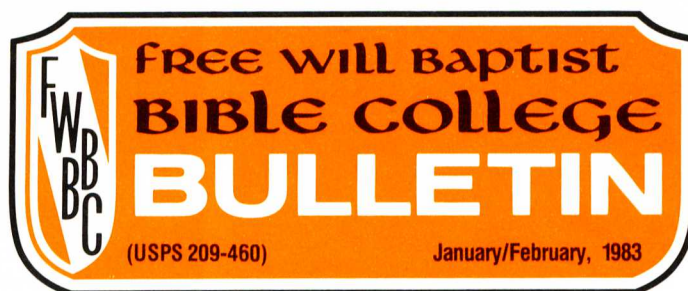


Statement of Recommitment

(The following was read by President Charles A. Thigpen at the Convocation dedicating the Graduate School of Free Will Baptist Bible College on December 7, 1982.)

Free Will Baptist Bible College began with certain basic commitments. I would like to rehearse them briefly and renew our pledge to those same commitments:

1. Free Will Baptist Bible College has been and still is dedicated to a basic loyalty to the Word of God. We consider it to be infallible, inerrant, plenary inspired. It was given, over a period of some 1,400 years, to some 40 human authors, each one guided by the Holy Spirit as he wrote. We acknowledge again that it is our only rule of faith and practice.
2. In addition to our recommitment to the Word of God, we commit ourselves anew to the God of the Bible. He took it upon Himself to fully and clearly reveal Himself to us through both the Old and New Testaments. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Peter, Paul, and John. Our God is one Being, ever present in three distinct personalities: God, the Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit. These members of the Godhead are co-equal, co-eternal, and co-existent.
3. We recommit ourselves to the Gospel that saves men from sin. The Bible tells of sin's entrance into the human family, affecting all of Adam's race. But the Bible also tells us of repentance from sin and of faith in Christ as the means of salvation. This Gospel, when believed in the heart, not only saves from sin, but initiates a new life. Paul says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).
4. We commit ourselves anew to the spread of the Gospel around the world. The Gospel is for the entire world. It is for every creature within that world. Every person is a candidate for salvation. Our commitment includes Christian witness and church planting around the world.
5. We also recommit ourselves to effectively train every student for the Christian ministry. This includes ministers, missionaries, and all who are preparing for church vocations. It also includes those who will labor in other fields of service, but will faithfully serve the Lord and His Church. This includes our responsibility to lead, by precept and example, every student to be a true witness and soulwinner for Jesus Christ.
6. We recommit ourselves to the concept of excellence. Nothing short of true Christian scholarship is our goal. God deserves and demands the absolute best from each of us.
7. Finally, we recommit ourselves to the type of Christian living that best reflects God's image—separated Christians, living clean, holy lives. God says through Isaiah, "...be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord" (Isaiah 52:11b). Also included is our recommitment to be bond-servants of the Lord, Who reminds us, "Whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all" (Mark 10:44).



Total 1982-83 Enrollment is 569

Forty-eight new students enrolled for the spring semester January 4 and boosted the total enrollment for the 1982-83 school year to 569, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar. This is 79 below last year's record 648, but only 12 below the 581 who enrolled in 1980-81. Students came this year from 32 states and seven foreign countries.

President Charles A. Thigpen noted two factors in the decline. "The economy is definitely a factor," he said. More and more students face financial difficulties as their parents are laid off work, he observed. The college's Financial Aid Director, Tom Sass, says that over a third of the students in school have taken loans with his office and many more have secured loans elsewhere. Dr. Thigpen also cited recent denominational tensions as an obvious factor in the enrollment picture.

The spring semester enrollment is 460. This is a decline of 9.8 percent from the fall semester's 510. This is a fairly typical spring drop, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean.

By classes, this year's enrollment was 204 freshmen, 148 sophomores, 98 juniors, 79 seniors, and 40 special students. The college enrolled 126 ministerial students and 81 missions students, according to Dr. Hampton.

The breakdown, by states, is as follows:

Alabama	45	New York	1
Arizona	1	North Carolina	110
Arkansas	14	Ohio	12
California	4	Oklahoma	6
Delaware	1	Oregon	1
Florida	14	Rhode Island	1
Georgia	32	South Carolina	24
Idaho	1	Tennessee	93
Illinois	21	Texas	8
Indiana	21	Vermont	1
Kansas	4	Virginia	31
Kentucky	12	Washington	9
Louisiana	2	West Virginia	12
Maryland	2	Wisconsin	2
Michigan	30	Foreign	13
Mississippi	12	(Brazil, Canada, France, Haiti,	
Missouri	27	Ivory Coast, Japan, Spain)	
New Mexico	2		

Do you know some young person who wants to make his life count for Christ? Please encourage him to consider FWBBC. Free Will Baptist Bible College's ministry is the training of tomorrow's Christian workers. You can have a share in that ministry and make an investment in the future by directing a young person to FWBBC.

Free Will Baptist Bible College admits students without regard to race, color, or national and ethnic origin. All students are admitted, equally, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the college.



1983 ALL TOURNAMENT: (l. to r.) Dale Kopp, Alan Foe, Danny Ross, Robert Dorroh, Randy Capps. (Chris Koon not shown.)

Heritage Christian Hawks Win Basketball Tournament

The Hawks, from Heritage Temple Christian School, Columbus, Ohio, won five straight games to take the championship trophy in Free Will Baptist Bible College's fourth annual invitational basketball tournament for Free Will Baptist church schools. The tournament was held on campus January 6-8 and involved six teams from five states.

Other teams placed as follows:

- 2nd—Florence Christian Academy, Florence, AL
- 3rd—Van Buren Christian Academy, Van Buren, AR
- 4th—Woodbine Christian Academy, Nashville, TN
- 5th—Farmington Christian Academy, Farmington, MO
- 6th—Randall Christian Academy, Memphis, TN

The Randall Raiders were awarded the tournament "Christian Testimony" award.

When the round robin competition ended, FWBBC Athletic Director Byron Deel announced the players who had been selected for the all-tournament team. Robert Dorroh, a six-foot senior from Florence Christian Academy, was chosen Most Valuable Player. Joining him on the all-tournament team were:

- Randy Capps—Florence Christian Academy
- Dale Kopp—Heritage Temple Christian Academy
- Alan Foe—Heritage Temple Christian Academy
- Danny Ross—Van Buren Christian Academy
- Chris Koon—Woodbine Christian Academy

Next year's tournament is scheduled for January 5-7, 1984.

188 Visitors

Attend Welcome Days

Attendance at fall Welcome Days, December 2-4, totaled 188 from 14 states, says Dr. Charles Hampton, coordinator. The visitors came from 46 churches.

Welcome Days is the college's semi-annual open house for high school juniors and seniors and their sponsors. At these times, the college opens its dormitories and classrooms to visitors and attempts to show prospective students the unique advantages

of Bible college education. This fall's event was attended by 47 boys, 79 girls and 62 sponsors. The following states were represented:

Alabama . 12	Mississippi 3
Arkansas . 12	Missouri 23
Florida . . 7	North Carolina . 59
Georgia . . 8	South Carolina . 7
Illinois . . 9	Tennessee 9
Ohio 27	Texas 4
Michigan . 4	Virginia 4



The Evangel Players

Drama Team To Visit Alabama, Mississippi, Florida

The Evangel Players, FWBBC's touring drama team, will be on tour March 10-20 and is scheduled to hold services in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida.

This year's program, under the direction of Joseph Jones, will feature two plays. "The Black Sheep," by Dorothy Russell Murphree, is the story of a young rebel who is an embarrassment to his nominally Christian family. "The Voice" portrays John the Baptist's triumph over doubt and fear in the final hours of his life. It was written by Mr. Jones and Dr. Mary Wisehart. Both are members of the FWBBC English/Speech Department. Dr. Wisehart is assistant director of this year's tour program.

The touring company will include 23 students and three faculty/staff supervisors. The following services are scheduled:

Thurs., Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m.	South Highland FWB Church Muscle Shoals, AL
Fri., Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m.	First FWB Church Booneville, MS
Sat., Mar. 12, 7:00 p.m.	Springfield FWB Church Vernon, AL
Sun., Mar. 13, 10:00 a.m.	Victory FWB Church Columbus, MS
Sun., Mar. 13, 6:00 p.m.	Hamilton FWB Church Hamilton, AL
Mon., Mar. 14, 7:00 p.m.	First FWB Church Northport, AL
Tues., Mar. 15, 7:00 p.m.	First FWB Church Pleasant Grove, AL
Wed., Mar. 16, 7:00 p.m.	Howard Grove FWB Church Cottonwood, AL
Thurs., Mar. 17, 7:00 p.m.	First FWB Church Chipley, FL
Fri., Mar. 18, 7:00 p.m.	First FWB Church Dothan, AL
Sun., Mar. 20, 10:00 a.m.	Jasper FWB Church Jasper, AL
Sun., Mar. 20, 6:00 p.m.	Decatur FWB Church Decatur, AL

The largest number from a single church was 12 from Union Chapel FWB Church, Chocowinity, NC.

The spring Welcome Days is scheduled for April 7-9. For information or to register, write or call:

Welcome Days

c/o Dr. Charles Hampton
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205
(615) 383-1340



The College Choir

Choir To Tour Eastern States

The FWBBC Choir, directed by Dr. Vernon Whaley, will visit churches in Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, according to Rev. Frank Breeden, who arranges the college's spring tours. Twelve services are planned for the 11-day tour, March 10-20. The choir will leave Nashville immediately after the conclusion of the college's annual Bible Conference.

The following services have been scheduled:

Thurs., Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m.	First FWB Church Newport, TN
Fri., Mar. 11, 7:15 p.m.	First FWB Church Gastonia, NC
Sat., Mar. 12, 7:30 p.m.	Virginia Beach FWB Church Virginia Beach, VA
Sun., Mar. 13, 9:45 a.m.	Bethany FWB Church Norfolk, VA
Sun., Mar. 13, 7:00 p.m.	Hyde Park FWB Church Norfolk, VA
Mon., Mar. 14, 7:30 p.m.	Ahoskie FWB Church Ahoskie, NC
Tues., Mar. 15, 7:30 p.m.	Rocky Mount FWB Church Rocky Mount, NC
Wed., Mar. 16, 7:30 p.m.	Union Chapel FWB Church Chocowinity, NC
Thurs., Mar. 17, 7:30 p.m.	Davis FWB Church Davis, NC
Fri., Mar. 18, 7:30 p.m.	Victory FWB Church Goldsboro, NC
Sat., Mar. 19, 7:00 p.m.	Pamplico Elementary School Pamplico, SC
Sun., Mar. 20, 10:00 a.m.	First FWB Church Darlington, SC

Nine Students To Serve As Summer Missionaries

The FWB Foreign Missions Board has approved nine FWBBC students to serve as 1983 summer missionaries, according to the Foreign Missions Department. They will serve terms of approximately 10 weeks helping missionaries in Brazil, France, Japan and Ivory Coast.

Each summer missionary will be responsible to raise his own support. The amounts needed range from \$1,550 to \$2,700.

The following have been approved for summer service:

Angela Barrow, New Bern, NC. . .Ivory Coast
Jeff Caldwell, Lincoln Park, MI . . .Brazil
Paul Creech, Nashville, TNFrance

Cynthia Cunningham, Malvern, AR, Japan
Jeff Gaskins, Vanceboro, NC. Ivory Coast
Larry Lovell, Powhatan, VAFrance
Jonathan Merkh, Richmond, VA. . .France
Merri Wallace, San Bernardino, CA. France
Vivian Waller, Kinston, NCJapan

Foreign Missions General Director Rolla Smith commended FWB young people, noting that 35 applied for summer missionary service. There were not enough invitations from missionaries for the department to be able to place every applicant, he said.

Please pray for and support the summer missionaries. Gifts should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department and designated for the student of your choice.



Mr. Kettelman and students

1982 Christmas Project Totals Over \$48,000

Students and FWBBC personnel raised \$48,698.83 for the college during the Christmas holidays, according to Paul J. Kettelman, director of public relations. "The total was just short of the \$50,000-per-month gift budget the college is operating under this year," he observed.

The gifts were collected and a tally kept in a special chapel service on January 6, 1983. Students filed down the aisles and Mr. Kettelman announced each gift while secretaries added up the total. Frank Breeden, assistant to Mr. Kettelman, used an overhead projector and a thermometer graph to keep the congregation abreast of the climbing total.

A celebration supper was held in the college's Cumberland Cafeteria on January 13. The entire college family enjoyed a grilled steak supper, provided by the Hearthstone Log Homes Company.

Concerning the drive, Mr. Kettelman said, "In light of our smaller student body and the increasingly depressed economy, this was a very successful effort. We give God the glory and praise for what He enabled the faculty and students to do this year."

