

## New B.S. Programs Include Major In Christian Education

The college Board of Trustees, at its winter meeting on campus, December 10-11, approved the addition to the FWBBC catalog of several new Bachelor of Science Degree programs.

Briefly, these additions are:

- A major in Christian Education
- A teacher education program for high school teachers
- "Custom" programs, to be formed by combining existing programs

The Trustees also voted to change the present two-year Business Certificate award to an Associate of Science Degree.

The new major in Christian Education will be to prepare students for a ministry as full-time directors of Christian Education. The 124-hour program supplements two existing B.S. programs offering majors in music and music-Christian education combined.

Another program will prepare students to teach Bible and/or English on a high school level. While they may specialize in either of the fields, most will be encouraged to prepare in both areas since this would make it easier for them to find practice teaching opportunities and employment openings. A total of 124 hours of preparation will be required to specialize in one field, and 134 hours if the student wishes to be prepared in both fields. Programs to prepare high school teachers in other areas—such as music, physical education, history and speech—may be added later.

The custom B.S. programs will allow students to combine training in two fields, much like the music/Christian education combination program. Thus, a custom program in business/Christian education could be formulated for the student who wants to serve as a Christian school Business Manager or Church Secretary, while directing its Christian education program. Other combinations might be business/church music,

missions/Christian education, or church music. All custom programs will have to be approved by a faculty committee. This committee will also set the specific requirements for each program.

The growing number of new programs available at FWBBC and the flexibility of the custom programs mean that the young person who chooses the Bible College is even more assured that he can get full training in the ministry to which God has called him.



Ralph Cash, Robin Raburn, Suzanne Purser and Jonathan Merkh plan their spring semester class schedule.

## Spring Enrollment Up From Last Year

A total of 504 enrolled for spring semester classes in early January, bringing the total 1980-81 enrollment to 581 students from 35 states and six foreign countries, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar.

He is especially pleased with the spring semester enrollment and cited several reasons in a recent report. "First, the total enrollment is 504, up from 483 last January. Also, we have an unusually high number of first semester students who returned—451, compared with 421 last year." Other increases he noted are in the number of states students are coming from, and increases in the numbers of men students, married students, and missions students.


Nearly 40 percent of the students who enrolled this year are either training for the preaching ministry or preparing for missionary service. There have been 170 ministerial students and 60 missions students in the 1980-81 student body.

By classes there were 80 seniors, 100 juniors, 144 sophomores, 219 freshmen, and 38 special students at FWBBC this year.

The following state totals were included in the registrar's report:

Alabama . . . . .	57	Kansas . . . . .	3	Oklahoma . . . . .	2
Arizona . . . . .	1	Kentucky . . . . .	9	Oregon . . . . .	2
Arkansas . . . . .	17	Louisiana . . . . .	1	Rhode Island . . . . .	1
California . . . . .	3	Maryland . . . . .	1	South Carolina . . . . .	22
Delaware . . . . .	1	Massachusetts . . . . .	1	South Dakota . . . . .	1
Florida . . . . .	12	Michigan . . . . .	27	Tennessee . . . . .	85
Georgia . . . . .	24	Minnesota . . . . .	1	Texas . . . . .	7
Hawaii . . . . .	1	Mississippi . . . . .	17	Vermont . . . . .	1
Idaho . . . . .	1	Missouri . . . . .	28	Virginia . . . . .	40

Iowa . . . . . 1



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The 1981  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
**BIBLE CONFERENCE**  
March 8-12





Rev. Welch

### Special College Service Honors Rev. John Welch

The college honored a Free Will Baptist pioneer in a special service December 12 held in Memorial Auditorium. The Reverend John Welch, who served for 11 years on the FWBBC Board of Trustees (10 years as its chairman), has influenced virtually every ministry carried on today by Free Will Baptists. Much of this influence was described in a tribute to Rev. Welch that was written and read by Dr. Mary Wisehart.

The service was directed by President Charles Thigpen and included tributes by family and friends. Those speaking in tribute were Brother Welch's daughter, Mrs. William Henderson; Dr. L. C. Johnson; Dr. Robert E. Picirilli; and the Reverend William H. Oliver. The College Choir and Mixed Chorus, directed by Dr. Vernon Whaley, brought special music.

In the early years of this century, Brother Welch was a strong supporter of Eureka (FWB) College in Ayden, NC. After the college's main building burned, he was elected in 1931 to the Board of Education of the General Conference, and served as its chairman. In 1932 he was elected Secretary of Education and charged with the responsibility of checking out the possibility of starting a school. After the National Association of Free Will Baptists was organized at his church in 1935, Welch encouraged the delegates to consider Nashville as a possible location for a college, and it was his daughter, Jean, who gave an impassioned plea to the National Association, meeting in Bryan, Texas, for Free Will Baptists to start a college for young people like her. As pastor of Cofer's Chapel, he and his late wife, "Miss Mary," were constant friends of the college and those who attended it.

The college is proud to have had the opportunity to honor this choice servant of the Lord, who is approaching his 92nd year. Few friends have been as fine and faithful as he.



Front Row: C. Burton, R. Cox, B. Floars, J. O'Donnell, President Thigpen. Back Row: W. Hughes, T. Malone, J. Raper, D. Patrick, D. Simpson.

## Trustees Hold Mid-year Meeting

The Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees, including three new members, met on campus December 10-11 to review the school's mid-year standing.

While finding healthy growth in the Development Campaign to underwrite the \$400,000 expansion of Memorial Auditorium, the board found reasons to be concerned over general fund income. Gifts are running about 10% behind the amount needed to meet the \$570,000-gift budget.

The trustees approved a number of new academic programs and the addition of a teacher in the Music Department. (See related articles.)

The board was pleased with the denomination's response to appeals for support of the new Graduate School, to be opened in 1982. Some \$84,000 in gifts and commitments had been received by the end of November on the \$250,000 drive.

New trustees welcomed at this meeting were Rev. Clarence Burton, Rev. W. B. Hughes, and Dr. Douglas Simpson. Other members are Rev. Randy Cox, Mr. Bobby Floars, Rev. Tom Malone, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Rev. Dann Patrick, and Rev. James Earl Raper.

The trustees are scheduled to meet again in May.

### Students, Staff Raise \$53,000 In Annual Christmas Project

Nearly \$53,000 has come to the college general fund as the result of the Christmas Project—a drive by students and employees conducted during the holidays. Gifts were added up in a special Tally Day chapel service January 8. They totaled \$45,501.42. Gifts arriving late pushed the total over \$52,000. The final figure, according to Public Relations Director Paul Ketteman, is \$52,972.45.

Students turned their gifts over to Mr. Ketteman, who read the amount and the student(s) who brought it in. The total was announced when all gifts were tallied. The largest single gift was \$3,502.75, brought in by Brian Peters, a sophomore from First FWB Church, Newport News, VA.

Mr. Ketteman was pleased with the results, though the drive fell some short of the \$62,500-goal. "We can underwrite the gift portion of the general operation of the college for a month as a result of the Christmas Project," he said.

The drive has become an important annual event of the FWBBC campus.

### Record Number Attend Fall Welcome Days

Following a successful Welcome Days in December, the college is gearing up for a spring repeat of the bi-annual campus "open house."

December 4-6 the college had 245 visitors from 60 churches in 14 states, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar. This is a record attendance at fall Welcome Days, compared to 232 in 1979, and 172 in 1978. Of the 245, 108 were girls, 70 were boys, and 67 were sponsors.

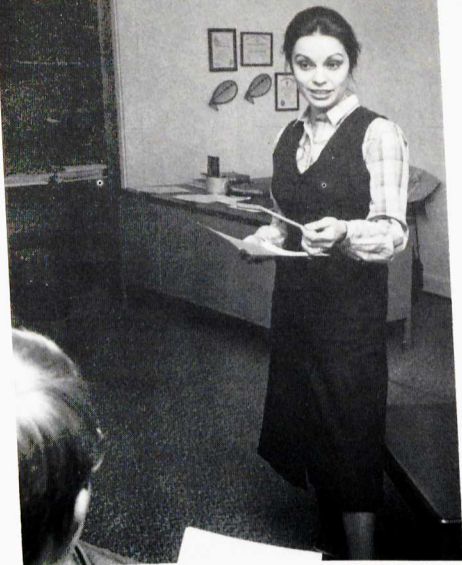
The following states were represented:

Alabama—32	Michigan—17
Arkansas—6	Mississippi—6
Florida—10	Missouri—20
Georgia—14	North Carolina—79
Illinois—3	Ohio—12
Indiana—13	Tennessee—21
Kentucky—11	Texas—1

The spring Welcome Days, scheduled for April 9-11, may be even bigger than the fall event just completed. For more information or for registration materials, write:

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





Mrs. Hodges

### New Teacher To Fill Place Left By Douglas Little

Mrs. Lynn Hodges joined the FWBBC Music Department faculty in January, filling the place of Mr. Douglas Little, who has moved to Oklahoma City to serve as music director of the Southern Oaks FWB Church.

Mrs. Hodges is from Fayette, AL, and earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Auburn University. She taught music at Fayette Academy and was choral director at the Briarwood Christian High School in Birmingham. Her new duties are to teach music theory, piano, voice and composition.

Mr. Little came to FWBBC as a student from Ashland, KY, in 1974 and graduated in 1977, when he was selected Best All-around Boy by the student body. He joined the faculty in 1978 to teach voice, and has directed the Mixed Chorus and Choral Union. He also served for more than three years as Christian education director at the East Nashville FWB Church. Doug has written a number of fine sacred songs, several of which have been published.

As the spring semester began, President Thigpen said, "We sincerely regret the loss of Douglas Little from our music faculty. In addition to being a fine musician, he is outstanding as a writer and composer of Christian songs. He will certainly be missed here at the college."

### CALENDAR of Campus Events

Mar. 3- 6	Mid-semester Exams
Mar. 6	Faculty vs. Seniors Basketball Games
Mar. 8-12	Bible Conference
Mar. 12-17	Spring Break
Mar. 12-18	Choir and Drama Tours
Mar. 26	Campus Blood Drive
Apr. 9-11	Spring Welcome Days

## 119 Make Fall Semester Dean's List

When fall semester examinations were given at FWBBC shortly before the Christmas holidays, 119 students emerged with grades of "B" or higher and were placed on the college Dean's List. Of these, 10 made straight "A" in all of their courses.

By classes, the Dean's List divided into 32 seniors, 30 juniors, 26 sophomores, 29 freshmen, and two special students.

The following students' names are on the list:

### "A" HONOR ROLL

Duane Cassida (senior)	NC
Sandra Fender (senior)	NC
Marcia Grant (junior)	IN
Laura Hampton (senior)	TN
John Neal (senior)	IN
Karen Owen (junior)	NC
Sam Pittman (senior)	NC
Tim Rabon (senior)	AL
Ruth Thigpen (freshman)	TN
Mark Thomas (senior)	TN

McFall, Norman	AL
Mulcahy, Marlene	IN
Nolen, Brian	KY
Owens, Teresa	NC
Peters, Brian	VA
Picirilli, Joy	TN
Postulka, Beth	TN
Postulka, George	TN
Raffield, Teresa	MS
Rolen, Marsha	NC
Shelby, Betty	MS
Underwood, Jackie	AL
Waller, Vivian	NC
Williams, Danny	NC

### "B" HONOR ROLL

#### SENIORS

Bozeman, Lydia	NC
Day, Cheryl	OH
Efird, Tamara	NC
Forlines, Susan	AL
Gaskins, Jeff	NC
Gladson, Mike	NC
Griffin, Debra	GA
Harrell, Michael	NC
Hawkins, Sandra	AL
Holland, Karen	TN
Jones, Wes	OH
Lankford, Jeff	TN
Lauthern, Kevin	TN
Leonard, Myra	SC
Mullins, Darlene	MI
Nance, Doug	NC
Pickett, Katrina	AL
Pruitt, Teresa	IL
Rhodes, David	MI
Russell, Rusty	GA
Shrewsbury, Melody	WV
Spencer, Ron	OH
Taylor, Diane	NC
Thompson, Tim	NC
Underwood, Gary	MO

#### JUNIORS

Baines, Bob	MS
Bryan, Larry	NC
Childress, Zenis	TN
Conner, Ginny	NC
Crews, Jerry	CA
Daniel, Mark	KY
Edwards, Teresa	TN

Felts, Daniel	MO
Fosse, Randy	IL
Freeman, John	AL
Halliburton, Jeff	TN
Hill, Michael	TX
Hill, Shelly	FL
Hopson, Paul	OH
Maddox, Mark	AL
Malone, Sarah	IL
McPeak, Mark	VA
McReynolds, Roberta	OH
Mitchell, Tony	GA
Mize, Mike	AR
Ryan, Robert	VA
Sasser, Joanna	MO
Sawyer, Laura	AR
Trimble, Rhoda	TN
Walker, JaNelda	AR
Walker, Michael	TX
Wolf, Denise	TN
Wright, Tracie	TN

#### SOPHOMORES

Blades, John	IL
Colley, Glenn	NC
Collins, Paul	VA
Cordell, Ginger	AL
Crowe, David	AL
Griffith, Jeff	OH
Hill, Mary Ann	NC
Hiltibidal, Mike	IL
Holland, Tim	GA
Jaggers, Pam	AL
Justice, Lawanda	SC
King, Janet	NC

#### FRESHMEN

Andrews, Teresa	ID
Barbour, Hope	NC
Barnes, Connie	NC
Barnes, Kay	TN
Clinton, Walter	MS
Cooper, Stephen	KY
Creech, Terri	NC
Dail, David	IN
Elliott, Martin	LA
Hayes, Amy	IL
Henderson, James	OH
Huff, Chris	SC
Hutchinson, Jon	SC
Hyatt, Sandra	TN
Ivey, Sharon	AR
Jolly, Darla	KY
Leonard, James	OH
McManus, Richard	NC
Moody, Mala	NC
Payne, Laura	Africa
Preston, William	KY
Randolph, Tina	AL
Riddle, Gwen	TN
Salyer, Donald	TN
Sebastian, Tony	NC
Snow, Jonathan	GA
Steele, Timothy	MI
Sweeney, Jayne	WV

#### SPECIAL

Davis, Richard	NC
Sweeney, Dawn	TN

## Summer School Courses Announced

The following courses will be taught during FWBBC's 1981 Summer School: Understanding and Helping People, General Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Ephesians/Colossians, Bible Doctrines, Advanced Greek, World Literature Survey.

