

Concert Choir, Evangel Players Announce Spring Tours

The college's Concert Choir and Evangel Players will be on separate tours March 12-17, while other students are enjoying spring vacation with their families. Each group is scheduled to appear in seven Free Will Baptist churches.

The Choir will take their spring program to churches in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. The group will be directed by Richard McDonald.

The Evangel Players will present the drama "Simon, The Leper," in Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia. Joseph Jones is the director.

Here are the tour schedules:

The Concert Choir

- Mar. 12—Decatur FWB, Decatur, AL
- Mar. 13—Harmony FWB, Lake Butler, FL
- Mar. 14—First FWB, Jesup, GA
- Mar. 15 (AM)—Glennville FWB, Glennville, GA
- Mar. 15 (PM)—First FWB, Savannah, GA
- Mar. 16—First FWB, Charleston Hgts., SC
- Mar. 17—N. Spartanburg FWB, Spartanburg, SC

The Evangel Players

- Mar. 12—Monterey FWB, Monterey, TN
- Mar. 13—Goshen FWB, Mt. Holly, NC
- Mar. 14—Bethany FWB, Norfolk, VA
- Mar. 15 (AM)—Hyde Park FWB, Norfolk, VA
- Mar. 15 (PM)—New Providence FWB, Hampton, VA
- Mar. 16—Grace FWB, Greenville, NC
- Mar. 17—Garner FWB, Garner, NC

Please pray for safety as they travel and for blessings in their services. If a service is scheduled near you, we hope you will try to attend. We assure you the service will be a blessing.

FWBBC Enrolls 388 For 1986-87 School Year

The Bible College enrolled 388 students from 25 states and five foreign countries for the 1986-87 school year, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar.

The undergraduate enrollment is 364, with another 24 taking graduate studies. By classes, the undergraduates total 111 freshmen, 99 sophomores, 69 juniors, 65 seniors and 20 special students.

Ministerial students total 84 and missions students number 43.

Tennessee produced the most FWBBC students (81) with North Carolina coming in second (39). Other states with 20 or more are Arkansas, (23), Illinois (23), Michigan (21), Missouri (23) and Virginia (20).

We deeply appreciate the trust placed in the college by the parents, pastors, and other friends who have encouraged these fine young people to choose FWBBC.



All Tournament Team: (Front, L to R) Jeff Hargis, Kreston Welch, Darren Portell, Chuck Owens, Daniel Jenkins. (Back, L to R) Ralph Moseley (MVP), Kevin Wisdom, Kyler Welch.

Trinity Wins Tournament For Second Year

The Trinity Christian School Tigers, from Greenville, NC, won FWBBC's eighth annual high school invitational basketball tournament for the second straight year, according to Byron Deel, the college athletic director. The tournament was held in Nashville January 8-10.

Second place was taken by Pleasant View Christian Academy, Pleasant View, TN. Third place went to Woodbine Christian Academy, Nashville, TN.


The Tigers are the only team to win the tournament, back to back. Other schools that participated in this year's tournament

are Bethel Christian, South Roxana, IL; Martin Hill Christian, Booneville, MS; Farmington Christian, Farmington, MO; and Victory Christian, Jasper, AL.

Seven players were chosen for the all-tournament team: Darren Portell, Bethel; Chuck Owens, Martin Hill; Daniel Jenkins, Pleasant View; Kyler Welch and Kreston Welch, Trinity; and Jeff Hargis and Kevin Wisdom, Woodbine. Ralph Moseley, a six-foot center from Pleasant View was chosen Most Valuable Player.

Victory Christian cheerleaders were chosen the tournament's best.

Next year's tournament is scheduled for January 7-9.



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Jehoiada Project Challenge Gift—Dr. Charles Thigpen, President, presents to FWBBC Treasurer Tom Sass a check for \$25,000, half of the \$50,000-matching challenge gift made by two North Carolina laymen upon the successful completion of the Jehoiada Project.

Your Church Could Fund A Bible College Scholarship

by Rev. Howard Pittman

Several years ago, while attending the spring Bible Conference, I was thinking of the many blessings God has poured out upon our denomination through Free Will Baptist Bible College. I came to one of the night services early and, while sitting by myself, watching the students come in, I began to search for ways I and my church could help these fine students. Having been a student in the early '60s, I had some knowledge of the problems, particularly the financial kind, that students face.

I thought of all the secular colleges and their emphasis on scholarships to increase their enrollment. Millions of dollars go to athletes they recruit for their sports programs. How much more important it is, I thought, to teach them the Word of God, with eternal values in view!

I went home determined to do something to help these students. I introduced the scholarship idea to our church. Within weeks our church voted to sponsor such a program. Since then, our church has maintained the scholarship program and, in so doing, has received many blessings, as have the recipients.

Here are some reasons Free Will Baptist churches and individuals should consider offering a scholarship to worthy students:

1. It is Biblical. Galatians 6:2 teaches us to help one another.
2. It is encouraging. Paul mentions in First Corinthians 16:18 how he was refreshed by the gifts of others.
3. It is a blessing. Jesus taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). When you establish a scholarship, you both give and receive.

