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Our Place in the Accreditation Picture

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

Is Free Will Baptist Bible College "fully accredited"?

The answer is "yes." But the subject isn't quite as simple as the answer.

For one thing, "accreditation" means different things to different people. Restaurants are graded, lawyers are admitted to the bar, doctors are licensed—all these are forms of "accreditation." You read about "accredited" hospitals, psychiatrists, auto service centers, and insurance agents. Accreditation refers to any organized program of approval, whether of businesses, professionals, institutions or otherwise.

In other words, if students have to work to achieve good grades, so do schools. And in the field of college accreditation, Free Will Baptist Bible College has earned an "A."

Another thing that complicates the picture is this: important changes in educational accreditation have taken place in the last few years. These changes affect Free Will Baptist Bible College. The purpose of this article is to explain these changes to our constituency, and to bring the whole accreditation picture up to date.

Many Types and Levels of Accreditation

Even in the field of education, there are different

types and levels of accreditation. For example, some states have Boards of Regents that grant "accreditation" to institutions operating in that state.

In Tennessee, this is done in two ways. For one thing, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, just two years ago, was given the responsibility of authorizing colleges to operate. Free Will Baptist Bible College, because of its national accreditation (more about that below), along with the state universities and other accredited colleges, was exempted from having to justify its program to the Commission and was automatically recognized as accredited. For another thing, the Director of Admissions at The University of Tennessee rates all institutions in the state to show how their credits will transfer to the University. Free Will Baptist Bible College has the highest rating that is given, an "A," which means that all our credits can be transferred to the University without any limitations and without any validation required. So far as we know, all other colleges in Tennessee will follow the practice indicated by that "A" rating.

In passing, also noteworthy is the fact that the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers publishes, each year, a *Report of Credit Given*. This *Report* prints the ratings of each college in its own state, and is used by college registrars and admissions officers all across the nation to guide them in determining transfer credit. Free Will Baptist Bible College's "A" rating is printed in that report; consequently, most colleges everywhere will do the same thing that The University of Tennessee does.

Another type of "accreditation" important to us is the approval of our teacher education program. This development, which took place last August, means that

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Free Will Baptist Bible College is approved as a teacher preparation college by the Tennessee State Department of Education. The students who graduate from our state-approved program are fully certified to teach in public schools.

Accredited, In The Best Sense

But all the things mentioned above, though they are forms of "accreditation," are not what people usually mean when they speak of "accredited colleges." Free Will Baptist Bible College is also accredited in the best sense of the word.

This accreditation reflects the fact that there is a nationally recognized accreditation superstructure that is built around several accrediting organizations that come together in the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA). In its present form, this Council was organized just two years ago. Previously, there were two national organizations, the Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions for Higher Education and the National Commission on Accreditation. These two were merged, in January 1975, into the present COPA. The purpose of this merging was to unite under one umbrella all the nationally recognized accrediting agencies.

In the COPA structure, there are two kinds of accrediting agencies recognized: (1) Institutional accrediting agencies, that accredit whole institutions, and (2) Professional (or Programmatic) accrediting agencies, that accredit certain courses of study or programs within institutions. As an example of the second, there is the American Medical Association, which accredits programs for preparing doctors, but not the institutions that sponsor these programs. Likewise, the National

Commission for the Accreditation of Teacher Education accredits programs for teacher education in some colleges, but does not accredit the colleges. There are dozens of such professional accrediting agencies.

Especially important, therefore, is the fact that only a few accrediting agencies are recognized in COPA for the accreditation of whole institutions. These few are, precisely, six regional accrediting agencies and four other nationally recognized accrediting agencies. The American Association of Bible Colleges, which accredits Free Will Baptist Bible College, is one of these Institutional accrediting agencies. COPA by-laws provide that the accreditation performed by any one member-agency of the Council shall be recognized by all other member-agencies.

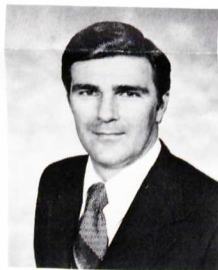
This means that—since the formation of COPA, which has officially approved the American Association of Bible Colleges—Free Will Baptist Bible College is regarded as fully accredited, in the best sense of the word, and our accrediting agency is an active member of the nationally recognized accrediting superstructure. If there are any colleges left, anywhere, that will not give full transfer credit for all our courses, they cannot justly refuse on the grounds that we are not accredited. We are.

In summary, Free Will Baptist Bible College has won academic recognition and respect, achieving full approval by the academic community in every way that approval has ever been sought.

I believe this is one more reason Free Will Baptist people can put their confidence in Free Will Baptist Bible College and in its striving for spiritual and academic excellence under the blessing of God.



Dunbar



Hudson

Speakers Announced For Conference

Special music and special preaching will make the college's 1977 Bible Conference, March 13-17, a spiritual feast for an anticipated 1,200 students, college personnel, and visitors. Speakers will be Rev. Galen Dunbar, from Norfolk, Virginia, and Rev. Van Dale Hudson, from Amory, Mississippi. Rev. Paul F. Hall, from Chocowinity, North Carolina, will serve as guest

song leader and soloist.

Rev. Dunbar is a 1955 Bible College graduate, has pastored in five states, including currently the Bethany FWB Church, and is active on all levels of denominational work.

Rev. Hudson is one of the denomination's busiest evangelists. He graduated from FWBBC in 1965 and has since held over 400 revivals.

Rev. Hall, pastor of the Union Chapel FWB Church, graduated from FWBBC in 1964 and has served as minister of music for churches in North Carolina and Michigan.

Messages will also be brought by Rev. Leroy Forlines, Rev. Ralph Hampton, and President L. C. Johnson, members of the college administration and faculty.

The college Music Department will provide special music.

Pray for and, if possible, plan to attend this, the Bible College's 34th annual, Bible Conference.

Enrollment Record Set Second Semester

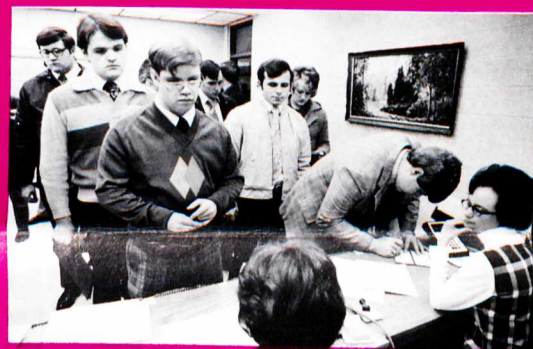
Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled a record number of second semester students in early January, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Registrar. Second semester registration was 511, bringing the total for the year to 619.

The Registrar attributed the new record to the large number of first semester students who returned. "This semester's enrollment percentage, compared to first semester's, is the best we have seen in quite a while," he told the faculty. Fifty-eight new students joined the first semester returnees.

Another record was set this year as more students than at any time in the school's history lived on campus, accentuating the need for continued expansion.

Ministerial and missionary students continue to make up a healthy proportion of the student body. This year 188 men were preparing to preach and another 22 were preparing for missionary service.

This year's student body comprised 349 men and 270 women. Classes totaled 214 freshmen, 152 sophomores, 111 juniors, 81 seniors, and 61 special students.



College's Summer Interns Look For Sponsoring Churches

From 75 to 100 Bible College students are looking for work in Free Will Baptist churches as part of the school's Summer Internship Program. Dr. Joseph Ange, director of the program, hopes to place these students with experienced pastors in 20 states, spanning the breadth of the denomination.

The Internship Program is to help these future pastors, missionaries, and other Christian workers get on-the-job experience. "In this way," says Dr. Ange, "we hope to point up and correct their faults, strengthen their strong points, and help them to determine the long-range will of God for their lives."

Dr. Ange emphasizes that the Internship Program is not a one-way street—all getting, but no giving. He points to the work past interns have done assisting busy pastors and winning over 380 souls to Christ.

If you will consider sponsoring an intern and would like more information, write:

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



Scene from
"Ten Miles to Jericho"

The College Choir



College Choir, Evangel Players Announce Tour

The College Choir will tour the Detroit area, while the Evangel Players drama team visits churches in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina on spring tours, March 17-27.

The 44-member choir, directed by Abe Baerg, will present a program of songs of praise and hymn arrangements. The program will also feature a 12-voice ensemble, several trios, and a quartet. "Our objective is to convey the gospel and to lift the spirits of the saints," says Baerg.

The Evangel Players, directed by

Joseph Jones, will present two plays. "Ten Miles to Jericho" recreates Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan and applies its teaching to modern times. "He Came Seeing" portrays the blessing of Christ's healing touch on a blind man and the pain of rejection that followed, because of his loyalty to Jesus.

All of the services on both tours will be publicized in the areas they will visit. Plan to attend any service in your area, and pray that God will use and protect those on these tours.

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A Marriage and Family Seminar will be presented on campus February 25-27. Guest speakers for the meeting are Dr. and Mrs. Walter G. Fremont from Greenville, S.C. Dr. Fremont is the Dean of the School of Education at Bob Jones University.