FWBBC President, Dean Chosen by Accrediting Association

President Charles A. Thigpen and Dean Robert Picirilli were both tapped for posts in the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC) at the body's annual meeting in Kansas City, October 28-30. Dr. Thigpen was chosen for a four-year term as association vice president/president elect. Dr. Picirilli will serve on the AABC's Commission on Research.

AABC Executive Director Randall Bell described Dr. Thigpen's service to the association as long and distinguished. Dr. Thigpen was a member-at-large on the Board of Directors and served as AABC treasurer. He has been both chairman and member of the Accrediting Commission and a member of the AABC Task Force on Long Range Planning. Dr. Thigpen will serve for two years as vice president and another two years as AABC president.

The AABC serves 100 member Bible colleges in the U.S. and Canada. It is recognized as the representative accrediting body for such schools and is a member of the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation (COPA).



Alice Chaffin and a Bible club member

Christian Service:

At The College's Heart

"...the Christian Service Department of FWBBC thrives at the very heart of the school's life and purpose. It serves as the channel for the practical, the experiential; it functions as the 'on-the-job' training ground for students."

Garnett H. Reid

Christian Service Director

FWBBC students reported leading nearly 600 people to Jesus Christ during the first four months of the 1982-83 school year, according to a report released by the school's Christian Service Director. While commendable, this number is not viewed by Garnett Reid as good enough. "Many doors are open to our students, yet many adversaries would keep them from entering these doors," he reported recently to President Charles Thigpen.

The task of directing some 500 students as they preach, teach, and witness in the Nashville area has fallen on willing, able shoulders. Rev. Reid, who resigned the Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville to work for the college, has taken to the job with enthusiasm. During the fall semester, he organized 62 groups of students and placed approximately 100 others in individual assignments.

Some students were assigned to work in the 21 FWB churches in the area. They taught, preached, led singing, visited, and performed numerous other tasks. Others carried on prison/jail ministries, visited hospitals and nursing homes, conducted services in various places, and held scores of Bible clubs for children.

The results speak for themselves. In ad-

dition to those who were saved, students dealt with over 5,600 people about spiritual needs and saw 614 other decisions. They passed out over 28,000 tracts, preached 1,052 messages, and taught nearly 1,500 classes.

In a recent weekend revival, three students reported over 200 decisions for salvation and rededication. "Even though we were there," one of them says, "we can't take any of the credit...The church had been praying for months. We dare say that their prayers were answered!"

Rev. Reid has listed several goals for improving the effectiveness of the Christian service program. First, he wants to improve follow-up on decisions. People who make decisions for Christ are directed to local FWB churches. Special follow-up materials are also sent to them. But there is much room for improvement, Reid says. Second, he wants to publish a Christian Service Handbook for every student. He has already begun to write it. Finally, he wants to train students to do a better job in their specific assignments. He envisions how-to sessions in which students can learn door-to-door witnessing, street tract distribution, hospital ministering, etc. One of his ideas is to hold a "Personal Evangelism Weekend" on campus during which students can be challenged and instructed.

Mr. Reid's burden for his ministry was evident when he recently reported to President Thigpen: "I sense, as I know you do, an ever-increasing urgency in 'being about' our Father's business. The task of reaching people for Christ is awesome and our time for fulfilling that task is fleeting."

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

ALABAMA—Mr. Creech, 4/29-5/1, Harmony FWB, Leighton. **FLORIDA**—Dr. Thigpen, 3/16-18, AABC Evaluation Team, Lakeland; Dr. Riggs, 3/25-27, Harmony FWB, Lake Butler. **GEORGIA**—Mr. Creech, 4/16, Alumni meeting, Satilla FWB, Hazlehurst. **ILLINOIS**—Dr. Riggs, 3/10-13, Arnold View FWB, Marion; Mr. Breeden, 3/25-26, State Ass'n, Ewing. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Thigpen, 4/16-17, Lovely FWB, Lovely. **MICHIGAN**—Mr. Kettelman, 3/26, Woodhaven FWB, Woodhaven; 3/27 (AM), Friendship FWB, Flint. **MISSISSIPPI**—Dr. Thigpen, 4/3-8, First FWB, Co-

lumbus. **MISSOURI**—Dr. Thigpen, 3/3-4, AABC Board meeting, St. Louis; Dr. Riggs, 3/18-20, Calvary Fellowship FWB, Fenton. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Creech, 3/13-18, New Life FWB, Lucama; Dr. Picirilli, 3/30-4/3, Garner FWB, Garner. **TENNESSEE**—Mr. Breeden, 3/6, Bethel FWB, Ashland City; Dr. Thigpen, 3/24-25, TN College Ass'n, Nashville; Mr. Creech, 4/1, Fellowship dinner, Dixon; Dr. Riggs, 4/3-6, Trinity FWB, Nashville. **TEXAS**—Dr. Riggs, 4/7-10, Fellowship FWB, Bryan.

CALENDAR Of Campus Events

Feb. 21-23	Principal's Conference
Mar. 1-4	Mid-semester exams
Mar. 6-10	Bible Conference
Mar. 10-15	Spring vacation
Mar. 10-20	Choir/Drama tours
Mar. 31	Music/Speech faculty recital
Apr. 1-3	Na-Co-Me Missions retreat
Apr. 7-9	Welcome Days



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Randy Fosse



Allen Pointer and Wendy Combs

The Choir at TV studio



Drama, Choir Tours Reach Seven States

The Evangel Players drama team and the College Choir conducted annual spring tours March 10-20, holding 29 services in seven states, according to Frank Breeden, public relations assistant. "Both tours were extremely successful in every way," he said.

The Evangel Players, directed by Joseph Jones with the assistance of Dr. Mary Wisheart, took their two-hour program to churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. They report that they were graciously welcomed and hated to leave the many friends they found there.

The College Choir held services in Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The program was directed by Dr. Vernon Whaley. Their performances included a televised appearance on "Carolina Today," broadcast over channel nine, Greenville, NC.

Mr. Breeden reports that 62 people were in the touring groups. They traveled 3,200 miles. They witnessed some 35 decisions, collected information on 300 prospective students and raised over \$16,000 in gifts and signed checkbooks for the college.

"The reception of our teams this year is unsurpassed," says Mr. Breeden. "People went out of their way to accommodate our students in their homes and churches."

The rest of the college family welcomed home the tourers, with thanksgiving for God's protection and for His blessings on the services.




Our Bouquet of Thanks

To The Friends We Met on Tour,
THANKS...

- ...for the delicious meals at the church (especially the desserts!).
- ...for the clean sheets and warm beds.
- ...for the warmest welcome imaginable.
- ...for every gift and checkbook.
- ...for the washer loads of clothes done.
- ...for advertising our services in your community.
- ...for the saved and unsaved you brought with you.
- ...for the tours you took us on.
- ...for learning our names.
- ...for late snacks and early breakfasts.
- ...for sewing on buttons and ironing shirts.
- ...for prayers with us and for us.
- ...and, most of all, for making us proud to be Free Will Baptists!

The College Choir
The Evangel Players



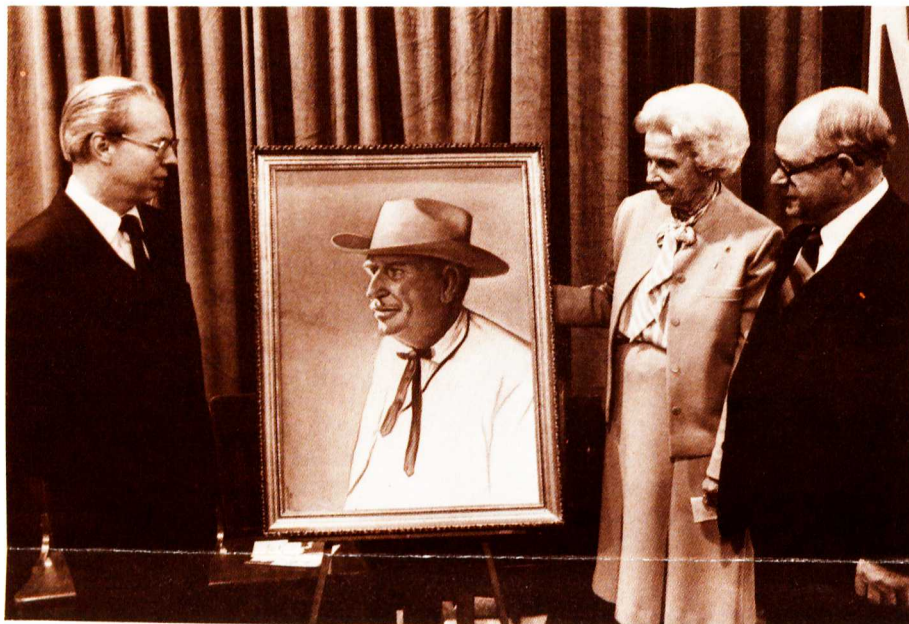
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President Thigpen, Mrs. Willey, and Rolla Smith, Foreign Missions Director

Willey Portrait Given To College

Mrs. Mabel Willey, wife of pioneer missionary Thomas Willey, recently presented a portrait of her husband, painted by a Cuban artist, to the college. The Willeys ministered for many years in Cuba. The portrait has been hung in the college library, where it may challenge students with the needs of the foreign fields.

President Thigpen said, "We are very pleased to have this portrait. I wish the artist had included Mrs. Willey also." He added, "It would be a great asset to the college if we had portraits of all of the pioneer Free Will Baptist missionaries!"

Two Summer Sessions To Run May, June

The college's summer program will begin May 17 and will be split into two sessions, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean. The first, spanning two weeks, will conclude May 27. The second will be a three-week session and will run May 30 to June 17.

The college is also offering three courses that will be taught for the full five weeks, May 17 to June 17.

While sufficient interest must be shown before any course will be taught, the following courses are scheduled:

Two-Week Session—May 17-27

Understanding and Helping People
General Psychology

Three-Week Session—May 30-June 17

Romans
Intro. to Sociology

Five-Week Session—May 17-June 17

Bible Doctrines
Advanced Greek
Intro. to Literature

For further details, including costs, please write to the college.

Alumni Complete Project, Adopt New One

Some 250 alumni met during the annual Bible Conference, March 8, to celebrate the completion of one project and to adopt a new one. The meeting was held in the college's Cumberland Cafeteria. The completed project is the \$50,000-drive to fund the Dr. and Mrs. L.C. Johnson Student Loan Fund, named in honor of the college's first president/chancellor and his wife. The new project is directed toward raising \$102,500 to underwrite the purchase of property at 3519 Bowling Avenue, just east of the campus.

The completion of the loan fund project was celebrated by the singing of the Doxology, led by alumni president Rev. Gene Outland.

The alumni who were present showed their support for the new project by contributing nearly \$5,000 in gifts and signed checkbooks.

The FWBBC Alumni Association now has a membership of approximately 4,770.



Dr. Picirilli prepares to pass.

Faculty, Seniors Split Basketball Double Header

The college's faculty men defeated the senior men, 59-54, while the senior women downed the faculty women, 11-17, in the annual basketball tip off on campus February 25. Both games were vigorously contested.

Dormitory supervisor Jeff Gaskins and elementary education teacher Johnny Carter led the faculty scorers with 15 points and 12 points, respectively. Senior Jeff Mabe led all scorers for the evening with a red-hot 25 points.

Senior Pam Westerman led the women with eight points. Dianne Tippet, with six points, scored over half of the faculty team's total.

This year's loss by the faculty women was their first in many years. The win by the faculty men was their first in three years.



Creech

Mississippi Alumnus Baccalaureate Speaker

Rev. J. M. Creech, a 1961 FWBBC alumnus, will bring the Baccalaureate message to graduates on May 8 as the college begins its 41st annual graduation week activities, according to President Charles A. Thigpen.

A native of North Carolina, Creech presently pastors the Tupelo (MS) FWB Church. In his 20 years of ministry, he has also pastored churches in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the FWBBC Alumni Association.

The 8 p.m. service will launch a week of activities that will climax with Commencement Exercises at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 12. All Free Will Baptists are invited to share in the activities of graduation week.



Martha Carter conducts a workshop.

Eight States Represented At Principals' Conference

Representatives of 17 Christian schools in eight states attended the college's eighth annual Principals' Conference, February 21-23, for what President Charles A. Thigpen called "one of the best conferences the college has ever had."

An outstanding feature of this year's meeting was the contribution made by Dr. and Mrs. Roy Lowrie. Dr. Lowrie, Director of the Association of Christian Schools International, urged teachers and principals, "Do a work worthy of God!" His messages

and workshops revealed both his competence and his compassion in the ministry of Christian education.

The conference also featured 16 workshops that were conducted both by FWBBC personnel and representatives from FWB church schools. Conference participants could choose to attend as many as six of these workshops. Many praised the conference format, the workshop leaders and the Lowries.

Next year's conference is tentatively set for February 13-15. Announcements will be made in the Bulletin prior to the conference.