There may be a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College today waiting for someone to encourage and refresh his spirit by giving him the help he needs to stay in school. You could be the one who makes the difference in whether he stays or has to leave.

Why not consider today starting a scholarship fund in the name of your church to aid deserving students. Small or large, any amount will be appreciated. God help us to keep the students encouraged as they do the will of God at Free Will Baptist Bible College!

For information on how to set up your scholarship, contact the Bible College Treasurer, Mr. Tom Sass.

—Rev. Pittman is pastor of the Lakeview Free Will Baptist Church, High Point, NC.



Spring Welcome Days Set For April 2-4

If you or a group from your church or school wants to be included in FWBBC's spring Welcome Days, April 2-4, now is the time to make your move!

Write to the college, requesting registration materials. A great time is in the making, so act now.

Write or call:

Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205-0117
(615) 383-1340

Pray For The Class of 1987



Red Cross Commends Bible College Blood Drives

Personnel from the Middle Tennessee Red Cross recently commended Bible College students and teachers for their continued involvement in the blood donor program.

The college conducted its spring semester campus blood drive January 20, involving 74 staff members and students. After the drive, Kathy Lake, RN, said, "This was one of the nicest, best organized blood drives I've ever been to. (You are) a super group of blood donors."

Dr. Kenneth Fawcett, Director of Blood Services, said, "The administration, faculty, staff and students at FWBBC are true supporters of the Red Cross Blood Service here in Nashville. A total of 2,311 pints of blood has been collected in the past 10 years at the college."

The next drive is scheduled for April 21. The college schedules two drives annually, but is hosting four drives this year to help meet critical blood needs in the Middle Tennessee area.



The Flames

The FWBBC Flames are playing teams from several other Bible colleges this season and have been invited to play in the national Bible college tournament in St. Paul, Minnesota, in March. This is the first time an FWBBC team has played intercollegiate basketball.

Members of the team are: Mike Ellson, Michael Waddell, Jeff Nichols, Kevin Justice, Keith Orr, Eddy Moody, Joey Wilson, Harold Webb, Jeff Robertson, Michael Pointer, Kevin Riggs and Jeff Sullivan. They are coached by Byron Deel, the college's athletic director.



The Concert Choir sang excerpts from the Christmas cantata, "Lord of Light, Prince of Peace," at the Opryland Hotel conservatory in early December, reminding hundreds of the real meaning of the season.

College Receives \$5000 Annuity

The Bible College recently received a new \$5,000 annuity from one of its long-time friends.

This method of giving is a blessing in two ways, according to Tom Sass, Treasurer. First, the donor is promised a good rate of return which will give him a steady income for life. Second, FWBBC ultimately will become the recipient of the original investment.

If you are interested in helping yourself now, while remembering the Lord's work at the same time, please contact the college for full information on its annuity program.

You can help a Bible College student and earn interest at the same time!

If you can invest as little as \$250 in the Student Loan Investment Plan, your money will:

- Help the Bible College build a substantial student loan fund.
- Help worthy students borrow money for their Christian education at a lower interest rate.
- Earn a good rate of interest for you.

Want to hear more? Write:

Student Loan Investment Plan
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205-0117

Free Will Baptist Bible College's 1987 Bible Conference **March 8-12, 1987**



- Dr. Ben McGrew
- Dr. Charles Hampton
- Rev. Howard Munsey
- Rev. Rue Dell Smith



FWBBC Drama Team: Gene Richards, Pam Stokes, Patti Bumpus, Jeanine McCarty and Michael Gragg.

Drama Team Places First In Forensics Tournament

Five FWBBC students brought home first place honors in the Invitational Forensics Tournament held in Chattanooga December 5-6. In addition to the Sweepstakes Award, given to the team that scores the most total points, two FWBBC students placed first and second in individual honors.

Patti Bumpus, a senior from West Wayne, MI, was chosen the tournament's best speaker for the second straight year. Second place went to Gene Richards, a sophomore from Ivory Coast, West Africa.

The FWBBC team brought home 18 awards from the 17 events in which they were entered.

Six Christian colleges and universities participated in the tournament. Other participants were Bob Jones University, Liberty University, Tennessee Temple University, Geneva College and Brewton Parker College.

Materials used by the FWBBC team were selected and arranged by Joseph Jones and Laura Thigpen, members of the Speech faculty. They also coached and directed the team members.

1986 Christmas Project Brings In Over \$41,000

The 1986 Christmas Project totaled \$41,077.12 in general fund gifts, according to Paul Kettelman, Director of Public Relations. Every student and teacher was challenged before the holidays to represent the college in churches they would attend and to encourage support.

The student body turned in the gifts they had collected in a special chapel service January 8.

The Christmas Project funds will go toward meeting the college's \$660,000-gift budget for the current year.



The following items needed by the college are not in the 1986-87 budget. If you can lend a Helping Hand by sending an item or making a special gift so we can buy it, we will greatly appreciate it!

