As a member of the American Association of Bible Colleges, FWBBC undergoes an intensive reevaluation every decade.

The College Dean describes this process.

10-Year Self-Study Completed

by Dr. Charles A. Thigpen



THE EVALUATING TEAM—Dr. Timothy Warner, chairman, directs the attention of Dr. Clapp, Mr. Kennedy, Miss Weddle and Miss Messimer to one of the buildings on the FWBBC campus.



Free Will Baptist Bible College became a member of the American Association of Bible Colleges in 1958. Many people consider accreditation to be the hallmark of outstanding achievement for a college. It does signify that the school is fulfilling its objectives and has demonstrated this by conducting an intensive self-study and undergoing an oncampus examination by a group of visiting educators.

What does accreditation of Free Will Baptist Bible College mean to its public? It means that pastors and parents can send young people here from their churches and homes and each one will receive a college education that is properly recognized and approved in content and quality. Accreditation assures students that the programs offered here have been evaluated and certified by a team of outside professionals. Accreditation means that present and former students can generally transfer credits earned here to other accredited colleges.

MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION

Once accreditation has been achieved, how is it maintained? An accredited college is expected to have an ongoing program of evaluation in order for changes or improvements to be made when they are needed. Annual reports are filed with the accrediting association. At least once every ten years a new self-study must be done, to be followed by a visiting team of examiners who come and inspect the total operation of the College. During this present school year, in November, Free Will Baptist Bible College hosted a team of examiners.

More than a year before this team came to the College, preparation was underway for their visit. All faculty members were asked to meet a week before the fall opening of school in 1977. The purpose of this meeting was to divide into committees and work on the self-study. An Executive Committee consisting of the President, Academic Dean and Registrar was to give overall leadership and direction to the study. The faculty was divided into five groups with one member appointed to serve as chairman. Each group was assigned one of the following areas: "The Institution and Its Objectives." "Administrative Control," "Resources," "Curricular Programs," and "Student Life and Student Personnel." The faculty members who served as chairmen were Ralph Hampton, Dr. Charles Hampton, Joseph Jones, Dr. Mary Wisehart, and Leroy Forlines.

In addition to the initial week spent on the self-evaluation, the study continued throughout the 1977-78 school year. A questionnaire was devised and sent to all graduates from the previous ten years, 1968-77. The main purpose of this was to determine, as factually as possible, how successful the College has been in fulfilling its objective to train students for church vocations. Evaluations were sought to determine the effectiveness of the various programs of study as well as the individual courses of study in each program. Responses to these questionnaires were very gratifying. In each part of the report, both strengths and weaknesses were stated objec-

tively. Plans and projections of the future were also given.

The 185-page self-study report was submitted to AABC in early September 1978. This means that more than a year was required from the formation of the faculty committees until the report, having been revised many times, was finally finished.

THE EVALUATION VISIT

The evaluation team members were selected by the AABC professional staff. Each of these members received a copy of the self-study, a copy of the College catalog, and other materials and exhibits referred to in the self-study. These evaluators were given a few weeks to get acquainted with these materials prior to the actual visit to the college.

This team was headed by Dr. Timothy Warner, Vice-President and President-Elect of AABC and President of Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The other members were William Kennedy, Dean of Students at Appalachian Bible College, Bradley, West Virginia; Dr. Roger Clapp, Academic Dean, Mid-South Bible College, Memphis, Tennessee; Miss Nell Messimer, Librarian, Atlanta Christian College, Atlanta, Georgia; and Miss Alice Weddle, Chairman of the Teacher Education Department, Fort Wayne Bible College. These arrived in Nashville on Monday, November 13, 1978. The first meeting was a meal hosted by the College and attended by the Evaluators together with Dr. Robert E. Picirilli, Dr. L. C. Johnson, Mr. E. B. McDonald and Dr. Charles A. Thigpen. Then, the Evaluation Committee spent Tuesday and Wednesday on campus holding interviews, conferences, taking inspection tours of the campus and checking various records such as faculty minutes, board of trustees minutes and course syllabi. Some classes were visited and several student groups were called together for meetings with evaluators. Faculty, administrators and staff members were consulted about various procedures in order to verify the contents of the self-study. The AABC manual is the basic guide used by the evaluators in their work of evaluation.

As soon as the evaluators finalize the report on their visit, a copy will be submitted to the College. This report will, hopefully, commend the College for its many strong points. There will also be some "suggestions for consideration." These will give items that, in the opinion of the evaluators, should be reviewed and possibly changed. The report will also give some explicit "recommendations." These are matters of more importance and should be accomplished and reported to AABC. If there is any error in the report, or if the evaluators did not understand some aspect of the school's self-study or function, opportunity is given for correction or clarification.

The evaluator's report is then submitted to the Accrediting Commission of AABC. This Commission at its next meeting in October 1979 will consider the report and its recommendations, together with a response from the College. We believe the Commission will approve the continued accredited status of Free Will Baptist Bible College.



Dr. Thigpen, Academic Dean and President-Elect of Free Will Baptist Bible College, is in a unique position to understand AABC's accrediting procedure as he has served since 1977 as chairman of the AABC Accrediting Commission.

Mercer



Stallings



Bible Conference speakers announced

Dr. Jim Mercer and Rev. Jack Stallings will be featured speakers during the college's annual Bible Conference, March 11-15.

Dr. Mercer, a long-time personal friend of Dr. Johnson and a popular speaker at past FWBBC conferences, travels as a full-time evangelist and makes his home in Pontiac, Michigan.

Rev. Stallings, a 1966 FWBBC graduate, pastors Collinswood Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia.

A prime feature of the '79 Bible Conference will be a Wednesday morning program honoring Dr. Johnson's 34 years of faithful service to FWBBC. Alumni also plan to honor Dr. Johnson at their Tuesday meeting.

Development Office announces debt retirement drive

A campaign to raise \$225,000 between January 1 and June 1, 1979, has been announced by Rev. Ronald Creech, Director of Development for FWBBC. The denomination-wide drive is aimed at retiring all of the short-term debts incurred in the college's Development Campaign. When it is successfully completed, the college will be obligated only for the long-term financing of two dormitories, which are both largely underwritten by students' room fees.

The drive, which is being launched at the suggestion of retiring president, Dr. L. C. Johnson, is timed to coordinate with the transfer of the college presidency to Dr. Charles A. Thigpen in June.

Promotional literature for the drive is available from the college. Interested pastors will be sent a list of promotional aids upon request.

Come to Bible Conference

March 11-15

Major renovation approved by Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on campus December 5-6 and approved plans to modernize the school's Memorial Auditorium during the coming year. The renovation, scheduled to begin in the spring, will take up to a year and will cost about \$300,000, according to E. B. McDonald, treasurer.

Changes including the addition of a balcony, will increase seating capacity by nearly 50 percent, enabling the entire student body to attend chapel services in one building. Other changes include air conditioning the building, bricking the auditorium's exterior, and installing a new roof. During the renovation, chapel services will be held in the school's Activities Building.

Other activities by the trustees included examining the college's enrollment, studying the current financial picture, and setting the date for inaugurating Dr. Charles Thigpen as president. The inauguration will be at 10 a.m., October 2, 1979, according to Board Chairman Randy Cox. All Free Will Baptists are invited to attend.

132 Close Semester on Dean's List

When final grades were issued December 26, 132 students found they had completed the semester with grades of "B" or higher and their names were placed on the Dean's List of honor students. Fifteen maintained straight "A's" for the semester. Here is the final Dean's List for the first semester of the 1978-79 school year.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Suzanne Blevins (senior)
Cheri Bruner (freshman)
Duane Cassida (sophomore)NC
Lisa Cordell (senior)
Rebecca Creech (sophomore)TN
Laura Hampton (sophomore)
Karen Howell (freshman)NC
Philip Jackson (senior)NC
Jimmy Jones (junior)
Joy Ketteman (junior)TN
Sarah Malone (freshman)IL
Dick Martin (senior)
Mary Maynard (junior)
Ernie Ross (senior)
Laura Sawyer (freshman)AR
"B" HONOR ROLL Gerald Gann

"B" HONOR ROLL
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Gary Alvarado
Burl Brewer MS
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Sarah BladesII
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Mark Daniel
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Teresa Pruitt MI

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David Rhodes IL
Rusty Russell GA
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Vance Sexton AL
Melody Shrewsbury WV
Ron SpencerOH
Dawn SweeneyTN
Linda Syck MI
Mark Thomas TN
Lydia Thompson NC
Gary UnderwoodMO

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Rhoda Ange	TN
Merle Archer	TN
Bob Baines	MS
Sharon Bondeson	1/A
Richard Bowen	CA
Linda Bowman	W/W
Myron Broadway	MS
Kathy Cannon	TN
Charles Carmack	TN
Zenis Childress	TN
Reuel Coffey	TN
Nancy Cordell	AI
Jerry Crews	CA
David Crowe	AI
Randy Fosse	II
Norma Jean Grubbs	SC
Jeff Halliburton	TN
Clayton Hampton	TN
JaNelda Henry	AR
Mike Hiltibidal	- 11
Ginger Humphreys	AR
Kathy Jenkins	VA
Marshall Johnson	TN
Steve Koch	MI
Sandy Laughinghouse	NC
Melissa Long	AI
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Mike Mize	AR
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Linda Rhodes	11
Mark Riggs	AI
Joanna Sasser	MO
Diane Smith	NC
Shelly Stewart	FI
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Lisa Terrell GA

Mark Trotter TN

Sonny Wilmoth TN

Committee to present letters to Dr. Johnson

There is still time for you to include a personal letter to Dr. Johnson in a book of letters to be presented upon his retirement from the presidency of FWBBC. All who wish to include a letter should submit it, on 81/2" x 11" paper, to The Inaugural Committee, in care of the college.

Sponsored by Free Will Baptist Bible College, to be held on campus. More information will be released soon.

Three Summer Sessions slated for 1979

Courses for FWBBC's 1979 Summer Sessions were announced recently by Dr. Robert Picirilli, registrar. Classes will be taught in three sessions that are two weeks, three weeks, and five weeks long.

Tuition will be \$37 per hour, Registration is \$5 for the two- and three-week sessions; \$10 for the five-week session. Room and board varies from \$70-\$200, depending on the length of the session. A \$10 lab fee will be required for Homiletics.

Individual courses will be taught only if enrollment for each course is sufficient. Prospective students should contact the college in early May regarding specific courses.