HELP US FINISH IN THE BLACK!
Send Your Gift By May 31.

Day of Prayer Replaces Classes

President Charles A. Thigpen called off classes on February 16 and declared a Day of Prayer on campus. After a joint meeting in the auditorium, students and college personnel met in small prayer groups. Following a brief mid-morning recess, the prayer groups reassembled. The morning was closed with a testimony service in the auditorium.

Daily Missionary Prayer Band met after lunch and a spirit of prayer prevailed throughout the day.

Study alone does not make an able Christian worker. Prayer, communion with God, is essential. Free Will Baptist Bible College wants every student to be capable in the Word and warm-hearted toward God. The occasional Day of Prayer is an important element in striving toward that objective.

\$100 Year End Gifts Requested of FWB Churches

Public Relations Director Paul Ketteman has written every FWB pastor and asked him to help the college close the year in the black by sending a \$100 gift to the general fund, or by receiving a special offering for the college, by May 20.

"Student enrollment is down enough this year to affect the college's operation fund," he told the pastors. "The only place to turn is to our friends who have helped us through the years." A reply card sent with Mr. Ketteman's letter made it easy for pastors to let him know what they would do.

If you would like to help the college meet its 1982-83 budget and close the year in the black, send your check today. Encourage your Sunday school class, CTS group, auxiliary or Master's Men chapter to help too. Yours may be the gift that puts the total over the \$600,000 needed to meet the budget.

Send your gift to:

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

1983-84 COLLEGE EVENTS

AUGUST, 1983

- Aug. 22 Opening Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 23 Registration Begins
- Aug. 26 Opening Convocation, 9:50 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 14-18 Campus Revival

OCTOBER

- Oct. 14 Formal Dinner
- Oct. 31- Nov. 2 Missionary Conference

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 24-28 Thanksgiving Holidays

DECEMBER

- Dec. 1-3 Welcome Days
- Dec. 15 Semester Ends

JANUARY, 1984

- Jan. 3 Registration Begins
- Jan. 5-7 High School Basketball Tournament

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 10, 11 Formal Dinner
- Feb. 13-15 Christian School Conference

MARCH

- Mar. 4-8 Bible Conference
- Mar. 8-13 Spring Break
- Mar. 14 Classes Resume

APRIL

- Apr. 5-7 Welcome Days

MAY

- May 6 Baccalaureate Service, 8 p.m.
- May 8 Drama Program, 8 p.m.
- May 9 Breakfast for Graduates, 8 a.m.
- May 9 Choral Concert, 8 p.m.
- May 10 Graduation, 10 a.m.
- May 10 Semester Ends

College Now Placing Summer Pastoral Interns

Some 18-20 students will serve 10-week terms this summer under the supervision of experienced FWB pastors, according to Dr. Robert Woodard, director of the internship program. The pastors will give the interns the benefits of their years of experience and accumulated wisdom, while the interns relieve the pastor of some summer chores by helping in vacation Bible schools, visitation programs, etc.

Inquiries concerning the internship program should be addressed to Dr. Woodard, in care of the college.



Bible Conference Draws Large Crowds

The attendance at the college's spring Bible Conference, March 6-10, was as healthy as at any time in the history of the 40-year old meeting. Well over a thousand filled the Activities Building for several services, taking all chairs on the main floor, crowding onto bleachers, and eventually having to use the overflow room where closed-circuit television carried the service. The congregation included alumni, pastors, and other friends, as well as students and college personnel.

This year's speakers knew the Word and shared it abundantly with their hearers.

Dr. Charles Ryrie challenged conference attendants with his detailed knowledge of Scripture. His messages were all taken from Matthew's gospel.

Other speakers—Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. Sam Truett, and Rev. Jonathan Thigpen—also preached excellent messages.

President Charles A. Thigpen made the following observations about the conference:

The recent Bible Conference was outstanding! Each service and each message was a special blessing. The orders for tapes reveal that many people wanted to hear the messages again, or share them with loved ones and friends. The music was heart warming. The alumni meeting was one of the best ever held at the college. So, in every way, this Bible Conference was just great!

Next year's Bible Conference is scheduled for March 4-8.

Virginian To Edit 1984 Yearbook

Johnie Terry, a sophomore from Hampton, Virginia, has been chosen by the faculty to edit the 1984 *Lumen*, the college's yearbook. The dean's list ministerial student was assistant to the editor of this year's *Lumen* and edited his high school yearbook at Peninsula Christian Academy in Hampton.

His assistant will be Annette Carter, a freshman from Greeneville, Tennessee. Although she has never done yearbook work before, the elementary education major did work on her high school newspaper.

Rounding out the executive staff is Terry Steele, a freshman from Nashville who will serve as business manager. He edited his high school yearbook at Woodbine Christian Academy and now must oversee a budget of some \$15,000 as he handles the financial responsibilities of next year's *Lumen*.

Church ads are essential to the publication of the yearbook. Ads in the 1984 *Lumen* will be priced at \$110 for a full page, \$60 for a half page and \$40 for a quarter page. To reserve an ad, send your request to:

The Lumen

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

**HAVE YOU PRAYED
For The Graduating
Class of 1983?**

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

CALIFORNIA—Mr. Breeden, 5/21, West Coast Ass'n. **IDAHO**—Mr. Breeden, 5/13-14, State Ass'n, Twin Falls. **INDIANA**—Mr. Kettelman, 6/17-18, State Ass'n, Fort Wayne. **KENTUCKY**—Mr. Breeden, 6/17-18, State Ass'n, Lovely. **MISSOURI**—Dr. Thigpen, 5/22, First FWB, Farmington; Dr. Miley, 6/11-12, Calvary FWB, Fenton. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Kettelman, 5/15 (AM), Lakeview FWB, High Point; 5/15 (PM), Nowling Chapel FWB, Morganton;

6/6-7, State Ass'n, Swannanoa. **OHIO**—Mr. Kettelman, 6/24-25, State Ass'n, Columbus. **TENNESSEE**—Mr. Reid, 6/12-17, Cumberland Ass'n Teen Camp, Woodlawn; Dr. Thigpen, 6/19-22, Fellowship FWB, Kingsport. **VIRGINIA**—Mr. Breeden, 6/16-17, State Ass'n, Roanoke. **WASHINGTON**—Mr. Creech, 5/13-14, Victory FWB, E. Wenatchee. **WEST VIRGINIA**—Mr. Kettelman, 6/10-11, State Ass'n, Huntington.

CALENDAR Of Campus Events

May 5-10	Semester Exams
May 8	Baccalaureate Service, 8 p.m.
May 10	Drama Program, 8 p.m.
May 11	Breakfast for Graduates, 8 a.m.
May 11	Choir Program, 8 p.m.
May 12	Commencement, 10 a.m.
May 13-14	Writers' Conference
May 17-27	Summer Session I
May 30-June 17	Summer Session II



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Dr. Miley



Kathy Coats



College Graduates 73 In Spring Commencement

Before family and friends, 73 graduates were honored for their years of study as Free Will Baptist Bible College closed its 41st year with Commencement Exercises on May 12. Graduation awards totaled 22 Bachelor of Arts Degrees, 30 Bachelor of Science Degrees, nine Christian Worker's Bible Diplomas, 11 Associate of Science in Business Degrees and the first Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies Degree to be earned in the college's new graduate program.

Dr. LaVerne Miley, who served as a missionary to Ivory Coast before joining the college faculty to teach science and Bible, delivered the commencement address. Using First Timothy 6:11-12 as his text, he challenged the graduates to flee worldly lusts, follow Jesus Christ and fight the good fight of faith.

Jerry Crews, of Hercules, CA, is the first student to complete studies in the college's new graduate school. Having finished his work, Jerry said that he wished the graduate program could be required for every ministerial student. "It tied together all of the loose ends of my education," he said. Jerry is moving to Richmond, CA, where he will work in the Richmond FWB Church with

Rev. Dean Moore.

Six seniors, representatives of their class, shared testimonies with over a thousand students and visitors. Those who gave testimonies are Tim Steele, Adele Strickland, Robert West, Jackie Underwood, Randy Kinnick, and Kathy Coats.

Of the 73 graduates, 19 graduated with honors. These maintained a grade point average of 3.25 or higher during their years at college. (See separate list.)

Rev. J. M. Creech, of Tupelo, MS, preached the Baccalaureate sermon on May 8, opening the week of graduation events. He took his text from Joshua 1:1-9 and preached that for God's servant there is a divine decree, a divine desire, and a divine direction.

We trust that Free Will Baptists will pray for the 1983 graduates as they enter the new ministries to which God has led them. Also, pray for new and returning students across the denomination during the summer months, especially recent high school graduates who are looking to the Lord for guidance concerning the college they will attend.

Special Graduation Honors

Graduated With Honors—

Ginger Baines, magna cum laude
 Larry Bryan, magna cum laude
 Kathy Coats, cum laude
 Teresa Edwards, summa cum laude
 Jeff Gaskins, cum laude
 Mike Hill, cum laude
 Mike Hiltibidal, cum laude
 Janet King, cum laude
 Betty Maddox, summa cum laude
 Mark Maddox, summa cum laude
 Norman McFall, cum laude
 Brian Peters, cum laude
 Morris Proctor, summa cum laude
 Norma Sawrie, summa cum laude
 Jackie Underwood, cum laude
 JaNelda Walker, cum laude
 Vivian Waller, summa cum laude
 Pam Westerman, magna cum laude
 Danny Williams, summa cum laude

1982-83 Outstanding Student— Danny Williams

1982-83 Best All Around Students— Jackie Underwood Norman McFall

Student Body President's Medal— Myron Stafford

Yearbook Editor's Medal— Gwen Riddle

Society Sports Trophies— Christina Rossetti Society John Bunyan Society

Class Scholarship Medals— Freshman: Kam Vestal Sophomore: Darlene Corey, Keli Harvey, Johnie Terry Junior: Ruth Thigpen Senior: Betty Maddox, Brian Peters, Morris Proctor

Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society— Mark Maddox Morris Proctor Vivian Waller Danny Williams





Free Will Baptist Bible College presents

The Class of 1983



Bachelor
Degrees



Jim Hayes
Clayton, NC



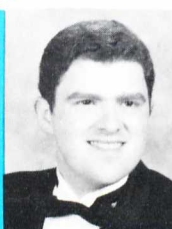
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Cookeville, TN



Janet Justice
Charleston, WV



Betty Maddox
Waynesboro, MS



Mark Maddox
Fayette, AL



Norman McFall
Florence, AL



Morris Proctor
Nashville, TN



Virginia Reeves
Flat River, MO

Bachelor of Science Degrees



Merle Archer
Greeneville, TN



Ginger Baines
Guin, AL



Larry Bryan
Kinston, NC



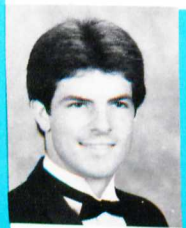
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Ashland City, TN



Tony Mitchell
Columbus, GA



Judy Nance
Benton Harbor, MI



Brian Peters
Hampton, VA



Norma Sawrie
Effingham, SC



Eddie Smith
Guin, AL

Christian Worker's Bible Diplomas



Donald Badder
Madison Hgts., MI



Stephen Barker
St. Albans, VT



Jackie Cabaniss
Lockhart, SC



Ruth Cartee
Flat River, MO



Eddie Huffman
Durham, NC



Rick Messer
Salina, KS



Donna Creech
Goldsboro, NC



Lisa Davis
New Bern, NC



Amy Hayes
Kell, IL



Wendy Lofton
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Vicki Lundy
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Kinston, NC

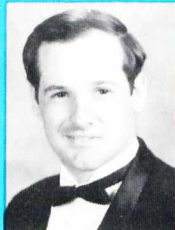


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Dora Robinson
Turbeville, SC

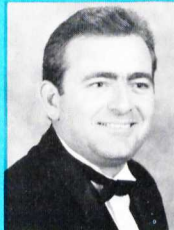
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Terry Austin
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Rickey Bowling
Hamilton, AL



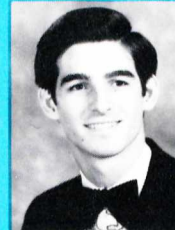
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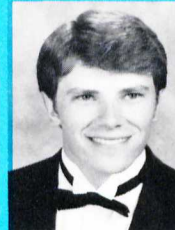
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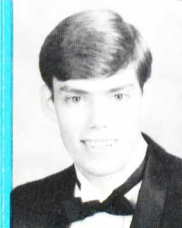
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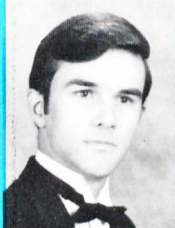
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Smithfield, NC