Electronic Cash Register—\$450
Stop Watch—\$38
24" and 48" Levels—\$20, \$40
Carpet for dormitory halls—?
Desk Lamps (3)—\$50 ea.
Basketballs (6)—\$40 ea.
Word Processor/Printer—\$1,300
Amplifier/Mixer—\$1,500

Thanks to those who gave a set of tires and a commercial vacuum cleaner listed earlier.

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

March/April, 1987

ALABAMA—Dr. Riggs, 3/20-22, First FWB, Decatur. **ARKANSAS**—Mr. Creech, 3/1-6, Pleasant Valley FWB, Warren; Dr. Riggs, 3/27-29, First FWB, Batesville. **ILLINOIS**—Calvarymen Quartet, 3/1 (AM), Arnold View FWB, Marion; 3/1 (PM), Pittsburg FWB, Pittsburg. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Woodard, 4/11, Separate Bapt. Pastor's Conf., Hodgenville. **MISSOURI**—Mr. Shockey, 3/27-29, Calvary Fellowship FWB, Fenton; Calvarymen Quartet, 3/28, Youth Rally, Kirksville. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Thigpen, 4/5 (AM),

First FWB, Morehead City; 4/5-10, Cove City FWB, Cove City; Dr. Riggs, 4/22-23, AABC Evaluation, John Wesley College, High Point. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Creech, 3/15-20, Temple FWB, Darlington. **TENNESSEE**—Dr. Riggs, 3/4, Cross Timbers FWB, Nashville; Various teachers/Students, 4/10-12, Central Ass'n Churches; Dr. Picirilli, 4/13-19, Mt. Pleasant FWB, Joelton; Dr. Picirilli/Calvarymen Quartet, 4/26, Cross Timbers FWB, Nashville. **VIRGINIA**—Mr. Shockey, 4/20, Revival Crusade, Saltville.

CALENDAR Of Campus Events

March/April 1987

March

- 1-2 Senior recitals
- 3-6 Mid-term exams
- 8-12 Bible Conference
- 12-17 Spring vacation
- 12-17 Choir/Drama tours
- 18 Classes resume
- 27-29 Missions retreat

April

- 2-4 Welcome Days
- 23 Junior recitals
- 24 Junior/Senior banquet

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Bert Tippet, Editor



Dr. Thigpen announces the *Pass The Torch* campaign to a packed auditorium during Bible Conference.

Pass The Torch A Bold, New Step

by Frank Breeden
Director of Student Support

The time is right for Free Will Baptist Bible College to take a bold step, in faith, to become the best college it can possibly be.

On Tuesday, March 10, we announced that the college is embarking on a two-year growth strategy for just such a purpose. We have named this campaign, *Pass The Torch*—*Light for tomorrow's leaders today*.

Already, excited responses are coming from all over the denomination. Phrases like "this is the best thing the college has ever announced" are being heard almost daily. Our people are ready to see their school expand and grow, and they are ready to help make it possible.



Campaign Director Frank Breeden.

Some Changes

Through this effort of growth will come some changes. The most obvious change will be the emphasis in our fund raising. We will be gearing all of our efforts to focus on the needs of our students. A new Department of Student Support will coordinate all fund raising efforts for one purpose: to keep the cost of education as low as possible for our students.

Another important change will be how we plan to raise these funds. For the next two years, the total financial need of the college will be \$3 million. Through a carefully selected network of state and district

leaders (see next page), we hope to find a volunteer in every church who will help us promote this effort.

This is designed to involve new churches and individuals in giving, instead of going repeatedly to the same ones. This network will also be a valuable line of two-way communication between the college and Free Will Baptists. Ideas and suggestions can be passed to the college through the network. The college will also count on these volunteers to help give special promotion to their entire congregations and not just to the ones on our mailing list.

Scholarships

Other exciting changes include the use of the gifts people give to us. The most significant use will be a \$79-per hour scholarship for every student. On top of that will be a program of rebate scholarships through which Free Will Baptist students can receive tuition discounts of up to \$7 per semester hour, based on the gift income to the campaign. If Free Will Baptists respond, tuition will decrease for the first time in the history of the college!

And there is more!

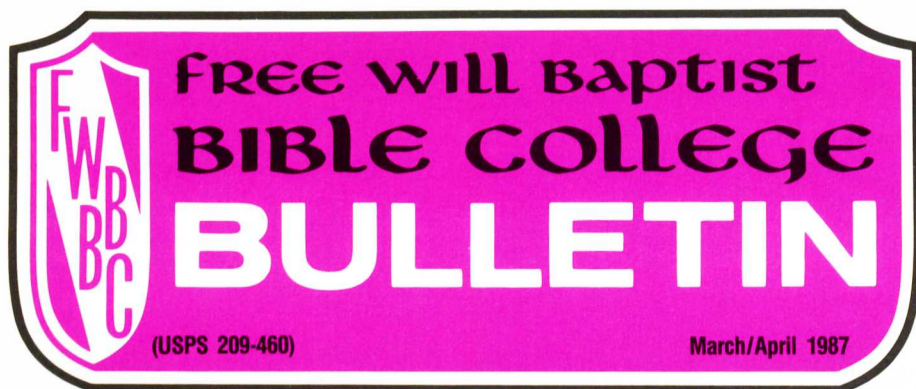
An entire bank of scholarships will be offered by the college. All of these will be tuition scholarships and will be true discounts, not subtractions from inflated prices. These, together with a tremendous financial aid program and a wide-open Nashville job market, will make it easier than ever for a young person to attend FWBCC.

