Campus Revival



Rev. Pegram

Rev. Don Pegram, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., conducted the fall campus revival at the Bible College, September 15-19. His "higher ground" messages challenged the entire college family and moved numbers of students to rededicate their lives to Jesus Christ.

Rev. Pegram, called to preach at age 16, attended FWBBC 1956-62. His pastorates have included churches in Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio, and Virginia. His revival/Bible conference ministry ranges over 19 states.

The campus revival is an annual event and is sponsored by Ministerial Fellowship, an organization of ministerial students.





## 543 Enrolled

# College Begins 35th Year

Free Will Baptist Bible College began its 35th year, August 24-25, enrolling 543 students from 27 states and three foreign countries, according to figures released by the registrar's office. This is a slight increase over last year's first semester enrollment.

A distinct enrollment surge occurred among dormitory students, and especially campus women who now fill three dormitories. This increase was partially offset by a drop in the number of married students.

Bible colleges across America are growing, most at a faster rate than other types of colleges, according to the American Association of Bible Colleges. The AABC also reports that the number of Bible colleges is growing, with more than 400 now operating in the U.S. and Canada.

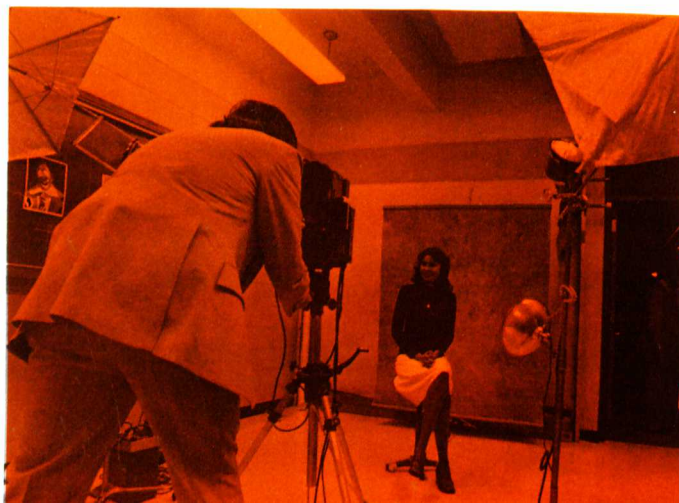
At Free Will Baptist Bible College, ministerial and missionary students continue to comprise a healthy proportion of the student body. This year 162 are preparing for the ministry and 31 for the mission field.

New students, attending the college for the first time, number 195. By sexes, the student body divides into 236 women and 307 men. There are 156 married and 387 single students.

Classes break down as follows: 188 freshmen, 142 sophomores, 99 juniors, 77 seniors, and 37 special students.

The following totals enrolled from various states and foreign countries:

Alabama .....	42	Mississippi .....	16
Arizona .....	1	Missouri .....	15
Arkansas .....	15	North Carolina .....	115
California .....	5	Ohio .....	23
Florida .....	23	Oklahoma .....	4
Georgia .....	26	Pennsylvania .....	2
Hawaii .....	6	South Carolina .....	21
Illinois .....	26	Tennessee .....	89
Indiana .....	16	Texas .....	7
Iowa .....	2	Virginia .....	25
Kansas .....	1	West Virginia .....	13
Kentucky .....	9	Wyoming .....	4
Maine .....	1	Brazil .....	2
Maryland .....	4	France .....	1
Michigan .....	27	Japan .....	2







Rev. Crawford



Mrs. Riddle, Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. Crawford

## 1976-77 Faculty-Staff Changes Announced

Four have joined the Bible College faculty/staff and two have left as the college began its 35th year August 24. The new workers are Rev. Robert Crawford, who will serve as a public relations assistant; Mrs. Robert Crawford, who will serve as dean of women; Mrs. Lillian Huffman, who recently joined the Teacher Education Department; and Mrs. Barbara Riddle, who will direct the women's physical education program. Mrs. Louis Nicholas and Dr. Douglas Simpson have concluded their teaching ministries for the college.