2-Week Session (3-hour limit)

May 21-June 1 (including Saturday) General Psychology (3) Introduction to Music (3) Christian Counseling (3) Introduction to Christian Education (2) Ephesians and Colossians (3) Interpretive Speech (2) Expository Preaching (1)

Tennis (1) 3-Week Session (3-hour limit) June 4-22 (no Saturdays)

Introduction to Sociology (3) Human Growth & Development (3) Romans (3) Christian Education of Children (2) Expository Preaching (1)

Men: Intermediate Swimming (1)

5-Week Session (6-hour limit) May 21-June 22 (no Saturdays)

Bible Doctrines (6) World Literature (4) Homiletics (4)

Advanced Greek (6) Private Voice (1)

Private Piano (1)

For more information, write:

Free Will Baptist Bible College Box 50117 Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Financial Aid Director receives degree

Tom Sass, Director of Financial Aid for 4 years, earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Belmont College in Nashville, December 15, 1978. He graduated cum laude, with a major in management.

We congratulate Mr. Sass on this accomplishment.



Visitors sample classes.

Welcome Days termed a success

The welcome mat was spread for 172 high school students and their sponsors during Welcome Days, November 30-December 2, 1978. Visitors came from 37 churches in 13 states to acquaint themselves with Bible College life.

The success of the program was overwhelming, judging from comments received at the close of Welcome Days. Some students said the visit had convinced them to come to FWBBC and



Attendance at Welcome Days was 172 from 13 states.

others said it had made them eager for the day they would enroll.

The college will host a spring Welcome Days, April 12-14. The cost is \$7.50 per visitor. Space is limited, so early reservations are a must! For more information or reservations, write:

Mr. Tom Sass Free Will Baptist Bible College Box 50117 Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Calendar of Campus Events

Feb. 16 Banquet Feb. 20 Enid Katahn Recital Mar. 2 Faculty/Senior basketball games Mar. 6-9 Mid-term exams Bible Conference Mar. 11-15 Mar. 15-19 Spring vacation Mar. 20 Classes resume Mar. 26-27 Carl Gerbrandt Music Recital and Workshop

Apr. 12-14 Welcome Days

OUT AND ABOUT-Members of the administration, faculty, and staff have scheduled the following services:

ALABAMA—Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 2/9, Hamilton FWB, Hamilton; 2/10, Eastside FWB, Tuscaloosa; 2/11, AM, First FWB, Northport; 2/11, PM, Midway FWB, Hanceville; Dr. Ange and Rev. Crawford, 2/12-14, Pastors Conference, Jasper FWB, Jasper; Rev. Crawford, 2/17, Cahaba River Youth Rally, Huffman FWB, Birmingham; Dr. Ange, 3/4, Red Bay FWB, Red Bay, ARKANSAS— Rev. Creech, 2/19-21, Arkansas Ministers Retreat, First FWB, Searcy; Dr. Ange, 3/18-23, First FWB, Hot Springs; Rev. Crawford, 3/18-4/1, various churches in the Saline Assoc.; Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 3/31, First FWB, Batesville; 4/1, AM, First FWB, Mountain Home; Rev. Crawford, 4/2-8, various churches in the North Louisiana Assoc. GEORGIA-Dr. Ange, 2/21-25, Decatur FWB, Decatur. IOWA—Rev. Creech, 4/2-8, Riverview FWB, Bettendorf. MICHIGAN-Dr. Riggs, 2/9-11, Philadelphia FWB, Mt. Clemens; Dr. Ange, 3/15-18, First FWB, Pontiac; Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 4/15, AM, Philadelphia FWB, Mt. Clemens. MISSISSIPPI-Rev. Breeden

and the Quartet, 2/23, Jones Chapel FWB, Corinth. MIS-SOURI—Rev. Creech, 3/9, Bible College Victory Dinner, Springfield. NORTH CAROLINA—Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 3/4, AM, Swannanoa FWB, Swannanoa; Dr. Riggs, 3/14-18, Grace FWB, Greenville; Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 4/7-8, Sandy Acres FWB, Columbia. OKLA-HOMA—Rev. Creech, 2/16, Bible College Victory Dinner, Oklahoma City. SOUTH CAROLINA—Dr. Riggs, 3/2-4, Fellowship FWB, Florence; Dr. Picirilli, 3/7-9, Bible Conference, Southern Methodist College, Orangeburg; 3/16-18, First FWB, Spartanburg. TENNESSEE-Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 2/25, AM, Liberty FWB, Millington; 3/2, First FWB, McMinnville; 3/15, Portland FWB, Portland; Dr. Ange, 4/5-7, Soul Winning Conference, Mt. Zion FWB, Joelton; Dr. Riggs, 4/8-13, Cross Timbers FWB, Nashville. WEST VIRGINIA—Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 3/16, Thomas Memorial FWB, Huntington; 3/17, Sophia FWB, Sophia; 3/18, AM, Bethel FWB, MacArthur; 3/19, Parsley Bottom FWB, Lenore.





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Dr. Mercer

Rev. Stallings



Alumni President Billy Bevan presents Dr. Johnson with a new pickup truck.



1979 Bible Conference

UNFORGETTABLE!

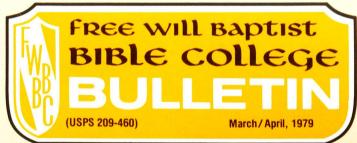
People may forget anniversaries and dental appointments, but it is not likely that those who attended the 1979 Bible Conference and its accompanying events will ever forget them.

The preaching was outstanding. President L. C. Johnson ranked it with the best of any conference held on campus. The music complemented the messages in every service. Special programs held in honor of Dr. Johnson's 34 years of service to the college, stirred memories and hearts.

Anticipating an outstanding meeting, a record number of Free Will Baptists converged on Nashville the week of March 11 to attend the conference. The Activities Building, site of the preaching services, stayed full and overflow facilities were in constant use. Parking areas bulged. Nursery workers had plenty of action.

This year's preachers rose magnificently to the occasion. Dr. Jim Mercer, for example, was at his best. Though he has spoken at other FWBBC Bible Conferences, Free Will Baptists have not tired of his ability to delight and challenge. Dr. Stanley Outlaw, a member of the college's Bible faculty, renewed our acquaintance with Elijah. He reminded us that Elijah was a man of "like passions as we are," who could rise to the most challenging demand and soon thereafter stump his toe. Our own FWBBC student body was the target of messages by Reverend Jack Stallings, pastor of Collinswood FWB Church of Portsmouth, Virginia. How appropriate! Bible Conference, after all, was begun in 1943 primarily to meet the needs of the college family. His messages are best described as unique, in both concept and delivery. It was he, for example, who reminded us of the "other" commission, to take the gospel to our own homes and home churches, where we can be most effective.

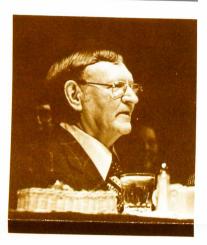
Free Will Baptists are a singing people. No Bible Conterent and the property of the Music Department, scheduled an impressive number of performers this year, both from within the college and from among the guests. Vocal presentations ranged from soloists, like Reverend Henry Oliver, to the full College Choir. Instrumentalists, such as







"Hallelujah Chorus" by the College Choir and FWBBC alumni.



Rev. Luther Gibson speaks in tribute at the alumni banquet.

"Johnson Funeral Home," says Tim Thompson, portraying Jim Mercer. Mark Johnson plays his father.

Mary Nell Beck on the violin and Rodney Whaley on the trumpet, added another dimension. The many musical offerings added up to a totally satisfying program.

The unique feature of this year's Bible Conference, and the one responsible for many of the visitors, was the college's program to honor Dr. Johnson at the culmination of his 34-year presidency.

Alumni scheduled their tribute on Tuesday afternoon of Bible Conference Week. Dr. Jack Williams, editor of CONTACT magazine, presided at a banquet attended by some 400 alumni and guests at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Several speakers, both friends and family, dusted off memories of Dr. Johnson and shared them, often eloquently. For the first time on record, Dr. Johnson was not asked to speak as the program closed. That was because, as anticipated, he was speechless when the Alumni Association presented him with a 1979 pickup truck. It was Mrs. Johnson's turn to be delighted when Billy Bevan, association president, unveiled a portrait of Dr. Johnson and herself, a gift to the family.

Wednesday morning saw a cutting wind whipping Free Will Baptists as they stepped from chartered buses into the shelter of the city's War Memorial Auditorium. The excitement was almost tangible as some 2,000 found seats on the ground floor and balcony. A stirring instrumental prelude by the brass ensemble introduced the 10:00 a.m. program. Dr. Robert Picirilli, presiding, introduced special guests. Nashville's Mayor Richard Fulton sent a proclamation honoring Dr. Johnson, on behalf of the city.

A 45-minute program of pictures and narration wafted the audience back through Linton Johnson's life. Dramatic sketches captured key scenes that displayed the building of his character. Characteristic Chapel sayings were the threads that bound the program into a pleasing summary of the ministry of L. C. Johnson. Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus, sung by the College Choir and alumni, was the only fitting conclusion.

Final presentations were made by Reverend Randy Cox and Bobby Floars. Cox, chairman of the board of trustees, gave Dr. Johnson the keys to a new car and presented Mrs. Johnson with a cuckoo clock. Floars, finance chairman of the Committee to Honor Dr. L. C. Johnson, gave the retiring president a check for over \$6,000, an offering of love from his many friends.

The audience standing in tribute to a man of God's choosing is a moment one never forgets. But that is a fitting description of all the events of FWBBC's 1979 Bible Conference—unforgettable.



Our Deep Appreciation

Mrs. Johnson and I would like to express our appreciation to all our friends who took part in making Wednesday morning of the Bible Conference one of the most memorable occasions of our lives. Mrs. Johnson knew something about what would happen and she was not quite so overwhelmed as I, but I was totally unprepared for the occasion. The quality of the program would have pleased the most discriminating person. Everything was done in such good taste.

We want to thank all of our friends for coming. You who could not come but sent expressions of appreciation in letters or gifts, we thank you. It was most gracious of the Board of Trustees to present us with a new Buick. The cash gifts went still further beyond my imaginings of what anyone would do. All of you who had any part in making the day a highlight in our lives have certainly indebted us to you.

Thank you and God bless you all.

La. Johnson



Judge Deen

Seminar on Creationism impresses students, teachers

A distinguished Georgia jurist recently told FWBBC students and visitors that the teaching of evolution and the neglect of Creationism in public schools has brought America "from one nation, under God" to one nation, under apes."