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Asheville, NC



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Red Bay, AL



Michael Hill
Houston, TX



Mike Hiltibidal
Salem, IL



Deryl Hodgins
Sprott, AL



Danny Howell
LaGrange, NC



Janet King
Cramerton, NC



Randy Kinnick
Johnson City, TN



Deborah Landers
Sherwood, AR



Ruth Smith
New Bern, NC



Adele Strickland
Knightdale, NC



Jackie Underwood
Florence, AL



Leanne Underwood
Waverly, TN



JaNelda Walker
Russellville, AR



Vivian Waller
Kinston, NC



Pam Westerman
Hot Springs, AR



Tracie Wright
Memphis, TN



Deanna Thompson
Elizabethton, TN



Terri Thomas
Norfolk, VA



Terry Walker
Georgetown, SC



Nancy Scroggs
Warsaw, NC



Teresa Settle
Aberdeen, MD



Della Stocks
Amory, MS

*Associate of Science
In Business
Degrees*



Danya Bain
Centralia, IL

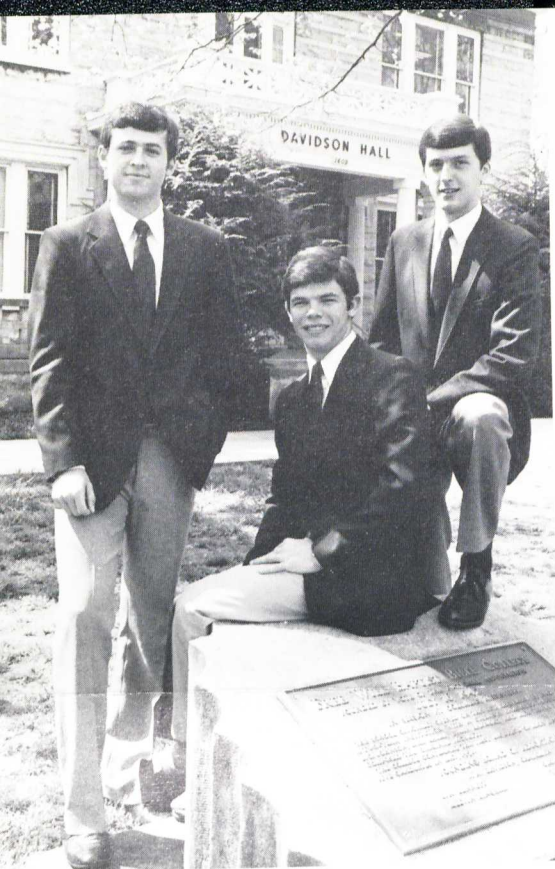


Janet Bryant
Jacksonville, FL

*Master of Arts
In Pastoral Studies
Degree*



Jerry Crews
Hercules, CA



College To Sponsor Summer Student Ministries

The college has appointed students as summer representatives for the school, according to Frank Breeden, public relations assistant. The Evangels, a three-man drama team, will make a 10-week tour of Free Will Baptist churches. David McKinney, a 1983 FWBBC graduate, will spend eight weeks ministering primarily in youth camps.

The Evangels include Doug Carey from Sylacauga, AL; Jeff Manning from Greenville, NC; and Len Davenport, from New Bern, NC. Their program includes a variety of dramatic forms, including monologues, playlets and dramatic readings. Most of their tour will be in the southeast, but will also include performances at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Columbus, Ohio, in July.

David McKinney came to FWBBC from Woodbridge, VA. He graduated on May 12 with a B.S. in Church Music/Christian Education. He served as chaplain of the College Choir, chaplain of his senior class and travelled for two years as a member of the Crownsman Quartet. McKinney has a winsome way with teens and will be ministering to the needs of young people in the camps he visits and in the churches where he speaks.

Please pray for these students as they travel and minister this summer.

264 From 18 States Attend Welcome Days

Spring Welcome Days drew 264 prospective students and sponsors from 68 churches in 18 states to sample life at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, who organizes the semi-annual event. The latest Welcome Days was held April 7-9.

The college's next Welcome Days will be December 1-3, 1983. Please write the college for information.

A Word of Reassurance

Friends have indicated that a word of reassurance from us, relative to the wine issue, would be helpful. Apparently there are some misunderstandings abroad, and we are happy to clarify by issuing this two-part statement:

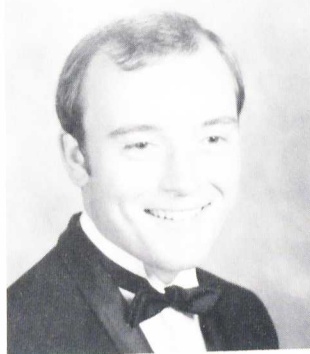
1. Every teacher here is committed to total abstinence, as both the Biblical and the Free Will Baptist practice. We are unalterably opposed to any use of alcoholic beverages. We will not tolerate any teaching that undermines that position.

2. Following the National Association last summer, the Bible faculty met and agreed that we will not even bring up the issue of whether the wine in John 2 was fermented, and that if a student should ever bring up that subject the teacher will handle it with caution and integrity. Regardless of any personal opinion on the technicalities involved, no teacher will be permitted to make any effort of any kind to influence any student to believe that there was fermentation involved, or otherwise to make any issue of it.

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The Evangels

McKinney



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ARKANSAS—Dr. Outlaw, 6/24-29, Ballews Chapel, Grubbs; Mr. Creech, 8/16-18, State Ass'n, Camp Beaverfork, Conway.
FLORIDA—Dr. Thigpen, 8/8-14, Harmony FWB, Lake Butler.
GEORGIA—Dr. Riggs, 8/5-7, Midway FWB, Moultrie; 8/7-12, Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn.
INDIANA—Dr. Riggs, 7/10-15, First FWB, Chesterfield.
MISSOURI—Dr. Riggs, 7/24-29, First FWB, Monett.

OHIO—Dr. Picirilli, 7/17 (AM), First FWB, Columbus.
OKLAHOMA—Mr. Breeden, 8/20, First Dist. Ass'n, Northeast FWB, Shawnee; 8/21 (AM), Choctaw FWB, Choctaw.
PENNSYLVANIA—Dr. Woodard, 8/1-7, Calvary Community, Markleton.
TENNESSEE—Dr. Thigpen, 8/16-18, Union Ass'n, Greeneville.

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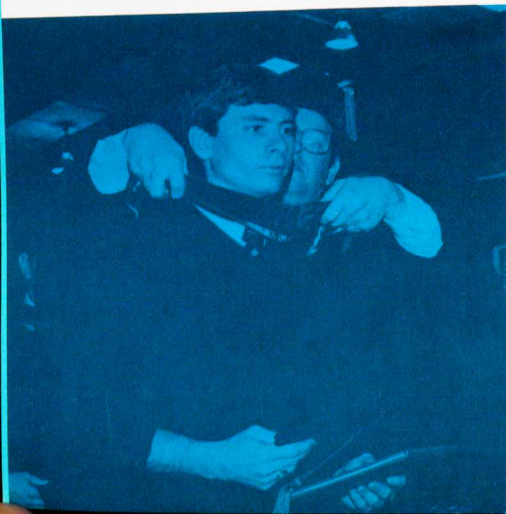
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Chairman Tom Malone welcomes Rev. Truett and Rev. Walker to the FWBBC Board of Trustees.

Denomination Picks New FWBBC Trustees

Free Will Baptists attending the 47th convention of the denomination elected two pastors to serve unexpired terms on the Bible College's Board of Trustees. The men chosen are Rev. Sam Truett and Rev. Ken Walker.

Rev. Truett, pastor of the West Calvary FWB Church of Smithfield, North Carolina, will serve a one-year term that will expire in 1984.

Rev. Walker pastors the First FWB Church of Deerfield Beach, Florida. His term on the board will expire in 1988.

We welcome these fine men to the Board of Trustees.



Rev. and Mrs. Welch

Former Trustee With The Lord

Reverend John L. Welch, pioneer FWB statesman and a former Bible College trustee, died July 24 in Nashville at the age of 94.

Rev. Welch served as a trustee of the college for 12 years, 1945-57, 10 of them as its chairman. Throughout his later years he maintained an active interest in the college and the denomination, as a whole. The college's Welch Library is named for him and his beloved wife, "Miss Mary," who died in 1969.

When asked the secret of his long life, he was fond of saying, "You just have to keep breathing."

Dean Robert Pielke, a speaker at the funeral service, said:

Rev. Welch left a request that contributions be made to Cofer's Chapel FWB Church, which he pastored for nearly 50 years, and to Free Will Baptist Bible College, which he loved, served and supported.



Powell

Texas Pastor To Hold Fall Campus Revival

Reverend Larry Powell, founder and present pastor of the First FWB Church, McAllen, Texas, will be guest preacher for the college's fall campus revival, September 14-18, according to President Charles Thigpen.

Rev. Powell, a native of Colquitt, Georgia, is a 1964 FWBBC graduate. He has also studied at the University of Georgia and at Bob Jones University. As a FWB home missionary, he founded a church and school in the Virgin Islands. He also pastored in Puerto Rico before moving to Texas to begin his present work. The church in McAllen is growing, Powell says, and has just added a new day care facility. Powell is chairman of the Texas State Mission Board.

The annual campus revival is sponsored by Ministerial Fellowship, an organization of student preachers. Services will begin with chapel on Wednesday and conclude on Sunday evening. Visitors are welcome.

New Programs Will Train Kindergarten, Music Teachers

Two new programs, to train kindergarten teachers and music teachers, will be offered at FWBBC beginning this fall.

The new board of Trustees at its May meeting.

The addition of one course, Methods of Kindergarten Teaching, will broaden the preparation of elementary education majors so that they will also be qualified to handle kindergarten classes.

The new music education program will prepare music teachers to work with students in Christian schools from kindergarten through grade 12. The teacher will be trained to teach voice, to conduct choirs and to organize school bands. One of the attractive features of this program is that it will provide a full time Christian music ministry to young women who have generally found it difficult to work full time on a church staff.

The Bible College now offers six programs in the field of teacher education. Information on all of them is available from the college.



Administration Announces Faculty, Staff Changes

Three FWBBC workers have recently left the faculty-staff and two new employees are being added, with more additions possibly to be announced later, according to the college's administration.

Mrs. Barbara Riddle, who joined the faculty in 1976 to teach women's physical education, has decided to devote her full attention to her husband and two children. Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean, has not named a replacement for Mrs. Riddle.

Ray Lewis joined the faculty in 1982 to teach business courses. He recently accepted a position with the denomination's Department of Retirement and Insurance.

Mrs. Lucy Lima will join the faculty this fall, according to Dr. Picirilli, to replace Mr. Lewis in the Business Department. Mrs. Lima, of McAllen, Texas, is a 1953 FWBBC graduate. She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree at Pan American University, where she also pursued graduate studies. Mrs. Lima has taught business courses for five years in McAllen.

Mrs. Carolyn Sams, secretary to Development Director Ronald Creech, resigned to move with her husband to Sumter, South Carolina, to work in the FWB church there. She has been replaced by Mrs. Joy Simpkins, a native of Swannanoa, North Carolina, who graduated from FWBBC in 1982.

The college's ministry would be impossible without faithful workers such as these. We will miss those who have left and we welcome those who come to fill their places.

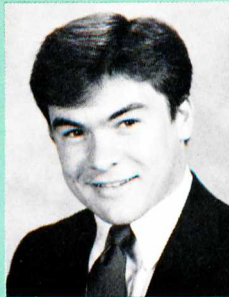
Campus Preachers' Organization To Publish Paper For Pastors

Ministerial Fellowship, FWBBC's organization for young preachers, will join with the college's Christian Service Department to publish *The Preacher's Notebook* this fall. The paper will contain helpful material for pastors, will be published on a regular basis and will be sent free to all Free Will Baptist pastors, says Garnett Reid, Director of the Christian Service Department.

The *Notebook* will begin as a 4-page, 8½ x 11 publication. Reid, who says that the paper will not be "an editorial forum for any particular viewpoint," wants to see it become a vehicle for exchanging ideas, outlines, illustrations and quotes among pastors. He invites preachers to pass along such items to him and says that credit will be given for any material he uses.

Please send suggestions to *The Preacher's Notebook*, c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205.

Merkh



Mills



McPeak

Wiggs

Virginian Elected Student Body President

Jonathan Merkh, a junior missions student from Richmond, Virginia, was chosen student body president in campus elections held in April. Other student body officers for the 1983-84 school year are Craig Mills, vice president; Jennifer Wiggs, secretary-treasurer; and Scott McPeak, chaplain.

Merkh, a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Richmond, has been active in Foreign Missions Fellowship, Missionary Prayer Band and campus sports.

Mills is a junior from Columbia, Missouri.

Miss Wiggs is also a junior and comes from Williamsburg, Virginia.

McPeak, a junior, is from Richmond, Virginia.

Please pray that these student leaders will exercise godly wisdom as they direct the affairs of the student body in 1983-84.