Rev. Crawford, born in Alabama, has been a pastor for more than 40 years and has served Free Will Baptists in the denomination's highest post. He graduated from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa with the B.A. degree in 1937. He studied for two years at Vanderbilt Divinity School on a three-year scholarship, declining to continue for the final year. In 1943 he was elected executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He held the office for five years. His pastorates, starting in 1935, have included churches in Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas, and Florida. Crawford has carried on a rich ministry, including leadership in various ministerial associations, chaplain of fire and police departments, and an effective hospital ministry. At the Bible College, he will work with Public Relations Director Paul Ketteman to present the ministry of Christian education to Free Will Baptists.

Mrs. Crawford, from Ashland City, Tenn., has faithfully served as pastor's wife for 31 years and has been an active teacher, nurse, and participant in denominational affairs. She attended Austin Peay State University and Middle Tennessee State Teachers College. For eight years she taught in the Cheatham County public school system. Mrs. Crawford earned her B.S. in nursing in 1943 at Vanderbilt University, and worked for two years in the university hospital. She served one year with the Visiting Nurse Service in New York and worked as head nurse in hospitals in Greenville, N.C. and Chipley, Fla. Her denominational activities include service as president of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and as a writer of WNAC and vacation Bible school programs. She has been a sponsor of scripture memorization with Bible Memory Association International for 20 years. Rev. and Mrs. Crawford have two children, Elizabeth Austin and Robert Barrett.

Mrs. Huffman, a native of Providence, R.I., has been nationally honored as a teacher and has acquired a wealth of experience in public and Christian schools. She attended William Jennings Bryan College and earned her B.S. in education at Taylor University in 1956. In 1963 she completed her M.A. program at San Jose State University and earned her elementary administrator's credentials at California State College at Hayward. She has completed residence study toward her Ed.D. in

general administration at the University of Northern Colorado. Her 18 years of teaching experience include work in various public schools, at East Columbia Christian Schools in South Carolina, for colleges in Colorado and Pennsylvania, with physically handicapped children, and as a remedial reading instructor. In 1974 she was honored among the Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America. She and her husband, Durward, have two children, Donald Durward and Heather Lynn.

Mrs. Riddle, from Decatur, Ga., earned her B.A. at Carson-Newman College in 1970. She served as president of the Calliopean Society and as vice president of her senior class. She later attended Tennessee Technological University where she earned her M.A. in physical education in 1974 and an M.A. in special education in 1975. She was a student representative on the Graduate Advisory Committee and did graduate research for the college of education. She has taught in the Cocke County school system in Tennessee and in the Lebanon, Tenn., city schools. She and her husband, John, now live near Nashville.

Sarah Lacey Nicholas has taught organ at Free Will Baptist Bible College since 1957. She and her husband, Louis, long a music columnist for the Nashville *Tennessean*, have been deeply involved in the city's rich music life. Though retired from the faculty, Mrs. Nicholas will continue to work with the college students who began their music studies under her instruction.

Dr. Douglas Simpson served on the Bible College faculty for six years between 1965 and 1976. He taught primarily in the Teacher Education Department. He has resigned from the faculty to accept a position at Tennessee State University.

We continue to thank God for a Christian faculty—for those who have served, are serving, and will serve in the great ministry of Christian education.



Dr. Thigpen



## Dean Suffers Two Heart Attacks

Dr. Charles Thigpen, academic dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College is recovering normally from heart surgery performed in Nashville September 9. An arterial bypass was done after the dean suffered two heart attacks, both described as "mild," on August 10 and August 17.