The seminar begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes at noon, Sunday. The event is co-sponsored by The Student Life Committee of the faculty and by Ministerial Fellowship.

The college's 1977 Summer School will offer a variety of studies, with courses spanning two, three, and five weeks. Courses will offer two and three semester hours of credit, but can also be taken without college credit.

The two-week session will run May 17-27 (Saturday class included); the three-week session, May 30-June 17; and the five-week session, May 17-June 17.

The next *BULLETIN* will give full details on Summer School.

This year's Christmas Project—a drive to raise support for the college's general fund—totaled \$5,617.85 brought in by students and school employees. There were 72 who participated in the project.

Paul Kettman, Director of Public Relations, rewarded those who worked on the project by giving a steak supper on January 27 in the college's Cumberland Cafeteria.

Plan now to attend the college's 34th Bible Conference, March 13-17. The Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting during the Conference.

102 Close First Semester On Dean's List

Nearly one student in five completed first semester with an average of "B" or higher, according to figures released recently by the Registrar's office. The semester closed in December with 102 of the school's 544 students on the Dean's List of honor students. The eight who maintained a straight-"A" average over the 18 weeks of classes are especially noteworthy.

By classes, these honor students number 20 seniors, 19 juniors, 33 sophomores, and 30 freshmen.

The following names have been placed on the Dean's List:

"A" HONOR ROLL

Jeff Begley	Sophomore	VA
Suzanne Blevins	Sophomore	TN
Paul Harrison	Sophomore	TN
Joy Kettman	Freshman	TN
Elfrieda Monday	Senior	VA
Jill Nicholson	Sophomore	TN
Garnett Reid	Senior	TN
Branson Woodard	Junior	NC

June Seley	NC
Joel Sensing	TN
Gary Silence	NC
Kevin Walker	TX
Hubert Waller	NC
Eugenia Ward	TN
Billy Warren	TN
Mike Willhite	MO
David Williford	AL

"B" HONOR ROLL

SENIORS

Nate Ange	TN
Sydney Barnes	NC
Ricky Cash	AL
Anita Clark	AR
Sanford Davis	TX
Jim Gallagher	OH
Mark King	IL
Mike Lake	IN
Doug Little	KY
Vernon Long	MO
June Lytle	NC
Jim McClure	MI
Kathy Raper	TN
Mike Rhodes	IL
Terri Salyer	OH
Sandra Tittle	AL
Sandra Tucker	AL
Susan Turnbough	TN

JUNIORS

Dennis Biele	FL
Frank Breedon	ME
Diana Brown	TN
Lynn Davis	NC
Robert Edmonson	PA
Richard Greenup	MO
Vicki Hardesty	AL
Glenn Harlinger	IA
Alvin Hook	MO

Tim Jones	OK
Charlie Lloyd	TN
Don McDonald	TN
Keith Potter	TX
Wanda Rogers	SC
Randy Sawyer	NC
Patricia Sweet	OK
Ronnie Woodard	AL
Jack Zuccarello	TN

SOPHOMORES

Martha Alexander	SC
Lisa Allen	TN
Terry Bailey	TN
Mike Belesky	MI
Bruce Bilbrey	IN
Preston Bryan	TN
Ronnie Byrd	NC
Randy Carr	AL
David Foster	KY
Sam Hersey	Japan
Karen Hollis	AL
Glen Johnson	IN
Pam Latshaw	MI
Susan Mutchler	TN
Lloyd Olsan	TN
Frank Owens	NC
Rick Raspberry	SC
Robin Riggs	NC
David Roach	AR

FRESHMEN

Steve Blanton	GA
Sheila Boyd	TN
Phil Bozeman	AL
Darla Buck	FL
Teresa Burden	VA
James Capshaw	FL
Laurie Carter	NC
Sheila Carter	VA
Sandy England	OH
Wanda Fleming	NC
Tammy Flener	IN
Tammy Floars	NC
James Forlines	TN
Sheila Hollis	AL
Diane Johnson	OK
Philip Johnson	TN
Mary Lincoln	IL
Zoe Mathis	AL
Noreen Nitta	HA
Dawana Payne	IL
Ricky Polston	TN
Delayne Ray	IN
Steve Riggs	TN
Bobby Sebastian	NC
Lewanne Snipes	NC
Janice Stone	SC
Rebecca Thomas	MI
Sarah Walden	MS
Tim Wood	MS



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College Offering Pastors/Workers School, May 16-20



FWBBC Library

Free Will Baptist Bible College will host a five-day Pastors and Workers School, May 16-20, that will feature practical workshops, plenty of time for good fellowship and recreation, all for a very modest cost.

THE PROGRAM

The following seminars will be featured for pastors and other church workers:

PASTORAL COUNSELING, by Rev. Leroy Forlines, FWBBC teacher of Bible/Theology.

YOUTH/MUSIC MINISTRY, by Rev. Blaine Hughes, assistant pastor, Bethany FWB Church, Norfolk, VA.

CHURCH BUILDING/VISITATION, by Rev. Dean Dobbs, pastor, First FWB Church, Dothan, AL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING, ADMINISTRATION, AND OUTREACH, by Rev. Harrold Harrison, Director of Teacher Training, FWB Sunday School Department.

THE PASTOR'S LIBRARY/HOW TO BUILD SERMONS, by Dr. Charles Thigpen, Dean, FWBBC.

Of special interest to pastors' wives and other women, will be:

THE PASTOR'S WIFE AND HOME, by Mrs. Rufus Coffey, FWBBC music faculty, 10 years a pastor's wife.

HEALTH CARE/NUTRITION IN THE PASTOR'S HOME, by Mrs. Robert Crawford, FWBBC Dean of Women, and an RN.

EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN DRAMA IN THE LOCAL CHURCH, by Mrs. Charles Thigpen, FWBBC speech teacher.

Dr. Robert Picirilli, the college's Registrar, will conduct a daily Bible study. Evening services will feature President L. C. Johnson.

The relaxed schedule will afford time for daily recreation on local golf courses and tennis courts. Facilities will be open on the campus for swimming, basketball, ping pong, weight lifting, horse shoes, shuffleboard, and more.

THE COST

"But what will all of this cost?", you ask. Probably a lot less than you are thinking. The entire package, including conference fee, room on campus, and meals in the school's dining hall, is only \$32 per person. There are facilities on campus for couples and individuals. Please bring your own linens (single-bed size), pillow, towels and wash cloths.

For more information, or to make your reservation, write:

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



Hudson



Johnson



Dunbar

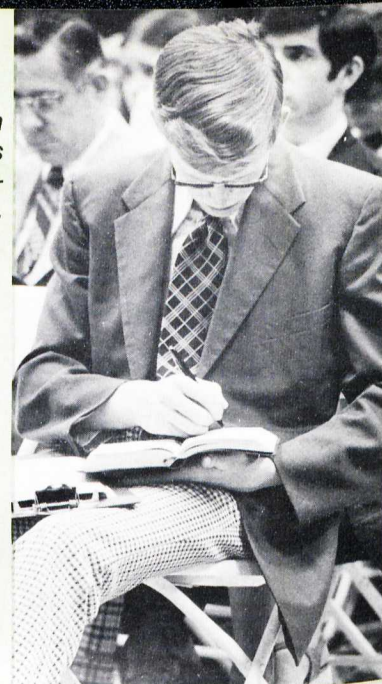


Forlines



Joe Wilson
takes notes
during conference.

Hampton



Conference Crowd Appreciates Good Preaching

On March 13-17, Free Will Baptist Bible College held its annual Bible Conference. This is a brief report on that meeting, and what such a conference says about today's Free Will Baptists.

What does Bible Conference say about Free Will Baptists?

Several things, perhaps, but one thing above all else: Free Will Baptists still love Bible preaching. They will drive hundreds of miles, as Rev. Bob Breeden did from Linneus, Maine, to spend several days listening to it.

Parenthetically, we might add that Free Will Baptists still love the way their own preachers and evangelists proclaim the Word. Of course, there are capable non-Free Will Baptist preachers, but our denomination's men can stand shoulder to shoulder in the pulpit with the best of them. Our people continue to show a distinct preference for our own preachers. Thank God! For it is our own men who will help us to maintain our identity as a denomination.

This year's preachers—Galen Dunbar, Van Dale Hudson, Ralph Hampton, Leroy Forlines, and President L. C. Johnson—distinguished themselves. Their messages were timely and powerful. No one who truly listened could have gone home empty.

Two speakers drew their messages from New Testament epistles. Rev. Dunbar preached from Ephesians and Rev. Hampton from Colossians. Rev. Forlines was eminently practical. He rattled some of our simplistic notions in his sermon on poles of tension in scripture and life, but he left us better equipped to handle our own problems and better qualified to help others with theirs. No one left the conference wondering why Van Dale Hudson is in constant demand as an evangelist. In spite of illness, he preached with authority, moving us frequently from laughter to tears. Dr. Johnson's Wednesday morning message reminded us that Christians

can learn many lessons from God's dealings with the Israelites, as recorded in I Corinthians 10.