SPRING SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

"A" HONOR ROLL

Ginger Baines (Sr.) AL
Kathy Coats (Sr.) VA
Darlene Corey (Soph.) NC
Tammy Hampton (Sr.) AL
Keli Harvey (Soph.) FL
Janet King (Sr.) NC
Betty Maddox (Sr.) MS
Norman McFall (Sr.) AL
Martin McWilliams (Sr.) MO
Tony Mitchell (Sr.) GA
Brent Nix (Soph.) AL
Brian Peters (Sr.) VA
Morris Proctor (Sr.) TN
Norma Sawrie (Sr.) SC
Barry Simpson (Soph.) KS
Johnie Terry (Soph.) VA
Ruth Thigpen (Jr.) TN
Jackie Underwood (Sr.) AL
Kam Vestal (Fr.) TN
Genevieve Waddell (Sr.) TN
James Walker (Fr.) FL
Vivian Waller (Sr.) NC
Pam Westerman (Sr.) AR
Rebecca Williams (Fr.) TN

"B" HONOR ROLL

Seniors

Merle Archer TN
Mike Armstrong AL
Dan Gasperson NC
Rhonda Henderson GA
Randy Kinnick TN
Darlene Latham VA
Randy Ledbetter TN
Larry Lovell VA
David McKinney VA
Susan Pierce TN
Debra Robinson SC
Tim Steele MI
Adele Strickland NC
Roy Swisher KY
Leanne Underwood TN

Juniors

Teresa Andrews ID
Angela Barrow NC
Keith Bartlett MI
Gerald Carraway NC
Walter Clinton MS
Paul Collins VA
Rick Congleton NC
Stephen Cooper KY
Martin Elliott LA
Merritt Floyd SC
Cynthia Fry MO
Marcia Furlow IL
Terri Greene GA
Ricky Ham NC
Kenny Hampton TN
Jeff Hart NC
Glenda Humbles NM
Jim Leonard OH
Ralph Lowrimore NC
Richard McManus NC
Jonathan Merkh VA
Craig Mills MO
David Mishler IL
Kenneth Pell TX
Bill Preston KY
Tina Randolph AL
Gwen Riddle TN
Chris Shore IN
Jonathan Snow GA
Juliet Spring SC
Elaine Wall NC
Lisa Wallace MO
Jim Weese CA

Sophomores

Margaret Barnes SC
Jan Cariker TN
Alice Chaffin WV
Marlene Corey NC
Eugenia Deen AR
Kim Drake IN
Dave Franks Brazil
Deborah Gardner IN
Vivian Hersey Japan
Randy Hill NC
Sue Horton NC
Carol Malone AL

Scott McPeak VA
David Messer TN
Kristina Nickell WA
Jill Picirilli TN
Nancy Scroggs NC
Ruth Smith NC
Sharon Stone SC
Tammy Taylor AL
Jennifer Wiggs VA

Freshmen

Maurillo Amorim Brazil
Verlin Anderson MI
Rhonda Bondeson VA
Thaddeus Boyd NC
Annette Carter TN
Rebecca Coxwell AL
Don Foreman NC
Jerry Gray NC
Ron Helms IN
Tracy Henderson TN
Edward Howe MO
Kimberly Johnson GA
Mary Kiesel WA
Jeff Manning NC
Stephen Marcum IN
Cynthia Minch NC
John Nichols MI
Alan Owens NC
Randall Owens TN
Allen Pointer MO
David Rackley NC
Julia Ritter MO
Denise Smith VA
Rhoda Snow GA
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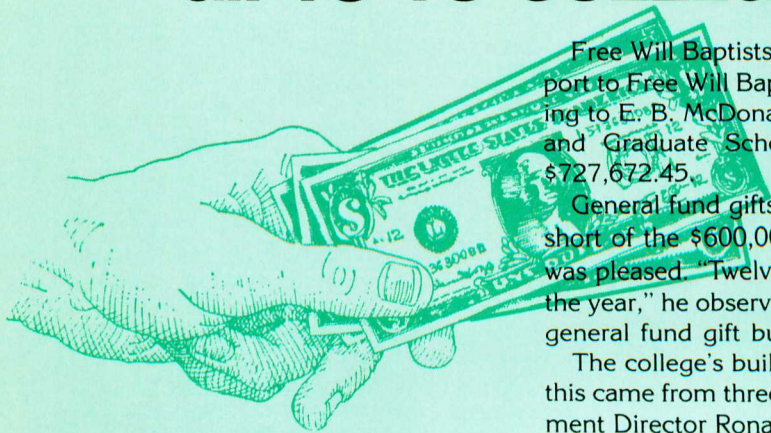
Special

Cheri Bruner GA
Charles McKinney Canada

Graduate School

Jerry Crews CA

GIFTS TO COLLEGE TOP \$727,000



Free Will Baptists gave nearly \$684,000 in general and building fund support to Free Will Baptist Bible College during the 1982-83 fiscal year, according to E. B. McDonald, Treasurer of the school. Alumni Association projects and Graduate School gifts pushed the total for the year to a record \$727,672.45.

General fund gifts totaled a record \$589,212.60. Although this was barely short of the \$600,000 gift budget, Public Relations Director Paul Ketteiman was pleased. "Twelve states and the Virgin Islands exceeded their quotas for the year," he observed. Trustees, meeting on campus in May, set the 1983-84 general fund gift budget at \$650,000.

The college's building fund received \$94,690.53 during the year. Much of this came from three states: Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Development Director Ronald Creech is busy raising \$264,500 to underwrite a 1982 campus expansion.

Alumni project gifts to the Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson Student Loan Fund and to help pay for new college property totaled \$18,440.52. Graduate school gifts were \$25,328.80.

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

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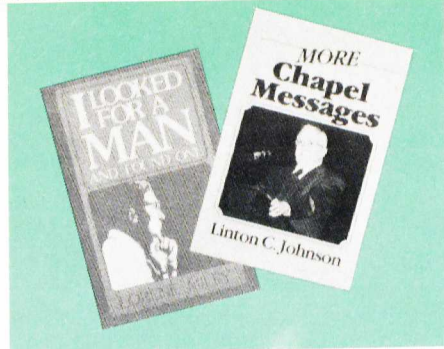
States	1982-83 Quota	1983-84 Quota
Alabama	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 49,000.00
Arizona	2,300.00	1,250.00
Arkansas	22,500.00	20,500.00
California	7,000.00	7,000.00
Colorado	1,850.00	1,000.00
Delaware	200.00	350.00
Florida	21,000.00	17,000.00
Georgia	37,500.00	44,000.00
Hawaii	500.00	500.00
Idaho	1,250.00	750.00
Illinois	15,000.00	18,000.00
Indiana	7,000.00	6,500.00
Iowa	1,000.00	—
Kansas	2,000.00	2,000.00
Kentucky	12,000.00	12,000.00
Maine	3,000.00	2,000.00
Maryland	2,500.00	3,500.00
Massachusetts	300.00	—
Michigan	21,000.00	22,000.00
Minnesota	500.00	—
Mississippi	18,500.00	17,500.00
Missouri	30,000.00	30,000.00
Montana	200.00	150.00
Nebraska	400.00	350.00
New Hampshire	500.00	—
New Jersey	200.00	—
New Mexico	700.00	1,000.00
North Carolina	95,000.00	105,000.00
Ohio	12,000.00	13,000.00
Oklahoma	30,000.00	32,500.00
Oregon	250.00	—
South Carolina	38,500.00	36,000.00
Tennessee	68,500.00	95,000.00
Texas	12,000.00	17,000.00
Virgin Islands	400.00	400.00
Virginia	15,000.00	18,000.00
Washington	750.00	250.00
West Virginia	10,000.00	12,000.00
Wyoming	200.00	—
W.N.A.C.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Other	52,500.00	61,500.00
TOTALS	\$600,000.00	\$650,000.00

GIFT REPORT

June 1, 1982-May 31, 1983

States	General	Building	Total
Alabama	\$ 47,479.33	\$ 2,212.00	\$ 49,691.33
Arizona	939.04	—0—	939.04
Arkansas	18,778.99	2,497.75	21,276.74
California	5,681.61	500.00	6,181.61
Colorado	487.11	—0—	487.11
Delaware	245.00	—0—	245.00
Florida	14,588.28	1,064.27	15,652.55
Georgia	40,945.99	13,032.95	53,978.94
Hawaii	425.54	—0—	425.54
Idaho	1,396.90	—0—	1,396.90
Illinois	17,790.60	2,895.00	20,685.60
Indiana	5,171.91	—0—	5,171.91
Kansas	1,826.68	—0—	1,826.68
Kentucky	9,841.79	25.00	9,866.79
Maine	1,200.00	—0—	1,200.00
Maryland	2,919.25	—0—	2,919.25
Michigan	20,748.67	—0—	20,748.67
Mississippi	15,816.23	1,080.00	16,896.23
Missouri	27,931.78	920.00	28,851.78
Montana	120.69	—0—	120.69
Nebraska	312.60	—0—	312.60
New Mexico	837.18	—0—	837.18
North Carolina	100,768.90	39,520.35	140,289.25
Ohio	12,327.75	374.96	12,702.71
Oklahoma	21,149.33	182.50	21,331.83
South Carolina	31,323.94	4,433.58	35,757.52
Tennessee	87,846.77	14,381.83	102,228.60
Texas	15,927.05	3,750.00	19,677.05
Virginia	16,040.85	917.07	16,957.92
Washington	220.00	197.25	417.25
West Virginia	10,476.87	180.00	10,656.87
W.N.A.C.	1,584.10	—0—	1,584.10
Virgin Islands	458.37	—0—	458.37
Other	55,603.50	6,526.02	62,129.52
Totals	\$589,212.60	\$94,690.53	\$683,903.13

Graduate School	25,328.80
Alumni Project—(Student Loan)	16,665.52
Alumni Project—(New Building)	1,775.00
	\$727,672.45



New Books Feature Work Of FWBCC Personnel

Two new books published recently by Randall House will be of interest to friends of FWBCC. One is a new volume of chapel messages by retired president/chancellor Dr. L. C. Johnson. The other is a loving biography of Dr. LaVerne Miley written by his wife.

"More Chapel Messages" is considerably larger than the first volume, "Chapel Messages," and includes 34 of the daily "talks" by Dr. Johnson that alumni remember and love. The price of the book is \$6.95.

Randall House describes "I Looked For A Man...And Found One" as an account of Mrs. Miley's "intimate, first hand, on-the-field relationship with her missionary-doctor husband." Dr. Miley joined the FWBCC faculty in 1979 to teach Bible and science following 19 years of missionary medical service in Ivory Coast. The 180-page biography is priced by Randall House at \$4.95.

To order either or both of these fine books, remember to add \$1 per volume for postage. Send your order to Randall House Publications, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217.

Christian Service Groups Report 2,500 Decisions

Students led 1,059 people to Christ and reported 1,511 other decisions during the 1982-83 school year, according to Garnett Reid, Christian Service Director. His report to President Charles A. Thigpen spanned eight months of Christian service activities, September through April.

He also reported that students gave out more than 55,000 gospel tracts, sang 4,100 specials and preached more than 2,300 sermons.

Mr. Reid was involved as both planner and participant in the Christian service activities, going out with some 20 groups during the year. Other faculty members have participated regularly in Christian service groups, he reports.

Some 65 different student groups conducted services at Nashville Union Mission, the Metro Jail and at other places around the city. They also conducted Bible clubs, including one especially for Asian refugee children. Other groups ministered to runaway teens who have made their way to Nashville.

Looking toward the future, Mr. Reid plans to have a Christian Service Handbook ready for students by this fall. He also wants to improve follow up on people who make decisions. He says, "I feel we could and should be discipling through our churches more of the 1,000-plus who make professions of faith."

Trustees Approve New Programs, Set \$650,000-Gift Budget

The college's board of trustees met on campus May 10, during Commencement Week, to review the 1982-83 school year and to lay plans for the future.

The board approved two new programs for school teachers that will be offered this fall, says President Charles A. Thigpen. One is a program for music teachers. It includes preparation to teach music from kindergarten through grade 12. President Thigpen noted, "More and more of our Christian day schools are providing various music opportunities, so there is beginning to be a demand for teachers prepared in this field." The other new program is one to train teachers for kindergarten. (See more on these new programs elsewhere in this issue.)

Trustees set the 1983-84 general fund budget at \$650,000, up \$50,000 from last year's budget. State quotas are listed in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

President Thigpen said that the trustees directed special attention to the college's Christian Service Department. They gave high praise to the director, Garnett Reid, who is completing his first year as head of this ministry. (See a special report elsewhere in this issue.)

All of the college's trustees were present for the meeting.