Judge Braswell Deen, Jr., chief justice of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, spoke on "Evolution versus Creationism," "America's 'Crime Curriculum," and "The Believer's Constitutional Rights" in a series of lectures held on campus February 23. He spoke for over two hours to a full auditorium and fielded questions from his listeners.

The visit was praised by students and teachers, who said they were impressed by Judge Deen's grasp of history, science and theology, as well as law.

FWBBC blood donors meet Red Cross challenge

FWBBC faculty, staff and student volunteers participated in the campus blood drive Tuesday, February 27. The Red Cross set a goal of 130 volunteers for the drive, and FWBBC met the challenge with a total of 107 giving blood and 23 who presented, but could not give. Of those who gave, 38 were first-time donors.

The college has a long list of awards received from the Red Cross in past years, including recognition for having the highest percentage of blood donors of any college in Middle Tennessee.

The college schedules two blood drives annually, in the fall and in the spring.

Administration schedules 1979-80 Welcome Days

FWBBC's Welcome Days program—to bring high school juniors and seniors to the campus—has been so successful that the administration has scheduled the dates for next school year so that even more can take advantage of it. Fall Welcome Days will be November 29-December 1, 1979; and Spring Welcome Days will be April 10-12, 1980.

Mark the dates you prefer on your calendar and plan to visit FWBBC. More information will be announced in the BULLETIN and to pastors by mail.

College students lonely, according to study

As a group, college students are the loneliest people in America, according to a study made by the University of Nebraska. They are followed, in order of loneliness, by divorced people, welfare recipients, housewives, and the elderly, according to the study.

At FWBBC, the faculty and staff work hard to meet the needs of every student. A sympathetic ear and godly counsel are always near.

But you can help too. Write to the students you know who are away at college. Encourage them to remain spiritually strong. Pray for them frequently. Your interest today is an investment in their tomorrow.



Spring Registration

614 students enroll for 1978-79 school year

FWBBC's enrollment for the 1978-79 school year is 614, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, registrar. This is a slight drop from last year's record 640.

Second semester registration, held in early January, saw 50 enrollees joining those who returned from first semester.

By classes, this year's enrollment totals 212 freshmen, 147 sophomores, 118 juniors, 87 seniors, and 48 special students.

Thirty missions students and 179 ministerial students are numbered in this year's student body.

Calendar of Campus Events

Apr. 27	Junior/Senior
	Banquet
May 10-15	Final exams
May 13	Baccalaureate
May 16	Graduate breakfast;
	Choral concert
May 17	Graduation
May 21-24	Pastors' Conference
May 21-	
June 22	Summer School

Students to serve as summer missionaries

Three FWBBC students will be spending the summer on two mission fields, according to the FWB Foreign Missions Department . All three are still trying to secure funds to underwrite their summer ministries in Brazil and Ivory Coast.

Patty Hiltibidal, a junior from Salem, Illinois, and Gary Silence, a senior from Jacksonville, North Carolina, will work in Brazil. Sandra England, a junior from Columbus, Ohio, plans to serve in Ivory Coast.

The students need help raising money for their transportation and other expenses. Those going to Brazil must raise \$1,600 and Sandra needs \$2,000. The money must be raised by May 1.

If you will help, send your gift to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department, Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Designate the student you are helping. A receipt will be sent to you.

1979 Summer School to begin May 21

You still have time to enroll for FWBBC's 1979 Summer School and enjoy courses like Expository Preaching, Christian Counseling, Bible Doctrines and studies in Romans and Ephesians-Colossians.

Term lengths are two weeks, three weeks, and five weeks, depending on the course(s) desired, and run May 21-June 1, June 4-22, and May 21-June 22, respectively.

Tuition is \$37 per semester hour. Total costs, including room, meals, and registration, will be \$70-\$200, depending on the number of courses taken and the length of the session.

For full information, write:

Registrar Free Will Baptist Bible College P.O. Box 50117 Nashville, Tennessee 37205

College To Hold Pastors' Conference, May 21-24

May 21-24, FWBBC will hold its 1979 Pastors' Conference, running concurrently with the beginning of summer school.

Guest speakers for the event are: Rev. Ralph Hampton, Rev. Vernon Whaley, Rev. Leroy Forlines, Rev. Gene Parisher, Rev. Eugene Waddell, Dr. Monroe Parker, Dr. Charles Thigpen, and Dr. L. C. Johnson.

Cost for meals and lodging on campus is \$25, with no registration fee. Some housing is available for couples. Those desiring to attend should write:

DASTODS! CONFEDENCE

Free Will Baptist Bible College
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Nashville, Tennessee 37205

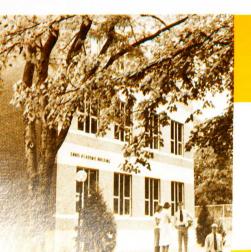
PROGRAM

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
7:45-		BIBLE STUDY	BIBLE STUDY	BIBLE STUDY
8:35		Rev. Ralph Hampton	Rev. Ralph Hampton	Rev. Ralph Hampton
8:40-		CHURCH REVIVALS	CHURCH FINANCES	MESSAGE
9:30		Rev. Eugene Waddell	Rev. Eugene Waddell	Dr. Monroe Parker
9:35		CHAPEL	CHAPEL	CHAPEL
10:15		Break	Break	Break
10:40-		THE PASTORAL OFFICE-I	THE PASTORAL OFFICE-II	PLANNING A MUSIC MINISTRY
11:25		Rev. Gene Parisher	Rev. Gene Parisher	Rev. Vernon Whaley
11:30-		EVALUATING GOSPEL MUSIC-I	EVALUATING GOSPEL MUSIC-II	MESSAGE
12:30		Rev. Vernon Whaley	Rev Vernon Whaley	Dr. Monroe Parker
12:35		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:40-		N.T. PASTORAL AUTHORITY	N.T. PASTORAL AUTHORITY	
2:30		I—Rev. Leroy Forlines	II—Rev. Leroy Forlines	
2:35-		THE PASTOR AND PRAYER	THE PASTOR & VISITATION	
3:25		Rev. Gene Parisher	Rev. Gene Parisher	
3:30	Men Swim	Men Swim	Men Swim	
4:30	Women Swim	Women Swim	Women Swim	
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FWB, Warsaw; 5/27, AM, Victory FWB, Goldsboro; 5/27, PM, Faith FWB, Goldsboro; 5/30, First FWB, Morehead City; 5/31, West Calvary FWB, Smithfield; 6/1, First FWB, Gastonia; 6/3, AM, Harriett Memorial FWB, Caroleen; 6/3, PM, Fairview FWB, Marion; Dr. Ange, 6/4-10, Unity FWB, Smithfield: Dr. Picirilli, 6/5, Bethel Christian Academy, Kinston; Rev. Creech and Rev. Ketteman, 6/11-12, N.C. State Assoc., Tabernacle FWB, Kinston; Dr. Ange, 6/11-17, Emmanuel FWB, Washington; Dr. Riggs, 6/13-17, Liberty FWB, Durham; Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 6/14, Edgewood FWB, Bessemer City. OKLAHOMA-Rev. Crawford, 4/18-29, various churches in the Tulsa and Okla. City areas. SOUTH CAROLINA-Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 5/25, First FWB, Charleston Heights; 6/10, Columbia FWB, Columbia; 6/11, Calvary FWB, Georgetown. TEN-NESSEE—Dr. Ange, 4/23-29, Oakland FWB, Whites Creek; Dr. Thigpen, 4/29, Bethel FWB, Ashland City; Dr. Picirilli, 5/15, Evangelical Press Assoc., Nashville; Rev. Creech, 5/20, Shady Grove FWB, Clarksville; Rev. Breeden and the Quartet, 6/4, West Green FWB, Mosheim, TEXAS-Dr. Thigpen, 4/16-18, Chairman of Evaluation Team, Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas. WEST VIRGINIA—Rev. Ketteman, 6/8-9, W. Va. State Assoc., McCorkle FWB, McCorkle.



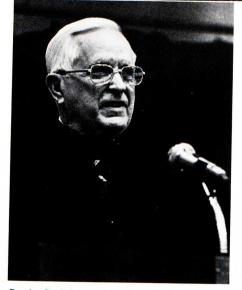


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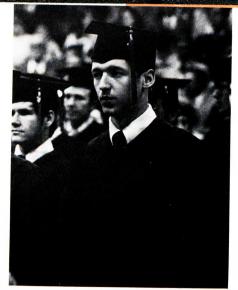
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Dr. L. C. Johnson



Jeff Crabtree

89 Honored at Commencement Exercises

Dr. L. C. Johnson, in one of his final acts as Free Will Baptist Bible College president, awarded degrees, certificates, and diplomas to 89 graduates in Commencement Exercises on campus May 17. His retirement from the presidency and the beginning of his service as chancellor took place June 1.

Graduation Week activities opened with the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 13. The speaker was Reverend Bob Shockey, home missionary to "the Highlands of Kentucky."

Other activities of the week included the annual breakfast for graduates on Wednesday, May 16, and the choir concert that evening.

But the culminating event is always graduation. This year, Paul Ketteman, director of Public Relations, paid tribute to people, past and present, whose sacrifices and service made this graduation possible. His message was like a Who's Who of Free Will Baptists and his tribute put a lump of gratitude in the throats of many.

Dr. Johnson's final challenge, as president, will be long remembered by graduates, college personnel, and visitors. It was an eloquent plea for graduates to give a lifetime of Christian service from

the man who has inspired more Christian servants than any other Free Will Baptist.

Finally, the awards—41 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 32 Bachelor of Science degrees, eight Christian Worker's Bible Diplomas, and eight Business Certificates—were presented to graduates.

After recognizing three departing faculty members (see related article), the Alma Mater was sung for the last time in the 1978-79 school year:

Within these halls we love so well God dwells in majesty;

To Him our song shall ever swell throughout eternity.

To His dear name we pledge thy fame, the college of our hearts;

God's truth learned here and friendship dear

will ne'er from us depart.

Within these halls we love so well God's truth shall ever ring; Throughout the years its memory within our hearts shall sing.

With Christ our Lord, His Word our

we go to join the fray.

To fight with sin, the battle win, and bring His glorious day.



Three faculty members, with a combined total of more than 40 years at the Bible College, resigned at the end of the 1978-79 school year. They are T. L. Burch, Maude Coffey, and Judy Shrewsbury.

Mr. Burch, who has taught in the area of social studies, ended his 20-year association with the college to organize Burch Christian Enterprises, a building consultation service for churches.