The crowds, comprised of students, college personnel, local families and out-of-town guests, were reverently attentive. The number who attended this year's conference was difficult to estimate. The main building held about 1,200 and was frequently full. An auxiliary auditorium, equipped with closed-circuit television, accommodated the overflow. Regardless of the actual number that attended, this conference was clearly one of the most heavily attended in the meeting's history.

No resume of the conference should omit some words of praise for the music. Rev. Paul F. Hall, guest song leader and soloist, was superb. The college's Music Department and other soloists provided special music that was both varied and delightful. Conference guests seemed to appreciate it all, from Rev. Henry Oliver's solo to the "Hallelujah!" chorus, sung by over a hundred students and former students. The music was entertaining, but also enriched the preaching of the Word.

Satellite activities are kept to a minimum during Bible Conference. President Johnson says, "We transact no business at this meeting. We allow nothing to compete with the preaching." None of the extra events scheduled during this year's conference detracted from it. The FWBBC Alumni Association held two meetings. The Freshman Class invited prospective students who were visiting the campus to a program in which they portrayed life at FWBBC. The Evangel Players presented a drama, based on Christ's healing of the boy born blind.

In summary, we can say that the Word was preached, public decisions were made, souls were refreshed, and the fellowship was sweet. Hundreds of Free Will Baptists went home refueled and refreshed. That is what Bible Conference is all about.

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CALENDAR OF CAMPUS EVENTS

- April 16 Junior/Senior Banquet
- April 22 Piano Concert by Enid Katahn, 8:00 PM
- May 5-10 Final Examinations
- May 8 Baccalaureate Service, 8:00 PM
- May 10 Drama Program, 8:00 PM
- May 11 Breakfast for Graduates, 8:15 AM
- May 11 Choral Concert, 8:00 PM
- May 12 Graduation, 10:00 AM



The college observed a day of prayer on campus, March 9, prior to the annual Bible Conference. Students and college personnel reported excellent prayer sessions and renewed commitment to Jesus Christ.



The College Choir and Evangel Players drama team report successful spring tours.

The choir held 13 services in Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky, eight in churches no FWBBC choir had previously visited. Paul Kettelman, Director of Public Relations, says, "The response of the people was good, in spite of snow in the Detroit area that hindered attendance." Offerings exceeded \$7,000.

The Evangel Players also held 13 services, in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. About 40 public decisions crowned their efforts. Gifts total about \$4,500, with offerings from six churches still to be sent to the college.



Two FWBBC freshmen won recognition at a state-wide leadership conference of college business students held in Knoxville in early April. Sonya Evilsizor, from Ohio, placed first in shorthand competition, junior level. Teresa Burden, from Norfolk, Virginia, was elected historian for Tennessee Phi Beta Lambda. Thirteen colleges and universities were represented at the meeting.



Editor Lisa Allen, holds an after-chapel meeting with her staff; Suzanne Blevins, Mary Lincoln, and Burl Brewer.

Tennessean To Edit 1978 Yearbook

Lisa Allen, a sophomore honor student from Memphis, TN, will edit the college's 1978 *LUMEN*. Assisting her will be Suzanne Blevins, a sophomore from Nashville, and Mary Lincoln, a freshman from Granite City, IL. Burl Brewer, a Moss Point, MS sophomore, will be business manager on the project.

Miss Allen, an elementary education major who plans to teach, describes her hopes for the yearbook: "I want the *LUMEN* to accurately represent all the things that go on

at FWBBC and someday to call back good memories for those of us who are students." Her other extracurricular activities include service as a Prayer Captain and sophomore class secretary, and cheerleading for the Bryan Society.

The new staff has begun putting together a 24-page supplement to the 1977 *LUMEN* in preparation for tackling the 1978 book. The supplement will be completed in May and published this summer.

Touring Groups Visit Campus in Record Numbers

Prospective students—as many as 150 in a two-week period—are visiting the Bible College as pastors and youth leaders respond to the school's invitation to touring groups.

Tom Sass, Tour Coordinator, reports that this spring up to 12 groups per week have come to visit classes, tour the campus, and spend one or two nights in the dormitories. "The size of the groups ranges from a car load to a bus load," he says. The average is about 10 per group, including young people and sponsors. Most visitors are also leaving enough time in their schedules to see the sites of Nashville.

Pastors and youth sponsors, if you want to see your young people enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College, begin now to plan a tour for this fall or next spring. Write:

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



Cordell



Hyman

Graduation Speakers Announced

Reverend Richard Cordell will preach the Baccalaureate sermon and Reverend Irvin Hyman will bring the Commencement address at the Bible College's 35th Commencement Exercises, May 8-12.

Cordell, a 1966 FWBBC graduate, has pastored in Tennessee and currently serves the First FWB Church of Guin, AL. He is a trustee of the college and served for several years as president of the Alumni Association.

Hyman graduated from the Bible College in 1951 and earned his B.D., Th.M., and D.Min. at Luther Rice Seminary. His pastorates have included churches in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He presently pastors the Bethany FWB Church in Timmons-ville, SC.

Other commencement activities will include choral and dramatic presentations, a breakfast for graduates and their families, and, climactically, the graduating of more than 90 students—the largest graduating class in the school's history.

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The College Choir has completed a new album entitled "In Paths of Beauty." It is available from the college for \$6, or on 8-track tape for \$7. The new record and the choir's "He Leadeth Me" album are \$10 for the set. Please add \$1 for postage and handling to all orders.



**SUMMER
MISSIONARIES**
(Sitting) Sandra Tucker, Susan Turnbough, Jeff Turnbough, (Standing) Tom Diamond, Mark King, Glenn Harlinger.

Students Plan Summer Missionary Service

Six FWBBC students have volunteered for service as summer missionaries to Brazil, Ivory Coast, and Japan, according to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department. They are: Tom Diamond, a junior from Huntington, WV (Ivory Coast); Mark King, a senior from Johnston City, IL (Ivory Coast); Glenn Harlinger, a junior from Bettendorf, IA (Japan); Sandra Tucker, a junior from Huntsville, AL (Brazil); and Jeff and Susan Turnbough, both seniors, from Nashville, (Ivory Coast).

Each will have to raise from \$1,400 to \$1,750 by the end of April. Like their full-time counterparts, they write letters and hold services, always hoping to have enough money in hand when the departure date comes.

Of course, language limitations and other barriers prevent them from duplicating many of the activities of the missionaries. Rev. Don Robirds, Director of Communica-

tions for the Foreign Missions Department, concedes, "The summer missionary can make only a limited spiritual impact on the people where he ministers. However, he can be a great help to our regular missionaries while he evaluates his own fitness for work on a foreign field."

Does the summer missionary program produce full-term missionaries? Robirds says that the program has worked unusually well for Free Will Baptists. He calculates that about 85% of the Free Will Baptist students who went out as summer missionaries in the past have eventually become full missionaries. This compares well with other groups that have summer programs and report about 60% of the students entering missionary service.

Pray for the summer missionaries as they serve and as they consider God's long-range will for their lives.



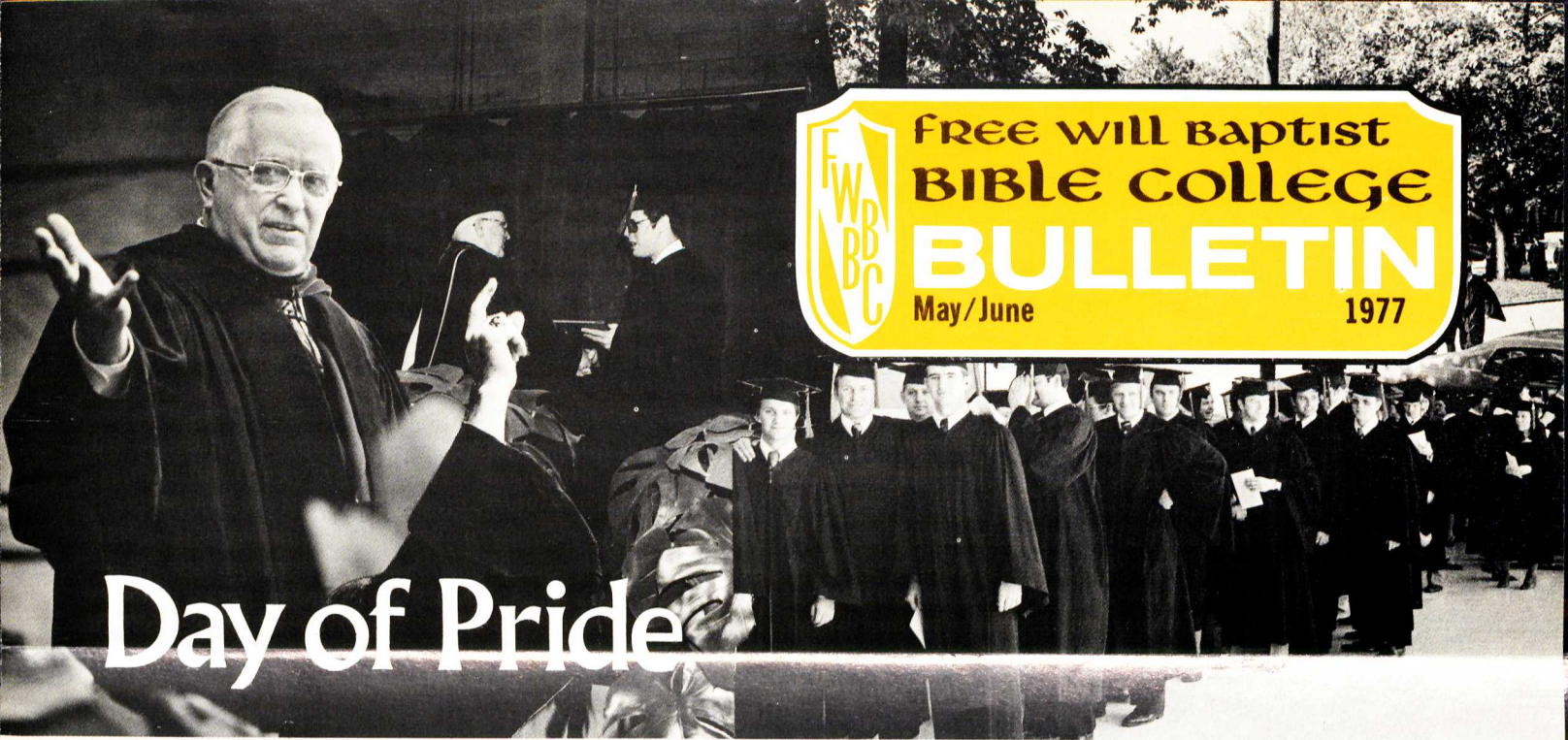
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Day of Pride