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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1983

ARKANSAS—Mr. Kettman, 9/23, N. Louisiana Ass'n. **GEORGIA**—Mr. Creech, 10/21-23, S. Georgia Ass'n churches. **ILLINOIS**—Dr. Riggs, 10/19-23, First FWB, Johnston City. **INDIANA**—Dr. Picirilli, Mr. Forlines, 9/9-11, First FWB, Chesterfield. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Outlaw, 9/14-18, Southside FWB, Paintsville. **MICHIGAN**—Dr. Thigpen, 9/10, Wolverine Ass'n, Detroit. **MISSOURI**—Mr. Kettman, 10/1, Cave Springs Ass'n; 10/7, Greater Springfield Ass'n; Dr. Thigpen, 10/24-28, American Ass'n of Bible Colleges, St. Louis; Dr.

Miley, 10/26-28, S.E. Missouri Q.M. Missionary Conf. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Creech, 9/4-9, Faith FWB, Maysville; Dr. Riggs, 9/14-18, Prospect FWB, Dunn. **OHIO**—Mr. Kettman, 9/10, Franklin County Conf.; 9/17, Central Conf. **OKLAHOMA**—Mr. Breeden, 10/10-13, State Ass'n, Ada. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Kettman, 10/22, Beaver Creek Ass'n. **TENNESSEE**—Mr. Creech, 9/18, Fellowship FWB, Kingsport; 10/1, Western Q.M., Dunbar's Chapel FWB, Indian Mound. **WEST VIRGINIA**—Dr. Riggs, 10/8, Area Youth Rally, Huntington; Mr. Kettman, 10/15, Guyan Valley, Conf.

CALENDAR OF Campus Events

- Aug. 15-19 Faculty In-service training
- Aug. 20 Dorms open
- Aug. 22 Opening service—7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 23-24 Registration
- Aug. 26 Opening convocation—9:50 a.m.
- Sept. 14-18 Campus Revival
- Oct. 14 Formal campus dinner
- Oct. 18-21 Mid-semester exams
- Oct. 31-Nov. 2 Missionary conference

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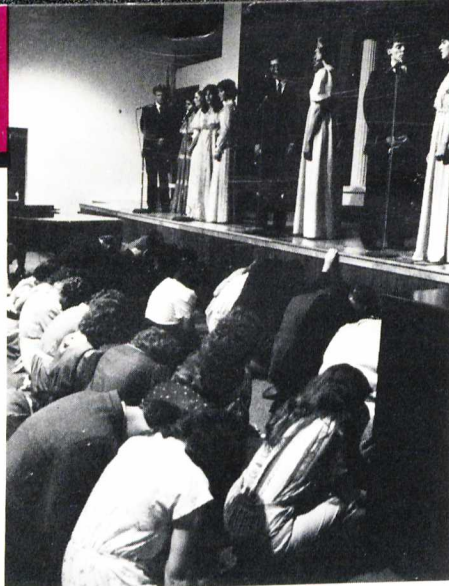
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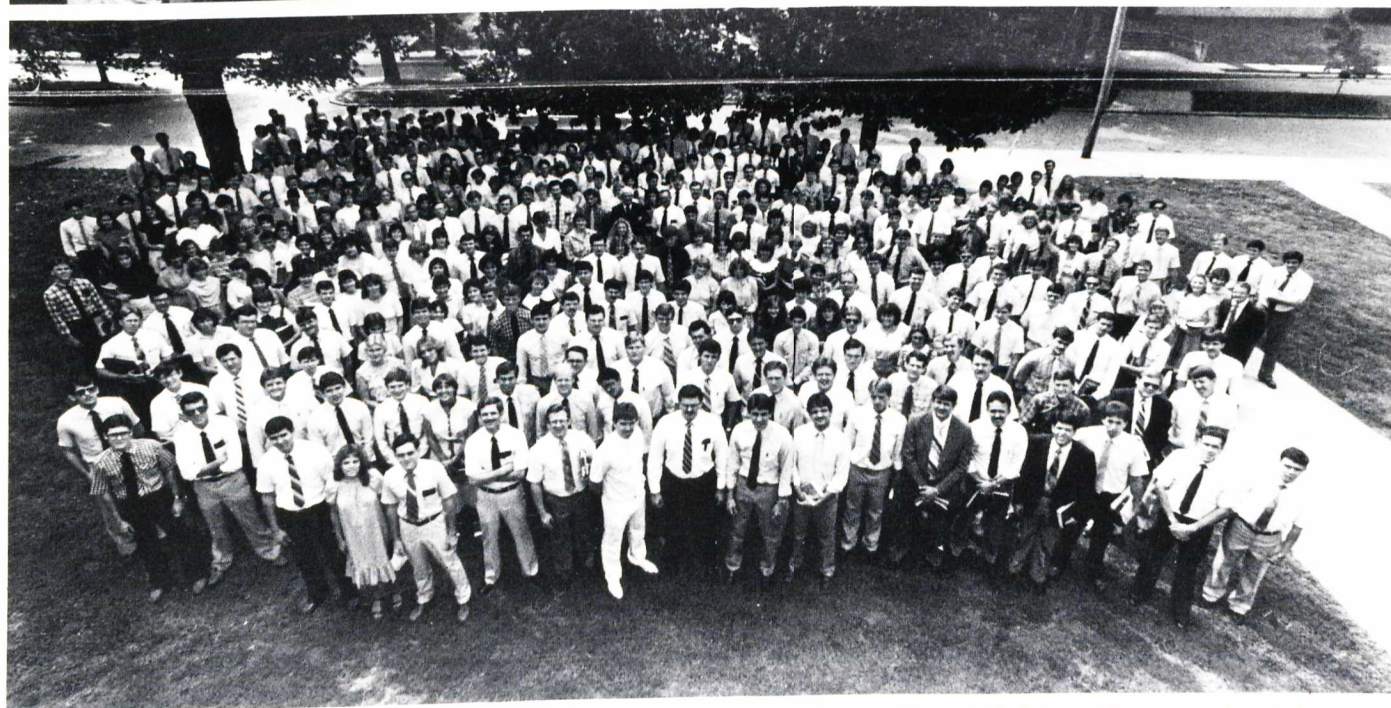
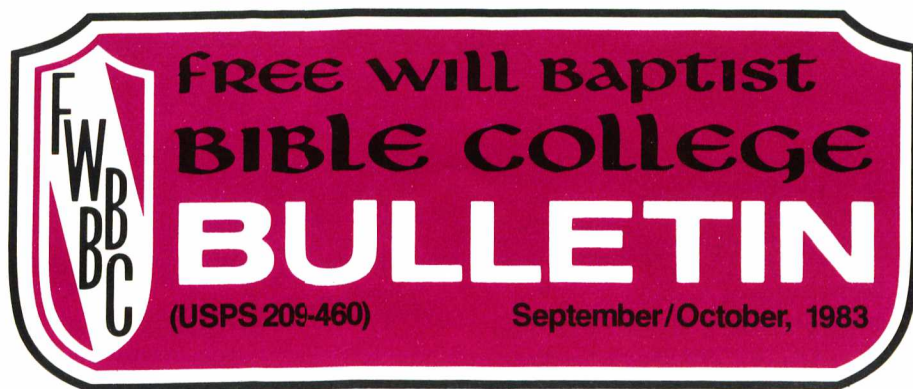
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Students respond to invitation at conclusion of first Sunday evening service on campus.



President Reports:

The 1983 fall enrollees pose for their picture.

"Excellent Spirit" Seen In Fall Student Body

"We have never had a better school opening than we had this year," said President Charles A. Thigpen as he analyzed the beginning of the college's 1983-84 year.

Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 467 students from 29 states and seven foreign countries on August 23-24, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar. This includes ten men who are enrolled in the Graduate School. However, the enrollment figure does not include 33 who are registered but are not taking classes for credit, Dr. Hampton says.

North Carolina, with 83 in the fall student body, has the most enrollees of any state. Tennessee is close behind, with 82. Indiana, running a distant third with 32, is to be com-

mended, however, since this fall's Hoosier enrollment is 88 percent higher than last fall's.

Foreign countries represented this semester are Brazil, Canada, France, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Japan and Spain. Twelve students enrolled from foreign countries.

At first glance, this fall's 10 graduate students do not appear to represent much of an increase over the nine from August, 1982. However, Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean of the Graduate School, points out that six of this year's graduate school students are full time, compared to only one who was full time last fall. He also especially is pleased to note that all three Free Will Baptist colleges—FWBBC, Hillsdale and California

Christian—are represented this semester in the Graduate School.

The college enrolled 99 ministerial students and 66 mission students at the beginning of the semester. Both figures generally grow considerably through the school year as young people answer God's call to these ministries.

Concerning the enrollment, President Thigpen says, "Our fall enrollment is larger than we expected, even though it is down from last fall. We are pleased with this enrollment. There is an excellent spirit among the students."

Pray for the students and workers at Free Will Baptist Bible College this year. It is a joy to be a part of this great ministry.



Dr. Fremont

Top Christian Educator Featured In Christian Schools Conference

Dr. Walter Fremont, dean of the School of Education of Bob Jones University and one of America's foremost authorities on Christian education, will be guest speaker at the Bible College's Christian Schools Conference, February 13-15, 1984, according to Dr. Kenneth Riggs, chairman of the Teacher Education Department.

The conference will also feature Free Will Baptist educators from the college and across the denomination.

Dr. Fremont holds earned degrees from the University of Dayton, the University of Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania State University. He has been dean of Bob Jones' School of Education since 1953. His theme for the conference will be "What is genuine Christian education?"

The conference will feature several seminars. Some of these will be examinations of Christian school curricula, including A Beka, ACE and Bob Jones'. Reverend William Henry Oliver, a lifelong Free Will Baptist preacher and educator, will speak at a special luncheon on Tuesday, February 14.

The conference will also provide opportunities for Free Will Baptist principals to interview prospective teachers from the FWBBC senior class.

A full program will be sent to Free Will Baptist principals in a few weeks.

For more information, please write:

Christian Schools Conference

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

Student Touring Groups Available for Services

Pastors, we would like to send a student music or drama group to your church for a service. Services for this spring semester and next summer are now being booked by the college Public Relations Office.

Plans are being made to send out at least three groups. These are a men's quartet, a women's trio and a men's drama team. Other groups may also be sent.

If you would like to schedule a Bible College service in 1984, please write to Frank Breeden, in care of the college.

Deadline Near for Ads In 1984 Yearbook

We would like to have your church represented among the ad sponsors for the 1984 *Lumen*, the Bible College yearbook. The deadline for ads is December 1.

Ads can be purchased for a full page (\$110), half page (\$60) or quarter page (\$40). A free copy of the yearbook is sent to all full page patrons.

Please send your ad request, with pictures, art, and copy, to:

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



Johnny Carter, a member of the Education Department, was among the campus blood donors.

Red Cross Praises FWBBC Blood Drive

"When our Nashville regional blood supply is at its lowest, Free Will Baptist Bible College comes through in numbers large enough to ease the situation."

This observation by Shannon Williams, Blood Services Consultant for the Nashville Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, came following the college's recent campus blood drive on September 13.

Miss Williams recalled that the college held a drive last winter that eased a critical blood shortage in Nashville. She continues, "This week, after one of the most serious shortages in recent years, FWBBC again sent 151 concerned donors to the blood drive for a very successful collection of 132 pints!"

Among the donors were 39 who gave blood for the first time.

The college is grateful for the opportunity to further serve the Nashville community and to witness for the Lord. The college's next blood drive is scheduled for January 19.



Gardner



Creech

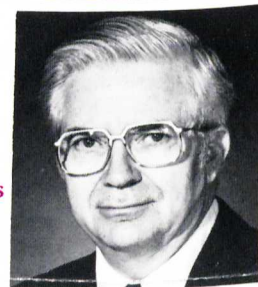
Alumni To Give Concert on Campus

Reverend Bill Gardner and Joe Creech, both of whom are FWBBC alumni, will give a sacred music concert at the college November 17, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean.

Rev. Gardner, pastor of the First Bible FWB Church of New Castle, IN, is a 1958 Bible College graduate. His tenor voice has thrilled and blessed Free Will Baptists for years.

Mr. Creech, who is also a 1958 FWBBC alumnus, has served for more than 22 years as music director for Free Will Baptist churches in the Tidewater area of Virginia. He is a member of the Hyde Park FWB church of Norfolk. His rich bass voice will complement Rev. Gardner's in a blend that will make their concert memorable.

Area Free Will Baptists are invited to join the Bible College Family for this special evening of sacred music.



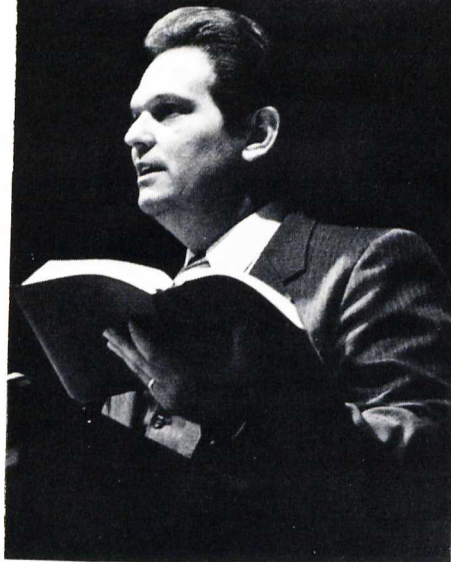
Forlines

FWBBC Teacher To Address Accrediting Association

Leroy Forlines, chairman of the college's Department of Bible and Theology, will speak at the American Association of Bible Colleges in St. Louis when the AABC holds its annual convention, October 27-29, according to Randy Bell, executive director. Forlines' subject is "Orienting Bible/Theology to Life."