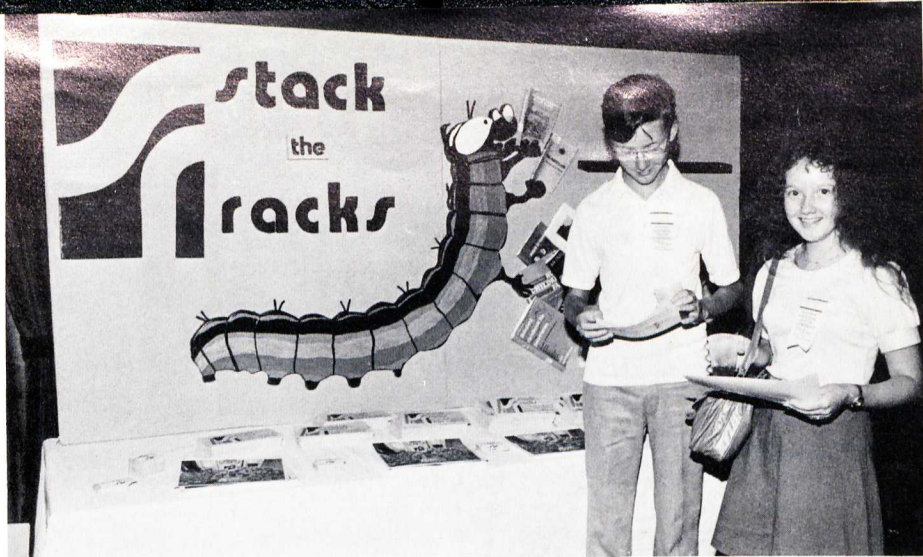
Dr. Thigpen's many duties have been temporarily shouldered by other administrators and teachers. He is expected to spend most of first semester recuperating.

Thigpen, 50, joined the Bible College faculty in 1948 as teacher and dean of men. He served as registrar, 1951-53, before returning to the pastorate. In 1957 he rejoined the faculty as dean.

A native of Olanta, S.C., he served as moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists from 1954-60.

He earned his B.A. at Bob Jones College in 1947, his M.A. at Winona Lake School of Theology in 1953, and received his D.A. from Middle Tennessee State University last December.

Dr. and Mrs. Thigpen have four children; Jonathan, Laura, Ann and Ruth.



Two delegates examine "Stack the Racks" display at CTS meeting in Tulsa.

## Youth Conference Votes To "Stack Racks"

The National Free Will Baptist Youth Conference voted to "Stack the Racks" for the Bible College's Welch Library, at its annual meeting in Tulsa, July 10-14. The drive aims at a goal of \$10,000 for library books to be raised by July, 1977.

The campaign was presented to the Youth Conference delegates by FWBBC Public Relations Director Paul Kettelman. The presentation included a slide program on the college, with special emphasis on the Welch Library, and a chal-

lenge by Mr. Kettelman.

Three award levels have been set in the drive: Bronze Award, Silver Award, and Gold Award. Award certificates will be sent to local CTS groups as they reach the \$50-, \$100-, and \$250-levels.

Brochures and other promotional materials are available from the college. Write:

"Stack the Racks"

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

## Auxiliaries Give \$5,600 on Book Drive

Woman's Auxiliaries gave over \$5,600 to the FWBBC Library Project between November, 1975 and August, 1976, according to Librarian Judy Shrewsbury and records in the college business office. Mississippi auxiliaries, led by Mrs. Luther Gibson and Miss Eva House, have set a blistering pace in the drive, collecting more than \$1,700

and underwriting the purchase of more than 250 new books. Tennessee auxiliaries have also supported the drive generously.

School officials and the students who use the books are grateful to the many women who have supported and continue to support the Library Project.



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Carl Hinz, youth director of the Johnston City (Ill.) FWB Church, with his wife, Kay, and their son, Kyle, recently toured the campus with some of his young people.



This group of young people from North Carolina visited the Bible College last spring in a tour planned by Ronald Creech, the state's evangelist.



by Bert Tippet

The welcome mat is officially out at Free Will Baptist Bible College for groups of young people to visit the campus. Already buses, vans, and cars from several states have begun rolling up to 3606 West End Avenue to spill their youthful contents across the campus for one- and two-day visits.