On May 12, Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated the largest class in the school's history. Eighty-eight graduates in four programs were saluted before a crowd of 1,500 in the college's Activities Building.

On Sunday, May 8, Reverend Richard Cordell, pastor of the First FWB Church of Guin, Alabama, and a member of the Board of Trustees, challenged the graduates with his exhortation to "Be An Example." Dr. Irvin Hyman, pastor of the Bethany FWB Church of Timmonsville, South Carolina, in his graduation address, urged seniors to walk "The Untrodden Path of The Unknown Future" with God.

Ten seniors graduated with honors. Carol Ketteman Reid and Garnett Reid graduated **summa cum laude** (3.75 honor points or higher). Garnett, who also was honored as student body president and for holding the highest scholastic average in the senior class, graduated with a 4.0 (straight-A) average for his college career. He is only the second student at FWBBC to have maintained a perfect record (Peter Wilson, Dean of Students, was the first). Seven students graduated **magna cum laude**: Nate Ange, Anita Clark, Mark King, Doug Little, June Lytle, Elfrieda Monday, and Sandra Tucker. Sandra Tittle graduated **cum laude**.

Five seniors were inducted into the Delta Epsilon Chi national honor society for Bible college students. These are Nate Ange, Mark King, Doug Little, Carol K. Reid, and Garnett Reid.

Garnett Reid was voted by the faculty to be recognized as the Outstanding Student of the year. The student body chose Carol Reid and Doug Little as Best All-around students.

Underclassmen were also recognized for outstanding scholastic achievements. Class scholarship medals were

awarded to Joy Ketteman (Freshman Class), Suzanne Blevins and Paul Harrison (Sophomore Class), and Branson Woodard (Junior Class).

Each year the administration awards a trophy to the men's and women's society posting the best athletic records. This year the sports trophies went to the Louisa Mae Alcott Society and the William Jennings Bryan Society.

A surprise presentation was made this year to Dr. Charles Thigpen, honoring his 25 years of service to the college. President L. C. Johnson presented an honorarium to Dr. Thigpen and recalled the Dean's years of ministry as dean of men, registrar, teacher, and academic dean.

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The denomination may take pride—in the best sense of that word—in the Class of 1977. First, they are our own. They were reared in our homes, saved at our altars, and taught in our churches. Second, Free Will Baptists alone made possible the training they have received. These seniors chose to study at our denomination's school, founded and sustained by our people and true to our doctrine. No school anywhere could have better equipped them to serve among us. Finally, the denomination may be proud that these graduates will work for God in our midst. Now that the years of formal training are over, God is returning them to the channel of service. They will be our preachers, our missionaries, our youth leaders, teachers, and musicians. Our investment in the Class of 1977 will now begin showing dividends, just as we have been rewarded by those who were part of earlier classes.

Pray for the Class of 1977 and take pride both in them and in what you have done for them.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE Presents THE CLASS OF 1977

...walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." Ephesians 4:1

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Garry Acree
Virginia Beach, VA



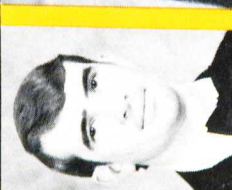
Nate Ange
Nashville, TN



Audrey Barnes
Plymouth, NC



Steve Cannon
Elizabethton, TN



Ricky Cash
Milledgeville, AL



Anita Clark
Newport, AR
*also Bus. Cert.



Glenn Cole
Weaverville, NC



Cathy Crawford
Minford, OH



Sanford Davis, Jr.
Nashville, TN



Don Fletcher
Manchester, TN



James Gallagher
Berea, OH



Joanne Gillikin
Beaufort, NC



Randy Greenwood
Columbia, SC



Robert Gulden
Los Angeles, CA



Terry Hardison
New Bern, NC



Roy Harris
Anderson, IN



Donnie Hicks
Guinoy, FL



Jo Ann Hood
Cookeville, TN



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Newport News, VA



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Svannanoa, NC



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South Roxana, IL



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Royal Oak, MI



Ron McMillin
Tucson, AZ



Elfrida Monday
Falls Church, VA



Larry Monday
Newark, CA



Martha Muramoto
Sapporo, Japan



Pam Nations
Carthage, TX



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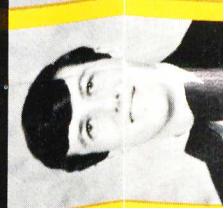
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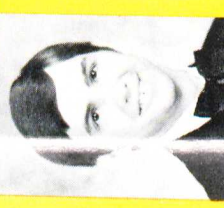
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Wilson, NC



Judy Batten
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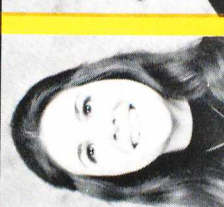
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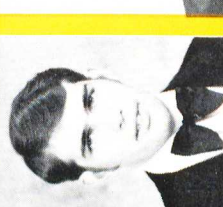
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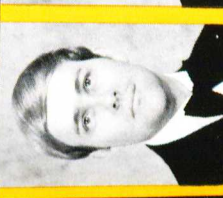
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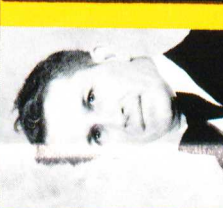
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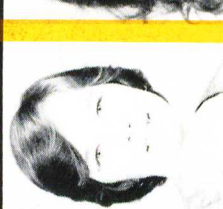
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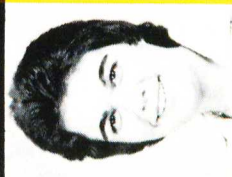
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Grimestand, NC



Faye Whitaker
Warren, MI

Bulletin Board

Columnist James J. Kilpatrick, in an article published nationally on March 13, reported that a small Methodist college, bowing to financial pressure, accepted a \$373,000 federal grant. To receive the money, the school was required "to remove all religious symbols from the top of its chapel, to limit the number of Methodists on its board and teaching staff, to refrain from sponsoring or conducting any religious services, to remain totally neutral toward the spiritual development, in a religious sense, of its students and to exclude prayers, hymns, and sermons from its graduation exercises."

This is part of the reason Free Will Baptist Bible College rejected federal aid and has chosen to exist solely on the support of God's people.

Students recently elected Henry Horne, a sophomore from Durham, NC, Student Body President, to serve during the 1977-78 school year. Other officers chosen were Vice President Paul Harrison, from Nashville; Secretary-Treasurer LaDohnna Lewis, from Muscle Shoals, AL; and Chaplain Dale Welsh, from Aberdeen, MD.

The 1977 LUMEN was dedicated to Reverend and Mrs. Ralph Hampton in chapel on April 27. Editor Teata Burden presented the first copy of the yearbook to them. Rev. Hampton teaches Bible and Pastoral Training courses. Mrs. Hampton is the college's assistant librarian.