There are two sections of Summer School. A two-week session runs May 19-29. A three-week session is June 1-19. The courses listed are assigned to one of these sessions and some will run through both sessions.

For full information, write: Summer School, c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College, P.O. Box 50117, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.



## 29 Christian Schools Represented At Annual Principals' Conference

Some 55 representatives of 29 Free Will Baptist church schools in eight states met at Free Will Baptist Bible College, December 8-10, in their annual Principals' Conference. Guest speaker was Dr. Robert Billings, former director of Moral Majority who recently worked with President Ronald Reagan's election campaign staff.

The principals and pastors, who represent a combined enrollment of some 5,000 students, also heard an address on Secular Humanism by FWBBC Dean Robert Picirilli. Other addresses were "Teaching As a Ministry" by Rev. Randy Cox, pastor of the First FWB Church, Raleigh, NC; and "Biblical Ethics" by Rev. Dale Burden, pastor of Gateway FWB Church, Virginia Beach, VA. The Christian school representatives also met with the FWBBC Board of Trustees to share ideas that may enhance the college's teacher education program.

Following the conference, President Charles Thigpen observed:

One of our most challenging areas is the Christian day school movement. I am very thankful that the Lord led us several years ago to start preparing teachers to minister in these schools. However, the "demand" for teachers is far greater than the "supply" and therefore we need to pray that more Christian young people will seriously consider investing their lives in this very worthwhile area.

Officers were re-elected for the Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Christian Day Schools. They are Rev. Lorenza Stox, president; Rev. Gene Parish, vice-president; and Mike Spikes, secretary/treasurer.



Coach Wayne Bess and the Randall Christian Academy Raiders.

## 13 High School Teams Meet For College Tournament

The Randall Christian Academy Raiders from Memphis, Tennessee, took first place in the college's second annual Free Will Baptist high school basketball tournament, held on campus January 8-10. Thirteen varsity boys teams from Free Will Baptist church schools in five states participated.

Other teams placing in the tournament were Liberty Christian School, Durham, NC, in second place; Liberty Christian Academy from Guin, AL, third place; and Gateway Christian School, Virginia Beach, VA, in fourth place. A special Christian Testimony trophy was awarded the team from Peninsula Christian School of Newport News, VA.

Jerry Daniel averaged 23 points in Randall Academy's four tournament games and received the Most Valuable Player award. Nine other players were selected to join him on the All-tournament Team:

1. **Robert Dorroh**—Florence Christian Academy, Florence, AL
2. **James Hindman**—Liberty Christian Academy, Guin, AL
3. **Mark Lancaster**—Randall Christian Academy, Memphis, TN
4. **Tim Lee**—Liberty Christian School, Durham, NC
5. **Kris Letchworth**—Mount Calvary Christian Academy, Hookerton, NC
6. **Emory McCoy**—Gateway Christian School, Virginia Beach, VA
7. **Joey McFarland**—Farmington Christian Academy, Farmington, MO
8. **John Terry**—Peninsula Christian School, Newport News, VA
9. **Brian Tippet**—Woodbine Christian Academy, Nashville, TN

Other schools participating were Bethel Christian Academy, Kinston, NC; Grace Christian Academy, Rocky Mount, NC; West Duplin Christian Academy, West Duplin, NC; and Faith Christian Academy, Goldsboro, NC.

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

**ALABAMA**—Mr. Breeden and the College Choir, 2/15, First FWB, Florence. Mr. Creech, 3/2-8, S. Highland FWB, Muscle Shoals; 3/20, College Promotional Dinner, Birmingham. Dr. Riggs, 3/20-22, First FWB, Florence. Dr. Picirilli, 4/3-4, AABC Deans' Meeting, Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham. **ARIZONA**—Mr. Kettelman, 3/7-8, Arizona State Ass'n, Phoenix. **ARKANSAS**—Mr. Creech, 2/16-18, Arkansas Ministers' Retreat, Rose Hill FWB, Jonesboro; 4/11, Polk Bayou Ass'n; 4/12, First FWB, Batesville. Dr. Riggs, 3/13-15, First FWB, Warren. **ILLINOIS**—Mr. Kettelman, 3/27-29, Illinois State Ass'n, Benton. **INDIANA**—Mr. Breeden and the Living Hope Ensemble, 2/20-21, Indiana Youth Retreat, Chesterfield FWB, Chesterfield; 2/22 a.m., First Bible FWB, New Castle. Dr. Riggs, 3/25-29, First Bible FWB, New Castle. **KENTUCKY**—Mr. Breeden and the Living Hope Ensemble, 2/22 p.m., First FWB, Owensboro. **MICHIGAN**—Dr. Thigpen, 3/29, Philadelphia FWB, Sterling Heights.

**MISSISSIPPI**—Mr. Breeden and the Living Faith Ensemble, 2/28, Northeast District Ass'n Rally, Tupelo FWB, Tupelo; 3/1 a.m., Pearce Chapel FWB, Smithville; 3/1 p.m., Eggville FWB, Tupelo. **MISSOURI**—Mr. Breeden and the Living Praise Ensemble, 4/11, Grant Ave. FWB, Springfield; 4/12 a.m., First FWB, Lebanon. **NEW JERSEY**—Dr. Picirilli, 3/26-29, New Macedonia FWB, Elmer. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Thigpen, 2/26-3/1, Parker's Chapel FWB, Greenville. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Kettelman, 2/12-14, South Carolina State Ass'n, Pamplico; 2/15 a.m., Williams Hill FWB, Hemingway; 2/15 p.m., First FWB, Charleston Heights. Dr. Thigpen, 3/17-20, Southern Methodist College, Orangeburg. **TENNESSEE**—Mr. Breeden and the Living Faith Ensemble, 2/27, Manchester Area Rally, Manchester. Mr. Hampton, 4/12-17, Bethel FWB, Ashland City. **TEXAS**—Dr. Thigpen, 3/4-7, Arlington Baptist College, Arlington.

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### LIVING PRAISE TRIO

Ruth Thigpen, first soprano, Nashville, TN  
Jayne Sweeney, alto, Charleston, WV  
Janet Sweeney, second soprano, Charleston, WV  
Deena Chamberlin, pianist, Wheelersburg, OH



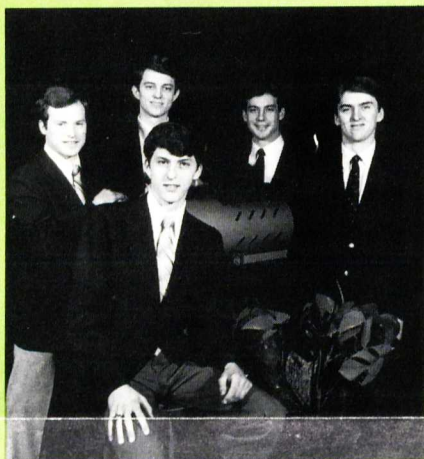
### LIVING HOPE QUARTET

David McKinney, first tenor, Woodbridge, VA  
Jeff Halliburton, baritone, Nashville, TN  
Larry Lowimore, bass, Davis, NC  
Jeff Skiles, second tenor, Detroit, MI  
Jerry Carraway, pianist, Kinston, NC



### THE MASTER'S PLAYERS

Pam Jagers, Belk, AL  
Donna Helton, Benton, IL  
Tracie Wright, Memphis, TN  
Lydia Suggs, Portsmouth, VA  
Mary Mullins, Taylor, MI



### THE EVANGELISTS

Len Davenport, New Bern, NC  
Mike Trimble, Dayton, OH  
Randy Fosse, Marion, IL  
Myron Stafford, Smithville, MS  
Jeff Stegall, South Roxana, IL



### LIVING FAITH TRIO

Tammy Trusty, second soprano, Russellville, AR  
LaWanda Justice, pianist, Florence, SC  
Patsy Hosch, first soprano, Fayette, AL  
Debbie Landers, alto, N. Little Rock, AR

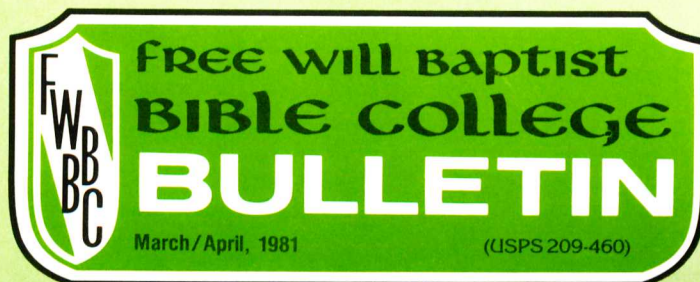
## Music, Drama Teams To Travel

Five student groups will go on summer tours for the college beginning in mid May, according to the college's Public Relations Office. The groups will present services that feature music and drama. The three music groups include the Living Hope Men's Quartet, the Living Faith Women's Trio and the Living Praise Women's Trio. The touring drama groups are The Evangelists, a men's team, and The Master's Players, a women's team.

Frank Breeden, the public relations assistant who is scheduling summer services, says that the five groups will be on tours ranging in length from six to ten weeks. "They will hold a total of more than 250 services for the college," he says. "The Public Relations Department is attempting to schedule services in as many states as we have opportunity to visit."

The two-fold purpose of the tours will be to acquaint prospective students with the unique educational and spiritual advantages of attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, and to raise financial support for the college in order to keep the cost to students as low as possible.

Announcements will be made in the areas these groups appear as to when and where services are scheduled. Watch for these announcements and plan to attend a service near you.







Rev. Cox

### Trustee Board Chairman To Bring Baccalaureate Message

The Reverend Randy Cox, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees and pastor of the First FWB Church of Raleigh, N.C., will bring the Baccalaureate message to graduates on May 10. The Baccalaureate service will be the first event of Commencement Week activities that will climax with Graduation Exercises at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 14.

Reverend Cox graduated cum laude from FWBBC in 1958 and earned his M.A. at Columbia Bible College in 1960. His 20 years in the pastorate have been served at churches in Beaufort, N.C. and Columbus, Miss., as well as his present ministry in Raleigh, which he began in 1973. In his 17 years on the college's board, he served 10 years as secretary and has been chairman since 1978.

Rev. Cox's son, David, will be one of the 1981 graduates.

### CALENDAR of Campus Events

<b>April 23</b>	Music Faculty Recital, 8 p.m.
<b>April 24</b>	Junior-Senior Banquet
<b>May 7-12</b>	Semester Examinations
<b>May 10</b>	Baccalaureate Service, 8 p.m.
<b>May 11-13</b>	Board of Trustees meets
<b>May 12</b>	An Evening of Drama, 8 p.m.
<b>May 13</b>	Breakfast for Graduates, 8 a.m.; Choir Concert, 8 p.m.
<b>May 14</b>	Graduation Exercises, 10 a.m.
<b>May 19-29</b>	First Summer Session
<b>June 1-19</b>	Second Summer Session

## College Faces Gift Budget Deficit

"Unless we see a great response from Free Will Baptist people and churches, the college will close its 1980-81 fiscal year on May 31 \$70,000 below the gift budget." This statement by Public Relations Director Paul Kettelman summarizes the college's current financial need.

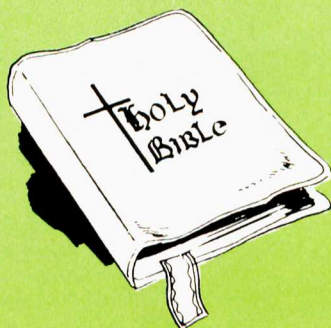
General fund gifts are almost the same as at this time last year, but the needs are greater. Double-digit inflation hits colleges like it does families. If gifts do not meet the budget, the college must pass the cost on to students. To some students, this increase may mean the difference between attending and not attending FWBBC.

Each state's gift budget and the amount below the budget, given by February 28, are listed below.

Your gift or church offering has never been needed more by Free Will Baptist Bible College than it is now. Please respond by May 31 and help your college to finish the year in the black.

STATE	QUOTA	UNDERQUOTA
Alabama	\$52,000.00	\$ 16,625.82
Arizona	2,300.00	2,014.86
Arkansas	22,500.00	8,705.85
California	5,000.00	258.19
Colorado	800.00	192.64
Delaware	200.00	189.25
Florida	21,000.00	10,137.41
Georgia	36,000.00	14,948.32
Hawaii	500.00	320.00
Idaho	1,000.00	492.03
Illinois	17,500.00	7,107.44
Indiana	5,000.00	857.51
Iowa	1,000.00	765.00
Kansas	3,000.00	1,106.12
Kentucky	15,000.00	9,079.26
Maine	2,500.00	450.00
Maryland	2,500.00	1,402.73
Massachusetts	300.00	220.00
Michigan	21,000.00	7,930.49
Minnesota	300.00	27.30
Mississippi	19,000.00	7,662.36
Missouri	30,000.00	11,334.04
Montana	200.00	153.17
Nebraska	200.00	145.00
New Hampshire	500.00	500.00
New Jersey	200.00	149.77
New Mexico	500.00	10.43
North Carolina	85,000.00	22,768.19
Ohio	14,000.00	5,293.06
Oklahoma	28,000.00	14,854.64
Oregon	200.00	195.00
South Carolina	35,000.00	6,676.13
Tennessee	65,000.00	24,054.23
Texas	12,000.00	5,183.03
Virgin Islands	650.00	269.89
Virginia	15,000.00	2,037.03
Washington	1,500.00	1,371.44
West Virginia	12,000.00	5,511.53
Wyoming	250.00	250.00
W.N.A.C.	3,000.00	1,247.73
Other	38,400.00	19,813.40
	<u>\$570,000.00</u>	<u>\$212,310.29</u>





## BIBLE CONFERENCE 1981: ENCOURAGING THE SAINTS

*by Rev. Ralph Hampton  
Chairman, Christian Ministries  
Department*

Hundreds of alumni and friends of Free Will Baptist Bible College joined the college family for the annual Bible Conference, March 8-12. Even gasoline prices approaching \$1.50 per gallon did not seriously hinder attendance. As usual, excellent Bible preaching, soul-stirring music, and fellowship with friends are the words which best describe the Bible Conference. Chancellor L. C. Johnson observed in his opening remarks, "Every conference we have ever had has been outstanding in some way." This conference was no exception.