Mrs. Coffey, who has taught piano for 13 years, will move with her husband to Norfolk, Va., where he will assume a new pastorate.

Miss Shrewsbury has served as librarian for eight years and resigned to be married in May. She and her husband will live in Missouri.

The college deeply appreciates the dedicated service of these faculty members.

Alumnus' Music Featured On New Choir Record

The College Choir has recorded a stereo album of music by FWBBC alumnus, Doug Little. The record is entitled "Song In The Night" and is available from the Public Relations Department for \$8, plus \$1 for postage and handling.

Mr. Little is a 1977 graduate and has written many gospel songs, including "King of Kings," which was sung by the mass choir at the 1977 National Association of Free Will Baptists. He also wrote the theme chorus of the 1978 National Association, "The Church Is Alive!"

The 24-voice choir was directed by Abe Baerg, Music Department chairman, and backed by orchestral accompaniment.

To order, send check or money order for \$9 to:

Public Relations Department Free Will Baptist Bible College Box 50117 Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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May/June, 1979

Music Teacher Receives Doctorate

Vernon Whaley, the newest member of the Music Department, completed his external studies program at Luther Rice Seminary and received his Doctor of Ministry degree in Church Music on May 11 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Dr. Whaley majored in the study of church music administration, with a special study of local church music methods and materials. His research project was to study and write the background stories behind all 415 hymns in the Free Will Baptist Hymn Book (1964).



Free Will Baptist Bible College



Burl Brewer Murfreesboro, Tenn.



David Brown Mabelvale, Ark



Randy Bryant Jacksonville, Fla



Eddy Campbell N. Little Rock. Ark



Danny Cooper Milton, W.Va.



Jeff Crabtree Jackson, Oh



Johnny Daw New Bern, N.C.



Jim Doherty Chesterfield, Ind.



Tim Landers Sherwood, Ark



Fred McCracken Candler, N.C.



Keith Morgan Falkville, Ala.



Frank Owens Knightdale, N.C



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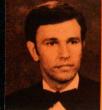
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David Roach Walnut Ridge, Ark



Ernie Ross Lincoln Park, Mich.



Steve Utley Marion, III



Karen Walker Huntsville, Ala



Daryl Wall Selma, N.C.



Angie Wiard Albany, Ga.



David Williford Slocomb, Ala



Jack Zuccarello Nashville, Tenn



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Randy Carr Montgomery, Ala



Darcy Carrier Hazel Park, Mich.



Lisa Cordell Memphis, Tenn.



Peggy Goudelock Belmont, N.C



Kathy Gunnoe MacArthur, W.Va



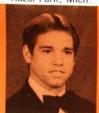
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Karen Hollis Dora, Ala.



Thurman Lucas Wilson, N.C.



Dick Martin Troy, Mich.



Annette Miskelley Granite City, III.



Angie Neal New Castle, Ind



Virginia Poole Clarksville, Tenn.



Linda Potter Atkins, Ark



Robin Riggs Nashville. Tenn



Deug Ferguson Townley, Ala.



Jon Forlines Nashville, Tenn.



Patty Hiltibidal Salem III



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Daphne Pugh Midland, Tex



Gwen Russell Blakely, Ga.



Business Certificate

Class of 1979



Bachelor of Arts



Ken Bailey Nashville, Tenn.



Ken Beavers King's Mountain, N.C.



David Foster Glasgow, Ky



Mark Gedeon Cleveland, Oh



Wayne Hale Flat River, Mo.



Paul Harrison Nashville, Tenn



Henry Horne Durham, N.C.



Randy Jackson Huntsville. Ala.



Glen Johnson LaPorte, Ind.



Betty Lamm Bailey, N.C.



Joel Sensing Vanleer, Tenn



Randy Settle Aberdeen, Md



Greg Short Wilson, N.C.



Gary Silence Jacksonville, N.C.



Van Stewart Newport, Ark



Steve Stidham Milford Center, Oh.



Walter Sumerlin Greenville, N.C.



Jeff Turnbough Nashville, Tenn



Gary Alvarado Houston, Tex



Virginia Bays Webbville, Ky



Darlene Beasley Birmingham, Ala



Mike Belesky Berkley, Mich.



Steve Bevan Woodbridge, Va



Suzanne Blevins Nashville, Tenn.



Linda Bowman Beckley, W.Va.



Lynn Brewer Murfreesboro, Tenn.



Patricia Humbles



Philip Jackson Greenville, N.C.



Rebecca Jones Falkville, Ala



Sheila Jones Columbus, Miss.



Jili Ketteman Nashville, Tenn



Pam Latshaw Ferndale, Mich



Joyce Little Nashville, Tenn.



Sherry Rouse LaGrange, N.C



David Thompson Jacksonville, N.C



Eugenia Thompson Memphis, Tenn.



Christian Worker's **Bible Diploma**



Keith Cole Arlington, Va



Jimmy Coursey Lyons, Ga.



Debbie Bullard



Sylvia Coxwell Norfolk, Va. Crestview, Fla



New Bern, N.C.



Colquitt, Ga.



Crab Orchard, W. Va



Wabash, Ind.



umberland City, Tenn.

Trustees Announce Administration Changes, Faculty Additions



The Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees approved new administrative officers for the college and voted to add three faculty members for the 1979-80 school year at its annual meeting held on the campus May 15-16.

Dr. Robert Picirilli has been appointed academic dean and Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar. Dr. Picirilli has served as registrar since 1960 and has taught New Testament courses. Dr. Hampton joined the faculty in 1974, has taught Bible, science, and education courses, and served the past year as assistant registrar. The appointments were recommended by Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, were approved by the trustees, and became effective June 1, 1979.

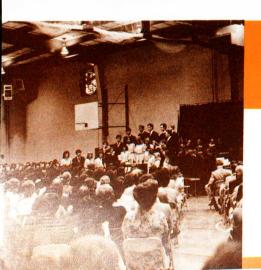
Dr. LaVerne Miley and Mrs. Lorene

Francen will join the faculty in the fall. Dr. Miley, a 19-year veteran of missionary service in Ivory Coast, will teach science and Bible. The medical doctor will be returning to the faculty after a 24-year absence. In 1950-55, he taught Greek and science, directed Christian service activities, and served as acting dean at the college. Mrs. Francen is returning to serve as librarian. She was the college's librarian in 1970-71, has extended her library training and experience in Puerto Rico, and is completing her Master of Library Science degree (M.L.S.) at the University of Southern California. Doug Little, who taught music at the college last fall, will return to the music faculty for part-time service this fall.

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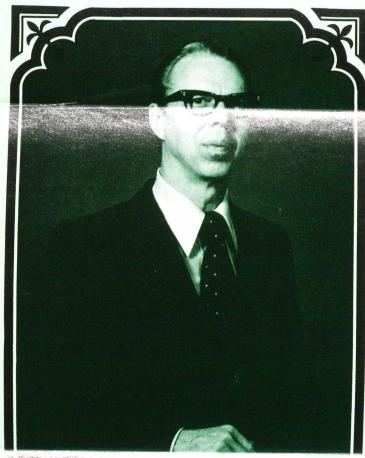
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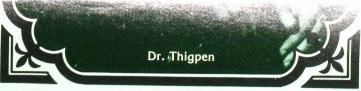
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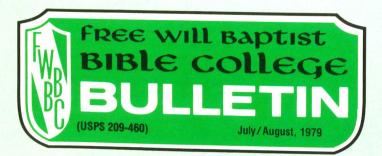
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Third President To Lead College









On June 1, 1979, Dr. Charles A. Thigpen became Free Will Baptist Bible College's third president.

Great college presidents, like great pastors, are difficult to find and years in the making. When one considers Dr. Thigpen's preparation, one is possessed with the conviction that he is a man who is equal to the task.

His association with FWBBC has been long and the functions he has performed, varied. He and his wife, Laura, joined the faculty in 1948—they were the fruit of a recruiting visit President L. C. Johnson made to Bob Jones University. In those days, until 1953, Dr. Thigpen served as teacher, registrar, and dean of men for the college. After a four-year period in the pastorate, he returned to FWBBC in 1957. Since then, he has served as academic dean. But he has also kept in touch with the college's most basic function by maintaining his teaching role especially in the area of pastoral training.

Dr. Thigpen's service to Free Will Baptists has extended far beyond the FWBBC campus. For six years, 1954-60, he was moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and chairman of the General Board and the Executive Committee. He was on the denomination's Publication and Literature Board, 1950-52, and a member of the Sunday School Board, 1961-68.

Though he has been an able academic administrator, the denomination has also recognized and respected President Thigpen as one of its best preachers. He loves the pastoral ministry and has challenged hundreds of young preachers to make "full proof" of their ministries. During his own four-year ministry at the Highland Park FWB Church in Detroit (now Central FWB Church), the church made significant growth and purchased the property for its re-location. Even as a busy college administrator, he has made time to serve in a pastoral relationship with the Trinity, Calvary, and Woodbine Free Will Baptist churches of Nashville.

Dr. Thigpen's academic preparation has certainly fitted him to serve well as president of FWBBC. He earned his B.A. at Bob Jones University and his M.A. at Winona Lake School of Theology. His M.Ed. and D.A. were both earned at Middle Tennessee State University in 1970 and 1975, respectively.

American Association of Bible Colleges, for whom he has served since 1974 as a member and as chairman of the Accrediting Commission.

Dr. Thigpen, a native of Olanta, S.C., and his wife, the former Laura Jane Coker, have four children. Jonathan, a FWB preacher, lives in Nashville, as does Ruth, their youngest. Laura (Mrs. Steve Cannon) and Ann (Mrs. Gary Maines) are both married to Free Will Baptist preachers, and live in Florence, S.C., and Norfolk, Va., respectively. Dr. and Mrs. Thigpen are members of the Woodbine FWB Church.

The future is bright as FWBBC looks to the '80's. A new administration, led by President Thigpen, is pledged to follow, with renewed vigor, the ministry that has characterized the college. With the prayers and support of Free Will Baptists, and the blessing of God, great days lie ahead for Free Will Baptist Bible College.

\$1.05 Adds Up To Victory!

What can you buy today for \$1.05? Not much. But that amount added up to success in the college's \$425,000-general fund gift quota for 1978-79. When gifts for the year were totaled May 31—the last day in the fiscal year—they were \$425,001.05!