127 On Second Semester Dean's List

One hundred twenty-seven students completed second semester studies with averages of "B" or higher and were placed on the school's Dean's List. Among the honor students were 21 seniors, 30 juniors, 39 sophomores, 36 freshmen, and one special student. Seven students completed the semester with a perfect "A" record.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Suzanne Blevins (sophomore) TN
Paul Harrison (sophomore) TN
Joy Kettman (freshman) TN
Richard O'Neal (freshman) VA
Sammy Pittman (freshman) NC
Garnett Reid (senior) TN
Walter Sumerlin (sophomore) NC

"B" HONOR ROLL

SENIORS

Nate Ange TN
Sydney Barnes NC
Ricky Cash AL
Anita Clark AK
Becky Floyd TN
Marsha Guthrie TN
Jo Ann Hood TN
Darlene Hunter MI
Greg Kettman TN
Mark King IL
Doug Little KY
Vernon Long MO
Elfrieda Monday VA
Jane Picirilli TN
Kathy Raper TN
Karen Reno MI
Mike Rhodes IL
Terri Salyer OH
James Stevens IL
Sandra Tittle AL

JUNIORS

Gary Alvarado TX
Brian Atwood MD
Jack Bales TN
Dennis Biele FL
Frank Breeden ME
Diana Brown TN
David Burgess IL
Lester Cahoon VA
Freda Crittenden OK
Diane DeWeese TN
Robert Edmonson PA
Jackie Farmer TX
Lynn Gore MS
Peggy Goudelock NC
Vicki Hardesty AL
Teresa Helton FL
Richard Hodges GA

LaDohnna Lewis AL
Carlie Lloyd TN
Don McDonald TN
Mike Neuman IL
Kevin Payne IL
Barbara Presley TN
Wanda Rogers SC
Robert Spruill MS
Patricia Sweet OK
Dale Welsh MD
Branson Woodard NC
Ronnie Woodard AL
Jack Zuccarello TN

SOPHOMORES

Martha Alexander SC
Lisa Allen TN
Terry Bailey TN
Mike Belesky MI
Bruce Bilbrey IN
Burl Brewer MS
E. T. Broadway NC
Preston Bryan TN
Debbie Burnell MI
Ronnie Byrd NC
Randy Carr AL
David Foster KY
Anita Ganey IA
Sam Hersey Japan
Philip Jackson TN
Glen Johnson IN
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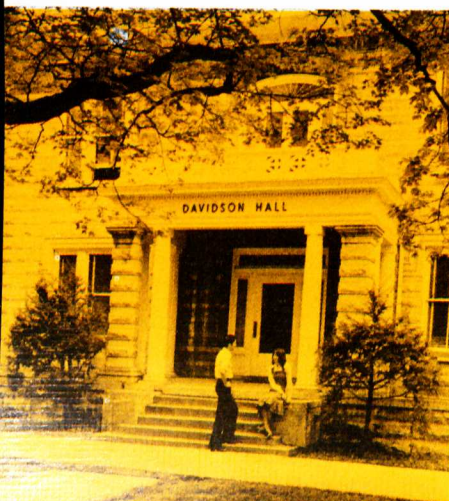
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Terry Thompson NC
Kevin Walker TX
Genia Ward TN
Billy Warren HI
Mike Wilhite MO
David Williford AL

FRESHMEN

Debra Aycock Brazil
Karen Barbour NC
Diane Barker IL
Steve Blanton GA
Phil Bozeman AL
Teresa Burden VA
Tandy Byrd AL
James Capshaw FL
Laurie Carter NC
Charles Davis NC
Richard Davis NC
Collette Dickey TN
Sandra England OH
Wanda Fleming NC
Tammy Flener IN
Tammy Floars NC
Karen Hagie TN
Sharon Hawkins AL
Diane Johnson OK
Philip Johnson TN
Mary Lincoln IL
Zoe Mathis AL
Noreen Nitta HI
Dawana Payne IL
Pam Pennington AL
Teresa Pennington NC
Delayne Ray IN
Brenda Shrewsbury WV
Janice Stone SC
Rebecca Thomas MI
Karen Tucker AL
Marcia Waddell TN
Sarah Walden MS

SPECIAL

Martha Osterkamp MI



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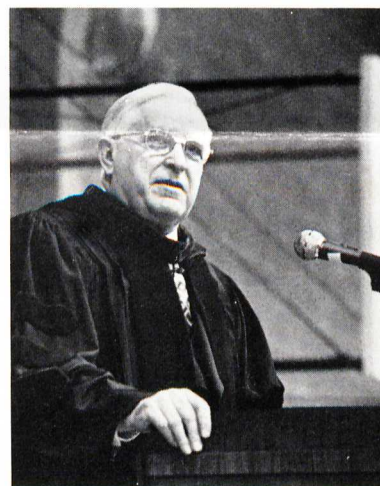
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President L. C. Johnson

At Free Will Baptist Bible College The Work Goes On

"This has been a year of hard work."

This is President L. C. Johnson's summary of the 1976-77 school year at Free Will Baptist Bible College as noted in his report to the Board of Trustees in May. The denomination expects hard work from those who serve at its college in the ministry of training its young people. This report cannot cover every area where strenuous effort was exerted but is only intended to review in general the school year by noting specific examples of progress.

Graduate Study Completed—

This year the administration, with faculty assistance, thoroughly studied the denomination's readiness for a graduate school. The college determined the type of graduate school most suitable for training Free Will Baptist ministers, evaluated the degree to which Free Will Baptists want and need a graduate school for ministers, and made its findings known to the National Association in a 52-page report. President Johnson called the project "the most thorough survey ever made among Free Will Baptists on any issue."

Data was solicited from junior and senior ministerial students at FWBBC, Hillsdale, and California Christian College. The survey also included every FWBBC ministerial graduate and many of the deacons in churches pastored by FWBBC graduates.

The report closed with three recommendations which were made to the National Association:

1. —That the National Association endorse the general concept of a graduate school, operating as a graduate division of Free Will Baptist Bible College (under the same President and Board of Trustees), but maintaining its own Dean and faculty.

2. —That Free Will Baptist Bible College be authorized to work toward the establishment of a graduate program.

3. —That the college's Board and administration make a future study of the feasibility of a graduate program, noting any progress that has been made, and report to the National Association within three years.

The study was made by President Johnson, Dean Charles Thigpen, and Registrar Robert Picirilli. They were assisted by a faculty sub-committee composed of Leroy Forlines, Dr. Charles Hampton, and Dr. Stanley Outlaw.

Teachers Continue Advanced Studies—

The faculty also worked hard this year. In addition to normal classroom responsibilities—preparing lessons, teaching, grading, etc.—several teachers continued and concluded programs of advanced study.

Dr. Mary R. Wisehart, Chairman of the English Department, received her Ph.D. degree from George Peabody College. Mark Johnson, Physical Education Director, was awarded his M.Ed. at Middle Tennessee State University.

Others who are working in graduate programs include Kenneth Riggs in the Teacher Education Department who will soon finish residence studies for his Ph.D., Dan Cronk missions professor, who is working on his Master's degree, and Regina Ivens in the English Department who is also working on her Master's.

Graduates Prepared For Various Ministries—

A record 88 graduates in four programs finished in the Class of 1977. These graduates include 38 ministerial

students and five missions students. Ten graduated with a major in Elementary Education at the close of the first year in which the college has operated with state approval for teacher certification.

CTS Aids Library Expansion—

A major expansion drive this year focused on Welch Library. More than 1,700 books were added, a number greater than any for a single year in the school's history. This was due largely to "Stack the Racks," a national youth project sponsored by the CTS Department. At the end of June over \$8,300 had been raised on the \$10,000 project. The drive will be completed at the National Youth Conference in July.

Christian Outreach Expanded—

Students, even while in training, have worked harder than ever to get the Gospel out in Nashville and surrounding areas. They led 1,267 people to Christ during the school year, compared to 1,023 in 1975-76. The number of tracts distributed increased by nearly 18,000 to a total of 56,345.

In his report to the Trustees, Dr. Johnson noted two growing areas of student activity. More students than ever are involved in weekend services at churches within driving distance of Nashville. Also, an increasing number of ministerial students are getting practical experience in church work through the internship program. "These programs are proving very beneficial," Dr. Johnson stated.

Gift Support "Healthy"—

Gifts from individuals and churches, though falling slightly short of the general fund budget, met the needs of the college for the year. General fund gifts were \$349,621, only \$379 short of the \$350,000-quota. Dr. Johnson called "healthy" the \$103,171 given to the building fund since no vigorous promotion was done in that area. (See the related article in this BULLETIN on 1976-77 gifts, with general fund quotas for 1977-78.)



Hard work, by administrators, teachers, staff personnel, and students, summarizes well the past school year at Free Will Baptist Bible College. That is as it should be. Free Will Baptists have every right to expect hard work from those whose ministry is to train the denomination's young people. But there is another motivating factor, even more compelling than the expectations of Free Will Baptists. He, who was sent to do the work of His Father, reminds us that "the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 8:4b). As we see the sunset of this age painting the sky with scarlet, we are compelled to work harder, ever harder, for Him.

Leadership Seminar Announced For August

FWBBC student leaders—prayer captains, society presidents, student body officers, organization presidents, and others—will cut short their summer vacations to participate in a Student Leadership Seminar to be held on campus August 19-20. Dean of Students Peter Wilson says the meeting is intended to strengthen the quality of student leadership and to give assurance of administrative support.

Preliminary plans call for a Friday night forum on the qualities of leadership. Speakers from the faculty and staff will cover several aspects, with time being allowed for student input. On Saturday, the student leaders will formulate plans for activities and emphases for the year. The program will conclude Saturday night with a meeting between present student leaders and those of other years.

Pray for these student leaders. Their influence and capacity for directing their fellow students is great. With God's blessing, they can help to make this year the greatest in FWBBC history.