A sense of need and earnest desire was expressed at the very start of the conference. A musical call to worship, "Count Your Blessings," played by a trumpet trio, seemed to set the mood for the first service. In his opening prayer, President Charles Thigpen expressed the feeling of all when he entreated God to anoint the preachers and to meet with His people. Appropriately, the opening hymn was "Let Him Have His Way With Thee." As he presided over the first service, Dr. Johnson also encouraged prayer for the conference. There seemed to be a definite longing for God's blessings as the congregation sang "All For Jesus" and Dr. Vernon Whaley introduced the conference theme chorus, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

No theme was designated for the conference, but the Lord coordinated the preaching and orchestrated the musical selections in a manner no program committee could hope to duplicate. One pastor noted, "I like the way every message has centered around Jesus." Judging by comments heard during the conference, many were burdened by the pressures and disappointments of life. In a special way, the preaching seemed to be peculiarly addressed to that major need—encouraging the Lord's people.

There was not the great revival that many prayed for, but who will deny that God's Spirit rested upon His preachers or that He indeed met with His people? Not the pastor who declared on Monday night, "I just got here, but if I had to turn around and go home tonight, this message was worth the trip. I needed that." Not the brother who said, "I don't know what I would have done if God had not met my needs as He has through this conference." Not the college students who yielded their lives for full time service for God. Not the teenage boy who heard God's call to preach. Not the many weary soldiers of Christ who received encouragement and new strength to return refreshed to do battle for the Lord.

Speakers for the conference were Dr. Stewart Custer, Rev. Don Pegram, Dr. Robert Picirilli, and Rev. Bert Tippet. Dr. Picirilli and Rev. Tippet are members of the college administration. Dr. Custer is chairman of the Bible Division of Bob Jones University's

School of Religion. Rev. Pegram is the director of the newly created Division of Church Growth and Evangelism of the National Home Missions Department.

In addition to presenting practical exposition of the Word, Dr. Custer illustrated various techniques of Bible study in his four messages. Professor Custer built his messages around the theme of The Christian Life. The first two messages presented Christ as Savior and as the Good Shepherd. God's Faithfulness and Providential work in the lives of His people were emphasized in the last two sermons.

No stranger to the Bible Conference platform, Don Pegram directed himself to the needs which he discerned. In his dynamic, colorful style he addressed himself to the concerns of both students and visitors. Rev. Pegram urged faithfulness to God and His work regardless of how we feel, assuring us that it does pay to serve the Lord. He also challenged us to respond to the call of God and proclaimed the fullness of the Spirit as the only adequate preparation for doing God's work. In his final message, Brother Pegram spoke on the essentials for building a growing church.

In his first appearance as a Bible Conference speaker, Bert Tippet brought three timely messages. He addressed himself especially to the needs of the students. However, pastors and other visitors were heard to comment on how helpful they found his messages. Brother Tippet's first message was a declaration that God directs in the lives of His children and that He is faithful to make His will known. In the second message Rev. Tippet spoke on how God makes His will known. The final message extolled love as the logo or badge of Christianity.

Dean Robert Picirilli delivered three edifying expositions from Hebrews 12 on the subject of God's chastisement. Dr. Picirilli dealt with the meaning of chastisement, its purpose, and our response. Not only were the expositions of the Word a blessing, but we were assured that God's discipline is itself a priceless blessing. Personally, I have never felt so grateful for the discipline of the Lord.

Spirited congregational singing was augmented by special music performed by students, faculty members, and conference guests Mrs. Ann Thigpen Maines, Dr. Malcolm Fry, and Rev. Fred Hall. On Wednesday evening the college choir gave a mini-concert which featured a collection of children's songs and choruses.

The 1981 conference included several alumni activities. Prospective 1981 graduates and alumni shared a time of fellowship after the Monday evening service. Alumni were guests at a dinner on Wednesday where they heard brief remarks from Dr. Johnson and Dr. Thigpen. Perhaps the high point of the week for alumni athletes (?) was a one point, last minute, come-from-behind victory on the basketball court over the 1981 senior men.







**Who's Who Students:** (Standing) Sam Pittman, Tim Rabon, John Neal, David Rhodes, Kevin Lauthern, Mark Thomas. (Seated) Lydia Bozeman, Katrina Pickett, Sarah Fletcher, Cheryl Day, Tamara Efird. (Not Shown) Byron Deel, Keith Fletcher, Rusty Russell, Jr.

### Seniors To Be Listed In 1981 "Who's Who"

Fourteen FWBBC seniors will be listed in the 1981 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. The volume names the outstanding students on more than 1,300 campuses.

The following Bible College students have received notices of acceptance from the publisher:

**Lydia Bozeman**—Four Oaks, NC  
**Cheryl Day**—Chesapeake, OH  
**Byron Deel**—Madison Heights, MI  
**Tamara Efird**—China Grove, NC  
**Keith Fletcher**—Johnston City, IL  
**Sarah Fletcher**—Johnston City, IL  
**Kevin Lauthern**—Nashville, TN

**John Neal**—New Castle, IN  
**Katrina Pickett**—Dothan, AL  
**Sam Pittman**—Greenville, NC  
**Tim Rabon**—Dothan, AL  
**David Rhodes**—Granite City, IL  
**Rusty Russell, Jr.**—Blakely, GA  
**Mark Thomas**—Nashville, TN

These honored seniors were nominated for *Who's Who* by the faculty. The criteria considered were academic performance, spiritual maturity, service to others, campus leadership, and potential. In addition to being listed in the volume, each student will receive a certificate during graduation week in May.

### Illinois Junior Picked To Edit 1982 Annual

The faculty recently selected Sarah Malone, a junior from South Roxana, Illinois, to edit the 1982 edition of the *LUMEN*, the college yearbook. Gwen Riddle, a freshman from Memphis, Tennessee, will serve as assistant editor, and Jeff Stegall, a freshman from South Roxana, Illinois, will be business manager.

Miss Malone is an education/Bible major. She was treasurer of her campus society her sophomore year and is president this year. She is a member of the Bethel FWB Church.

Miss Riddle, an English/Bible major, edited her high school annual and worked on the 1981 *LUMEN*. She is a member of the Randall Memorial FWB Church.

Mr. Stegall worked with this year's *LUMEN* business manager and is majoring in elementary education and Bible. He is a member of the Bethel FWB Church.

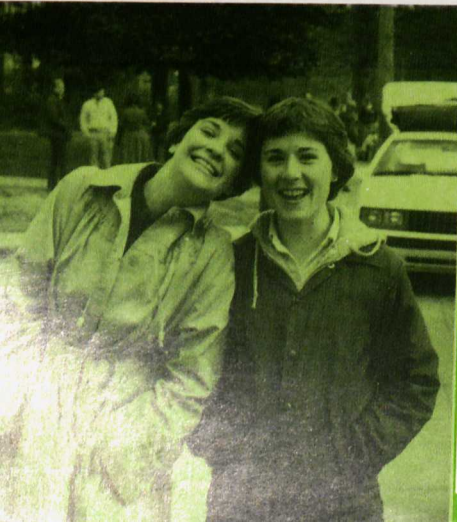
The staff has already begun work on a supplement to the yearbook that will cover spring semester events.

Church ads are being accepted for the 1982 *LUMEN*. If you are interested in displaying your church to tomorrow's Free Will Baptist preachers, missionaries and lay workers, consider placing an ad in the *LUMEN*. A full page is just \$90, a half page is \$50, and a quarter page is \$30. To reserve an ad or to request more information, write:

**The Lumen**  
c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College  
P.O. Box 50117  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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

**ALABAMA**—Mr. Crawford, 5/1-3, S. Union Ass'n, Baker, FL, Pastors' and Laymen's Retreat. **Mr. Creech**, 5/17-22, First FWB, Fayette. **ARKANSAS**—Dr. Picirilli, 4/22-26, First FWB, Hot Springs. **CALIFORNIA**—Dr. Thigpen, 6/18-20, California State Ass'n, Fresno. **MICHIGAN**—Dr. Riggs, 5/3, Central FWB, Royal Oak. **Mr. Kettelman**, 6/19-20, Michigan State Ass'n, Troy. **MISSISSIPPI**—Mr. Kettelman, 5/3, First FWB, Pearl. **MISSOURI**—Dr. Picirilli, 5/17, First FWB, Farmington. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Creech, 4/19-24, Revival, Canton; 4/26-5/1, Caroleen; 5/2, Blue Ridge Ass'n, Asheville. **Dr. Picirilli**, 5/24-30, First FWB, Morehead City. **Dr. Thigpen**, 6/8-10, North Carolina State Ass'n, Jacksonville. **OHIO**—Mr. Kettelman, 4/20-26, Chillicothe FWB, Chillicothe; 5/23, Great Lakes Ass'n, Wheelersburg; 5/24, New Hope FWB, Chillicothe. **Dr. Thigpen**, 6/5-7, Cleveland FWB Academy and Church, Cleveland. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Creech, 4/17, Promotional Dinner, Florence. **TEXAS**—Mr. Kettelman, 6/3-5, Texas State Ass'n, Midland. **WEST VIRGINIA**—Mr. Creech and Mr. Kettelman, 6/12-13, West Virginia State Ass'n, Mann.



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## College Honors 72 In Graduation Exercises

Seventy-two graduates from 21 states and two foreign countries make up Free Will Baptist Bible College's class of 1981. They were honored at several events during the college's recent Commencement Week, May 10-14.

Commencement Week began on Sunday night, May 10, with the Baccalaureate Service. The messenger for the service was Rev. Randy Cox, chairman of the board of trustees, pastor of the Raleigh (NC) First Free Will Baptist Church, and father of one of the graduates. He took his text from Psalms 57, 108, and 112, speaking on "Needed: Fixed Hearts."

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were reserved for performances by the Evangel Players drama team and the College Choir.

Graduates and their families attended a breakfast in their honor on Wednesday morning and enjoyed a meal of ham and scrambled eggs.

The highlight of the week was Graduation exercises, held Thursday morning, May 14, in the college Activities Building. The challenge was delivered by Rev. Ralph Hampton, chairman of the Christian Ministries Department and father of one of the graduates. Six seniors—Laura Hampton, Sarah Fletcher, Susan Forlines, David Rhodes, Mark Thomas, and John Neal—shared their testimonies with about 1,000 faculty/staff, students, and guests who attended the program.

Graduation was also the occasion for recognizing many accomplishments of the past year. The yearbook editor's medal was presented to Tamara Efird and the student body president's medal was awarded to David Rhodes. The Best All-around Students—Cheryl Day and Kevin Lauthern—were

recognized, as was the year's Outstanding Student, John Neal.

Trophies were awarded to the Louisa Mae Alcott and John Bunyan Societies for posting the best athletic records of the school year. Eight campus societies—four for men and four for women—compete for the trophies each year. This year's winners have won the trophies for the past three seasons and will take permanent possession of the trophies.

Scholastic awards were presented to seniors, as well as to representatives of other classes. Three seniors—Duane Cassida, Laura Hampton, and Mark Thomas—shared top academic honors in the senior class for the past year. All three completed the year with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. In other classes, Karen Owen led the juniors; Marsha Rolen, the sophomores; and Ruth Thigpen, the freshmen. Four seniors were elected to membership in Delta Epsilon Chi, the national honor society for Bible college students. They are Duane Cassida, Sarah Fletcher, Laura Hampton, and Sam Pittman. The Greek letters, Delta Epsilon Chi, stand for "Approved In Christ."

Soon after the final "amen," the students and guests had loaded cars, trucks, and vans, and were scattering across the country. The campus was quiet; the streets empty. But the summer will pass quickly and, should Christ tarry, August will bring a fresh crop of freshmen and the familiar faces of returning students to the Nashville campus, and a new school year will begin.

Please pray for the members of the class of 1981 (their pictures are displayed inside this issue) and for the other students, that God will bless and use them.

## MEET The Class of 1981

- There are 72 members. Thirty-one received the Bachelor of Arts; 25, the Bachelor of Science; 11, the Christian Worker's Bible Diploma; and five, the Associate of Science in Business.
- Eleven are planning to be married this summer.
- Thirty-five are married; 23 have married since enrolling at FWBCC.
- Seven are parents; they have 12 children.
- The average age is 23 years, seven months.
- The youngest is 20; the oldest is 38.
- They come from 21 states and two foreign countries (Brazil and Spain).
- North Carolina is home state for more 1981 graduates than any other state (15).
- The class's grade point average is 2.8 (C+).
- One or both parents of 13 graduates are also FWBCC alumni.
- Eighteen graduated with honors.

## Former President, First Lady, And Two Staff Workers Honored At Commencement

Four very special members of the college family were honored at Graduation Exercises, May 14, upon the occasion of their retirement. They are Dr. & Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Miss Ruby Mitchell, and Mr. Burl Halliburton.

For forty years, Free Will Baptist Bible College and L. C. Johnson have been one and the same. The college is the fulfillment of his dream and the object of his lifelong ministry. After serving 34 years as president and two years as chancellor, Dr. Johnson announced this spring that he will enter retirement. Mrs. Johnson, who served 12 years to maintain the college mailing list, retired in December. President Charles A. Thigpen presented Dr. Johnson with his desk and chair, and gave Mrs. Johnson a plaque. For the time being, the Johnsons plan to remain in Nashville.

Miss Mitchell has been the college receptionist for 14 years. During that time she has been an outstanding good will ambassador serving students and visitors. The 1981 yearbook was dedicated to Miss Mitchell. She will be spending the summer in western North Carolina and plans to return eventually to her home in Miami.