Other FWBBC personnel who will attend the convention are President and Mrs. Charles Thigpen; Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean; and Garnett Reid, Christian Service director. President Thigpen is vice president/president elect of AABC.

The AABC accredits approximately a hundred Bible colleges in the United States and Canada. This will be the association's 39th annual meeting.



Rev. Powell preaches during a morning revival service.

President Notes Success Of Fall Campus Revival

"The fall student revival is now history. This is a meeting for the entire college family sponsored by Ministerial Fellowship here at the college. This year Larry Powell, pastor of McAllen, TX, was the evangelist. He is a former home missionary, having served in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and now in Texas. His two sons, Jonathan and Mark, are students at the Bible College.

"This was one of the very finest meetings that we have ever had. The preaching was pointed, personal, scriptural, forceful and produced conviction and response. Many tears of joy were shed as decisions were made. There was more response with less effort than has ever been noted. The Holy Spirit's presence was evident in each service.

"The music was especially blessed of the Lord. The Mixed Chorus, The College Choir, the instrumentalists, trios and quartets shared in the services. An evening of singing choruses was one of the highlights of the week.

"All in all, it was a truly great meeting. Results, we believe, will be effective and permanent."

—Dr. Charles A. Thigpen

College To Present "Pilgrim's Progress"

"Pilgrim's Progress," John Bunyan's 17th century allegory of the Christian life, will be presented in dramatic form by the college's Evangel Players in one performance to be held on campus November 12 at 8 p.m.

The play, which is about an hour and fifteen minutes long, will be directed by Joseph Jones, a member of the English and Speech Department. Dr. Mary Wisehart is stage manager and Mrs. Laura Thigpen is in charge of costuming. Both also are members of the English/Speech faculty.

The performance is open to the public. Area Free Will Baptists and other visitors are welcome to attend.



About 35 students and FWBBC employees helped raise money to lift deficit missionary accounts out of the red.

Students Raise \$2,700 In Missions Walk-A-Thon

Some 35 Bible College students and employees collected over \$2,700 in walk-a-thon pledges for Free Will Baptist foreign missionaries on September 10. They joined more than a hundred Nashville "walkers" whose efforts were aimed at helping missionaries whose accounts are in the red.

The 10-mile course was laid out in Percy Warner Park, west of the city.

The top three money raisers in the walk

were all from the college: Marsha Howell, a junior from Wilson, NC; Paula Onica, a sophomore from Royal Oak, MI; and Mrs. Lorene Francen, FWBBC librarian.

Dr. LaVerne Miley, veteran FWB missionary and FWBBC Bible teacher, thanked all of the participants. "Our Lord is glorified as we give of ourselves and of our means to send the gospel message to the regions beyond," he told them.

Home Missions To Be Featured In Conference On Campus

The ministry of Free Will Baptist home missions will be displayed for three days on campus, October 31-November 2, during the college's annual Missionary Conference, according to President Charles A. Thigpen.

Featured speakers will include Home Missions Director Roy Thomas, Director of Evangelism Connie Cariker, and missionaries Jerry McClary, Larry Russell and Ken Walker.

Classes will be suspended for two days of the conference and services will be held morning and evenings. Afternoons will be reserved for student interviews with home missions personnel.

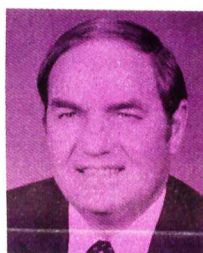
The missionaries who are joining the well-known Home Missions directors have built successful churches in various areas of the country. In 1979, Rev. McClary left a fine church he had organized in Washington, NC, to begin a work in Billings, MT. Rev. Russell is pastor of the First FWB Church of Baton Rouge, LA, which he organized in 1973. Rev. Walker organized churches in Washington, DC; Tulsa, OK; and Mobile, AL; before moving to Florida to pastor the First FWB Church of Deerfield Beach. All three missionaries are FWBBC alumni and Rev. Walker is a member of the college Board of Trustees.

Please pray that God will roll a greater burden for evangelism and church extension on the hearts of Bible College students and personnel during the fall conference. Pray also that He will call out future home missionaries.

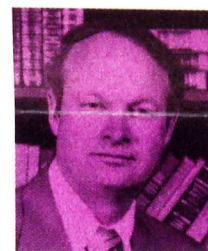


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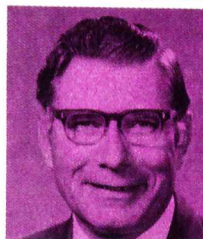
McClary



Cariker



Russell



Walker

Attention, Pastors:

The college is planning a pastors'/church growth conference for January 2-4, 1985.

Watch for further announcements.



The Ambassador Chorale

Letter Praises Summer Tourers

September 6, 1983

Dear Dr. Thigpen,
This letter is addressed to you, but the credit belongs to the Lord.

An incident happened during the National Convention in Ohio that warmed my FWBBC heart. While walking through the exhibition area, my ten-year old son literally pointed out a member of the drama team that had visited our church a few months earlier. The young man immediately responded with a genuine personal greeting. The conversation was short, but the impression will probably lead my son to FWBBC.

Why did the incident warm my heart? When I was ten, three FWBBC girls came to my church to help with vacation Bible school, and, because they liked me, I decided to like their school!

In Christ, a '65 alumnus
Bernadene (Little) Kemble

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The Evangelists

Summer Touring Groups Report Great Services

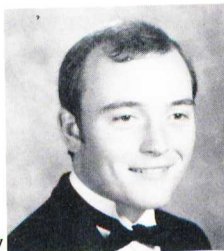
Three 1983 summer touring groups—The Evangelists Drama Team, The Ambassador Chorale, and Camp Minister David McKinney—reported that God blessed in services held across the denomination.

The Evangelists, comprised of Len Davenport, Doug Carey and Jeff Manning, traveled nearly 10,000 miles across 13 states to hold 66 services. More than 200 public decisions were reported. They also performed during the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Columbus, OH.

The 14-voice Ambassador Chorale, directed by Dr. Vernon Whaley, held services in Kentucky and Ohio, on their way to perform at the National Association.

Mr. McKinney, a 1983 FWBBC graduate, ministered in youth camps and churches in Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri for seven weeks during the summer. He contacted nearly 500 prospective FWBBC enrollees during the summer.

The college appreciates every pastor and layman who opened a church or home to our summer vagabonds. We hope that they were as great a blessing to you as you were to them.



McKinney

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

ARKANSAS—Dr. Riggs, 11/18-20, Oak Park FWB, Pine Bluff.
FLORIDA—Dr. Riggs, 11/2-3, State Ass'n, Marianna.
GEORGIA—Mr. Creech and Others, 11/18-20, Various churches in Midway and Martin Ass'ns; Dr. Thigpen, 11/17-19, State Ass'n, Norman Park; Mr. Breeden, 12/4, White Oak FWB, Macon. **INDIANA**—Mr. Creech, 11/6-11, First FWB, Chesterfield. **MICHIGAN**—Mr. Breeden, 11/6, Philadelphia

FWB, Mt. Clemens. **MISSISSIPPI**—Dr. Picirilli, 11/4, State Ass'n, First FWB, Tupelo. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Thigpen, 11/13, Prospect FWB, Dunn. **OKLAHOMA**—Mr. Breeden, 11/19, District Ass'n, Southern Oaks FWB, Oklahoma City. **TENNESSEE**—Mr. Breeden, 12/7-9, Leadership Conf., Nashville. **VIRGINIA**—Dr. Thigpen, 11/11, Ass'n Meeting, Dunganon; 11/25-27, Good News FWB, Richmond.

CALENDAR Of Campus Events

- Oct. 31- Nov. 2 Missions Conference
- Nov. 12 Drama, "The Pilgrim's Progress"
- Nov. 17 Concert: Bill Gardner and Joe Creech
- Nov. 24-28 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec. 1-3 Welcome Days
- Dec. 7 Mixed Chorus Cantata (9:50 a.m.)
- Dec. 10 Choral Union Concert
- Dec. 12-15 Semester Examinations
- Dec. 16- Jan. 2 Christmas Holidays

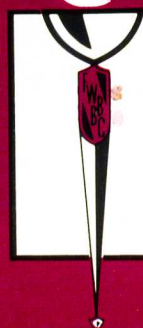
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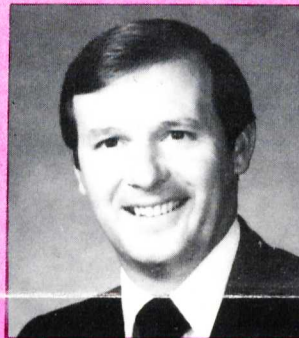
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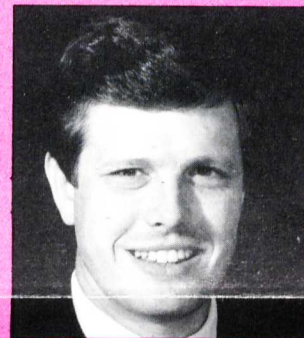
Dr. Parker



Rev. Ashby



Rev. Puckett



Rev. Reid

Bible Conference To Feature Evangelist, Pastors, Teacher

The college's 1984 Bible Conference, scheduled for March 4-8, will display a full-spectrum program of preaching that will include an evangelist, two Free Will Baptist pastors and one of the college's own teachers, according to President Charles A. Thigpen. The speakers are Dr. Monroe Parker, Rev. Hobert Ashby, Rev. James Puckett and Rev. Garnett Reid.

Dr. Parker will bring with him the experience he has gained in more than 1,200 evangelistic campaigns conducted in 46 states. He is truly one of America's leading evangelists. His lifelong service to Jesus Christ has included the presidency of Pillsbury Baptist College and membership on the boards of several Christian schools, including Bob Jones University, Mid-Western Baptist College and San Francisco Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a great preacher and a fervent soulwinner.

Rev. Ashby, pastor of Dayton First FWB Church, is one of Ohio's leading preachers. In nearly 30 years of preaching, he has pastored only two churches, including 23 years spent at his present pastorate. Ohio Free Will Baptists have twice elected him state moderator, and he presently serves on the National Home Missions Board. He and his wife, Betty, have two children, both of whom attended FWBBC. Stephen is a preacher, now in seminary, and Pamela is a teacher. Rev. Ashby's pastoral experiences qualify him to be a preacher to preachers, as well as to laymen.

Rev. James Puckett is a 1962 FWBBC graduate who has enjoyed God's blessings on pastorates in Florida, Georgia and Oklahoma. He is in his seventh year as pastor of the Southern Oaks FWB Church in Oklahoma City, where he is preaching two Sunday morning

services each week. A native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Puckett has also pastored the Deerfield Beach FWB Church in Florida and the Bellview FWB Church of Colquitt, Georgia. He served on the Florida State Home Missions Board and now serves on the National Home Missions Board. He is also a member of the Oklahoma State Sunday School Board. He and his wife, Judy, have three children.

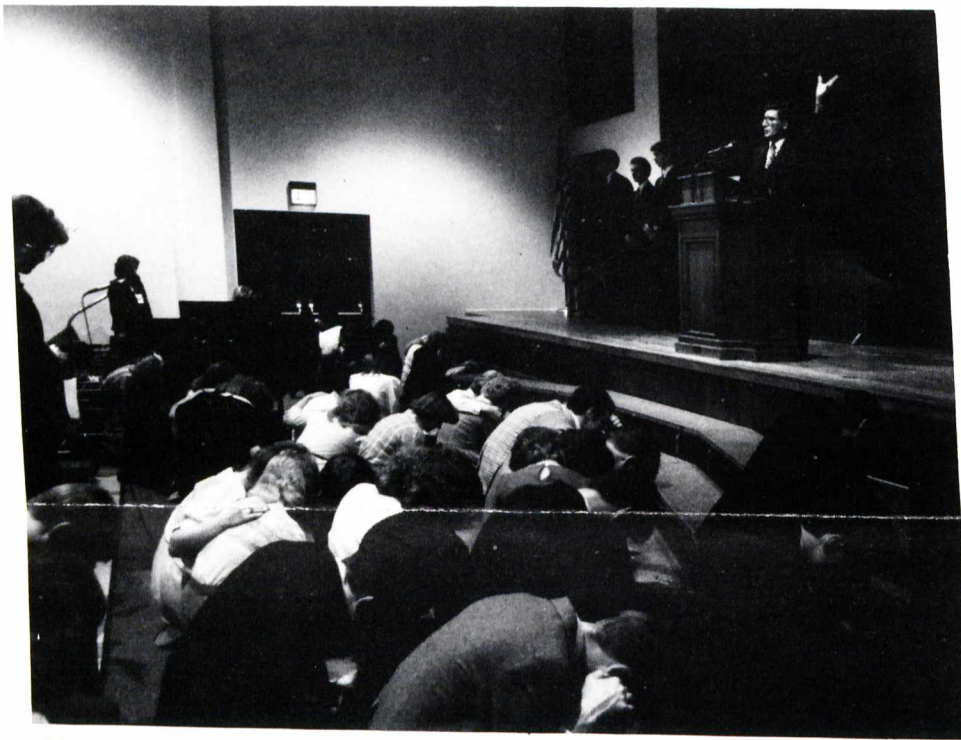
Rev. Reid is widely acknowledged to be one of the best young preachers among Free Will Baptists. His burden for soulwinning and love for people attracted the attention of FWBBC personnel. In 1982 they asked him to join the faculty as Director of Christian Service. Prior to that, he served four years as pastor of the Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville. Reid is a 1977 *summa cum laude* graduate of FWBBC. He was student body president, yearbook editor and was on the dean's list for all four years. He earned his M.A. at Bob Jones University in 1978. His warm heart and intellectual depth will make his Bible Conference messages worth hearing.