Bible College Quartet Reports Good Services

The Bible College Quartet, currently on a summer tour of Free Will Baptist churches, reports excellent services in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia. The financial response has been good, with \$7,363 raised for the college at the end of June.

Following their participation in the National Association in July, the members of the quartet will conclude their summer tour with services in Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland.

The quartet members are Sam Postlewaite, Ricky Polston, Bobby Sebastian, and Randy Settle. Randy Carr is pianist. Garnett Reid is also traveling with the group and preaching in their services.

Gifts To College Total \$452,793 In '76-'77

Free Will Baptists contributed \$452,793.11 toward the training of the 619 students who studied at Free Will Baptist Bible College during the school's fiscal year, June 1976—May 1977, according to the institution's Business Office. General Fund gifts were \$349,621.24. Support to the Building Fund totaled \$103,171.87. This is an increase of \$16,458 in total giving to the school over the previous year.

General Fund gifts, though setting a new record, still fell short of the \$350,000 budget by 1/100 of a percent, according to Public Relations Director Paul Kettelman. "That's close enough," he declared. "I'm not at all disappointed."

Building Fund gifts dropped by nearly \$18,500. This was not a surprise since this department has not been as actively promoted as in other years. The most vigorous support has continued to come from North Carolina, Missouri, and Tennessee.

The 1976-77 gift report, by states, is given below:

STATE	GENERAL FUND		BUILDING FUND
	1976-77 Quotas	1976-77 Gifts	1976-77 Gifts
Alabama	\$ 25,000	\$ 31,847.35	\$ 3,835.71
Arizona	1,200	972.92	10.00
Arkansas	11,000	10,752.96	1,065.00
California	3,500	3,827.34	1,533.48
Colorado	900	520.65	-0-
Florida	15,000	14,940.24	952.50
Georgia	26,000	27,892.17	3,265.15
Hawaii	300	300.00	50.00
Idaho	300	234.02	-0-
Illinois	12,000	12,793.94	1,500.97
Indiana	5,000	2,388.50	135.00
Iowa	400	644.27	-0-
Kansas	1,000	1,053.22	120.00
Kentucky	11,000	11,536.84	659.76
Louisiana	-0-	100.00	-0-
Maine	-0-	300.00	-0-
Maryland	950	292.17	40.00
Michigan	14,000	11,557.19	4,953.60
Mississippi	14,000	15,113.20	832.86
Missouri	16,000	21,058.58	7,377.13
New Hampshire	100	-0-	-0-
New Mexico	200	153.88	-0-
North Carolina	44,000	53,203.85	43,678.02
Ohio	12,000	9,312.70	465.00
Oklahoma	16,000	12,625.41	95.00
South Carolina	25,500	23,468.06	3,774.53
Tennessee	46,000	41,121.07	6,352.49
Texas	8,000	5,644.04	190.00
Virginia	13,000	10,615.23	832.00
Washington	400	600.29	-0-
West Virginia	8,500	7,586.69	379.00
Wyoming	1,000	779.34	-0-
WNAC	2,500	945.93	-0-
Virgin Islands		121.74	-0-
Staff/Students		8,987.28	275.00
Puerto Rico		100.00	-0-
Matching Gifts	15,250	2,935.00	4,200.00
Missionaries		250.00	25.00
Miscellaneous		3,045.17	101.30
Alumni Project			16,473.37
TOTAL	\$350,000	\$349,621.24	\$380,000
			\$103,171.87

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CALENDAR OF FWBBC EVENTS

Aug. 15-19	Faculty Meetings
Aug. 19-20	Student Leadership Seminar
Aug. 20	Dorms Open
Aug. 22	Dining Hall Open (6:00 PM)
	Opening Service (7:30 PM)
Aug. 23-24	Registration
Aug. 25	Classes Begin
Aug. 29-Sept. 2	Rush Week
Sept. 14	Campus Blood Drive
Sept. 14-18	Campus Revival, Rev. Van Dale Hudson
Oct. 14	Fall Banquet
Oct. 18-21	Mid-semester Exams
Oct. 31-Nov. 2	Missionary Conference

Three Summer School sessions, ranging from two to five weeks per session, brought an enrollment of 111 students in May/June. There were 31 who took courses in the 5-week session, 43 in the 3-week session, and 77 in the 2-week session, with some students enrolling for more than one session.

Students reported that while the campus life was considerably slower than during regular semesters, the work was still demanding. Teachers admitted that they had to work harder too.

Over 38 Years of Combined Service

Three Retire At Close of School Year

Three members of the FWBBC family, with 38 years of combined service, retired at the end of the 1976-77 school year. Mrs. Louis Nicholas, music teacher, completed 20 years; E. W. Tippet, Sr., food service manager, finished with 11 years; and Rev. Henry Oliver, teacher of English and education courses, retired after seven years on the faculty.



Nicholas

Mrs. Nicholas, who joined the faculty in 1957, brought both skill and experience to the school's Music Department. She taught piano, organ, and music theory.

Mr. Tippet served 30 years in the U.S. Navy, much of that time as a supply officer, before joining school's food service staff in 1966. He also worked in the food service department at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.



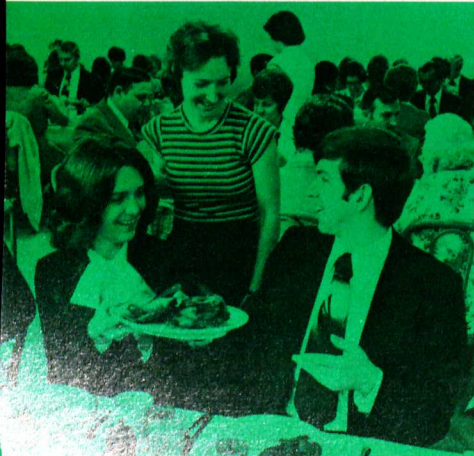
Tippet

Rev. Oliver, one of Tennessee's noted educators, helped set up FWBBC's Elementary Education program. He came to the college in 1970 and became one of the school's most beloved faculty members.



Oliver

President L. C. Johnson presented a plaque to each retiring worker in appreciation for his years of service to the college, to the denomination, and to the cause of Christ.



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Why should anyone choose Free Will Baptist Bible College?

Nearly every FWBBC student lives nearer some other college or university. Most state supported universities cost less to attend. Small colleges, like Free Will Baptist Bible College, do not offer the "prestige" of larger schools.

With so many apparent reasons not to choose the Bible College, one naturally wonders why 212 new students picked FWBBC this fall.

Here, from their own testimonies, are the reasons some of them gave:

"WE CHOOSE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE!"

I chose FWBBC because the teachers really care for you, as an individual . . . If a person is trying to find God's will for his life, then the Bible College is one of the best places to be.

Kathy Lynn, Guin, AL

Preparing for God's calling is one of the most important things I will ever do. In order for me to best serve God, I knew I would have to attend a Christ-centered college. That is why I am here.

Tim Owen, Chipley, FL

I felt that FWBBC was the only place I could come to get proper training for the ministry and in Free Will Baptist doctrines.

David Shelby, Waynesboro, MS

I chose FWBBC because I am a Free Will Baptist, and I felt I should attend a school that teaches Free Will Baptist doctrine.

Russell Lowe, Clyde, NC

I chose FWBBC because I had heard a great deal of talk about it from graduates and several pastors. It is everything they said it was. I'm glad I came.

Gene Cullum, O'Kean, AR

After preaching for two years at different churches, I realized my need for further Bible study and preparation before entering the ministry full time. I chose FWBBC because many of the ministers I consider successful are FWBBC graduates.

Gene Parton, Marion, IL

I am a layman, married, and older than most of the students here. It was a Free Will Baptist layman who led me to the Lord, and I love this denomination. It was natural for me to choose our college to prepare for Christian service.

Bill Ezell, Smithfield, NC

During a visit to the campus two years ago, I became impressed with the clean and attractive campus, but mostly with the fellowship and spirit of the students and faculty. Since then I have accepted the call to preach and am planning on studying for the ministry.

Keith Fletcher, Johnston City, IL

But are the students happy with their choice? Reality doesn't always live up to expectation. After several weeks at Free Will Baptist Bible College, this is how these students felt:

“AND WE'RE GLAD WE DID!”

When I first came, I had mixed emotions. I was scared and homesick. But after the many programs and rush week, I realized how great this place is. They really care about people. Now I am looking forward to a good year.

Rhonda Dobbs, Newport, AR

I love it! I thought it would be hard, especially the rules, but I was wrong!

Brent Holland, Waverly, TN

I like the environment. The teachers all try to help in any way they can, the facilities are good, and the Christian atmosphere would be hard to beat.

Greg Bruley, Atmore, AL

I had been told that a Christian attitude prevailed at FWBBC, but I never imagined that it would be as great as it is. Both the teachers and the students are extremely helpful and kind.

Ruth Postlewaite, Little Rock, AR

I thought FWBBC would be a haven of saints, where I would be safe from all sin. But I have found it a place of refinement, culture, and a learning experience I will cherish forever. I am very impressed with the campus, faculty, and courses.