Mr. Halliburton has been a model of diligence and faithfulness as he served more than eight years as director of campus maintenance. He and Mrs. Halliburton will be returning to Missouri.

President Thigpen presented plaques to Miss Mitchell and Mr. Halliburton.

No tribute is adequate to express our gratitude to these who have faithfully served the college, the denomination, and the Lord.







Tamara Eflord  
China Grove, NC



Denise Eunice  
Bristol, GA



Jan Felts  
Springfield, MO



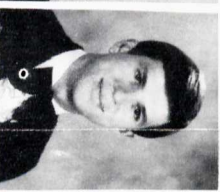
Susan Forlines  
Hamilton, AL



Synova Foster  
Norfolk, VA



Marty Funderburk  
Amory, MS



Jeffrey Gaskins  
Vanceboro, NC



Laura Hampton  
Nashville, TN



Sandra Hawkins  
Birmingham, AL



Linda Horne  
Virginia Beach, VA



Lamour Keeler  
Scotland Neck, NC



Terry Key  
Northport, AL



Myra Leonard  
Coward, SC



Ruth McDonald  
Columbia, MO



John Neal  
New Castle, IN



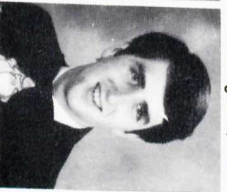
Katrina Pickett  
Dothan, AL



Sam Pittman  
Greenville, NC



Teresa Pruitt  
Trenton, MI



Rusty Russell  
Blakely, GA



Diane Taylor  
Newberry, FL

## Christian Worker's Bible Diplomas



Edward Dukes, III  
Savannah, GA



Phyllis Dunn  
Salem, OR



John Freeman  
Cordova, AL



Sharon Hawkins  
Birmingham, AL



Paul Hopson  
Nashville, TN



Toby Jenkins  
Atkins, AR



Kim Lynch  
Nashville, TN



David Sexton  
Winfield, AL



Sherry Tafaoa  
Waipahu, HI



Tina Tolbert  
South Haven, MI



Ginny Conner  
New Bern, NC

## Associate of Science in Business Degrees



Debra Dreher  
Tucson, AZ



Sandy Laughinghouse  
New Bern, NC



Ronda Sealy  
New Bern, NC



Regina Stanley  
Muscle Shoals, AL



Darlene Jones  
Arlington, VA





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Bible College

# CLASS OF 1981

## Bachelor of Arts Degrees



Rebecca Aycock  
Nashville, TN



Lydia Bozeman  
Four Oaks, NC



Duane Cassida  
Canton, NC



Timothy Coats  
Sioux Falls, SD



David Cox  
Raleigh, NC



Carolyn Crittenden  
Owasso, OK



Jack Davis  
Nashville, TN



Sandra Fender  
Burnsville, NC



Keith Fletcher  
Johnston City, IL



Sarah Fletcher  
Johnston City, IL



Mike Gladson  
Vanceboro, NC



Karen Holland  
Waverly, TN



James Jones, Jr.  
Goodlettsville, TN



Jeff Lankford  
Dickson, TN



Kevin Lauthern  
Nashville, TN



Mark Leonard  
Fairborn, OH



Jimmy Martin  
Adamsville, AL



Tony Massey  
Four Oaks, NC



James Munsey  
McAllen, TX



Doug Nance  
Nashville, TN



Wayne Parker  
Midland City, AL



Tim Rabon  
Dothan, AL



David Rhodes  
Granite City, IL



Melody Shrewsbury  
Crab Orchard, WV



Paul Sparks  
Madrid, Spain



Mark Tallent  
St. Louis, MO



Mark Thomas  
Nashville, TN



Tim Thompson  
Burnsville, NC



Ricky Tilton  
Pamplico, SC



Gary Underwood  
Wappello, MO



Gary Weeks  
Walnut Ridge, AR



Marion Broadway  
Durham, NC



Phyllis Chant  
Colquitt, GA



Cheryl Day  
Chesapeake, OH



Byron Deel  
Madison Hts., MI



James Dunbar  
Salina, KS

## Bachelor of Science Degrees



## Alabama Sophomore Elected Student Body President

Free Will Baptist Bible College students recently elected Norman McFall, a sophomore from Florence, Alabama, to serve as student body president during the 1981-82 school year. Other officers chosen with McFall are Randy Fosse, vice-president; Pam Jagers, secretary-treasurer; and Harmony Mowry, chaplain.

Norman served with the U.S. Army before enrolling at the Bible College. He is majoring in Bible and minoring in Christian Education. Norman served as sophomore class chaplain and as chaplain of the John Bunyan Society. He is a member of the First FWB Church of Florence, pastored by Reverend Tom Malone.

Fosse, from Marion, Illinois, is a junior. He is preparing to serve as a director of Christian education. Randy has been active in drama throughout his three years at FWBCC, and is traveling this summer with The Evangelists drama team.

Pam is a junior from Belk, Alabama, where her father, Reverend Walter Jagers, pastors the Belk FWB Church. She is training in business and has been active in drama. Pam is traveling this summer with The Master's Players drama team.

Harmony is a freshman from Cabool, Missouri. He came to FWBCC from School of the Ozarks and is preparing to be a pastor. He is a member of the First FWB Church of Cabool.

These new student officers will begin their terms when the college begins the fall semester in August.

## President Thigpen Announces Three New Employees

Three people will join the ranks of the college's faculty/staff for the 1981-82 school year, says President Charles A. Thigpen. These are Rev. and Mrs. Larry Hughes and Mr. Richard McDonald.

Rev. Hughes, pastor of the Canton (NC) FWB Church, will join the Public Relations staff. He is a 1972 FWBCC graduate and has pastored in Tennessee and North Carolina. The Canton Church has been an outstanding supporter of the college under Hughes' leadership. He will begin working for the college in July.

Margrette Hughes is a Registered Nurse and will serve as campus nurse when the fall semester begins in August. Mrs. Hughes is a 1963 FWBCC graduate.

Mr. McDonald will join the Music Department to teach piano. He is a 1974 graduate of the college and has been serving as music director at the Collinswood FWB Church of Portsmouth, VA.

Concerning these new workers, Dr. Thigpen has observed:

For some time we have felt the need of an additional worker to assist Mr. Kettelman, our Public Relations Director. The college is totally dependent upon our people for both students and finances. It is, therefore, important that we stay in close touch with our people. Mr. Hughes will help us communicate the message of the college to local churches, districts and conferences, and state associations. Mr. Hughes, who presently serves as

moderator of the NC State Association of Free Will Baptists, has been a faithful supporter of the college throughout his ministry.

Mrs. Hughes will work with the health needs of dormitory students. With 300-400 single dormitory students, we believe that a campus nurse will be a great addition to our college staff.

Mr. McDonald is the son of our college treasurer, E. Bayless McDonald. He took his undergraduate program here, majoring in piano. His Master's in music was taken at Tennessee State University.

We welcome these new workers to the FWBCC family.

## College To Miss Services Of Two Staff Workers

Two staff workers have announced that they will not be returning to work for the college in the fall. They are Mrs. Karen Brown and Mrs. LaDohnna Freeman.

Mrs. Brown is concluding four years of work as student supervisor and assistant dean of women. She and Kyle, her husband, are going to Ahoskie, N.C.

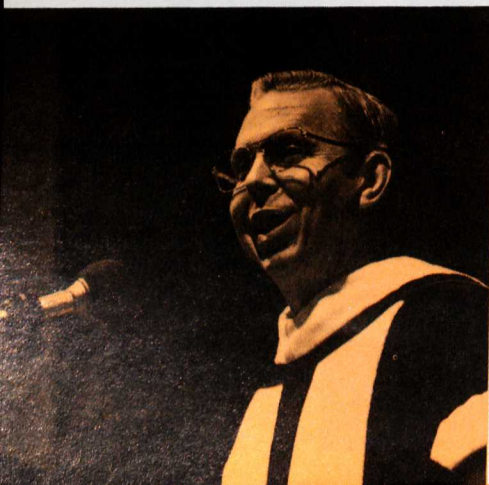
Mrs. Freeman worked three years as faculty secretary. She and her husband, John, are moving to Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Both are to be commended for their faithful service.

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

**ALABAMA**—Dr. Ange, 6/15-21, Alabaster FWB, Alabaster; 7/13-19, Eastside FWB, Dothan; Dr. Riggs, 6/26, State Line Ass'n, Dothan; Mr. Crawford, 7/5-12, Murphy's Chapel FWB, Florence.  
**ARKANSAS**—Mr. Creech, 7/26-31, Mt. Bethel FWB, Rose Bud; Dr. Ange, 8/11-12, State Ass'n, Conway.  
**CALIFORNIA**—Dr. Thigpen, 6/18-20, State Ass'n, Fresno; 6/21 (AM), Sherwood Forest FWB, El Sobrante; 6/21 (PM), Petaluma FWB, Petaluma.  
**FLORIDA**—Dr. Riggs, 8/3-7, Teacher's Seminar, Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola.  
**GEORGIA**—Dr. Ange, 6/22-28, Poulan FWB, Poulan; 7/6-12, Bellview FWB, Colquitt.  
**KENTUCKY**—Mr. Creech, 6/20, State Ass'n, Paintsville; Dr. Riggs,

6/28-7/3, Westwood Enterprise Baptist, Ashland.  
**MICHIGAN**—Mr. Kettelman, 6/19-20, State Ass'n, Troy.  
**NORTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Ange, 7/26-31, Ruth's Chapel FWB, New Bern.  
**OHIO**—Mr. Creech, 6/26-27, Heritage Temple FWB, Columbus.  
**OKLAHOMA**—Mr. Thigpen, 8/10-14, State Youth Camp, Wilberton.  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Riggs, 8/12-17, Fellowship FWB, Florence.  
**TENNESSEE**—Mr. Kettelman, 7/11-13, Union Ass'n, Greeneville; Dr. Ange, 8/2-7, Foreign Missions Retreat, FWBCC, Nashville.  
**VIRGINIA**—Mr. Creech, 6/18, State Ass'n, Roanoke; Mr. Kettelman, 6/26-27, MD State Ass'n, Martinsville.



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## "WHY NOT HAVE A BIBLE COLLEGE DAY?" by Larry Hughes

If you have already read the news article that accompanies this testimony, you have already seen that the people of the Canton (NC) FWB Church recently raised over \$24,000 for the Bible College and set a new FWBBC record for the largest single gift from a church. We praise God for what He enabled us to do, but it took us eight years to build up the momentum for this year's drive.

Let me tell you how it began, back in 1974, right after I accepted the pastorate of the Canton Church.

Rev. Bob King, who was working with the college's Development Office then, stopped by one day and asked me if I would consider having a walk-a-thon and a College Day. Many others were doing it then, he said, so I agreed to try it, even though I had only been at the church for a few months.

My first efforts at promoting the idea did not meet with much success. My people seemed reluctant to try something so new. Very few volunteers signed up to participate in the walk-a-thon. The apparent lack of enthusiasm threatened to destroy the whole drive before we could even get it started.

I do not like to start something and leave it unfinished. And I did not want to see this drive fail. So, I began to contact people *personally* and asked them to join our walk-a-thon. At first, only a few agreed. Then they began to take pledges, and others agreed to sign up. I could feel the excitement begin to build. Our Master's Men chapter and Woman's Auxiliary began to sponsor a picnic to climax the day. By the time our big day dawned, we had 60 volunteers ready to walk!

But heavy clouds hung low over Canton that morning. I held my breath and prayed! We met at the starting line at 8 a.m. and started walking. As we walked, God blew the clouds away and gave us a beautiful day! The fellowship along the route and at the finish line was sweet for all of us.

The church agreed that all Sunday offerings would be added to the walk-a-thon gifts to go to the Bible College. When we totaled up our funds, we had \$2,500 for the Bible College! Our people were nearly as thrilled as I was.

Every year since then, the enthusiasm and the response for the college have grown. We have set a goal every year, feeling like each one was a step of faith. And God has blessed by providing enough to take us over every goal we set.

Perhaps the greatest boost to our drive for the college has been our discovery of the matching gift program sponsored by Champion International Paper Company in

Canton. Several of our people work for Champion. Every gift these people make to FWBBC is matched by the company. I just had one of our men who works for Champion to go by the personnel office and pick up some copies of the matching gift form, which I distributed to our Champion employees. Some were afraid that the forms would be complicated, but they weren't. (Don't let little hindrances keep you from enjoying even richer blessings!) In the past two years alone, Champion has given over \$17,000 in matching funds to FWBBC! I only regret the years of giving when we could have been doing so much more through the matching gift program. (You may have some matching gift companies in your community. Write the college for a list.)

Perhaps you are where I was eight years ago. You have never had a special Bible College Day, and you may be afraid to try it. Some facets of our drive, such as the walk-a-thon, may not suit your situation. Let me encourage you to tailor your special Bible College drive to fit your church. I can only say, as I look back over eight special drives for our college, as I consider their impact on our young people and their families, and as I rejoice over some \$80,000 our church has channeled to FWBBC, I must say, "Thank God for the challenge Bob King left with me back in 1974: 'Why don't you have a Bible College Day?'"



*Rev. Hughes, a 1972 FWBBC graduate, joined the college Public Relations Department in July. One of his objectives will be to help churches schedule annual Bible College days.*

## N. C. Church Raises Record \$24,000 In Special Bible College Weekend

The Canton (NC) FWB Church raised a record \$24,319.93 for Free Will Baptist Bible College in its eighth annual FWBBC weekend June 13-14. According to Public Relations Director Paul J. Ketteman, this is the largest single gift the college has received from a church. Pastor Larry Hughes was delighted to see the church exceed its \$20,000-goal for the drive.


This is the eighth Bible College Day that Rev. Hughes has conducted at the Canton Church since 1974. Total gifts to the college in the annual drive are \$80,566.80. The main features of the event have been a 10-mile walk-a-thon on Saturday and a special representative from the college to fill the pulpit on Sunday.