New Programs

The most exciting change will be the plan the college has to expand into new programs of study. Serious consideration is presently being given to degree programs in the fields of business, physical education, youth ministry and others. A successful *Pass The Torch* campaign will make it possible for us to acquire the teachers and other resources we need to offer these programs.

There are some changes that will *not* take place...and that is just as exciting. Our commitment to God's Word as the center of our curriculum is still firm. Every teacher will still be a Christian, mature in the Word and an example of Christian dedication. High standards of conduct and appearance will still characterize everyone at FWBCC.

This is an exciting time of change and challenge for Free Will Baptist Bible College. We cannot do it alone. We must rely on God to guide our steps. We will also need His people to give and pray. There is a place for you in this campaign. Take the challenge now to grow with us to build our college into the strongest institution possible. Help us *Pass The Torch* and provide light for tomorrow's leaders today.





Introducing The Torch Commission

The Torch Commission representing the *Pass The Torch* campaign across the denomination, will be a very important element in the new drive. The college felt that Free Will Baptists would want to know who these people are.

Here are those who have agreed to serve on the Torch Commission for Free Will Baptist Bible College:

ALABAMA
 Gene Hales Jasper
 Lewis Mallory Ashford
 Tom Malone Florence

ARIZONA
 Bob Dreher Tucson

ARKANSAS
 David Joslin Conway
 Jerry Lewis N. Little Rock
 Doug Little Russellville

CALIFORNIA
 Nuel Brown Fresno
 June Rolon Fresno
 Milburn Wilson El Sobrante

COLORADO
 Bob Lewis Colorado Springs

FLORIDA
 Bobby Clyatt Chipley
 Larry Montgomery Hollywood

GEORGIA
 Ken Faison Colquitt
 Buddy Morris Statesboro
 Howard Price Statesboro
 Herbert Waid Moultrie

IDAHO
 Tommie Carlson Jerome

ILLINOIS
 David Mishler Johnston City
 David Shores Bonnie

INDIANA
 Greg Hanson Wabash
 Glen Johnson Rolling Prairie

IOWA
 Glenn Harlinger, Sr. Bettendorf

KANSAS
 Warner Collier Garden City

KENTUCKY
 Mike Carter Turkey Creek
 Tim Hall Glasgow
 Ken Walker Ashland

LOUISIANA
 Larry Russell Baton Rouge

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION
 Bob Breeden Perryman
 David Reece Fredericksburg, VA

MICHIGAN
 Roger Cooper Royal Oak
 Milton Worthington Royal Oak

MISSISSIPPI
 J. M. Creech Tupelo
 Luther Gibson Booneville
 Ralph Hester Gulfport

MISSOURI
 Clarence Burton Lebanon
 Wayne Phillips Flat River
 Nathan Ruble Fordland

NEBRASKA
 Jerry McClary Omaha

NORTH CAROLINA

Roy Harris Asheville
 Danny Howell Mt. Holly
 Tom Lilly Greenville
 Jerry Rackley New Bern
 Sam Truett Smithfield
 Leroy Welch Greenville

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Paul Wood E. Wenatchee, WA

OHIO

Jerry Griffith, Sr. McArthur
 Alton Loveless Columbus
 Bobby Prichard Cleveland

OKLAHOMA

Bob Ketchum Bixby
 Leonard Pirtle Owasso
 Jim Puckett Oklahoma City

SOUTH CAROLINA

A. C. Allen Effingham
 Norwood Gibson Florence
 Clyde Nations Inman

TENNESSEE

Terry Boyd Ashland City
 James Earl Raper Greeneville
 Winston Sweeney Kingsport
 Wendell Walley Nashville

TEXAS

H. Ray Berry Nacogdoches
 Frank Cope Bryan
 James Munsey Weslaco

VIRGINIA

Terry Beck Norfolk
 Jim Cox Clintwood
 W. B. Hughes Norfolk

WEST VIRGINIA

Burt Hall Charleston
 George Smith Beckley

CANADA

Fred Hanson New Brunswick

Bible College Summer Camp To Feature Music, Drama

Summer Camp '87 will feature a week of fun, training, and spiritual growth at Free Will Baptist Bible College for young people who have completed the ninth grade. The camp, scheduled for June 22-28, will provide intensive, college level training in the fields of music and drama.

Both camps will be directed by FWBBC music and drama teachers.

Music camp will include training in vocal, keyboard and instrumental music. Group and private classes are planned. Elementary conducting, music theory and music appreciation will also be taught. Music campers will work all week on a group production.