Joe Buttgen, Davenport, IA

It is everything I expected, and more! The teachers are magnificent, every one. To me, that is the college.

Paul Hopson, Ada, OH

I am well satisfied with the college. Being around so many Christians and fellowshiping with part of God's family is worth it all.

Kenneth Hair, Jacksonville, NC

To be truthful, I was very homesick at first. But the Lord took care of that. The students talked to me and helped me through the first week, and now I love FWBBC!

Karen Helms, Waverly, TN

I came to FWBBC because I knew what the school stands for and how the teachers and students would be. I also knew that if I came, I would be in the best place to find the Lord's will for my life.

Ricky Cason, Lyons, GA

I chose FWBBC because I wanted a good education with a Bible background in a Christian atmosphere. I wanted "out" of the filth of the public school system, and into a school where I could be with other Christian young people who truly love the Lord.

Debbie Statzer, Wabash, IN

I really do love the school. The people here are great; very friendly. The members of the faculty are good Christian teachers and good Christian friends.

Leesa Calvert, Gastonia, NC

The atmosphere is great. I have met a lot of new friends, and the greatest bond we share is that we are all Christians!

Debbie Newman, Phoenix, AZ

I already feel like I've become a better Christian. I admire the dedication of each teacher and I feel the Christian atmosphere every minute of the day.

Christi Barr, St. Louis, MO

I like it! The whole student body is close.

Ed Manner, Cisne, IL

I knew that those here would be friendly and helpful, and these are the characteristics they have shown me. I couldn't be more impressed with what the school is and what it stands for.

Dawn Johnson, Albany, GA



“Fellowship!” “Bible study!” “Christian environment!” “Free Will Baptist doctrine!”
Free Will Baptist Bible College does have much to offer the denomination's young people, and they are continuing to choose this college. Every student is special here. And this commitment is still firm: By the grace of God, we will strive to make every student what the Lord would have him to be.



College's Past President Passes

With the passing of Reverend L. R. Ennis on August 17, Free Will Baptists and, especially, Free Will Baptist Bible College, lost a dear and dedicated friend. Rev. Ennis was a denominational pioneer in the field of Christian education. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute and began his own institute ministry among Free Will Baptists, carrying his program from state to state, until, in 1942, the denomination founded Free Will Baptist Bible College. He is the college's only past president, having served three years in the office, 1944-47.

At his funeral in Goldsboro, N.C., FWBBC President L. C. Johnson described him as a man "uniquely prepared to organize, encourage, and challenge Free Will Baptists, who were wandering in confusion, and to weld them into a cohesive force." Dr. Johnson also noted, "Many who never met him, and may not even know his name, are enjoying the fruit of his labor."

Teachers Earn Advanced Degrees

Three members of the faculty received Masters degrees during the summer from Middle Tennessee State University. Missions Professor Dan Cronk received his MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching), majoring in Sociology. Miss Regina Ivens, who teaches English and Spanish, also received an MAT, with an English major and Spanish minor. Librarian Judy Shrewsbury was awarded the M.Ed. (Master of Education) degree, majoring in Supervision and Administration with an emphasis on library resources. All three degrees were awarded in ceremonies held at the university August 12.



Five hundred sixty two students from 28 states and five foreign countries registered for fall semester classes at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Registrar. This is up from last year's 544 enrollment for the same period. New students this year number 212.

The college is continuing to attract and to train those who are preparing for the pastoral ministry or for missionary service. There are 174 preachers and 30 missionary students on campus this semester.

The college has also added several employees to the faculty/staff ranks to work with this year's students.

Miss Debra Moore, who earned her B.S. at FWBBC in 1975, has returned to serve on the faculty of the Speech Department. While away, Miss Moore continued her studies at Austin Peay State University where she completed class work on her M.A. in Speech. She is also carrying out some duties in the area of student supervision.

Three other workers have also been added this year to work with students. Miss Denise Braswell, a 1976 alumnus, has returned to work part time for the college. Mrs. Karen Brown, who graduated in 1976, is now a full time dormitory supervisor. Roy Harris worked with campus men part time last year while he completed his senior studies. He is serving full time this year.

Mr. Ed Dean has joined the dining hall staff to serve as Food Service Director. He is a native of Kansas City.

The Bible College family welcomes this year's students and those new workers who will share in this ministry of Christian education.

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N.C. Pastor Speaks At Campus Revival

Reverend Van Dale Hudson, pastor of Trinity FWB Church, Greenville, NC, helped to get this school year off on the right foot. He served, at the request of the college's Ministerial Fellowship, as evangelist for this year's student revival, September 14-18.

The college's 400-seat auditorium, as well as auxiliary viewing areas, was filled for service after service. The altar, too, was full several times during the course of the revival. Dr. Joseph Ange, Director of Religious Activities, reported that students were bringing unsaved people and newly-won converts to the services.

The prospect for an excellent school year has been greatly enhanced by the recent campus revival and the messages of Rev. Hudson.

CALENDAR OF CAMPUS EVENTS

- Oct. 14 Fall Banquet
- Oct. 18-21 Mid-semester Exams
- Oct. 21-23 Music Retreat
- Oct. 31-
- Nov. 2 Missionary Conference
- Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Vacation



Ronald Creech Named Development Director

Reverend Ronald Creech, former State Evangelist for the North Carolina State Association, will become Director of Development for Free Will Baptist Bible College on November 1, according to President L. C. Johnson. His first duties will be to promote the North Carolina and Missouri Projects underwriting expenses in the construction of the school's Activities Building and library wing.

Commenting on his hiring, Dr. Johnson said, "I feel that the experience Brother Creech has had in promotional work in North Carolina,

the enthusiasm with which he undertakes any task, and his proven loyalty to Free Will Baptist Bible College over the years are assets that will be invaluable to him as Director of Development."

Creech came from Kenly, N.C. to Nashville in 1948 to attend the Bible College. As a student, he served churches in Tupelo, Miss. and Owensboro, Ky. He graduated from the college in 1952.

His pastorates include Hickory Chapel in Ahoskie, N.C.; First FWB Church, Newport News, Va.; and First FWB Church, Florence, S.C. His longest pastorate, 10 years, was spent at the Edgemont FWB Church in Durham, N.C.

In 1966 the North Carolina State Association elected Creech State Evangelist, a post he held from December, 1966 to April, 1977. During this time he encouraged the work among churches across the state and edited *The Witness*, the monthly state paper.

Creech has been active in national Free Will Baptist affairs and is chairman of the denomination's Historical Commission.

He and his wife, Mary Belle, who is a 1951 FWBBC alumna, have five children: Ruth (Mullen); Elizabeth (Hodges), Lois, Rebecca, and Paul.



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The Living Ensembles:

Emphasis on A Musical Ministry

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THE LIVING FAITH SINGERS



THE LIVING HOPE SINGERS

The Living Faith Singers and the Living Hope Singers are a new concept in touring groups at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and I am excited by the possibilities.

This year the College Choir has been divided into two 12-voice ensembles. They rehearse together and learn the same music. Each encompasses smaller units, such as quartets and trios, that also perform during their programs. Each ensemble travels on alternate weekends so that neither group is overworked and no one's studies are sacrificed. The ensembles will combine to form the College Choir and will make the annual spring tour.

Why this new concept? First, because the smaller groups are more versatile than a large choir. Also they communicate better with the audiences in our churches. One student told me, "I feel like I can see how the people are responding and it encourages me to do my best."

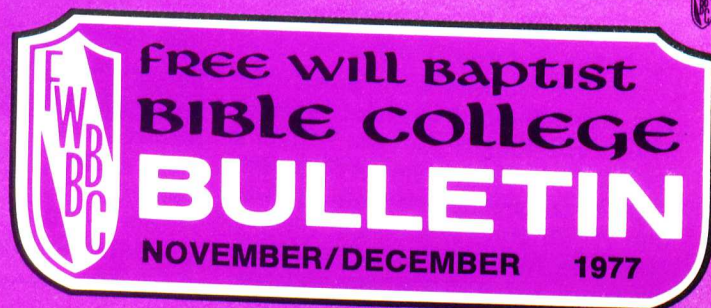
The small ensemble concept places more responsibility on individual singers. Since they are not conducted, each member must fit into the group and know all the details of the music: the meter, rhythm, phrasing, etc. It really amounts to making each ensemble member a soloist in accomplishment, and results in better training for our students.

But there are other benefits. Not the least of these is the opportunity to minister through music in our churches. They step musically into the pulpit and preach the gospel through music, utilizing the gift God has given them. They are also meeting many of our fine Free Will Baptists and making lasting friendships. Their confidence in their ability to meet and minister to people grows with every service.

The format is new too. Rather than scheduling a series of one-night stands, the ensembles are spending entire weekends in a single church. Their Saturday night pro-

gram is directed toward the young people. On Sunday morning they often teach Sunday school classes and get acquainted with the people of the church prior to the morning worship service. By the worship hour, the students and church members know each other and the program is more meaningful to all. As one ensemble member said, "It's so much easier to sing when you know some of the hurts and joys of the people you're singing to." This is important since it is not our sole aim to entertain the congregation for an hour, take an offering, and leave. For us, this is a ministry. We want to give something to the church. We want our churches to get to know and love the students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Following one of our services, an elderly church member said, "I used to sing in a small ensemble and I experienced a little of heaven as they (The Living Hope Singers) sang to us this morning. I can't sing anymore, but I can pray for you, and I will." This sharing is part of the reason for our new music ministry concept.