Rev. Hughes says that one of the key factors in the success of the drive, which has exceeded its goal every year, is the matching gift program participated in by Champion International Paper Company of Canton. This year, 25 employees of Champion who are members of the church made gifts to the college on College Day, ranging from \$50 to \$2,000. Together, they gave \$10,278.70. Champion will match this amount, bringing the total to \$20,557.40. (A free list of all matching gift companies is available. Please write the college.)

This year, 40 people, ranging in age from five to 65, participated in the walk-a-thon. Miss Shannon Cope, age nine, raised the most money by collecting \$1,283 for the college. The pastor's 12-year-old daughter, Miss Sherri Hughes, came in second by raising \$1,269.

The following year-by-year totals show how the Bible College Day at Canton has grown:

1974...	\$ 2,500.00	1978...	9,353.31
1975...	3,377.45	1979...	13,348.76
1976...	5,153.55	1980...	17,232.80
1977...	5,281.00	1981...	24,319.93



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Rev. Malone

## Alabama Pastor To Conduct Fall Campus Revival

Rev. Tom Malone, pastor of the First FWB Church of Florence, AL, will preach to FWBBC students and personnel October 7-11 in the annual campus revival, says Dr. Joseph Ange, Director of Religious Activities. The revival is sponsored each fall by Ministerial Fellowship, an organization of students who are preparing for the ministry.

Rev. Malone is a 1963 FWBBC graduate and has served on the Board of Trustees since 1974. For two years, 1969-71, he was the college's Assistant Director of Development. He has pastored the Ina (IL) FWB Church and the Fellowship FWB Church of Flat River, MO. He has been at the Florence Church since 1971.

The meeting consists of 11 services, including daily chapel services, and evening services, Wednesday through Sunday. Dr. Ange also plans to serve a special breakfast on Saturday during which the evangelist will speak to campus men.

The annual FWBBC revival has been conducted by some of the best preachers in the denomination. Past speakers have been Dale Burden (1969), Jack Paramore (1970), Tom Malone (1971), Bob Shockey (1972), Milton Worthington (1973), Randy Cox (1974), Guy Owens (1975), Don Pegram (1976), Van Dale Hudson (1977), Dann Patrick (1978), Gordon Sebastian (1979), and Fred Warner (1980).

Dr. Ange has appealed to all Free Will Baptists to pray between now and October for a great fall revival.

## Special FWBBC Events 1981-82

Many of the campus events at FWBBC are of interest to Free Will Baptists. The following list is a summary of the most significant dates on the college's 1981-82 calendar:

### FALL, 1981

Fall Registration	Aug. 25-26
Campus Revival	Oct. 7-11
Missionary Conference	Oct. 26-28
Fall Welcome Days	Dec. 3-5
Principals' Conference	Dec. 7-9
Semester Ends	Dec. 17

### SPRING, 1982

Spring Registration	Jan. 5
Bible Conference	Mar. 7-11
Spring Welcome Days	Apr. 8-10
Graduation Exercises	May 13

## 115 Students Make Spring Semester Dean's List

Following final examinations, the names of 115 students who made "B" or higher for the spring semester were placed on the college's Dean's List. Ten of these maintained a perfect straight "A" record for the 18 weeks.

These students are listed below with their home states:

### "A" Honor Roll

Duane Cassida (Sr.) . . . . . NC  
Glenn Colley (Soph.) . . . . . NC  
Denise Eunice (Sr.) . . . . . GA  
Laura Hampton (Sr.) . . . . . TN  
Shelly Hill (Jr.) . . . . . FL  
Darla Jolly (Fr.) . . . . . KY  
Jack Lysaker (Sp.) . . . . . MN  
Karen Owen (Jr.) . . . . . NC  
Marsha Rolen (Soph.) . . . . . NC  
Mark Thomas (Sr.) . . . . . TN

### "B" Honor Roll

#### Seniors

Tim Coats . . . . . SD  
Ginny Conner . . . . . NC  
Cheryl Day . . . . . OH  
Byron Deel . . . . . MI  
Terry Eagleton . . . . . TX  
Tamara Efird . . . . . NC  
Jan Felts . . . . . MO  
Keith Fletcher . . . . . IL  
Susan Forlines . . . . . AL  
Synova Foster . . . . . VA  
Jeff Gaskins . . . . . NC  
Mike Harrell . . . . . NC  
Karen Holland . . . . . TN  
Jimmy Jones . . . . . TN  
Lamour Keeter . . . . . NC  
Jeff Lankford . . . . . TN  
Myra Leonard . . . . . SC  
Doug Nance . . . . . NC  
Katrina Pickett . . . . . AL  
David Rhodes . . . . . IL  
Melody Shrewsbury . . . . . WV  
Ron Spencer . . . . . OH  
Diane Taylor . . . . . NC

#### Juniors

Robert Baines . . . . . MS  
Jessica Barnes . . . . . NC

Richard Bowen . . . . . GA  
Charley Carmack . . . . . TN  
Zenis Childress . . . . . TN  
Mark Daniel . . . . . KY  
J. B. Ellis . . . . . NC  
Daniel Felts . . . . . MO  
Randy Fosse . . . . . IL  
Marcia Grant . . . . . IN  
Jeff Halliburton . . . . . TN  
Clayton Hampton . . . . . TN  
Mike Hill . . . . . TX  
Paul Hopson . . . . . OH  
Kathy Jenkins . . . . . VA  
Sarah Malone . . . . . IL  
Bobbie McReynolds . . . . . OH  
Mike Mize . . . . . AR  
Angela Outland . . . . . NC  
Joanna Sasser . . . . . MO  
Steven Sawrie . . . . . SC  
Laura Sawyer . . . . . AR  
Mike Trimble . . . . . OH  
Rhoda Trimble . . . . . TN  
Ja Nelda Walker . . . . . AR  
Mike Walker . . . . . TX

#### Sophomores

Ginger Baines . . . . . AL  
John Blades . . . . . IL  
Paul Collins . . . . . VA  
David Crowe . . . . . AL  
Jeff Griffith . . . . . OH  
Tammy Hampton . . . . . AL  
Mary Ann Hill . . . . . NC  
Mike Hiltibidal . . . . . IL  
Pam Jagers . . . . . AL  
LaWanda Justice . . . . . SC  
Janet King . . . . . NC  
Norman McFall . . . . . AL  
Teresa Owens . . . . . NC  
Brian Peters . . . . . VA  
Joy Picirilli . . . . . TN  
Susan Pierce . . . . . TN  
Beth Postulka . . . . . IL

George Postulka . . . . . IL  
Teresa Raffield . . . . . MS  
Tom Rolen . . . . . NC  
Betty Shelby . . . . . MS  
Frank Slaughter . . . . . VA  
Del Strickland . . . . . NC  
Jackie Underwood . . . . . AL  
Terry Walker . . . . . SC  
Vivian Waller . . . . . NC  
Danny Williams . . . . . NC

#### Freshmen

Teresa Andrews . . . . . ID  
Hope Barbour . . . . . NC  
Keith Bartlett . . . . . MI  
Mickey Cantrell . . . . . TN  
Douglas Carey . . . . . AL  
Gerald Carraway . . . . . NC  
Walter Clinton . . . . . MS  
Terri Creech . . . . . NC  
David Dail . . . . . IN  
Martin Elliott . . . . . LA  
Cynthia Fry . . . . . MO  
Kerry Hyatt . . . . . TN  
Susan Keesling . . . . . MO  
James Leonard . . . . . OH  
Richard McManus . . . . . NC  
David Mishler . . . . . IL  
Mala Moody . . . . . NC  
William Preston . . . . . KY  
Tina Randolph . . . . . AL  
Gwen Riddle . . . . . TN  
Don Salyer . . . . . TN  
Phillip Smith . . . . . WV  
Jonathan Snow . . . . . GA  
Tim Steele . . . . . MI  
Jayne Sweeney . . . . . WV  
Daniel Talcott . . . . . OR  
Ruth Thigpen . . . . . TN

#### Special

Richard Davis . . . . . NC

## College Begins Renovation Of Oldest Campus Building

Davidson Hall, the first building owned by FWBBC, is being completely renovated in a two-summer plan that will eventually raise it to the standard of newer college buildings, says E. Bayless McDonald, Treasurer. The work will include leveling the floors, increasing the electrical service, rewiring, air conditioning, and general redecoration. The redecoration includes fresh paint, new flooring, and acoustical wall coverings. The building, now used by the Music Department, will also gain several new practice rooms after the college repartitions the space available.

Work on the building is being supervised by T. L. Burch, a former teacher at the col-

lege who is founder of Church Builders, Inc., a Christian contracting firm. The job will not be finished until next summer and is expected to cost about \$50,000. This will be the first major improvement in the building since it was purchased in 1942.

Davidson Hall was bought by the National Association of Free Will Baptists to house the college when the school was just being started. Through the years, the building has served as a dormitory, dining hall, dating lounge, office building, classroom facility, and campus landmark.

Other projects being carried out this summer include a new roof for the Boyce Dormitory porch and new draperies for Polston Hall, as the college prepares for the coming of students in late August.



# COLLEGE REPORTS 1980-81 GIFTS



## GENERAL FUND STATE GIFT QUOTAS

States	1980-81 Quota	1981-82 Quota
Alabama	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00
Arizona	2,300.00	2,300.00
Arkansas	22,500.00	22,500.00
California	5,000.00	6,500.00
Colorado	800.00	1,000.00
Delaware	200.00	200.00
Florida	21,000.00	21,000.00
Georgia	36,000.00	36,000.00
Hawaii	500.00	500.00
Idaho	1,000.00	1,000.00
Illinois	17,500.00	17,500.00
Indiana	5,000.00	6,500.00
Iowa	1,000.00	1,000.00
Kansas	3,000.00	3,000.00
Kentucky	15,000.00	15,000.00
Maine	2,500.00	3,000.00
Maryland	2,500.00	2,500.00
Massachusetts	300.00	300.00
Michigan	21,000.00	20,000.00
Minnesota	300.00	450.00
Mississippi	19,000.00	19,000.00
Missouri	30,000.00	30,000.00
Montana	200.00	200.00
Nebraska	200.00	250.00
New Hampshire	500.00	500.00
New Jersey	200.00	200.00
New Mexico	500.00	700.00
North Carolina	85,000.00	85,000.00
Ohio	14,000.00	14,000.00
Oklahoma	28,000.00	30,000.00
Oregon	200.00	250.00
South Carolina	35,000.00	37,500.00
Tennessee	65,000.00	65,000.00
Texas	12,000.00	12,000.00
Virgin Islands	650.00	700.00
Virginia	15,000.00	17,500.00
Washington	1,500.00	1,500.00
West Virginia	12,000.00	12,000.00
Wyoming	250.00	250.00
W.N.A.C.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Other	38,400.00	38,200.00
TOTALS	\$570,000.00	\$580,000.00

Free Will Baptists gave \$745,404.50 to the Bible College during the 1980-81 fiscal year (June 1—May 31), according to President Charles A. Thigpen. Of this amount, \$505,623.84 was directed to the general fund, \$176,932.54 went to the building fund, and \$62,848.12 was designated for the planned Graduate School. President Thigpen noted that this is the greatest annual gift support in the college's history.

In spite of this record giving, general fund gifts fell nearly \$65,000 short of the \$570,000-budget, though gifts exceeded those of the previous year by over \$11,000. Eight states went over their suggested gift quotas, according to Public Relations Director Paul Ketteman. They are: California (132%), Colorado (105%), Indiana (105%), Maine (123%), Minnesota (133%), New Mexico (134%), South Carolina (116%), and Virginia (108%). The board of trustees has set the 1981-82 general fund gift budget at \$580,000. State quotas are listed below.

Support for the building fund is healthy, according to Ronald Creech, Director of Development. He notes that two pieces of property, including a 70-acre tract valued at over \$40,000, have been given to the college this year. Mr. Creech is currently looking for seven men who will join three who have already committed to give \$100,000 each to the building fund in the next 10 years.

In the college's effort to raise \$250,000 before the opening of the Graduate School in August 1982, the President reports that 34 individuals and churches have already given \$1,000 each and joined the Founders Club. The total raised by the end of May, including commitments, checkbooks, and a bond, was nearly \$125,000. Dr. Thigpen pointed out that this puts the drive right on schedule.

State gifts to the general and building funds are listed below.

STATE	GENERAL	BUILDING	TOTAL
Alabama	\$ 46,566.02	\$ 7,948.79	\$ 54,514.81
Arizona	794.49	—	794.49
Arkansas	18,365.21	9,919.24	28,284.45
California	6,611.18	650.00	7,261.18
Colorado	838.67	—	838.67
Delaware	10.75	—	10.75
Florida	14,186.45	2,362.30	16,548.75
Georgia	31,073.11	5,379.00	36,452.11
Hawaii	180.00	—	180.00
Idaho	625.55	—	625.55
Illinois	14,555.90	8,486.60	23,042.50
Indiana	5,269.61	975.00	6,244.61
Iowa	275.00	—	275.00
Kansas	2,117.04	—	2,117.04
Kentucky	8,400.13	657.48	9,057.61
Maine	3,070.00	—	3,070.00
Maryland	1,725.56	130.00	1,855.56
Massachusetts	80.00	—	80.00
Michigan	17,113.51	710.00	17,823.51
Minnesota	398.98	—	398.98
Mississippi	15,592.26	3,075.26	18,667.52
Missouri	28,039.23	2,264.15	30,303.38
Montana	77.99	—	77.99
Nebraska	70.00	—	70.00
New Jersey	50.23	—	50.23
New Mexico	672.44	—	672.44
North Carolina	84,264.49	61,393.08	145,657.57
Ohio	12,268.22	471.29	12,739.51
Oklahoma	20,711.46	27,105.04	47,816.50
Oregon	20.00	—	20.00
South Carolina	40,602.27	7,366.36	47,968.63
Tennessee	59,858.92	13,479.02	73,337.94
Texas	11,232.54	230.00	11,462.54
Virginia	16,198.17	2,928.38	19,126.55
Washington	138.56	—	138.56
West Virginia	8,962.58	145.00	9,107.58
WNAC	2,631.35	146.00	2,777.35
Virgin Islands	649.67	50.00	699.67
Faculty/Staff/Students	12,401.66	8,824.83	21,226.49
Matching Gifts	15,017.00	11,438.00	26,455.00
Foreign Missionaries	405.00	797.72	1,202.72
Other	3,502.64	—	3,502.64
TOTAL	\$505,623.84	\$176,932.54	\$682,556.38





## WELCOME DAYS For High School Juniors and Seniors

Dec. 3-5, 1981

You may have heard what FWBBC is like, but why not come and see for yourself? That is what Welcome Days is all about!