For years, Paul Ketteman, director of public relations, has stressed the importance of all gifts, large and small. The meeting of the gift budget illustrates what he has been saying. The loss of one small gift would have dropped the total short of the goal.

The victory can be especially credited to two special appeals made in April. First, a letter from Dr. L. C. Johnson, as he neared the end of his 34-year presidency, resulted in \$15,268 in general fund gifts. Second, telephone appeals from faculty members made to about a hundred pastors resulted in personal and church gifts of \$12,759. College officials were grateful for these last minute responses, as well as for those regular monthly gifts that made the victory possible.

The FWBBC trustees, meeting in mid May, considered the school's needs for 1979-80 and set the general fund gift budget at \$495,000. Suggested gift quotas are:

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Over 375 alumni attend luncheon.

Alumni Clear \$100,000 Project

State Alabama	1978-79 \$ 37.500	1979-80 43,500
Arizona		2,300
Arkansas		
//// // // // // // // // // // // // /	10,000	18,750
California	2,500	3,000
Colorado	500	600
Florida	17,500	20,000
Georgia	30,000	35,000
Hawaii	300	350
Idaho	450	500
Illinois	14,000	16,500
Indiana	3,000	4,000
lowa	800	1,200
Kansas	900	1,000
Kentucky	12,500	14,500
Maine	500	1,500
Maryland .	1.000	1 200
Michigan	15,000	17,500
Mississippi	18,500	18,500
Missouri	22,000	25,500
New Hampshire	-0-	500
New Mexico	200	300
North Carolina	59,000	68,500
Ohio	12,000	12,000
Oklahoma	20,000	23,000
South Carolina		35,000
Tennessee	51,000	59,000
Texas	8,500	10,000
Virginia	14,000	15,000
Virgin Islands	-O-	300
Washington	750	1,500
West Virginia	9,000	10,000
Wyoming	100	200
WNAC	1,500	2,500
Other Gifts	25,000	32,000
TOTAL	\$425,000	\$495,000

Members of the FWBBC Alumni Association raised over \$17,000 at their meeting in Charlotte, N.C., during the National Association, completing their \$100,000-Patton Property project.

Ronald Creech, director of development, urged alumni to finish the drive by signing checkbooks, making cash gifts, or indicating pledges. Some 375 alumni and other friends of the college attended the meeting and many responded to his challenge.

"I am thrilled!" Creech commented. "The gifts at Charlotte totaled \$17,201." Alumni adopted the project in July, 1974.

Chancellor L. C. Johnson, in a letter to alumni, noted that they have been responsible for campus projects totaling more than \$400,000. He added, "I personally appreciate the loyalty our alumni have expressed in many ways over the years."







Verleen Baerg

Baergs Leave Music Faculty

Abe and Verleen Baerg, members of the FWBBC Music Department, recently announced that they will move to Abe's native Canada and will not rejoin the faculty in the fall.

In his eight years with the college, Abe taught voice, directed several student music groups, and served as chairman of the Music Department. Verleen was a part-time organ teacher for four years.

During his term as director of the College Choir, Abe supervised the production of two records and introduced a split format for the group. The format enabled his 24-voice choir to be divided into two 12-voice ensembles.

Public Relations Director Paul Ketteman says that Abe's love for the Word of God gave a spiritual dimension to his work with his students. "Free Will Baptist Bible College is losing two of the finest, most dedicated and godly musicians it has ever had," he says.

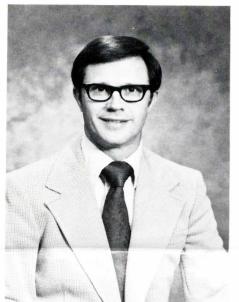
The college wishes God's best for the Baergs and their daughters, Charae and Chandra.

Students Active In Christian Service During 1978-79 School Year

FWBBC students helped more than 2,600 people make decisions for Christ or rededication during the 1978-79 school year, according to a report by Dr. Joseph Ange, director of Christian Service. Decisions for salvation totaled 1,238, with another 1,469 making some other kind of decision. These were the fruit harvested from among the 15,971 people students witnessed to.

The report showed that students gave out nearly 79,000 tracts, rendered 8,587 musical numbers, preached 3,250 messages, and taught 3,589 classes.

The college continues to stress the importance of students taking the Word they are studying to the people who need it.



Gordon Sebastian

Gordon Sebastian To Preach Fall Campus Revival

Reverend Gordon Sebastian will conduct the annual campus revival October 10-14, according to Dr. Joseph Ange, director of religious activities.

Sebastian is a 1959 FWBBC graduate and pastors Peace FWB Church, Wilson, N.C.

He will speak 11 times during the 5-day meeting, including daily chapel and evening services. He will also speak at a Saturday breakfast sponsored by Ministerial Fellowship, a campus organization of ministerial students.

The college has frequently felt the impact of the campus revival. God has called many into Christian service during these meetings. Coming early in the school year, it helps to put spiritual values in proper perspective and makes the entire year better.

Student Enrollment Healthy For 1979 Summer School

The enrollment for FWBBC's 1979 summer school totaled 138, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar. This equals the number who took summer studies last year.

The two-week session drew 131 enrollees and the three-week session had 82 registrants. Some students took classes in both sessions.

The summer school ministry is helpful for students who want to pick up extra classes. It is also an opportunity for some people, who cannot attend during fall and spring semesters, to sample FWBBC in a briefer period.

140 On Spring Semester Dean's List

"A" HONOR ROLL

Dwight Ausley (sophomore)	10
Teresa Bess (junior)	1
Suzanne Blevins (senior)	1
Duane Cassida (sophomore)	10
Lisa Cordell (senior)	1
Rhonda Dobbs (sophomore)	F
Sandy England (junior)) -
Laura Hampton (sophomore)T	1
Jimmy Jones (junior)	1
Jill Ketteman (senior)	1
Joy Ketteman (junior)	1
Pam Latshaw (senior)	M
Dick Martin (senior)	M
Mary Maynard (junior)	П
Frank Owens (senior)	0
Sammy Pittman (sophomore)	0
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Laura Sawyer (freshman)	R
Gary Underwood (sophomore)	0
Karen Walker (senior)	1

"B" HONOR ROLL

Seniors	E
Martha Alexander SC	F
Mike Belesky MI	1
Roger Bennett MI	1
Steve BevanVA	F
Linda Bowman WV	
David Brown	I
David Brown AR	5
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Calendar of Campus Events

Aug.	27
Aug.	28-29

Sept. 3-7

Faculty Meeting Opening Service, 7:30 p.m. Registration, Fall Semester Classes Begin Rush Week

Sept. 6

Oct. 2 Oct. 10-14 Red Cross Bloodmobile Presidential Inauguration Campus Revival, Rev. Gordon Sebastian



Free Will Baptists Invited

On October 2, 1979, Free Will Baptist Bible College will inaugurate its third president, Dr. Charles A. Thigpen. The service will be held in the college Activities Building and will begin at 10 a.m.

Free Will Baptists across the denomination are invited. Special invitations are being sent to academic representatives of other colleges.

FWBBC's past presidents are Dr. L. C. Johnson, who served for 34 years, and Dr. L. R. Ennis, who served for three years.

Sample Campus Life at FWBBC During '79-'80 Welcome Days

College officials anticipate another enthusiastic response by high school juniors and seniors when Welcome Days are held on campus this year. Twice during the school year the college will hold "open house" for prospective students. The fall Welcome Days will be November 29-December 1, 1979; spring Welcome Days will be April 10-12, 1980.

Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar, notes: "Two of the strongest factors involved in a person's choosing FWBBC are personal campus visits and contacts with present students." He adds, "Why not

school juniors and seniors by attending Welcome Days?"

For more information, write:

WELCOME DAYS

Free Will Baptist Bible College P.O. Box 50117 Nashville, Tennessee 37205

College Closes Fiscal Year In Black

In a year when many colleges closed their books in the red and some were even forced to close their doors, FWBBC finished its 1978-79 school year in the black. The college operated on a \$1.6 million budget and finished with its income \$3,343 ahead of its expenses.

Total income for the year was \$1,642,547. Expenses and deductions totaled \$1,639,204.

The 1979-80 budget, adopted in July by the National Association of Free Will Baptists is \$1,724,000, an increase of 4.9 percent. With the current inflation rate over 10 percent, it will take the prayers and generous support of many Free Will Baptists to meet the new budget.

Please do your part. Pray daily for FWBBC. Give generously to help train more Christian workers.

Principals To Meet On Campus

Attorney David Gibbs will be the featured speaker when principals of FWB church schools meet on campus December 3-5. Gibbs, who is with the Christian Law Association, has been an ardent defender of the rights of Christian schools.

Mike Spikes, president of the Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Christian Schools, says, "It is a real privilege to have Mr. Gibbs attend our conference." The attorney will speak Monday evening and Tuesday.

Also scheduled are seminars featuring discussions on the use of standardized tests, the relationship of the school to the church, and the biblical basis of discipline.

For more information on the conference, contact:

Mr. Mike Spikes Randall Christian Academy 2898 S. Perkins Memphis, Tennessee 38118

OUT AND ABOUT-Members of the administration, faculty, and staff have scheduled the following services:

ALABAMA—Dr. Riggs, 8/17-22, Eastside FWB, Tuscaloosa; Dr. Ange, 8/20-24, First FWB, Fayette; Rev. Ketteman, 10/5-6, State Line Assoc. ARKANSAS—Rev. Creech, 8/14-16, State Assoc., Fort Smith. GEORGIA—Dr. Johnson and Rev. Creech, 9/20, College Dinner, Colquitt. NORTH CAROLINA—Dr. Thigpen and Rev. Creech, 9/15, College Dinner, Asheville; Rev. Creech and the College Choir, 10/4-8, Coastal Assoc. churches. OHIO—Dr. Thigpen and Rev. Creech, 9/8, College Dinner, Columbus. OKLA-

HOMA—Rev. Creech, 10/15, State Assoc., Oklahoma City. SOUTH CAROLINA—Dr. Riggs, 10/4-7, Calvary FWB, Georgetown. TENNESSEE—Dr. Ange, 8/26-28, East Side FWB, Elizabethton; Dr. Thigpen and Rev. Creech, 9/22, College Dinner, Johnson City; Rev. Creech, 9/23, AM, Fellowship FWB, Kingsport; 9/23, PM, East Side FWB, Elizabethton. VIRGINIA—Dr. Picirilli and Rev. Creech, 9/27, College Dinner, Richmond; 9/28, College Dinner, Norfolk.