Drama camp will be taught by the most skilled speech/drama teachers in the denomination. It will include training in how to apply make-up (including beards for Bible characters), assembling sets, and other elements necessary for putting on a drama. NYC speech competitors can even receive special coaching for their performances.

The week will climax with a joint program of music and drama, with area Free Will Baptists invited.

Devotions and messages will ignite spiritual fires in the hearts of those who attend *Summer Camp '87*.

The total cost—including room, board, activities, camp shirt, etc.—is only \$135. A \$10 deposit, refundable before June 1, is required with camp applications.

To apply, send your deposit with a summary of your interest/experience in either music or drama, to:

Summer Camp, 87
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205
(615) 383-1340

Eight Students To Serve As Summer Missionaries

Eight students from Free Will Baptist Bible College will serve 10-week terms on the mission field this summer. They were appointed for summer service by the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, meeting in Nashville.

The students are:

Jeff Black (Spain)—Chocowinity, NC
Vicky Christy (Spain)—Ashland City, TN
Dave/Rebecca Franks (France)—Nashville, TN

Suzanne Franks (France)—Barbacena, MG, Brazil

Sharon Justice (Panama)—Phelps, KY
Greta Lambert (France)—Burnsville, MS
Corinna Robertson (Brazil)—Mason, IL
Rev. Eugene Waddell, Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department, says, "The student missionary program has many values. It gives the prospective missionary candidate an opportunity to practice some of those things which he has heard in the classroom. The student renders valuable service to the missionary in many practical ways. Some students have returned to the United States and become avid promoters of foreign missions. We praise God for this avenue of service for our dedicated Free Will Baptist young people."

Please pray for these students. Many of them could use your financial assistance to help them get to the field and back home. Gifts may be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, designated for the student of your choice.

**PLEASE PRAY
for the members of
The Class of 1987
who will graduate in May.**

New Catalog Available

The 1987-88 FWBBC Catalog is available from the college to any pastor or high school junior or senior who wants one. Just send your request to:

Catalog

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

Graduate School Announces Next Courses

Ralph Hampton, dean of the FWBBC Graduate School, says that two graduate courses will be offered on campus this summer and a third in December. These courses are part of the Master of Ministry program, which requires one week of study on campus, with assigned reading and a project to be carried out away from the college.

May 25-29, a course in *Methods and Materials for Pastoral Counseling*, featuring Dr. William Kirwan of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, will be offered.

August 3-7, the course will be *Preaching and Teaching the Old Testament*.

December 28-January 1 will feature *The Christian Education Program of the Church*. Dr. Ken Riggs and Rev. Jonathan Thigpen will teach this course.

Courses may be taken for credit or on a non-credit basis.

Tuition is \$250 per course for credit; \$125 for non-credit.

Room/board is \$68 for the week.

For more information, or to pre-register, write or call:

Free Will Baptist Bible College
Graduate School
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205
(615) 383-1340

Students Remodel Campus Lounge

The student body, led by SB President Dean Jones, recently completed a project to remodel the student lounge, adjacent to the snack shop.

The project included new carpet, paint, curtains, removal of a wall and the addition of new furniture. It was done at a cost of \$2,100, which was raised by students. Students also contributed about 300 hours of work on the project.

The lounge was rededicated during the spring Bible Conference in March. Jones, in his dedication remarks, said, "Out of great love and concern, and a great spirit of unity, we present this project to you—the administration, faculty, staff and students. We thank you for making our school great, for giving of yourselves and for the exciting future God has in store for us."

◆ The refurbished student lounge.





The Calvarymen: Jeff Runion, Thomas Parker, Mike Lewis, Len Scott, Mike Phillips.

Calvarymen Quartet To Make Summer Tour

The Calvarymen Quartet will represent FWBBC across the denomination on a summer tour, according to Dean Jones, student director of the group. They are scheduled to begin their tour in June.

Members of the quartet are Len Scott (lead), a sophomore from N. Little Rock, AR; Thomas Parker (tenor), a freshman from Smithfield, NC; Mike Lewis (baritone), a junior from N. Little Rock, AR; and Jeff Runion (bass), a sophomore from Black Mountain, NC. Pianist is Mike Phillips, a junior from N. Little Rock, AR.

The tour schedule is being compiled now, but the group hopes to be on the road for about 10 weeks.

Pleasant View Rally Raises Over \$11,000

Over 750 people attended a rally for Free Will Baptist Bible College at Pleasant View Christian School on Sunday night, Feb. 22, and raised more than \$11,000 for the college.

The fourth annual rally was the joint effort of churches in the Northern Quarterly of the Cumberland Association.

The program included music by the Concert Band, College Choir and Calvarymen Quartet. Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean, brought the message.

Tomorrow's Free Will Baptist leaders are at Free Will Baptist Bible College today.

HELPING HAND LIST

The following items, needed by the college, are not in the 1986-87 budget. You can lend a Helping Hand either by sending the item needed or by sending a designated gift so that we can buy it. Thank you for your Helping Hand.