Hard work? It takes about twice the effort to get this kind of program going as would the traditional approach. But I feel it is worth it. Especially when we see souls saved and Christians encouraged through our ministry of music.



Rev. Rolla Smith and
Rev. Bob Shockey
fellowship with Dr.
Paul Smith.

World Evangelism Emphasis Seen In Missions Conference



Dr. Paul B. Smith, pastor of Toronto's People's Church, challenged students and visitors at Free Will Baptist Bible College's Missionary Conference October 30—November 2. His church has pledged \$1.13 million to missions this year and shares in the support of 470 overseas missionaries,

including 35 from their own congregation.

The conference was sponsored jointly by the FWB Foreign Missions Department and the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension. Guests from both departments filled out the program. Foreign mis-

sionary speakers were Rev. Earnie Deeds (Brazil), Rev. Bill Fulcher (Panama), and Rev. Norman Richards (Ivory Coast). Home missions representatives were Rev. Bill Adkisson (Newark, OH), Rev. J. D. Norris (Tallahassee, FL), and the department's associate director, Rev. Roy Thomas.

The conference stressed the practical. Missions students were stimulated with the needs of the field and ministerial students were schooled in building missions-minded churches. The program included preaching services, daily prayer band, question/consultation periods, and two seminars by Dr. Smith, "How to develop a missions program in the local church" and "How to have a missionary conference."

What is the result? Missions professor Dan Cronk sees the conference as touching the whole campus. He senses a keener awareness and increased discussion within the faculty. The student body at large, he says, is more involved. "Attendance at missionary prayer band has almost doubled since the conference," Cronk noted. Dr. Joseph Ange, Director of Religious Activities, says that ministerial students are giving deeper consideration to starting new churches, instead of looking for positions in ones already established. Many students made public commitments to Christian service, several indicating that God had called them to the mission field.

One student summarized the whole conference: "It was not just a push for home missions or foreign missions, but for evangelism wherever God has put you."



TRUSTEES: (Seated) Rev. Bill Robinson, Rev. William Mishler, President Johnson, Rev. Randy Cox, (Standing) Rev. Tom Malone, Delmer Priest, Bobby Floars, Rev. Richard Cordell, Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. Dann Patrick.

Board of Trustees Finds Institution "Sound"

Free Will Baptist Bible College trustees, meeting on campus October 25-26, examined the current state of the institution and pronounced it sound.

All nine trustees were present for the semi-annual business session. They considered several specific matters. The board noted that only eight states are on schedule to meet the '77-'78 general fund gift budget. They also looked at possibilities for the future expansion of the campus,

checking directions in which the college might grow. Progress toward a graduate study program was also noted.

The board checked adjustments recently made in the school's pension plan for employees. The adjustments were made to keep the plan aligned with federal requirements.

The annual board meeting is scheduled for May 9-11, 1978.

Recent Drop in Gifts Could Hurt College

Gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College are nearly \$21,000 behind the gift budget approved by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the Public Relations Office reported in October.

Gifts should have totaled \$158,333 to meet the school's \$380,000 gift budget for the year. Actual gifts were \$137,500. Besides being well below the budget, gifts are also nearly \$4,000 below what was given in the same period last year. Public Relations Director Paul Ketteiman says that 37.5% of the budget has come in at a time when nearly 42% is needed. Projected to the end of the fiscal year, this could mean a deficit of over \$35,000.

How would Free Will Baptist Bible College meet such a deficit? The college's treasurer, Rev. E. B. McDonald, says that a recent government increase in the minimum wage was more than the school anticipated and has already burdened the budget. "Another winter such as we had last year could increase our utility bills beyond our projections," he noted. "There is no 'fat' in our budget. If the gifts do not come in, we will have to 'tighten our belts.'" Such "belt-tightening" measures might include cutting back in some student services, delaying maintenance and repairs, postponing the purchase of needed equipment, and holding back on library book orders. If gifts fall off more, he said that some student workers might have to be laid off.

The administration is optimistic that gifts will increase in the remainder of the fiscal year, December through May. President L. C. Johnson recently wrote to friends of the college and said that he is confident they will respond to the school's need. A generous response by the college's friends and Free Will Baptist churches can erase the projected deficit and enable the college to keep on giving students the best in Christian education.



West End Property Recently Purchased

An 80' x 200' lot and 10-room residence were recently added to the college's property on West End Avenue. The contract was signed October 10 for a price of \$80,000, according to Treasurer E. B. McDonald.

The new property, the fourth lot owned by the college in the 3600-block of West End Avenue, adjoins the present Patton Property on the west. The administration has not designated its use.

President L. C. Johnson says that the addition fits very well in the college's overall plan of development.

Evangelist, Pastor Featured Speakers At Bible Conference



Dr. Jim Mercer



Rev. Dean Dobbs

Dr. Jim Mercer and Rev. Dean Dobbs will speak at Free Will Baptist Bible College's 36th annual Bible Conference, March 12-16, according to the school's administration. Members of the college faculty will also be on the program.

Dr. Mercer, a popular speaker at past FWBBC Bible Conferences, has been in the ministry for 42 years, 38 years of that served as an evangelist. His home is Pontiac, Michigan.

Rev. Dobbs is a 1960 FWBBC graduate and pastors the First FWB Church of Dothan, Alabama. The Kirksville, Missouri native has also pastored in North Carolina, Arkansas, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

The administration anticipates many visitors and prospective students will visit the college during the annual conference.

Christmas Project Set

Free Will Baptist Bible College students, while home for the Christmas holidays, will again work to raise money for the school's general fund in their annual Christmas Project. This year's needs are especially acute (see related General Fund article) so the goal has been set at \$20,000.

Public Relations Director Paul Kettelman says students will be asked to teach, witness, preach, sing, and use other talents in Free Will Baptist churches during the two-week period. He asks pastors to allow the students to share in services and to receive an offering for the college to help relieve current financial pressures.

Last year students collected \$5,600. The record response to the drive was in December, 1974, when gifts totaled over \$14,000.

Plan to have a College Day in your church, sign a checkbook, or make a special gift to Free Will Baptist Bible College in December.



The 1978 "Who's Who" seniors pictured above are Teata Burden, Norfolk, VA; Freda Crittenden, Owasso, OK; Diana Brown, Erwin, TN; LaDohnna Lewis, Muscle Shoals, AL; Tom Diamond, Huntington, WV; (Middle Row) Tim Jones, Tulsa, OK; Ricky Hodges, Swainsboro, GA; Sam Postlewaite, Little Rock, AR; Terry Bailey, Chuckey, TN; Donald McDonald, Nashville, TN; (Top Row) Leonard Ball, Black Mountain, NC; Robert Edmonson, Sunbury, PA; Brian Atwood, Aberdeen, MD; Frank Breeden, Houlton, ME; and Dale Welsh, Aberdeen, MD.

"Who's Who" Seniors Selected for '77-'78

Fifteen Free Will Baptist Bible College seniors will be included in the 1977-78 edition of *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges*, the book's publishers recently announced. The students (see picture above) will be listed with others recognized as the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

The 15 seniors were nominated for the honor by the college faculty. Factors evaluated in their selection include academic performance, service to the community, leadership, and potential for future accomplish-

ment. Each *Who's Who* senior will receive a certificate recognizing the honor during Commencement Week in May.

Free Will Baptist Bible College is one of more than 1,000 institutions in every state and several countries that participate in the program.

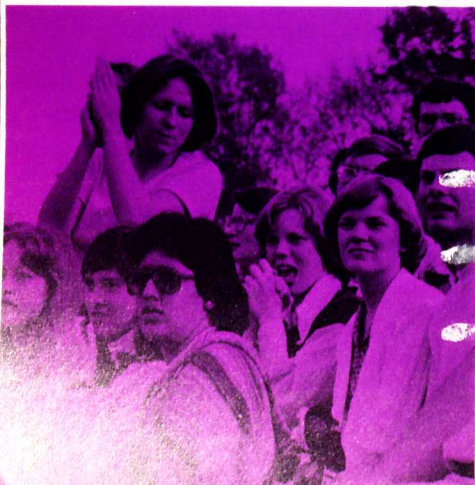
Past FWBBC students to receive the honor include pastors, like Larry Stevens ('74) and Phil Ange ('75); missionaries, such as Lynn Miley ('70); teachers, like Etta Crittenden ('76), and employees of our National Offices, like Clarence Lewis ('76).

Yearbook Ads Due

Church ads for the 1978 *LUMEN* must be submitted, with pictures and payment, by December 15.

CALENDAR OF CAMPUS EVENTS

Dec. 9	"Elijah" by The Choral Union
Dec. 13-16	Semester Exams
Dec. 16	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 2	
Jan. 3	Registration
Jan. 4	Second Semester Classes Begin



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