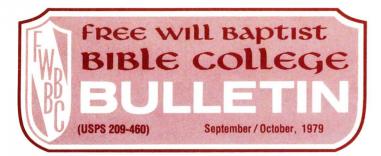


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In his Inaugural Message, delivered on campus October 2, President Charles A. Thigpen glances back, then looks ahead, toward a greater FWBBC.

COLLEGE DRAMA

by President Thigpen

In Shakespeare's **The Tempest**, Antonio declared that "What's past is prologue." In the introduction or prologue of a drama, the writer gives the time and place of the action, introduces the main characters, establishes the mood and gives direction to the entire work. The 37-year history of Free Will Baptist Bible College may be likened to the prologue. That part of the drama is now history.

I. A LOOK AT THE PAST

The Time and Place

As we look at the past we note that the time and place of the action were determined in Columbus, Mississippi, at the meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the College's sponsoring body. It was then determined that Nashville, Tennessee, would be the location of the school and that it should be begun in the fall of 1942.

The Characters

Through the ensuing years many characters were to become a part of this drama. However, the protagonist for three and a half decades was Dr. L. C. Johnson. The presidential mantle was placed on his shoulders while he was yet a young man in his twenties. This main character was to play the truly significant role in founding and directing the life of the college. His task was that of a pioneer, a trailblazer. He was to lead the way for others to follow. It was his vision and his dream, more than that of anyone else, which was to bring the college to its present status. Enrollment grew until several hundred students attended annually. Seventeen buildings were to grace the campus. An academically well prepared faculty with solid



Christian commitment was built. Programs of study were added which led to both the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of science degrees. Professional accreditation was achieved and a teacher education program leading to state certification became a reality.

Other characters in the drama were the students and former students of the college. Many hundreds of former students are serving the Lord in places of leadership here in the United States and around the world. Pastors, pastors' wives, missionaries, Christian Day school teachers, chaplains in the armed forces, administrative and faculty personnel in several Christian colleges, denominational executives, Christian education directors, music directors and church secretaries were trained here. And we must not overlook those who received training here who are physicians, school teachers, lawyers, housewives, nurses, businessmen and others who serve the Lord no less faithfully than those who are in the various church vocations.

The Direction

The overall direction of the college was established in those formative years. The educational program was built on a thorough-going theistic world view, accepting the Bible as God's complete, final and infallible revelation of Himself to men. This view holds that man is created by God and capable of knowing God on the terms of the gospel and seeing the church as divinely established for the evangelizing of the entire world and for the edification and fellowship of those who believe.

The biblical philosophy of education that was followed rejected naturalism, humanism and secularism. This philosophy holds that the Bible is the integrating principle for the entire curriculum. As Lewis Mumford said, "The Bible is a magnetic field at the center which will continue to polarize each fragment that enters the field."



II. A LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE

The curtain has now come down on the first act of the history of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The introductory period was signally blessed by God. What may be said as we look toward the future? The decade of the '70's ends and that of the '80's begins with this school year. What of the new decade if the Lord tarries His coming?

At the very beginning of the second act in this drama let us state that the college charter declares that the preparation of students for church vocations is the college's chief objective. I am in complete agreement with this purpose. I reaffirm my loyalty to and approval of the thrust of the school. This does not mean that there will be no changes; it does mean that the objectives and philosophy of the college will be carefully preserved and that changes made will be within this context.

We are keenly aware of the fact that the future of this college, as well as those of us who are a part of it, is in God's hands. We can expect His presence and His bless-

ings as our lives are governed by His Word.

God said to Israel in Isaiah 54:2, "Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." A principle of proper growth is stated in this verse; if cords are to be lengthened, stakes must therefore be strengthened. We desire growth, development, and improvement in the college in this new decade; if this "lengthening of the cords" is to be achieved successfully, there must be a comparable "strengthening of the stakes." What are the stakes that must be strengthened?

The Stake of Excellence

There is, first of all, the matter of excellence. Christians are commanded to do everything to the glory of God (I Cor. 10:31) and to do everything "heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Col. 3:23). The highest possible academic standards must be attained. There must never be a lowering of quality for any expediency. No one honors the Lord by doing a second rate piece of work. This excellence must be reflected in the lives of the students and graduates. The characteristics of Christian refinement, promoted here at the college are described by the apostle Paul in the words: "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these thing." Educators in this college are accountable to God; therefore we must seek to please Him by having excellence in life and work as our goal.

The Stake of Urgency

And while we work for excellence, we must increase our pace. We must learn how to be more efficient so that our momentum may be improved. Our work is for the Master, the King of Kings, the Lord of heaven and earth and the King's business requireth haste. Therefore, what

we do must be "shot through" with a sense of divine urgency. We must seek new ways of doing things and, at the same time, better ways of doing them. We must subject our methods and our approaches as teachers and administrators to healthy self-examination. As fellow workers and peers we must seek to help one another, remembering that individually and collectively we are our brother's keeper.

Perhaps more than any other single quality, enthusiasm will enable us to quicken our pace. If a genuine excitement can emanate from administrative offices as well as classrooms, a new fervor will be born that will enhance the entire school.

The Stake of A Qualified Faculty and Staff

The third stake is that of attracting and holding qualified faculty members. Let me here give my profound appreciation to our present faculty. The very heart of this school is the faculty. They are well trained with impressive credentials; they are experienced. This is a thoroughly committed faculty, living out in daily example the truths they teach. And what is here said of the faculty, could be said of the staff in relationship to their preparation, loyalty, and dedication to the college. This very high level of achievement must be held as the expected goal as new faculty and staff members are added.

The Stake of Student Enrollment

The fourth stake that must be strengthened is student recruitment and enrollment. We recognize that this is not going to be easy. Those who study such things state that college enrollment will decline approximately twenty percent in the next ten years. Of course, this is only a projection, but at the present time, it appears to be frightfully correct. And while there will be increasingly fewer students, there are many more schools trying to attract them. In the last three decades, we have seen hundreds of community colleges, technical schools, and vocational

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schools come into being and a goodly number of Christian liberal arts colleges and Bible colleges. Added to all of this, in many churches, people have become so "caught up" in the tide of affluence, materialism and secularism that fewer young people are seriously considering God's will for their lives. All of this has begun to seriously impair enrollment in some Bible colleges. Means must be sought to counteract and overcome these hindrances to enrollment.

Another matter closely akin to student enrollment, is student attrition. Once a student actually enrolls, greater effort must be exerted by teachers, student personnel workers, administrators, yes, and even by other students, to keep students from dropping out. This is absolutely essential if we are to minister to the largest possible number of people.

Seven students have completed their studies at Free Will Baptist Bible College and were added to the Class of 1979 on September 1.



Billy W. Clinton Bachelor of Arts Fort Worth, TX



Paul Allen Davis Bachelor of Arts Wayne, MI



Patricia Hiltibidal Bachelor of Arts Salem, IL



Glenn Harlinger Bachelor of Science Nashville, TN



Henry J. Van Kluyve, Jr. Bachelor of Science Nashville, TN



William L. Conlon Bible Diploma Richlands, NC



Linda Kay Syck **Business Certificate** Trenton, MI

528 Students Enrolled In Fall Registration

Free Will Baptist Bible College began the first school year of the decade of the tries, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar. The total was reached as 185 new students joined 343 returnees to register for classes August 28-29.

Ministerial students number 142 and there are 48 who are preparing for missionary service.

By classes, there are 131 freshmen, 124 sophomores, 131 juniors, 95 seniors, and 47 special students.

Here are the number of enrollees from each state and foreign country:

Alabama 59 Arkansas 29 Arizona 1 California 5 Delaware 1 Florida 17 Georgia 23 Hawaii 3 Illinois 29 Indiana 13 Iowa 3 Kansas 3	Kentucky7Maryland1Massachusetts1Michigan20Missouri18North Carolina81Ohio25Mississisppi18Oregon1Oklahoma1South Carolina21	South Dakota 1 Tennessee 86 Texas 7 Virginia 41 West Virginia 7 Brazil 1 France 1 Japan 1 Malawi 1 Panama 1 Spain 1

Welcome Days Preparations **Underway For Campus Visitors**

Various departments of the college are gearing up for a couple of hundred high school juniors and seniors for fall Welcome Days, November 29-December 1. The drama and music departments are preparing special programs. Arrangements are being made for visitors to live in the dormitories and visit classes. Students are looking forward to welcoming visitors, especially those from their own home states.

If you are a pastor, parent, prospective student, youth director, or have any interest in Welcome Days, write:

Welcome Days c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College P.O. Box 50117 Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Guest Chapel Speakers Challenge College Family

Recent quest speakers for Chapel services have challenged the faculty and students, and have enriched the spiritual dimension of the current school year.

Dr. Jack Van Impe, in Nashville for a city-wide campaign, identified himself with FWBBC students as he recalled his Bible college days and the work God did in his life.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, first modern day Free Will Baptist missionary and former FWBBC teacher, spoke four days, outlining God's guidance as He showed her "the path of life" (Psa. 16:11).

Delmer Priest, one of the college's nine trustees and a retired police officer, spent two days urging his listeners to give themselves to the task of building godly homes.

Rev. Joe Haas, missionary to France, called upon students to consider the needs on the foreign fields in two stirring Chapel messages.

Pray for the ministry of daily Chapel at FWBBC.

Calendar of **Campus Events** Oct. 23-26 Oct. 29-31 Nov. 2-4 Thanksgiving Nov. 21-25 Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Dec. 3-5 Dec. 15

The Stake of Proper Support

The next stake to be strengthened is that of support. We are not wasting words when we urge genuine prayer support for the college. God has led in the founding and maintaining of this school; only with His favor, and blessing can this ministry continue. And, as you pray for the school, please pray for me. I have never felt the need for divine leadership and assistance as I do now. Your part in this work will be valuable if you will pray earnestly, faithfully, and I trust daily, for us.

And then there must be financial help. Let me say to our people that you have been generous; we thank God for you. Free Will Baptist Bible College would never have existed if it had not been for the sacrificial dollars you have invested here. As you know, the Board of Trustees, administration and the denomination determined long ago that the college would accept no assistance from any level of government: federal, state, county, or municipal.

"... the future of this college is in God's hands."

Financially, this was a costly decision. However, recognizing that government assistance is received at the price of governmental guidelines and directives, this position will be maintained. Now this means that you, our people, must therefore invest more to operate the college; you must invest more to buy land and to build buildings; you must invest more to make student aid and student loans possible. The college has only two sources of income; the money which comes from our constituency and that which comes from student fees. We must keep fees as low as we can in order that as many students as possible may come. We want none to be hindered by exorbitant fees. Therefore, to make this possible, you must continue to stand with us financially.