For a full day and two nights you can experience Free Will Baptist Bible College! Try out the classes. Cheer at a ball game. Sleep in a dorm. Thrill to special programs by the choir and drama team. And collect some face-to-face testimonies from students, themselves, about FWBBC.

Why does FWBBC host Welcome Days? And why should you be interested in it?

If you are in high school (maybe even past high school), you may con-

sider going to college somewhere. The more you know about colleges in general and some colleges in particular, the easier your decisions about if and where to attend will be. So, Welcome Days can only help you in making one of the most important decisions of your life!

This year's two Welcome Days dates are listed above. Pick the one that suits you best and write or call for full information.

Welcome Days  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
(615) 383-1340

April 8-10, 1982

## Healthy Fall Enrollment Indicated By Total of Summer Applicants

The Bible College may see a "bumper-crop" of freshmen this fall, according to recent statements by FWBBC Registrar Charles E. Hampton. He says, "While the numbers may change, the fall enrollment figures certainly look encouraging." He went on to say that the number of new students coming this August seems to be the highest in several years. "The number of returning students is also high," he added. He expects that the college dormitories will probably be filled to near capacity when school opens August 27.

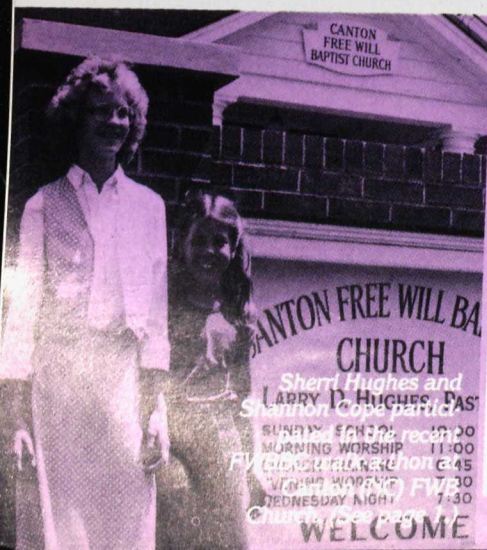
Dr. Hampton pointed to the college's more intensive efforts to recruit students as one of the factors in the apparently strong interest by new students. "Our fall enrollment should be healthy," he said. "Since it comes on the heels of a good enrollment last fall, I would say that we are seeing some of the fruit we hoped our recruitment program would bring the college."

For the past two years the college has been working harder than ever to contact prospective students. This effort has included two annual Welcome Days, more student groups visiting churches, requests that pastors send the college lists of prospective students, and a higher volume of mail contacts. "We are not trying to attract all kinds of students," Dr. Hampton stressed. "We just want to be sure that our best Free Will Baptist young people know what FWBBC can do for them."

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

**ALABAMA**—Rev. Crawford, 8/28-29, Progressive Ass'n, Cordova; 10/9-10, MS State Line Ass'n, Hackelburg; Dr. Picirilli, 10/9-10, State Line Ass'n. **ARKANSAS**—Rev. Creech, 10/5-11, First FWB, Batesville. **GEORGIA**—Dr. Miley, 9/11-13, First FWB, Savannah; Rev. Creech, 10/2-4, Decatur FWB, Decatur; 10/3, Chattahoochee Ass'n, Decatur. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Thigpen, 9/22-25, Southside FWB, Paintsville. **MISSOURI**—Dr. Picirilli, 9/14-16, Ministers' Retreat, Niangua. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Rev. Hughes, 9/28-10/4, Calvary FWB, Swannanoa; Dr. Thigpen, 10/5-7, Southeastern Ass'n of Christian Schools, Raleigh. **OKLAHOMA**—Dr. Picirilli, 9/27-10/2, Southern Oaks FWB,

Oklahoma City; Rev. Creech, 10/12-15, OK State Ass'n. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Riggs, 8/12-16, Fellowship FWB, Florence. **TENNESSEE**—Rev. Kettelman, 8/11-13, Union Ass'n, Greenville; Dr. Picirilli, 8/16 (PM), Bethel FWB, Ashland City; Dr. Riggs, 8/20, Bethel FWB, Ashland City; 8/28-29, Cross Timbers FWB, Nashville; 9/25-27, Woodbine FWB, Nashville; Dr. Thigpen, 9/20, Fellowship FWB, Kingsport; Rev. Crawford, 9/24-26, State Line Ass'n, Ardmore. **WEST VIRGINIA**—Rev. Crawford, 8/31-9/9, Dry Branch FWB, Charleston; 9/12-20, Wild Meadow FWB, White Sulphur Springs.



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## 40th Year Begins With Record Enrollment

A record 587 students enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College in August, an increase of 14 percent over last year, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar. President Charles A. Thigpen says, "God has both honored our prayers and rewarded our efforts in this record enrollment."

Last year's enrollment was 513, and the previous record was 562, set in 1977. This year's enrollment figure does not include five FWBBC graduates who are taking the first course that will count for credit when the college opens its Graduate School in August 1982. All five are local ministers.

Students this year have come from 34 states and six foreign countries. While noting that most students have come from states like North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama, which usually are well represented, Dr. Hampton noted that other states, like Kentucky, South Carolina, and Virginia, are sending more young people to FWBBC than last year.

"The number of foreign students has doubled since last year," he says. This includes four Canadians who enrolled this fall. Three of these are from the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, which joined the National Association in July. Nine students are MK's (Missionary Kids).

The enrollment growth is seen primarily in the number of new students who have come this fall and in the high percentage of sophomores who returned from last year, observes Dr. Hampton. "This speaks well of the recruitment and retention efforts of the entire college family," he says. President Thigpen added, "Our Welcome Days have attracted hundreds of young people to visit our campus, while various college personnel and traveling groups had student recruitment as one of their main objectives."

Two areas where recent increases have been seen are especially gratifying. Ministerial students number 157, up from 141 last year. The number of missions students is also up, 80 this semester, compared to 53 last year. Both of these groups will grow through the course of the year as students answer God's call to these ministries.

With the exploding interest in private church schools across the denomination, college personnel were interested to note that 29% of the freshman class and 21% of the entire student body came from Christian schools. Three of these schools have ten or more students in the present student body (Liberty Christian Academy, Guin, AL-12; Woodbine Christian Academy, Nashville, TN-10; and Faith Christian



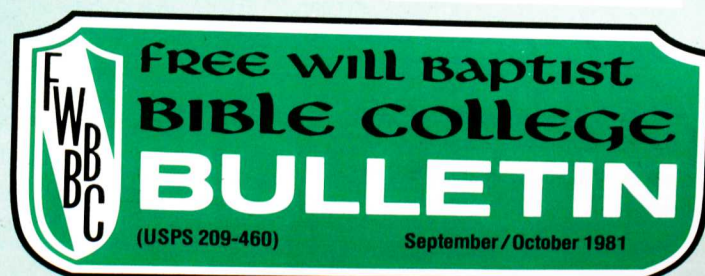
Academy, Goldsboro, NC-10). Seven others have sent between five and seven students to FWBBC this fall. Dr. Hampton says that our Christian schools are serving as increasingly effective "feeders" for FWBBC.

Several churches have also figured prominently in the new record enrollment. Gateway FWB Church of Virginia Beach, VA, leads all churches in sending students, with 18 at FWBBC this year. Others with outstanding records are Faith FWB, Goldsboro, NC (12); Woodbine FWB, Nashville, TN (10); and Cofer's Chapel FWB, Nashville, TN and First FWB, Raleigh, NC (9 each).

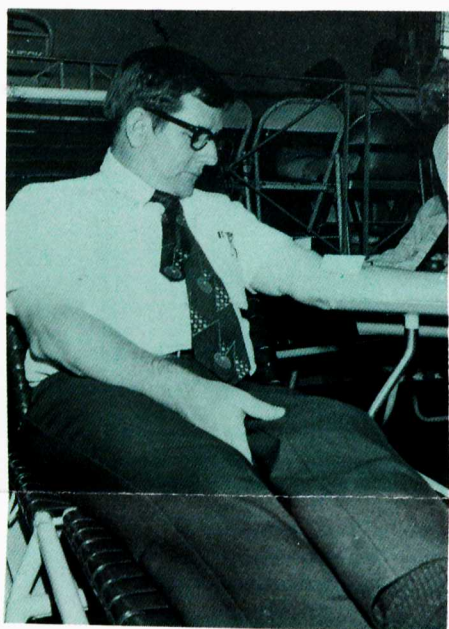
By classes, this fall's student body numbers 73 seniors, 94 juniors, 158 sophomores, 219 freshmen and 43 special students. This semester's student body is comprised of 225 new students and 362 returnees; 314 men and 273 women.

By state/foreign country, this semester's enrollment breaks down as follows:

Alabama . . . . .	56	Maryland . . . . .	2	Texas . . . . .	7
Arkansas . . . . .	19	Massachusetts . . . . .	1	Vermont . . . . .	1
California . . . . .	3	Michigan . . . . .	21	Virginia . . . . .	49
Delaware . . . . .	1	Minnesota . . . . .	1	Washington . . . . .	2
Florida . . . . .	12	Mississippi . . . . .	18	West Virginia . . . . .	7
Georgia . . . . .	20	Missouri . . . . .	29	Wisconsin . . . . .	1
Idaho . . . . .	1	New Mexico . . . . .	2		
Illinois . . . . .	31	North Carolina . . . . .	99	Foreign . . . . .	16
Indiana . . . . .	21	Ohio . . . . .	25	Brazil . . . . .	6
Iowa . . . . .	1	Oklahoma . . . . .	4	Canada . . . . .	4
Kansas . . . . .	5	Oregon . . . . .	1	France . . . . .	3
Kentucky . . . . .	11	Rhode Island . . . . .	1	Haiti . . . . .	1
Louisiana . . . . .	1	South Carolina . . . . .	30	Ivory Coast . . . . .	1
Maine . . . . .	1	Tennessee . . . . .	87	Japan . . . . .	1







### College Earns "Well Done" From Tennessee Red Cross

Red Cross officials commended FWBBC students and employees for providing 159 donors who contributed 138 pints of blood during the college's fall blood drive, September 10. This is the most ever given during one of the school's semi-annual drives. First time donors numbered 58.

For five years the college has been honored by the Red Cross for having the highest percentage of student participation among area educational institutions. Red Cross personnel said that they feel the college stands an excellent chance of capturing the honor for a sixth time, in light of the September drive.

This was the 11th bloodmobile the Red Cross has held at FWBBC. This first was held in September 1977. The next one is scheduled for March 13.

### Home Missions To Be Featured In October Conference

Home missions will be highlighted October 26-28 when the college hosts its annual Missionary Conference, according to plans announced by President Charles A. Thigpen. The home missions emphasis will be alternated from year to year with a foreign missions emphasis, he said.

This year's speakers will include home missionaries and members of the Home Missions Department staff. The missionaries are Rev. Ernie Ross, who is ministering in St. Paul, MN, and Rev. Bill Fulcher, who will soon begin working with Spanish-speaking Americans. Departmental speakers are General Director Roy Thomas, Associate Director Trymon Messer, and Director of Development John Gibbs.

Pray that God will use this year's conference to challenge the entire FWBBC family.

### Eight Staff Workers Added For 1981-82 School Year

Eight new staff workers recently joined the Free Will Baptist Bible College family, according to Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, president. Their duties range from student services to secretarial responsibilities. These new workers are:

- Lynda Barker**, student supervisor
- Nell Carr**, receptionist
- Martha Carter**, Financial Aid secretary
- Duane Cassida**, student supervisor
- Karen Owen**, Student Dean's secretary
- Tom Rolan**, resident director
- Marsha Rolan**, weekend student supervisor
- Tenie Sizemore**, resident director

We welcome these fine additions to the college staff and urge Free Will Baptists to pray for them and other FWBBC workers.



The 1981-82 Free Will Baptist Bible College Faculty met August 17-21, the week before students arrived, to sharpen their skills and to plan for the coming school year. Pray for the teachers and staff members at the college, as well as for the students now attending the school.

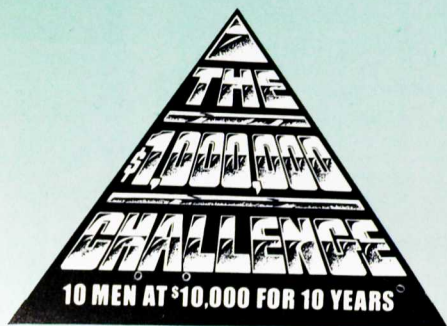
### Development Director Encouraged Over "\$1,000,000 Challenge"

Development Director Ronald Creech is looking for ten men who will give \$10,000 per year to Free Will Baptist Bible College for ten years. He has already found five, and feels that he is nearing the successful conclusion of "The \$1,000,000 Challenge."

The concept of finding ten men who would give \$100,000 each to the college over a ten-year period originated with a North Carolina layman, who enlisted two other laymen to join him in the challenge, according to Creech. So far, the challenge has been issued primarily in North Carolina,

with the help of the men who started it. Eight meetings have been held across the state with business and professional men invited to hear the challenge. Some 36 Free Will Baptist laymen have attended the meetings so far. Two have committed to join the original three, for a total of five. Others at the meetings have agreed to different methods of giving substantial support to the college, some even exceeding the original challenge, says Creech. More meetings and individual contacts are now being planned, he says.