Travelling displays (4)—\$1,200 ea.
Timer for typing class—\$40
Soccer balls (5)—\$30 ea.
Soldering gun—\$35
Wall clocks (2)—\$30 ea.
French horns (3)—\$1,200 ea.
New maintenance truck—\$8,000
Carpet for dorm halls—(?)
Word processor/printer—\$1,500
Amplifier/mixer—\$1,500
Basketballs (12)—\$40 ea.
Electronic cash register—\$675
Set of dumbbells—\$550
Wrought iron furniture—(?)

Thanks to those who gave a light fixture and set of levels listed on the last Helping Hand List.

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

May/June 1987

CALIFORNIA—Mr. Breeden, 6/25-27, State Ass'n, Fresno. **FLORIDA**—Dr. Outlaw, 5/15-17, Beulah FWB, Pensacola. **MICHIGAN**—Dr. Thigpen, 5/15-16, State Ass'n, South Haven. **MISSOURI**—Mr. Breeden, 6/10-11, State Ass'n, Carthage. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Picirilli, 5/2, Blue Ridge Ass'n; 5/3, Rocky Pass FWB, Marion; Dr. Thigpen, 6/5, Trinity Christian Schools, Greenville; Dr. Thigpen/Mr. Breeden, State Ass'n, Gastonia.

OHIO—Dr. Thigpen, 6/25-27, State Ass'n, Columbus. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Creech, 5/24-29, N. Spartanburg FWB, Spartanburg. **TENNESSEE**—Dr. Miley, 5/24, Baccalaureate, Pleasant View Christian School, Pleasant View. **TEXAS**—Mr. Breeden, 5/2, Central Dist. Competition, Bryan; 5/3 (AM), First FWB, Bryan; 5/3 (PM), United FWB, Bryan; 6/17-19, State Ass'n, Odessa.

CALENDAR Of Campus Events

May
7-12 Final exams
10 Baccalaureate service, 8 p.m.
12 Drama Program, 8 p.m.
13 Graduates' Breakfast, 8 a.m.
13 Choir Concert, 8 p.m.
14 Commencement Exercises, 10 a.m.
18 Summer School begins

June
19 Summer School ends
22-28 Summer Camp, '87



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Paul J. Ketteman With The Lord

Paul Jackson Ketteman, 62, Public Relations Director of Free Will Baptist Bible College for 25 years, died May 21 in Nashville, winning his final victory over a three-year bout with bone cancer. His death came seven days after the college honored him at graduation exercises for his quarter century of service.

The funeral was held Saturday, May 23, in the auditorium of the college he loved and to which he gave so much of his life. Dr. Charles Thigpen, Dr. Robert Picirilli and Dr. L. C. Johnson spoke of the impact of Paul Ketteman's life on themselves, the college and the denomination, as a whole.

President Charles A. Thigpen later noted several things about his friend and helper:

Brother Paul was always honest and open—you always knew where he stood on any issue. He was a good preacher of the Word and possessed a deep feeling for people. No one could ever be more accommodating to others than Paul. He saw needs and offered his help before most of us were even aware that a need existed.

No member of our college team will ever be missed any more than Paul. We thank God for his influence on this college.

Although noted most for his association with the college, Mr. Ketteman also had a rich, successful pastoral ministry. He twice pastored Mt. Elon Free Will Baptist Church, Pamplico, SC.

He also pastored Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, NC, and First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, MS.

He served four years as clerk of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and nine years on the Bible College board of trustees.

The Illinois native left home in 1942 to become Free Will Baptist Bible College's first student. Dr. L. C. Johnson, the college's first president, loved to tell how, as he drove up to 3609 Richland Avenue in Nashville to assume leadership of the infant school, he found Paul sitting on the steps, waiting for classes to begin. Mr. Ketteman graduated with the Bible diploma in 1945 and received his B.A. from Columbia Bible College in 1947.

If any love rivaled that for his Lord and his college, it was his love for his family. On the back of a college form used for keeping employee biographical data, is a space for listing outside activities. Mr. Ketteman wrote on his, "Husband, Grandfather, and father." When the college honored him recently at graduation, as the audience of 900 stood in tribute, he said, "I'm just glad Helen (Mrs. Ketteman) is here to see this!"

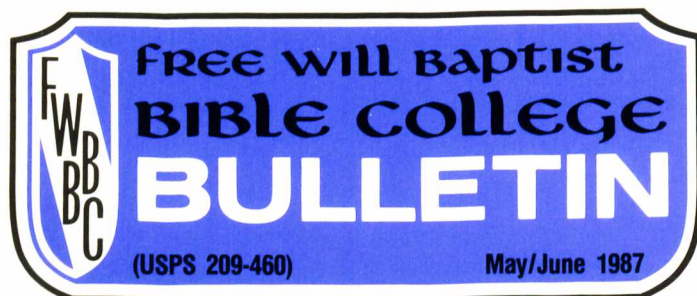
His son, Greg, said, "I've lost more than a father; I've lost my best friend." We are sure his daughters, Mrs. Carol Reid and Mrs. Joy Corn, feel the same.