The Stake of Awareness of the Needs of Men

The next stake to consider is that of awareness of the needs of men. Any real need of man would be of concern to the true follower of Jesus Cl needs of men are in the spiritual realm. The same compassion that gripped the heart of Christ as he saw the shepherdless multitude, should move us today. Christ's love for the destitute, the hopeless and the helpless must be experienced by us if we would follow in His steps. We must reach them with the good news of the gospel, teach them the precepts of Christian living and equip them for the work of the ministry. Anything short of this is not New Testament Christianity.

Proper attention must be given to the local church. Our chief concern must never be to build a great denomination, but to build hundreds, yea thousands of strong, fervent, Christ-exalting, soul-winning churches. The spiritual need of a man is never complete until he is a member of a local body of believers. Let us pray for an army of church planters and pastors to start new churches and to shepherd the flocks of the present churches.

This concern for the local church must go hand in hand

with world outreach with the Gospel. World evangelization must always be our goal. The church's marching orders from Christ, our Commander in Chief, are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We must never become short-sighted or narrow in our outlook. The field is the world. God loves every person in the world, Christ died for the sins of every man in the world. May we ever be able to say with Reginald Heber:

Shall we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high, Shall we to men benighted The lamp of light deny? Salvation! O salvation! The joyful sound proclaim, Till earth's remotest nation Has learned Messiah's name.

The Stake of A New Commitment

The final scare that I will include is that of a new commitment by all of us, Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students to the doctrines and ideals of the Free Will Baptist denomination. This group of local, self-governing churches, which has banded themselves together to do collectively and unitedly what could not be done otherwise, has given life and sustenance to the college. Their view of the authority of the Word of God and the Lordship of Christ, their view of a full and complete atonement by Christ for all men and that God has endowed all men with freedom of will so that they may exercise saving faith in Christ, should receive from us a new and deep commitment.

Let us commit ourselves anew to education; education which is concerned with knowledge. But "not just knowledge in the narrow sense of learning formal subject matter but knowledge in the broad sense of the development of skills, the cultivation of emotional, aesthetic and spiritual responses and the widening and deepening of general interests." (Gaebelein)

Let us commit ourselves to nothing less than equipping the whole man for Christian service. The overriding desire should be that each student who receives training here will go forth as a minister. Some will minister

other vocations but will serve the same Christ. We are teaching, we are educating, we are training so that those who go forth will be qualified in their chosen professions and effective in their Christian lives.

During the acts and scenes that are assigned to us, let us hold high the torch of Biblical truth which has been passed to us. The world desperately needs this torch of the Gospel to point the way out of darkness. Let us make certain that the torch burns brightly while it is in our hands. Let us also determine that when we pass it on to our successors it will still be shining radiantly.

"What's past is prologue," said the Bard of Avon. We pray today that we may be as true to our opportunities, privileges and commitments as those who have gone before us. In this way, Free Will Baptist Bible College may truly go on from grace to glory.

Inaugural Events Attended By Nearly 1,000____

Free Will Baptist Bible College inaugurated Dr. Charles A. Thigpen as the school's third president on October 2 in the Activities Building. The service was attended by approximately 1,000.

The inaugural festivities began Monday evening, October 1, with a banquet held in the college dining hall honoring Dr. Thigpen. Approximately 100 members of the college family and special guests en-

joyed a meal and program.

With the dawning of Inauguration Day, the campus came to life early as the final touches were put on the preparations. It was a beautiful day. A visiting reporter described it as perfect for an inauguration.

The faculty, trustees, and representatives from 16 colleges and universities assembled in the Student

from across the denomination, as well as students and special guests, awaited their arrival, which signaled the start of the inauguration.

The college's trustees played a major role in the event. Rev. Richard Cordell prayed the invocation and Rev. Bill Robinson, the benediction. The investiture was conducted by Rev. Randy Cox, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who included the challenge to "Keep her true," that was handed to him by another trustee, the late Rev. James F. Miller, when Cox first became a trustee. Former Trustee Ben Scott prayed the inaugural prayer.

Dr. Vernon Whaley's direction of special numbers by the College Choir, Mixed Chorus, and Brass Ensemble greatly enhanced the program. One of the moments of the inauguration that will be long remembered was the stirring performance of Martin Luther's "A Mighty For-

tress."

Chancellor L. C. Johnson put the occasion in historical perspective with an outline of the college's history, as only he could describe it.

Special greetings were expressed by Rev. Billy Bevan, president of the Alumni Association; Jonathan Forlines, president of the Student Body; Rev. Ralph Hampton, speaking for the faculty; and Dr. Meivin Worthington, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Dr. Thigpen's family provided especially appropriate touches to the service. His son, Jonathan, read from the Scriptures and his daughter, Ann Maines, sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

The Inaugural Address by President Thigpen climaxed the service. (See the text of his message in this issue.)

Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean, presided over the program and skillfully threaded the many segments into a complete and satisfying service.

A reception for all guests was held in the Student Lounge following the inauguration.

For the Inaugural Committee, the events culminated 15 months of planning and work. The members of this committee are Randy Cox, Richard Cordell, Bill Bevan, Dr. Charles Hampton, and Bert Tippett.







Weekend Service Opportunities Keep Student Groups Busy

Several student touring groups have already been formed this year on campus to fill the requests coming in from churches for college representatives.

Dr. Vernon Whaley, in the Music Department, has rehearsed the College Choir into touring form earlier than usual. The three Vocal Ensembles that combine to form the choir are also booking weekend engagements. A girls trio was organized early and has been kept busy through the fall weekends.

The Evangels, a men's drama team directed by Joseph Jones, speech in-

Publicity on all services is being released in the areas where groups are scheduled.

While attempting to meet as many requests as possible, FWBBC administrators are also carefully monitoring the amount of travel permitted touring groups so that their studies and health will not be imperiled.

Pray for the college's student representatives. Pray for their safe travel and for God's blessing on their ministries in our churches.

The College Choir





The Evangels

The Girls Trio



OUT AND ABOUT-Members of the administration, faculty, and staff have scheduled the following services:

ALABAMA—Rev. Ketteman, 10/19-20, SE Alabama Assoc.; Girl's Trio, 10/21, Guin FWB, Guin; Dr. Outlaw, 11/8, Alabama State Assoc., Dothan; Dr. Thigpen and the Choir, 11/17, Progressive Assoc. Youth Rally, First FWB, Florence; 11/18, First FWB, Florence. COLORADO—Rev. Breeden, 10/14, First FWB, Denver. FLORIDA—Dr. Outlaw, 10/31-11/1, Florida State Assoc., Jacksonville; Dr. Picirilli, 11/2-4, Wesconnett FWB, Jacksonville; Dr. Riggs, 11/5-6, Teacher's Clinic, Pensacola. GEORGIA—Rev. Creech, 10/22-28, Piney Grove FWB, Alma; Dr. Riggs, 11/9-11, Glennville FWB, Glennville, IDAHO—Rev. Breeden, 10/14, Calvary FWB, Pocatello BLUNGIS—Dr. Thigpen, 10/22-24, AABC, Accrediting, Commission

Chicago: Dr. Thigpen and Dr. Picirilli. 10/24-27. AABC Annual Meeting, Chicago. Rev. Ketteman, 10/27, Hazel Dell FWB, Benton: Rev. Ketteman and the Ensemble, 10/28, AM, Bear Point FWB, Sessor: 10/28, PM, First FWB, Benton: Dr. Riggs, 11/30-12/2, Mt. Vernon FWB, Mt. Vernon. KENTUCKY—Rev. Crawford, 10/12-28, churches of John Wheeler Assoc. MISSISSIPPI—Rev. Ketteman, 11/2-3, Mississippi State Assoc., Booneville. NORTH CAROLINA—Dr. Ange, 10/21-26, Shady Grove

FWB, Durham, 10/28, Liberty FWB, Durham; Dr. Thigpen, 11/7-11, Swannanoa FWB, Swannanoa; Rev. Breeden and the Choir, 11/9, First FWB, Raleigh; 11/10, Parker's Chapel FWB, Greenville; Dr. Whaley and the Ensemble, 11/11, AM, St. John FWB, Goldsboro; Rev. Breeden and the Ensemble, 11/11, AM, Belvoir FWB, Greenville; Ensemble, 11/11, AM, Grace FWB, Greenville; Rev. Breeden and the Choir, 11/11, PM, Trinity FWB, Greenville; Dr. Ange, 11/12-18, West Duplin FWB, Warsaw; Dr. Picirilli, Rev. Ketteman, and Dr. Ange, 11/19-21, Bethel FWB, Pastors & Workers Conference, Kinston, OHIO—Rev. Crawford, 11/17-25, Porter and Pine Craek Assoc OKLAHOMA—Rev. Creech, 10/15-18, Oklahoma State Assoc.

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\$400,000-Auditorium Expansion Underway

A major expansion and renovation of the college's Memorial Auditorium, begun in November, will eventually provide the students and teachers with a greatly improved facility for chapel services and other convocations. This expansion will cost about \$400,000 and should be completed by the start of the 1980 fall semester, according to E. B. McDonald, treasurer.

The expansion will swell the building's capacity by more than 50 percent. In recent years, the auditorium has been too small for the student body. Special arrangements, including closed-circuit television wired to other rooms or the setting up of additional chairs, had to be resorted to whenever all-campus meetings were held. But, when the present expansion is finished, the college will have a facility that is adequate to meet routine daily needs, both those present and those anticipated for the immediate future.

How is this expansion taking places and

being extended front and back. The front will be stretched toward the street to enclose a lobby and stairwells. The back is also being extended. The stage and dressing rooms will be moved into this area. The longer body of the auditorium will accommodate more seats on the main floor and a balcony is being added to the entrance end.

But expansion is only part of the story. Other changes will enhance the usefulness, comfort and appearance of the building. On the outside, a new brick exterior and aluminum windows will modernize the auditorium's appearance. The entire interior is being stripped in preparation for the new insulation, plastered walls, and new floors and ceiling. Even new seats will be installed, some with collapsible desk tops for classroom convenience. An audio-visual control booth in the balcony will put sound and lighting controls at the finger tips of program engineers. Anyone who has fanned his

way through a hot August chapel service will appreciate a new air conditioning system for the auditorium, as well as the adjacent lounge/student center, which will make that experience a thing of the past.