In the past, group visits were mostly limited to the spring Bible Conference. But pastors, youth directors, and state denominational workers have begun to schedule more and more campus visits while regular classes are in



session, a move welcomed by FWBBC officials.

Reasons for the shift are numerous. Small visiting groups can be welcomed and accommodated better individually than when they are mixed with the 1,500-plus that attend Bible Conference. Classes, Chapel, and dorm life can be sampled more naturally during normal school activities. Also, there are more opportunities for visiting young people to mix with FWBBC students when visits are scheduled at times other than during Bible Conference. This feature, according to Rodney Whaley, youth director at Peace FWB Church, Wilson, N.C., was one of the greatest benefits to the young people he recently brought to Nashville. "The experience of being with Bible College students meant even more than seeing the buildings and visiting the classes," he commented.

Other visitors confirm the impact of students on visiting young people. They often describe them as "friendly," "kind," and "considerate." And, not unpredictably, one young lady from North Carolina, in a summary of her impressions, gushed, "I really enjoyed meeting all the students, and especially the boys!"

Bible College administrators, with sponsoring pastors and encouraging parents, recognize that some of the young people who visit the campus will eventually enroll as students. Others will not. Either way, a constructive purpose has been achieved. By seeing what Free Will Baptist Bible College is like and the kind of students that choose it, high school young people can intelligently decide if this is what they want in a college.

An office at the college has been set up to schedule and arrange for visiting groups. In addition to planning for rooms, meals, and classroom visits, this office offers materials helpful in planning a tour of Nashville's sights.

Do you know some young people you would like to see enrolled at FWBBC someday? Why not plan a campus visit with them? Whether the group is small or large, you will find college officials eager to help you plan your trip. For an information packet or tentative scheduling, write Tom Sass, in care of the college.

The welcome mat is definitely out at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Students and teachers hope that you will be among those who step across it soon.







TRUSTEES: (front row) Delmer Priest, Richard Cordell, Bill Robinson, Randy Cox, President L. C. Johnson, William Mishler, (back row) Ben Scott, Dann Patrick, Tom Malone, Bobby Floars.

## Trustees Meet, Note General Fund Growth

The Bible College's Board of Trustees held its semi-annual meeting on campus October 19-20 and made a general review of the school's programs and operation, according to President L. C. Johnson.

The following items were noted by the trustees:

- General Fund giving is up considerably over the same period last year, but the increase is being largely offset by increasing costs.
- A wrap-up date of July, 1977, has

been set for underwriting the Missouri Project and the North Carolina Project, on behalf of the Development Program. Rev. Jack Paramore will promote the N.C. Project, with promotion of the Mo. Project to be handled by the college administration.

- A committee is drawing up guidelines leading toward the possible establishment of an Alumni Affairs Office.

All trustees were present for the meeting. The board's annual meeting will take place on campus in May.



Willie Sumerlin, from Greenville, N.C., rolls up his sleeve to help in the Bible College's blood drive.

## 162 Volunteers Counted In Campus Blood Drive

Over 160 Bible College students volunteered to give blood in the college's first Red Cross Bloodmobile drive, held on campus September 17. Productive donors totaled 130, with 122 students giving blood for the first time.

The Red Cross workers set up their equipment in the Patton House Speech Classroom. Students kept the workers busy from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Though short of the 150 productive donors hoped for, the drive was termed a success by Miss Jan Yarbrough, Blood Program Coordinator. In a letter to the college, she says, "... thanks for a wonderful first operation on campus ... I trust that this is the beginning of a long and productive association between our two institutions."

The Bloodmobile has been scheduled to return to the campus February 8.

Ricky Cash, a senior from Millport, Ala., gives out tracts at the Metro Workhouse.



## Student Witnessing Increases

Bible College students witnessed to 3,448 people during September and October, distributed over 13,000 tracts, and saw 837 people make decisions of salvation or rededication, according to the school's Christian Service Department. Increases were noted in the number of tracts given out, up nearly 3,000 from the year before, and in the number

of people saved, up 123.