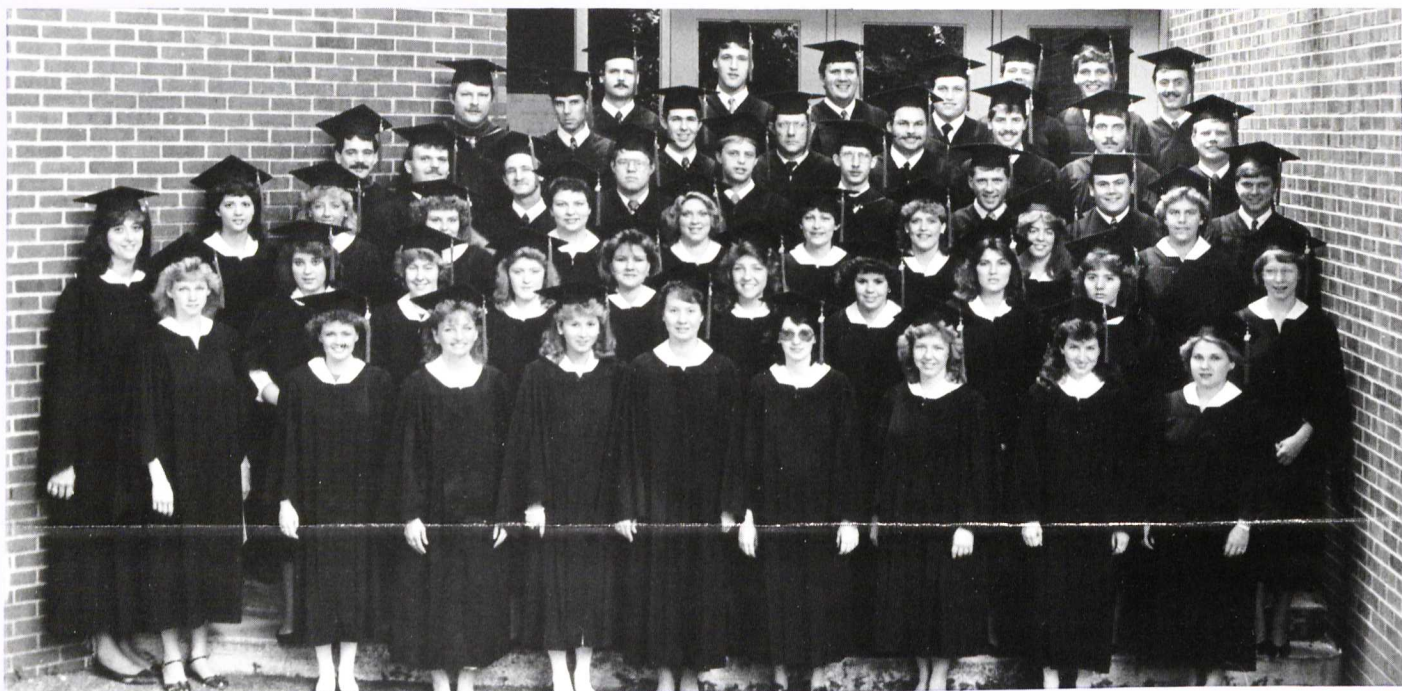
During the last two weeks of his life, Paul delighted in sharing with all his friends a new truth the Holy Spirit had given him from Psalm 32:8-9. There, God promises to teach and guide His children, but He warns them against mulish stubbornness. Paul told several friends, "He is teaching me some precious things in these days and I'm trying hard to learn them, but I still find a lot of the mule in me."

We are confident our friend, Paul J. Ketteman, learned the Lord's lessons well. After all, God used him to teach so many of us the way to enjoy living and, finally, how to die victoriously.



**Rev. Paul J. Ketteman
1924-1987**





The Class of '87.



Dr. Thigpen presents Keith Orr with his B.A.



53 Graduates Honored At Commencement

The Bible College graduated 53 students at commencement exercises held on campus May 14. The 1987 graduates came from 17 states and two foreign countries to study at FWBBC.

About 900 students, employees and guests met in the Activities Building to honor the graduates. The programs completed by members of the class included seven Associates of Arts in Business, two Associates of Arts, one Associate of Christian Ministries, 28 Bachelors of Science, 15 Bachelors of Arts, and three Masters of Arts in Pastoral Studies.

The challenge to graduates was delivered by Rev. Bobby Aycock, veteran missionary to Brazil who has taught missions at the college since 1982.

Senior testimonies were given by Barbara Allen, Lavergne, TN; Daniel Dean, Gilbert, WV; Tammy Gentuso, Farmington, MO; Mark Hogan, West Wayne, MI; and Jamie Lancaster, McShan, AL. Rev. James Earl Raper, president of the FWBBC Alumni Association, welcomed the graduates to the association.

Rev. Tom Malone, chairman of the college Board of Trustees, honored Rev. Paul Ketteman, director of Public Relations, for 25 years of service to the college.