Other improvements incorporated in the project are a new electric service and drainage control system, special facilities for the handicapped, and the addition of more parking space.

How will the college underwrite these improvements? Ronald Creech, director of development, says that, since the Debt Retirement Campaign has been completed (see related article in this issue), the renovation of Memorial Auditorium will be his department's next major project. "We expect to underwrite the renovation, through gifts and commitments, within two years," he says. He also points out that some aspects of the renovation may lend them-

blessing, the college family will soon be able to assemble once more in one place to praise His name.

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"Who's Who" Seniors—Front Row: Teresa Bess, Laurie Horne, Diana Barker, Joy Ketteman, Kim Williams. Middle Row: Shelia Carter, Sandra England, Mary Maynard, Tenie Sizemore. Back Row: Danny Runion, Steve Riggs, Mike Price, Jon Forlines. Not Shown:

14 Seniors Honored By "Who's Who" Selections

The college congratulates 14 seniors who recently learned that they will be included in the 1979-80 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges." The book is an annual compilation of outstanding students on more than 1,200 campuses in America and abroad.

FWBBC's students who will be included are:

Diana Barker S. Roxana, Ill. Teresa Bess . . . Nashville, Tenn. Shelia Carter . . . Norfolk, Va. Sandra England . . Columbus, Oh. Jonathan Forlines . Nashville, Tenn. Laurie C. Horne . . . Durham, N.C. Joy Ketteman . . . Nashville, Tenn. Mary L. Maynard . . S. Roxana, Ill. Mike Price Statesboro, Ga. Steve Riggs . . Nashville, Tenn. Danny Runion . . . Asheville, N.C. Tenie Sizemore Dayton, Oh. Douglas Thorpe . . . San Jose, Calif. Kim Williams . . . Jonesboro, Ark.

The students were nominated by the faculty, who considered such criteria as scholarship, spiritual and social qualities, and leadership.

In addition to being included in "Who's Who," each will receive a certificate honoring his selection.



Missions Conference Success; Missionary Students Increasing

A host of home and foreign missionaries visited the campus October 29-30 for the college's annual Missionary Conference. The spokesmen pressed the urgency of worldwide evangelism upon the entire student body, both from the pulpit and in private interviews.

The result was a renewal of campus commitment to win the lost in whatever place the Lord leads. The increased number of missionary candidates in the 1979-80 student body is encouraging evidence that God is speaking and that the students are listening.



Paul Ketteman totals receipts following the 1979 Christmas project.

\$50,000 Christmas Goal Set In Student Drive

Students will be working to raise \$50,000 for the college during Christmas holidays to help meet this year's \$495,000 FWBBC gift budget, according to Public Relations Director Paul Ketteman. They will hold services on behalf of the college and enlist the support of friends and relatives while they are home for the holidays.

The annual drive, designated The Christmas Project, netted \$35,870 last year. Ketteman has promised a steak dinner for the entire college family if that amount is equaled this year. He stressed, however, the need to reach the \$50,000-goal, noting that last year the college only exceeded its \$425,000-gift budget by \$1.05.

In addition to challenging the students, Ketteman has contacted every student's pastor, asking that opportunities be given for the student to present the college in his home church while he is there.

If you are approached by a student who is home on vacation, and asked to help The Christmas Project, please be generous. It may be your gift that puts the total over \$50,000.



Donnie Horne and Linda Lecznar

Newspaper Theme Surrounds College Banquet

"Extra! Extra!" was the newspaper theme of the college's fall banquet, held October 19 in the dining hall. Several hundred students, guests, and college personnel visually thumbed through the sections of the daily paper, and the usual bad news was replaced by an evening of entertainment.

The theme was carried out on the printed programs and place cards, where portions of the newspaper were reproduced. Even the stage set was covered with colorful pages from the paper. The theme and program, though unusual, were delightful.

Debt Retirement Campaign

The \$225,000-Debt Retirement Campaign, launched January 1, 1979, and scheduled to span the year, has been completed in 10 months, according to Development Director Ronald Creech. The drive was initiated to clear all short-term indebtedness by the college within the first year of Dr. Thigpen's presidency.

Special FWBBC dinners held around the denomination were credited by Creech with having provided the bulk of the response. Other efforts he cited were the \$25,000-matching gift challenge that was issued in July, during the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and the completion of the \$100,000-Patton Project by FWBBC alumni.

Fall Campus Revival Greatest In Recent Years"

"I believe this revival made the greatest impact on students of any in recent years," said Dr. Joseph Ange, Director of Religious Activities, at the close of the annual Campus Revival, October 10-14. The Reverend Gordon Sebastian, pastor of Peace FWB Church, Wilson, N.C., spoke 11 times in five days and left an imprint on hundreds of students and college personnel.

Dr. Ange estimates that more than twothirds of the students experienced "real revival." Many, he says, answered God's call to specific ministries, such as the pastorate or the mission field.

Following the revival, Sebastian described the meeting as "the greatest challenge and thrill of my entire ministry.

Pray that God will continue the work He hearts during the Campus Revival and that its impact will be felt across the denomination.



Rev. Gordon Sebastian



Visitors from Goldsboro, N.C., arrive for Welcome Days registration.

wercome Days Attendance Exceeds Last Year's

ton, registrar. Last year's fall session regis- Bible College. tration was 172.

tivities designed to acquaint them with church or school may attend, write:

The most popular activities, according to the visitors, were the dramas by The Evangels, a concert by The College Choir, and a variety program arranged and given

by FWBBC students for the Welcome Days A record 232 prospective students and guests. Even the frosty cold weekend sponsors attended the fall session of Wel- could not chill the enthusiasm of the visicome Days on campus November 29-De- tors, many of whom indicated that they cember 1, according to Dr. Charles Hamp- have a strong interest in attending the

For those who missed the fall session, Visitors came from 48 churches across spring Welcome Days will be April 10-12, 14 states. Some 50 sponsors brought 109 1980. For information on how you or a girls and 73 boys for a weekend of ac- group of juniors and seniors from your

> WELCOME DAYS Free Will Baptist Bible College P.O. Box 50117 Nashville, Tennessee 37205





Jackson

Creationist, Evangelist To Speak At 1980 Bible Conference

Dr. Henry Morris, a noted speaker and author on the Creation, and Evangelist Bobby Jackson, dean of Free Will Baptist evangelists, will be guest speakers at this year's Bible Conference on campus, March 9-13. Dr. Robert Woodard, a member of the college's Bible faculty, will also speak, bringing four messages. Other speakers are President Charles A. Thigpen, and Chancellor L. C. Johnson.

Dr. Morris is director of the Institution for Creation Research in San Diego. He has spoken in over 400 churches, 180 colleges and universities, and 160 educational meetings. A prolific writer, Dr. Morris has authored 29 books and booklets, and has written 175 magazine and newspaper articles on Biblical or creationist subjects.

Jackson graduated summa cum laude from FWBBC in 1954 and earned his M.A. at Bob Jones University. He has held more than 1,200 evangelistic campaigns in 29 years of revival ministry and has preached over 12,000 sermons.

Dr. Woodard, a 1969 FWBBC alumnus and a graduate of Bob Jones University, joined the college's Bible faculty in 1978.

Dr. Thigpen assumed the presidency of the college this June, after more than 27 years as teacher and administrator. Dr. Johnson, after 34 years as FWBBC president, became the college's first chancellor on June 1, 1979.

Dr. Malcolm Fry, Assistant Director of Sunday School and Church Training Department, will be special guest soloist for this year's Bible Conference.

Limited dormitory space is available during the conference for high school juniors and seniors who are considering attending FWBBC. Reservations should be made with the college early.

Accreditation Reaffirmed After Two-Year Study

Free Will Baptist Bible College's accreditation was reaffirmed by the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC) on October 24 at its annual meeting in Chicago. The reaffirmation was issued by AABC's Accreditation Commission and follows two years of intensive scrutiny of FWBBC's operation and programs.

The process, which must be undertaken every 10 years by all accredited Bible colleges, began with the appointment of a faculty self-study committee in the fall of 1977. After a year of research, the committee filed a 185-page report of its findings with AABC. In November 1978, AABC sent an examining team to the campus for a thorough on-site inspection. This team reported its findings to AABC. Following exchanges between FWBBC and the Accreditation Commission on areas where strengthening was suggested, the college's accreditation was reaffirmed.

The administration is glad to report that FWBBC, in all the areas of its operation, is still doing its work with excellence.

CALENDAR OF CAMPUS EVENTS

Dec. 17-20	Fall Semester Exams
Dec. 20	Semester Ends
Jan. 6	Dorms Open
Jan. 8	Spring Semester
	Registration
Jan. 9	Classes Begin
Feb. 15	Campus Banquet

OUT AND ABOUT-Members of the administration, faculty, and staff have scheduled the following services:

ALABAMA—Dr. Joseph Ange, 1/12, Florida State Line Assn., 1/23, First FWB, Vernon; Dr. Robert Woodard, 1/20-27, Area Missions Conference, Guin. ARKANSAS—Dr. Charles Thigpen and Rev. Ronald Creech, 1/4, Saline Assn., Monticello; 1/5, Polk Bayou Assn., Newport. GEORGIA—Dr. Kenneth Riggs, 1/12, National Audio-Visuals Convention, Atlanta. KENTUCKY—Dr. Thigpen and the Ensemble, 1/12, Burdine FWB, Burdine; 1/13, p.m., Southside FWB, Paintsville. MISSISSIPPI—Rev. Frank Breeden, 1/217, Northeast Mississippi Assn. Pastor's Meeting, Amory; Rev. Breeden and the Ensemble, 1/12,

Southeast Mississippi Assn. Rally; **Dr. Ange**, 2/, First FWB, Smithville. **NORTH CAROLINA**—**Rev. Creech and the Choir**, 1/19-20, Various churches of the Coastal Assn.; **Dr. Ange**, 1/27-30, Goshen FWB, Belmont. **OHIO**—**Rev. Breeden**, 1/8, Franklin Conference Pastor's Meeting, Columbus. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—**Dr. Robert Picirilli**, 12/30, Union Service, Turbeville; **Dr. Thigpen**, 2/15, Pee Dee Church (South Carolina State Assn.), Conway. **TENNESSEE**—**Dr. Ange**, 12/14-16, Limestone FWB, Limestone; 12/31-1/6, First FWB, Newport; **Rev. Breeden**, 1/14, East Tennessee Pastor's Meeting, Greeneville.





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