Dr. Joseph Ange, Christian Service director, reports that students are witnessing every week on one of 72 groups or on some individual service assignment.

Free Will Baptists are urged to pray for the witnessing efforts of Bible College students, as they practice what they preach.

## Seven States Respond

## National Youth Project Gifts Mounting Toward \$10,000-Goal

"Stack the Racks" gifts have come in from seven states since the drive to buy library books was launched in July. Horton Heights FWB Church in Nashville became the first church to receive the three bronze, silver, and gold awards for gifts to the project.

The project was adopted by the CTS Department's National Youth Conference at its meeting in Tulsa. The target is \$10,000, to be raised by next July.

Information on "Stack the Racks" may be requested from and gifts sent to the Bible College.





Officers from 60 Tennessee chapters of Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization of business students, met in the college's Ennis Academic Building.

## Tennessee Business Students Meet on Campus

## FWBBC Still Offers More For Less

An education at Free Will Baptist Bible College is still a bargain, according to a comparison between FWBBC's costs and figures released in the June, 1976, issue of *College Entrance Examination Board News*.

The following chart shows the average 1976-77 nine-month cost to attend various types of institutions:

	Dorm Student	Town Student
4-year Private Inst.	\$4,568	\$2,329
4-year Public Inst.	\$2,790	\$ 621
FWBBC	\$2,185	\$1,020

The public institution costs are for in-state or in-district students. Out-of-state or out-of-district students can pay from \$100 to \$1,500 more, depending on the college.

A survey conducted in New York by Citicorp points up the potential financial strain college places on the family. Though over 80 percent of the parents polled felt that a college education was essential, a third of them expect to face "extreme financial hardship" when the time comes to send their children to college.

Of course, students who choose FWBBC should not do so solely on the basis of cost. The school has always appealed to those who are serious about training to serve God. However, it is apparent that FWBBC is offering that training at the lowest possible cost to those who choose it.



FWBBC Quartet includes (front) Bobby Sebastian, Randy Settle, Randy Carr, (back) Sam Postlewaite, Ricky Polston.

## New College Quartet Reports Good Services

The new Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartet has been busy holding services in Illinois, Missouri, Alabama, North Carolina, and Tennessee, according to Paul Ketteman, director of public relations.

The members of the group are Ricky Polston, a freshman from Nashville, Tenn.; Sam Postlewaite, a junior from Little Rock, Ark.; Bobby Sebastian, a freshman from Wilson, N.C.; and Randy Settle, a sophomore from Aberdeen, Md. Randy Carr, a sophomore from Montgomery, Ala., plays piano for the quartet.

Response to their services has been good and the group reports that the Lord has blessed during their travels.

Pastors who wish to arrange quartet services may contact Mr. Ketteman, in care of the college.

The college's Phi Beta Lambda business club hosted a statewide workshop on campus October 30. Some 60 business students from 15 Tennessee chapters of the national business club met to explore the theme, "Promote Phi Beta Lambda."

Arrangements for the meeting were directed by Miss Phyllis Rivers, advisor to the campus club, and Cathy Sanders, president of FWBBC's Lambda Zeta chapter.

Mr. Donald Hampton, state PBL advisor, commented on the refreshments, meeting rooms, decorations, and lunch provided for the workshop, and said that the meeting "set an example for future workshops."

## Students This Year From 267 Churches

It has long been known at Free Will Baptist Bible College that the young people who choose the school usually come from churches where it is presented and promoted regularly. Year after year, the names of some churches appear again and again as new students list their home churches on enrollment cards.

A recent survey shows that the 544 students in school this year come from 264 churches in 26 states and three in foreign countries.

Students came from more churches in North Carolina—54—than any other state. Tennessee ranks second, with students from 52 churches.