With five men already enlisted, Creech feels that the conclusion of the challenge is encouragingly near. Please pray for this special project.







Johnny Carter

### Christian School Principal Joins Teacher Education Faculty

An FWBBC alumnus returned to the college this fall to teach, according to Dean Robert E. Picirilli. Johnny Carter, a 1973 B.A. graduate, joined the Teacher Education faculty in August.

Mr. Carter brings seven years experience in Christian school work to his teaching position. He taught for one year and served as principal for two years at Faith Christian Academy, Goldsboro, N.C. For the past four years he has been principal of Peninsula Christian School, Newport News, Va.

Since his graduation from FWBBC, he has earned an M.Ed. at Middle Tennessee State University in 1975 and an M.S. at Pensacola Christian College in 1978. Mr. Carter is currently working on his doctorate at The College of William and Mary.

The Bible College welcomes Mr. Carter to its faculty.

### FWB School Principals Announce December Meeting

Principals from many of the denomination's Christian day schools will meet at the college December 7-9 for their annual Principals' Conference, according to Rev. Lorenza Stox, president of the Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Christian Schools.

Speakers for the conference are Rev. Bob King, Rev. Dann Patrick, Rev. Richard Cordell, Rev. Jack Stallings, Mr. Richard Tippett, and Rev. Jack Cox. The principals will display their schools' ministries in booths set up in the Student Lounge. They will also interview students with the hope of filling vacancies on their staffs. The conference will adjourn on Wednesday, following the annual business session.

### Fall Welcome Days Plans Are Well Underway

Plans are underway to greet hundreds of prospective students to FWBBC during the college's fall Welcome Days, December 3-5, says Dr. Charles Hampton, coordinator of the event. There are still some openings in the dormitories to house the high school juniors and seniors who are considering FWBBC, but all who plan to come should notify Dr. Hampton as soon as possible to be assured of a place.

The charge of \$10 per visitor covers two nights in a dormitory room and five meals in the college's Cumberland Cafeteria.

Activities for Welcome Days include visiting classes, music and drama presentations, question-answer times with college personnel, and a special sports event staged in the Activities Building.

To request registration materials or additional information, please write or call:

#### WELCOME DAYS

c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College  
P.O. Box 50117  
Nashville, TN 37205  
(615) 383-1340

### Ad Space Still Available In 1981 FWBBC Yearbook

There is still room for church ads in the 1981 edition of the FWBBC yearbook, *The Lumen*, according to Jeff Stegall, business manager. He says that a number of ads have already come in for the book, but that he still can accept some before the December 1 deadline.

Full page ads, Stegall says, are still \$90. (A recent survey shows that the average high school annual charges more than that for a full page ad.) Half page ads are \$50. Quarter page ads are \$30. Photographs may be used only with full page or half page ads, and a free yearbook will be sent to those subscribers.

For more information, or to reserve an ad, contact: *The Lumen*, c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College, P.O. Box 50117, Nashville, TN 37205.

### CALENDAR Of Campus Events

Oct. 16	Fall Banquet	Dec. 3-5	Welcome Days
Oct. 20-23	Mid-semester Exams	Dec. 7-9	Principals' Conference
Oct. 23-25	Music Retreat	Dec. 12	"Messiah" by Choral Union
Oct. 26-28	Missionary Conference	Dec. 14-17	Semester Exams
Nov. 12	Recital by Rodney Whaley	Dec. 17	Semester Ends
Nov. 25-30	Thanksgiving Holidays		

### Free Will Baptist Couple Thrills FWBBC Audience

"Jesus loves me; this I know" drifted across the college's Memorial Auditorium at the conclusion of an outstanding vocal concert held on campus September 10 by Raymond and Ann Gibbs, a lovely and gifted couple who are members of the Randall Memorial Free Will Baptist Church of Memphis. Mr. Gibbs, a tenor, is a member of the Metropolitan Opera and serves on the music faculty of Memphis State University. Mrs. Gibbs is a soprano with a long list of vocal credits, including performances with the Houston Grand Opera and two apprenticeships with the Santa Fe Opera, where she was named Outstanding Apprentice. She presently teaches music at Randall Christian Academy.

This program, presented to a full auditorium, included both secular and sacred selections, duets and solos. The first portion featured selections by Mendelssohn, Hugo Wolf, and three settings of "Clair de lune." Especially appreciated in this section was the act one duet from Bizet's "Carmen."

As much as the audience enjoyed the first section, it was stirred to tears and rejoicing by selections from the sacred section that included "Were You There?," "Love lifted Me," and "The Lord Is My Light." Any doubts about the Gibbs' qualifications to sing such numbers were swept aside as Raymond shared the testimony of his conversion and the desire he and his wife share to be used of the Lord.

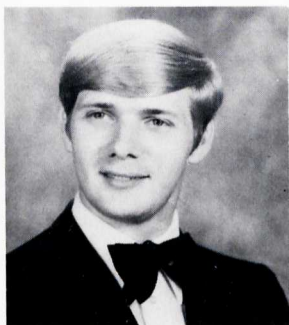
President Charles Thigpen described the concert as one of the outstanding programs he has enjoyed at the college over the 30 years of his association. Free Will Baptists are encouraged to avail themselves of any opportunity to hear Raymond and Ann Gibbs. For information on arranging concerts, write: Raymond Gibbs, 8600 Thorncliff Freeway, Cordova, Tennessee 30718.





## Three Graduates Complete Programs

Three seniors completed their studies during the summer and were graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College on September 1, 1981, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, academic dean. We congratulate these students for completing their programs and we commend them to the Free Will Baptist denomination.



**Kyle Brown**

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Bible

Minor: Foundations of Education



**Virginia Conner**

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Bible

Minor: Christian Education



**Marcia Thompson**

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Bible

Minors: Elementary Education and Christian Education

## Pastors Schedule College Days: More Are Needed

Several churches have scheduled College Days to be held during the college's 1981-82 school year, according to Larry Hughes, public relations assistant. "We want these College Days to be a blessing and a help to local churches, while helping FWBBC at the same time," he says.

Hughes contacted a number of Free Will Baptist pastors during the National Association in July concerning College Days and received a positive response from several. Before he joined the FWBBC staff in July, Hughes' own church in Canton, NC, held an annual College Day for eight years and raised over \$80,500 for the college.

Some alumni have recently responded to a request by President Charles Thigpen that they schedule a College Day in their churches. But more are needed if the college is to meet its 1981-82 gift budget of \$580,000.

If you want to be involved in the ministry of training Free Will Baptist young people, plan a College Day! It will be a blessing to your church. For more information, write: Larry Hughes, c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College, P.O. Box 50117, Nashville, TN 37205.

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

**ALABAMA**—Dr. Picirilli, 10/17, Vernon Ass'n, Springfield FWB, Vernon; Rev. Kettelman, 11/5-7, AL State Ass'n, Dothan. **ARKANSAS**—Dr. Thigpen, 10/24-25, First FWB, Star City; Dr. Ange, 11/16-18, Preachers' Conf., Ft. Smith. **FLORIDA**—Rev. Kettelman, 10/28-30, FL State Ass'n, Melbourne; 11/1 (AM), Cocoa FWB, Cocoa; 11/1 (PM), First FWB, Tampa; 11/3, Wesconnett FWB, Jacksonville; 11/4, Lake Jackson FWB, Tallahassee. **GEORGIA**—Rev. Breeden, 10/17, Martin Ass'n, Colquitt; Rev. Hughes, 11/13, Dalton Mission, Dalton; 11/14, Satilla FWB, Hazelhurst; 11/15 (AM), Ebenezer FWB, Glennville; 11/15 (PM), Northside FWB, Smyrna; Dr. Picirilli, 11/14, GA State Ass'n; 11/15, First FWB, Savannah. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Miley, 10/17, Officers' Club, Ft. Campbell. **MICHIGAN**—Mr. Breeden 11/13-14, Metropolitan Ass'n, Romulus; 12/5, Wolverine Ass'n, Pontiac. **MISSOURI**—Mr. Creech, 10/26-11/1, Calvary Fellowship FWB, Fenton; Dr. Thigpen, 10/26-29, Board of Directors Meeting, American Ass'n of Bible Colleges, Kansas City; 11/29-31, AABC Annual Meeting, Kansas City. **MISSISSIPPI**—Rev. Hughes, 10/30-31, MS State Ass'n, Faith FWB, Jackson; 11/1, Fellowship FWB, Richton; Rev. Kettelman, 11/16-22, First FWB, Pearl; Dr. Ange, 11/23-29, First FWB, Greenville. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Breeden, 10/24, Western Piedmont Ass'n, Mt. Holly; 11/20, Grace FWB, Greenville; 11/21,

First FWB, Washington; 11/22 (PM), Shady Grove FWB, Durham; Mr. Creech, 10/25, Belvoir FWB, Greenville; 11/13, Palmer Ass'n Dinner, Greenville; 11/14, Randall Ass'n Dinner, Smithfield; 11/29 (PM), Parker's Chapel FWB, Greenville; Rev. Kettelman, 11/15, Prospect FWB, Dunn; Rev. Crawford, 11/21-29, Jack's Creek Ass'n Churches, Burnsville; Rev. Hughes, 11/27, Piedmont Ass'n, Gastonia; 11/29, Mt. Pleasant FWB, Lexington; Dr. Thigpen, 11/29 (AM), Parker's Chapel FWB, Greenville. **OKLAHOMA**—Mr. Creech, 10/12-16, OK State Ass'n, Tulsa. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Picirilli, 11/4-8, Black River FWB, Andrews. **TENNESSEE**—Dr. Ange, Rev. Crawford, Rev. Creech, Dr. Picirilli, Dr. Thigpen, 11/9-11, TN State Ass'n, Oak Ridge; Rev. Kettelman, 10/13-14, Cumberland Ass'n; 12/9-11, National Leadership Conf., Nashville; Rev. Hughes, 10/23-25, FWBBC Music Retreat, Camp NA-CO-ME; Dr. Ange, 11/2-8, Randall Memorial FWB, Memphis; 11/30-12/3, Foreign Missions Board Meeting, Nashville; Rev. Crawford, 11/11-17, Union Ass'n Churches; 11/18-20, Toe River Ass'n Churches. **VIRGINIA**—Dr. Ange, 10/18-25, Gateway FWB, Virginia Beach; Dr. Riggs, 10/19-20, ACSI Conf., Lynchburg; Rev. Creech, 11/22 (AM), Bethany FWB, Norfolk; 11/22 (PM), Great Bridge FWB, Chesapeake; Rev. Creech, Dr. Thigpen, 11/23-25, Pastors/Workers Conf., Bethel FWB, Hampton.



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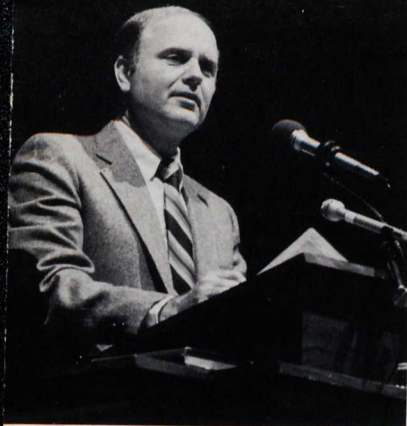
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Tom  
Malone

## Fall Campus Revival Called One of College's Best

The Reverend Tom Malone, pastor of the First FWB Church of Florence, Alabama, conducted an outstanding campus revival October 7-11, according to Dr. Joseph Ange, director of religious activities. He says, "Tom Malone, in his person and in his preaching, truly related to our students and faculty." He went on to say, "His preaching and personal counseling truly hit the mark."

It was not possible to count the number of decisions made since some students came to the altar more than once, to settle different issues. However, the response to the invitations was among the greatest of any revival held on campus. In some services, those who responded filled the front altar area and the aisles all the way to the back of the auditorium. Dr. Ange says that several students were saved, others were assured of their salvation, many rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ, and some answered God's call to preach and to missions service. "Spiritual revival came to a large segment of our campus," says Dr. Ange.

Rev. Malone also preached the campus revival in 1971. He calls both opportunities "highlights of my ministry." He also says, "God's dealings were very evident within the student body.... The weight of the revival was heavy on me this year."

Many parents have been thrilled that their sons and daughters have received more than just an education at FWBBC this fall. They have found a new closeness to Jesus Christ as a result of the campus revival. This is another dimension that makes the Bible College unique.

## CALENDAR of Campus Events

Dec. 14-17	Semester exams
Dec. 17	Fall semester ends
Dec. 17-Jan. 4	Christmas break
Jan. 4	Spring semester begins
Jan. 5	Registration
Jan. 7-9	High school basketball tournament
Feb. 11	Red Cross blood drive
Feb. 12-13	Spring banquets

## Dev. Director Recovering From Recent Heart Surgery

Ronald Creech, director of development, has made excellent progress following heart surgery performed in Nashville on November 4. Doctors at St. Thomas Hospital replaced the aortic valve with a mechanical tilting disc valve to increase blood flow to the heart. Mr. Creech knew for some time that he had a heart murmur, and has been under medical observation for two years. The valve replacement corrected a condition created by calcium deposits that had decreased the flow of blood.

Members of the college administration and staff have pitched in to continue the work of the Development Office during Mr. Creech's absence. President Charles A. Thigpen and Public Relations Director Paul Ketteman conducted two fund-raising dinners in North Carolina that Mr. Creech had planned and raised nearly \$30,000 for the building fund.

Creech was released from the hospital November 17 and is recuperating at home. He and his wife, Mary Belle, have received numerous phone calls, letters, cards, and telegrams from friends around the country. "We thank God for everyone who expressed concern or assured us of prayers," Mr. Creech said, "The Lord certainly blessed me during my surgery and recovery. Mary Belle and I will be thanking many friends in the weeks to come for their expressions of concern."

## FWBBC Recruitment Team Visits Arkansas Youth Camp

Fourteen FWBBC teachers and students took a sample of the Bible College to Arkansas, October 16-17, and met with teens from across the state at Camp Beaverfork, near Conway. The purpose of the trip was to acquaint the young Razorbacks with the advantages available to them at the Bible College.