The college's Music Department will provide a host of musical delights, from solos to productions by the College Choir, Mixed Chorus and Concert Band.

Alumni have traditionally considered Bible Conference to be annual homecoming time. Alumni President Gene Outland is planning times for alumni to conduct business and enjoy fellowship throughout the week.

Whether you are an alumnus or not, the 1984 Bible Conference will be a blessing. Plan now to be among the 1,500-plus who will enjoy it.





Numbers of students respond to Roy Thomas' invitation to serve God wherever He may call them.

Meeting Evaluated

Home Missions Conference Challenges Students

Home missionaries and Home Missions Department executives dared Free Will Baptist Bible College students to look across North America, find a city that needs a Free Will Baptist church, and, by the grace of God, go and start one! And the students accepted the challenge!

The college's annual Missionary Conference was held on campus October 31-November 2. The missionary speakers were Rev. Larry Russell from Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Rev. Ken Walker from Deerfield Beach, Florida; and Rev. Jerry McClary from Omaha, Nebraska. Home Missions General Director Roy Thomas and Director of Evangelism Connie Cariker also spoke.

Scores of young people responded to invitations to do the will of God. The front of the auditorium was full and many knelt to pray in the aisles.

The Home Missions Department's attractive booth, set up in the lounge adjoining the auditorium, displayed an abundance of material on evangelism and church building. Students browsed the booklets and pamphlets, and bought tapes and records by John Gibbs, the department's baritone soloist who serves as director of development. They also visited with missionaries

and others.

Rev. Thomas was impressed both by the caliber of the students and by their interest in missions. "They showed a special interest in going to the isolated areas of our country," he said. "I appreciate the opportunity to come to our Bible College. We were treated royally."

FWBBC President Charles A. Thigpen also felt that the conference made a major impact on the students. "It was a truly good meeting," he said. "The preaching was good, the music was good and, best of all, the Lord's presence was evident in each service." He felt a justifiable satisfaction in noting that four of the speakers are FWBBC graduates.

Finally, Bobby Aycock, a former missionary who now teaches missions for the college, described the speakers as "able and enthusiastic." He felt that the students responded to the invitations without coercion.

Aycock feels that the cause of missions is strong on the FWBBC campus. "Missions used to be somewhat isolated on campus," he said. "But now an interest in missions seems to have infiltrated all aspects of campus life. A lot of people, even outside of the missions department, are emphasizing missions."

Please pray for God to call FWBBC students to the place of His choosing, in North America and abroad.



Eight Schools Invited To Basketball Tournament

Eight Free Will Baptist high schools have accepted invitations to compete in the college's fourth annual basketball tournament, January 5-7, according to Byron Deel, Free Will Baptist Bible College's athletic director. Seven states will be represented in the double-elimination tourney.

The following schools are scheduled to compete:

1. Florence Christian Academy
Florence, Alabama
2. Van Buren Christian Academy
Van Buren, Arkansas
3. Shenandoah Christian Academy
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
4. Martin Hill Christian Academy
Booneville, Mississippi
5. Grace Christian School
Rocky Mount, North Carolina
6. Heritage Temple Christian School
Columbus, Ohio
7. Spring Valley Christian School
Cleveland, Ohio
8. Woodbine Christian Academy
Nashville, Tennessee

Past winners of the tournament are Heritage Temple (1983), Florence Christian (1980, 1982) and Randall Christian of Memphis, Tennessee (1981).

The opening game is set for 12:30 p.m., Thursday, January 5, and the final game will be played on Saturday morning. A total of 14 or 15 games will be played.

The tournament is open to the public. A nominal admission fee will be charged.

Spring Welcome Days Set For April 5-7

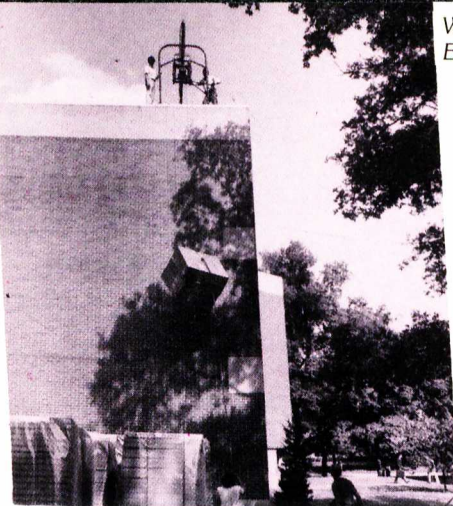
The college will greet several hundred prospective students and sponsors April 5-7 when it holds the spring edition of Welcome Days, according to Dr. Charles E. Hampton, coordinator of the event. The 1983 spring Welcome Days attracted 264 visitors from 18 states.

Features for this year's event include drama and music programs, special sports activities, classroom visits and much more.

For more information, write or call:

Welcome Days

c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College
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Academic Building Reroofing Costs College \$30,000

When Free Will Baptist Bible College personnel inspected the roof of the college's Ennis Academic Building this fall, they were only expecting to find a few places to repair before winter. After all, the 16-year-old building's roof should have been good for 20 years.

But, their inspection determined that a complete reroofing would be essential to protect the college's investment in the building. The \$30,000 cost of this project had not been anticipated in the 1983-84 budget, but the job would have to be done nonetheless.

A contractor was secured and now the roof is done, with great improvement to the building. The coal tar pitch roof was applied over three inches of insulation to enhance the building's energy efficiency. New flashing was also installed, matching the structure's aluminum window trim. The new roof should last considerably longer than the original, according to the contractor.

The college's financial burden has been considerably increased, however, according to E. B. McDonald, FWBBC's business manager. Special gift support is essential between now and May 31, he says, to underwrite this \$30,000 expense.

Will you help? A personal or church gift would be greatly appreciated.

Please send it to:

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3606 West End Avenue
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Calendar of CAMPUS EVENTS

Jan. 3	Registration
Jan. 5-6	High School Basketball Tournament
Jan. 19	Campus Blood Drive
Feb. 3-5	Ministerial Fellowship Retreat
Feb. 10-11	Formal Dinners
Feb. 13-15	Christian Schools Conference
Feb. 24	Faculty/Senior Basketball Games

Christmas Project Goal Set At \$47,500

Bible College students and employees will attempt to raise \$47,500 for the college during the holiday break in the annual Christmas Project drive, according to Paul Ketteman, director of public relations. They will preach, teach and use every available means to present the college and its needs.

"I hope that everyone who gives realizes that he is helping both the college and its students," says Mr. Ketteman.

A tally of Christmas Project gifts will be made in Chapel on Thursday, January 5. If as much as \$37,500 is raised, the entire college family will be treated to a steak supper.

Ketteman says that a new incentive has been added this year. The boy and the girl who raised the most money (over \$1,000) will receive a cash award sufficient to allow them to buy a new suit, he said. "We think that those who work hard for the college deserve our recognition and thanks," he added.

Please share in the college's 1983 Christmas Project. Give a special gift or sign a monthly checkbook and designate it to the project.

The results of the Christmas Project will be published in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

Students Win Top Honors In Christian Drama Tourney

Four Free Will Baptist Bible College students won first place in reader's theater competition held September 23-24 at Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga. The competition was part of an Invitational Forensics Tournament that brought together speech and drama students from several Christian colleges and universities in the Southeast.

The Bible College's students were Patti Bumpus, a freshman from Wayne, Michigan; Alice Chaffin, a sophomore from Kermit, West Virginia; Randal Fosse, a graduate student from Marion, Illinois; and Jon Merkh, a junior from Richmond, Virginia.

They were accompanied on the trip by Joseph Jones, Dr. Mary Wisehart and Laura Thigpen, who are members of the FWBBC English-Speech faculty.

The students also competed in prose and poetry reading, dramatic duo, Scripture reading and extemporaneous storytelling. Patti Bumpus also placed among the winners in poetry reading.

The college is proud of these students and their teachers.



Nerry Wall, Herman Williams and Rev. Gerald Carraway, who are all from eastern North Carolina, supervised the barbecuing of six pigs to be enjoyed by the whole FWBBC family.

Barbecue, Field Day Enjoyed On Campus

The college family will long remember Saturday, November 5. Not only was it a great day to enjoy Field Day activities—three-legged races, volleyball, tugs-of-war, etc.—but it was capped off with an all-you-can-eat supper of Carolina barbecue, prepared right on campus!

Student body President Johnny Merkh planned and supervised the Field Day events. The activities included everyone—students, teachers and children.

A mist of charcoal smoke, laden with the aroma of roasting pork, hung over the campus all day. Three volunteers from the Kinston, North Carolina, area travelled to Nashville to prepare the barbecue—Gerald

Carraway, Nerry Wall and Herman Williams. Six pigs were provided by members of the Creech Family (Ronald, Tommy, L.D., Jake and Wanda), the Lassiter Taltons and the Dell Lamms.

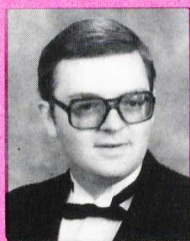
When the Field Day activities were over, the students, teachers and their families lined up at the cafeteria to be served barbecue, cole slaw, hush puppies and dessert. Some dove into the barbecue like veterans. Others, strangers to the porcine delicacy, sampled it first and then joined the veterans.

All agreed. The "pig out," as some called it, deserves to become an annual event.

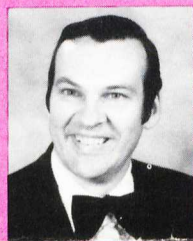
Our thanks to all whose contributions made it possible.

Eight Fall Graduates Announced

Dean Robert E. Picirilli recently announced that eight students have completed the college's requirements for the programs in which they enrolled and have graduated. These fall graduates are:



Sherwood K. Mullen
Garner, NC
B.A. Degree



Richard M. O'Neal
Norfolk, VA
B.A. Degree



Genevieve J. Waddell
Nashville, TN
B.A. Degree



Debra A. Robinson
Turbeville, SC
B.S. Degree



Sandra Gwinn Stewart
Palm Bay, FL
B.S. Degree



Darlett K. Sowers
Nashville, TN
Bible Diploma



Vicki L. Lundy
Havelock, NC
A.S. in Business



Miriam L. McVay
Nashville, TN
A.S. in Business



Could you make a special gift to FWBBC?

As 1983 draws to a close, the Bible College is faced with several special needs. Could you, your church group or other organization help? A special gift or a note that you will undertake a project would mean so much just now.

Here are some of the needs we face:

1. Two salad bars—\$1,400
2. Three sets of tires—\$300 each
3. 15-passenger van—\$12,000-\$15,000
4. 10 IBM Selectric III typewriters—\$931 each

If you can provide one or more of the items above, or if you will undertake a project to help, please notify the college by writing or calling:

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

January/February 1984

ALABAMA—Rev. Aycock, 1/22 (AM), Springfield FWB, Vernon; 1/22 (PM), Macedonia FWB, Millport; Rev. Tippet, 2/19-22, Howard Grove FWB, Cottonwood. **ARKANSAS**—Rev. Creech and FWBBC Men, 1/13-15, Polk Bayou and

Central Ass'n churches; Dr. Picirilli, 2/20-24, FWB Ministers Retreat, Conway. **FLORIDA**—Dr. Riggs, 1/25-29, First FWB, Vero Beach. **TENNESSEE**—Rev. Breeden, with College Choir, Concert Band and Evangel Players, 2/26 (PM), Pleasant View Christian School, Pleasant View.

Joe Creech and Bill Gardner in sacred concert on campus.



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