The following list is those churches who have five or more students enrolled at FWBBC this year:

Anderson First (Ind.)	5
Bethel (Ill.)	5
Bethany (Va.)	7
Central (Mich.)	12
Cofer's Chapel (Tenn.)	15
Donelson (Tenn.)	5
Dothan (Ala.)	9
Faith (N.C.)	7
Forestdale (Ala.)	5
Liberty (N.C.)	8
Parker's Chapel (N.C.)	5
Peace (N.C.)	10
Perryman (Md.)	5
Randall Memorial (Tenn.)	7
Waipahu (Ha.)	6
Westerville (Oh.)	6
Woodbine (Tenn.)	7





Who's Who seniors: (front row) John Rhodes, Greg Kettelman, Anita Clark, Carol Reid, Kathy Raper, (back row) Garnett Reid, Steve Cannon, Ricky Cash, June Lytle, Sandra Tucker, Becky Floyd, Pam Nations. Not shown, Nate Ange.

## Seniors Chosen For "Who's Who" Honors



Thirteen seniors at Free Will Baptist Bible College will be included in the 1977 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Their selection was made by vote of the faculty and included such criteria as scholarship, leadership, and potential for future service.

The following seniors were selected for this honor:

Nate Joseph Ange	Nashville, TN
Howard Stephen Cannon	Elizabethton, TN
Ricky Wayne Cash	Millport, AL
Anita Clark	Newport, AR
Rebecca Marie Floyd	Elizabethton, TN
Paul Gregory Kettelman	Nashville, TN
June Elaine Lytle	Swannanoa, NC
Pamela Gail Nations	Beckville, TX
Linda Kathleen Raper	Greeneville, TN
Carol Kettelman Reid	Nashville, TN
Garnett Hugh Reid	Nashville, TN
John Luther Rhodes	Granite City, IL
Sandra Denise Tucker	Huntsville, AL

A certificate honoring this achievement will be given to each Who's Who senior at Commencement Exercises in May.



Dr. Thigpen

## Dean's Recovery Continues

Dr. Charles Thigpen, the Bible College's dean, continues to improve following two heart attacks and heart surgery. His doctor has increased the Dean's daily work schedule to six hours and has allowed him to return to the pulpit occasionally.

On November 17 Dr. Thigpen preached his first message since his illness, speaking in campus chapel services.

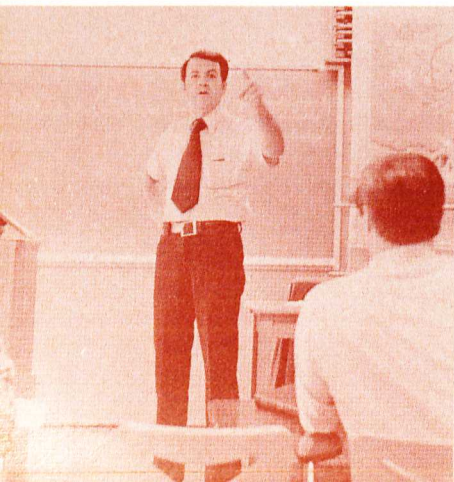
Concerning his illness and recuperation, he says, "Through all of this God has taught me many precious lessons about His abiding faithfulness, His matchless love and grace, the longsuffering patience of a devoted family, and the outstanding value of loyal friends."

## Teachers and Students Enjoy "World of Music" Fall Banquet

Bible College students and teachers were wafted, musically, from country to country at the school's fall banquet, held October 15 in the college's cafeteria. The theme was "World of Music."

Students, teachers and guests performed numbers from Scotland, Germany, Spain, France, and Japan, as well as songs representative of the United States. Leading roles in the program were held by Dick Martin, from Oak Park, Mich., and Glenda Sutton, from Gastonia, N.C. Student performers were Sam Postlewaite, from Little Rock, Ark. and Doug Little, from Ashland Ky. Abe Baerg, Verlene Baerg, and Faye Thompson, members of the college's music faculty, were also on the program.

The college plans to hold its second semester banquet on February 11.



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