The effort was directed, from the college's end, by Dr. Charles Hampton, who supervises the school's recruitment efforts. State Promotional Director David Joslin, working with a planning committee, made all arrangements for the state.

Accompanying Dr. Hampton were Dr. Mary Wisheart, chairman of the English/Speech Department; Dr. Vernon Whaley, Music Department coordinator; and Bert Tippet, publications director. Ten students—The Living Hope Quartet and The Master's Players Drama Team—also made the trip.

The program was varied. The quartet handled special music and the drama team presented a moving program. The teens were taken on a multi-media visit to the campus and treated to a light-hearted variety program. Special messages, group devotions and a climactic altar service kept foremost the serious nature of the retreat.

Rev. Joslin described the effort as "a 'pilot' project to acquaint and enlist younger students for enrollment at Free Will Baptist Bible College." Regarding the retreat's success, he said that its effectiveness will be seen as the young people who attended finalize their college plans in the years to come.

Judging by the young people's reactions, the retreat can be described as a success. Here are some of the comments they made:

● "It was a great presentation with good singing and good acting. I had a great time."

Randy Pursell

● "The retreat... was a real blessing to me. The message was great, as well as the singing."

Kelli Joslin

● "You could feel the Lord working in the services."

Wyatt Johnson

● "I enjoyed the music, drama, and messages. It made me sure that I wanted to go to Bible College."

Jan Johnson

● "I love all the people from the Bible College. I enjoyed everything they did, and I hope to go there someday."

Ruth Wall

Perhaps the highest praise of all went to the Master's Players, from 3-year-old Ryan Mutchler, who said, "The drama girls are better than puppets in Children's Church!"

Thanks is due all those in Arkansas who helped to make the retreat a success.







**WHO'S WHO SENIORS:** (Front Row) Laura Sawyer, Debra Griffin, Cheri Bruner, Sarah Malone, Melissa Long, and Angela Outland. (Back Row) Mark McPeak, Mark Daniel, Robert Baines, Randy Fosse, Zenis Childress, Charley Carmack, Terry Eagleton, and Jeff Halliburton.

## 1982 "Who's Who Among Students" To Honor 14 Bible College Seniors

Fourteen seniors were chosen recently by the faculty to be included in the 1982 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges," according to Dean Robert Picirilli. The faculty weighed such criteria as spiritual maturity, leadership ability, and academic accomplishments before naming its nominees. All 14 were approved by the publication's editors in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The students will join campus leaders from more than 1,300 colleges and universities in the 1982 edition of "Who's Who." The publication has been honoring outstanding students in this manner since 1934.

These seniors, in addition to being listed in the volume, will receive a certificate in recognition of the honor. The 1982 "Who's Who" seniors at FWBCC are:

### **Bob Baines, Amory, Mississippi—**

Major: Bible, Music/Christian Education. Bob has served as Bryan Society song leader, as a Christian service leader and Prayer Captain. He has sung in the college choir, ensemble and quartet.

### **Cheri Bruner, Decatur, Georgia—**

Major: Bible. Minor: Missions. Cheri is chaplain of her Rossetti Society and a Prayer Captain. She served as a secretary and prayer band leader for the Foreign Missions Fellowship.

### **Charley Carmack, Chuckey, Tennessee—**

Major: Bible. Minor: Pastoral Training. Charley is a charter member of the newly-formed Married Men's Fellowship. He has served as president and vice president of that group.

### **Zenis Childress, Chuckey, Tennessee—**

Major: Bible. Minor: Christian Education. Zenis has served his Alpha Chi Omega Society as both head usher and vice president. He has served two years as a Prayer Captain and has also been a Christian service leader and a prayer band leader.

### **Mark Daniel, Paintsville, Kentucky—**

Major: Bible. Minor: Missions. Mark was vice president of his Bunyan Society and has served as a prayer band leader and a Christian service leader.

### **Terry Eagleton, Araras, Sao Paulo, Brazil—**

Major: Bible. Minor: Missions. Terry was chaplain of his Alpha Chi Omega Society. He was also chaplain of his senior class and chaplain of Foreign Missions Fellowship. Terry has served as Prayer Captain and a Christian service leader.

### **Randy Fosse, Marion, Illinois—**

Major: Bible. Minor: Christian Education. Randy has been active in drama and served as parliamentarian and vice president of the student body. For three years he was secretary of the Alpha Chi Omega Society, and was parliamentarian of his junior class. Randy has served as Prayer Captain and a Christian service leader.

### **Debra Griffin, Colquitt, Georgia—**

Major: Bible, Business. Minor: Missions. Debbie has been treasurer, vice president, and president of her Bronte Society. She has also served as a choir member, prayer band leader, Prayer Captain, and Christian service leader.

### **Jeff Halliburton, Mountain Grove, Missouri—**

Major: Bible, Music/Christian Education. Jeff has been active in music, singing in the

## \$58,000-Goal Set For Christmas Project

FWBCC students and employees will be working to raise \$58,000 for the college during the Christmas holidays. Paul Ketteman, public relations director, set the goal at that figure because it represents 10 percent of the \$580,000-general fund gift budget for the current fiscal year.

He has challenged everyone in the college family to hold special college services, to ask friends and relatives to sign monthly check-books, and to bring back an offering for the school.

This annual drive, the Christmas Project, has been a source of strong support to the general fund for several years. Last year, gifts totaled \$53,619.45.

As an added incentive, Mr. Ketteman has promised the entire college family a steak supper if the drive totals \$45,000 or more. The expense for this special meal has been underwritten by a special friend of the college.

If you are approached by an FWBCC student during the holidays, or if your church receives a special Bible College offering, please respond generously. Friends are needed to provide for this year's record number of students.

College Choir, ensemble and quartet. He was song leader of his junior class and vice president of his senior class. He was a photographer for the yearbook and a Prayer Captain.

### **Melissa Long, Midland City, Alabama—**

Major: Bible. Minor: Missions. Melissa served as treasurer and chaplain of her Sonnet Society, and secretary of the campus Foreign Missions Fellowship.

### **Sarah Malone, South Roxana, Illinois—**

Major: Bible, Education. Sarah has served as treasurer, chaplain and president of her Louisa Mae Alcott Society. She is editing the 1982 yearbook and served two years as a Prayer Captain.

### **Mark McPeak, Richmond, Virginia—**

Major: Bible. Minor: Missions. Mark was vice president of his freshman and junior classes. He has been secretary-treasurer of the campus CTS and a prayer band leader.

### **Angela Outland, Durham, North Carolina—**

Major: Bible, Elementary Education. Angela has been active in her Sonnet Society, serving as sports director, vice president and president. She has been a member of Foreign Missions Fellowship, a Christian service leader, and a Prayer Captain.

### **Laura Sawyer, Pine Bluff, Arkansas—**

Major: Bible, Elementary Education. Laura was treasurer of her junior class, and chaplain and vice president of her Rossetti Society. She has been active in Women's Auxiliary and served three years as a Prayer Captain.



## NC Building Fund Dinners Boost Project Nearer Goal

The end of the \$400,000-project to modernize Memorial Auditorium is in sight, President Charles A. Thigpen reported recently, following a successful fund-raising weekend in North Carolina. Dr. Thigpen and Public Relations Director Paul Kettelman raised over \$27,500 on the project November 13 and 14 in special dinners held in Greenville and Smithfield, NC. The dinners had been planned by Development Director Ronald Creech before he entered the hospital where he underwent heart surgery recently (see related article).

President Thigpen said that the project total is \$387,519.43.

The project is underwriting the cost of enlarging Memorial Auditorium. The work was completed in 1980.

## Nashville's Mayor Fulton Honors Bible College

The city of Metropolitan Nashville, led by Mayor Richard Fulton, honored FWBBC and the other 15 colleges and universities in the city in a ceremony on October 5 held at the Parthenon in Centennial Park. The Parthenon is symbolic of Nashville's stature in education and her claim to the title, "the Athens of the South."

Dean Robert E. Picirilli represented the Bible College and received a certificate from the mayor that reads, "I, Richard Fulton, mayor of the city of Metropolitan Nashville, express the appreciation of our entire community for the dedicated and unselfish service of Free Will Baptist Bible College."

## Who Has Most Influence Over Your Teenagers?

Friends exert more influence over American teens than parents do, according to a study made by the Robert Johnston Company, a New York consulting firm. Some 1,400 teens who were interviewed ranked parents second to their friends in influence over them.

Television, radio, records and movies ranked third; teachers, fourth; popular heroes, fifth; ministers, newspapers and magazines tied for sixth. When a similar study was made in 1960, parents ranked first in influence, friends and peers were second, and the mass media came in a distant eighth.

This is one more reason for encouraging your young people to choose a college where their companions will influence them for the best. For years, the students at Free Will Baptist Bible College have said that their friends have been one of the greatest blessings they received since coming to FWBBC. Thank God for the fine Christian young people who exert a sweet influence for the Lord at Free Will Baptist Bible College!



Ruth Thigpen plays  
"The Sugar Plum Fairy."

## College Banquet Program Definitely "Enchanting"

"Land of Enchantment" was the theme for the fall banquet held on campus October 16. Scenes from "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs," "The Wizard of Oz," and "Cinderella" wafted the college family to a land of make-believe presided over by a Sugar Plum Fairy.

The college sponsors two banquets each year, one in the fall and another in the spring.



## College Choir Visits North Carolina

The FWBBC choir paid a visit to several churches in North Carolina, November 19-23, in a tour that was described as "very successful" by Dr. Vernon Whaley, Music Department coordinator. The choir held five services in the Tarheel state during the extended weekend tour.

Dr. Whaley reports that more than a dozen public decisions were made and that over \$7,000 was raised for the college.

The program theme was "Faithful To His Calling," and included a brief drama, "The Challenge of The Cross," adapted for the tour by Mrs. Laura Thigpen, FWBBC speech teacher.

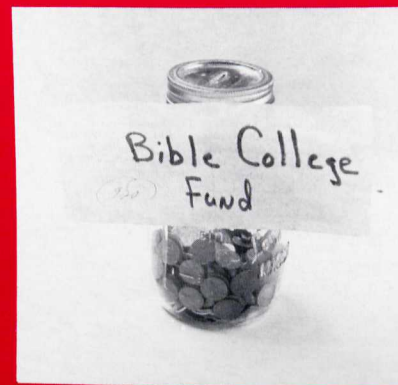
The choir's traditional spring tour is being planned now and will follow the annual Bible Conference in March.

## Mississippi Boys Do Part To Help Bible College

Lance and Brady Walley, of Route 4, Richton, Mississippi, saved their pennies, nickels, and dimes in a Mason jar until Larry Hughes, an assistant in the college's Public Relations Department, stopped at their church recently for a College Day service. Then they presented him with their offering of \$9.20, still in the jar.

Lance, age 10, and Brady, age 5, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walley, and attend the Fellowship FWB church.

Thanks, Lance and Brady! It is support like yours that has sustained Free Will Baptist Bible College for 40 years!







Rodney Whaley

### FWBBC Music Teacher Gives Campus Recital

Rodney Whaley, FWBBC music instructor, gave a trumpet recital on campus November 12 in Memorial Auditorium. The recital featured selections by Johann Hummel, Domenico Gabrielli and Bach. Mr. Whaley also played his own arrangements of "What A Friend" and "Down From His Glory."

He performed on the piccolo trumpet and the flugelhorn, as well as on the familiar B-flat trumpet. His piano accompanists were Fay Thompson and Richard McDonald, who are also on the Music Department faculty, and Deena Chamberlin, a junior business student. Dr. Vernon Whaley, the college's Music Coordinator, sang three pieces, including "God, My Father, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?" from Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

Mr. Whaley's recital, in addition to providing an excellent program for the college family, was part of the requirements for a Master of Arts Degree he is pursuing at Middle Tennessee State University. He began playing the trumpet at age 11.



Home Missionary Ernie Ross speaks with an FWBBC student.

### Home Missions Conference Stresses America's Needs

"Why Tell America?" was the theme question the FWB Home Missions Department speakers asked FWBBC students and employees during the college's annual missionary conference, October 26-28. That question was viewed from the perspectives of several home missionaries, as well as by the department's executive staff, in services that also featured special music by Home Missions' Director of Development John Gibbs and by the FWBBC Music Department.

Rev. Bill Fulcher, Rev. Ernie Ross, and Chaplain Gerald Mangham represented the home missionaries. Rev. Fulcher, a veteran foreign missionary who will be working among a special segment of our society, answered the question, "Why tell Spanish-speaking Americans?" Rev. Ross, who is doing home missionary work in Minnesota, answered, "Why tell Americans in isolated areas?" Chaplain Mangham dealt with the question, "Why tell America's military?" Rev. Roy Thomas, general director of the department; Trymon Messer, associate director; and Rev. Gibbs also spoke.

Theme verse for the conference was Leviticus 25:10b, "...proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

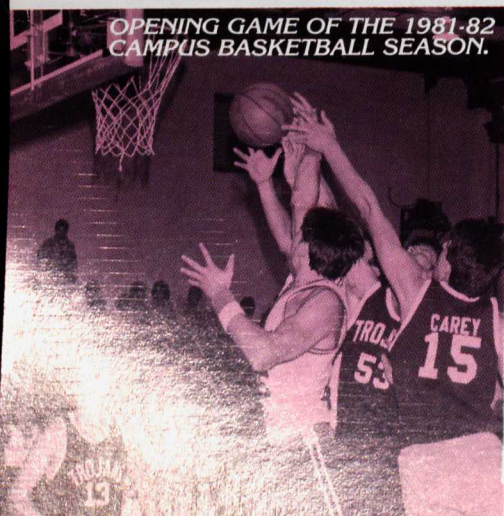
Home Missions General Director Roy Thomas described the conference as "great." He also said, "The students were very responsive and the faculty just did everything they could to make us feel welcomed and at home... The Music Department did an outstanding job..."

Next fall's conference will feature needs of the foreign fields.

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### OPENING GAME OF THE 1981-82 CAMPUS BASKETBALL SEASON.



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