Commencement capped off a week of graduation activities that began on Sunday night with the Baccalaureate Service. The Baccalaureate speaker was Rev. Terry Boyd, pastor of the Ashland City Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland City, TN. On Tuesday evening, the Evangel Players gave their 10th and final performance of "Simon the Leper."

On Wednesday morning, graduates and their friends and families enjoyed a ham breakfast with the college faculty, administration and trustees.

The College Choir gave its last concert on Wednesday evening. (See next page for a list of this spring's graduates.)

Barbara Allen gives her testimony.



The Class of '87

The following are graduating members of the Class of 1987:

Associate of Science in Business Degrees—

Gaye Atwood, Beaufort, NC
Kelly Dutton, Wakeman, OH
Lynne Harmon, Durham, NC
Regenia Jones, Booneville, MS
Lisa Orr, Crab Orchard, IL
Sheila Pratt, Memphis, TN
Donna Ward, Jesup, GA

Associate of Arts Degrees—

Lena Grice, Wheelersburg, OH
Yvonne Iddins, St. Clair Shores, MI

Associate of Christian Ministries Degree—

Stephen Hutchinson, Manning, SC

Bachelor of Science Degrees—

Michael Aldridge, Jesup, GA
Jeff Black, Chocowinity, NC
Deborah Burkepile, Johnston City, IL
Marvin Castle, Paintsville, KY
**Cynthia Clinton, Indian Mound, TN
Margaret Clyatt, Chipley, FL
Carol DuBose, Vernon, AL
Michael Ellson, Jr., New Castle, IN
Cynthia Essex, Cookeville, TN
**Kristina Nix, Auburn, WA
Alan Owens, Raleigh, NC
Stephen Rentz, Brunswick, GA
Victoria Rockmore, Kinston, NC
*Tamara Gentuso, Farmington, MO
Phyllis Hawkins, Birmingham, AL
Mark Hogan, Wayne, MI
Michael Hollifield, Swannanoa, NC
**Jeannine McCarty, Wabash, IN
**Cynthia Mills, Greenville, NC
Marvin Mouser, DeSoto, MO
Patricia Murray, Nantes, France
Jeff Nichols, Tupelo, MS
Shannon Teague, Nashville, TN
*Lisa Terry, Stone Mountain, GA
*Michelle Vincent, Memphis, TN

Bachelor of Arts Degrees—

***Barbara Allen, Laverne, TN
**Verlin Anderson, Warren, MI
Helen Byrd, Taylor, MI

***Daniel Dean, Gilbert, WV
*Royce Horne, Jr., Williamsburg, VA
James Lancaster, Jr., McShan, AL
Keith Orr, Crab Orchard, IL
Tim Osborn, Russellville, AL
Kenneth Pell, Conroe, TX
Melissa Riddle, Nashville, TN
Thomas Rolan, Nashville, TN
Marty Sheldon, Loudon, TN
Julie Spence, LaPorte, IN
Jeffrey Statton, Bethel, NC
Jeffrey Sullivan, Elizabethton, TN

Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies Degrees—

*Robert Franks, Barbacena, Brazil
*Alvin Keener, Jesup, GA
***Jerry Sweeney, Ashmore, IL

*-cum laude

**magna cum laude

***summa cum laude

Commencement Honors

Several special awards are made to students during graduation exercises each year. Here are the awards made this year:
Yearbook Editor's Medal: Melissa Riddle, Nashville, TN

Best All-around Boy: Michael Hollifield, Swannanoa, NC

Best All-around Girl: Patti Bumpus, West Wayne, MI

Outstanding Student: Michelle Vincent, Memphis, TN

Society Sports Trophies: Christina Rossetti Society, Pi Gamma Chi Society

Class Academic Medalists (highest grades in each class):

Freshman: Julie Steele, Nashville, TN

Sophomore: Richard Anderson, Joelton, TN

Junior: Fred Hoffman, Nashville, TN;
Danny Ramey, Coeburn, VA

Senior: Barbara Allen, Laverne, TN;
Jeannine McCarty, Wabash, IN; Cynthia Mills, Greenville, NC

Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society: Barbara Allen, Daniel Dean, Jeannine McCarty
Homer Willis Music Scholarship (\$500 each): Deanna Greenwood, Pine Bluff, AR; Scott Bullman, Spartanburg, SC
William Henry Oliver Educational Scholarship (\$4,000): Kathy Kennedy, Beckley, WV



Mrs. Ennis

Mary Lou Ennis With The Lord

The Bible College held a memorial service April 14 for English teacher Mary Lou Ennis, who died April 6, following a lengthy bout with cancer.

Mrs. Ennis joined the Bible College faculty in 1978 after more than 40 years of teaching in public schools. She was named Teacher of the Year in the Metro Nashville School system in 1971.

The campus memorial service featured remarks by President Charles Thigpen and Rev. Joseph Jones, chairman of the English/Speech Department. The Calvary-men Quartet sang "Blessed Assurance" and "How Great Thou Art."

Many things about Mrs. Ennis will be missed, but those who knew her will especially remember her personal concern for every student and her practice of praying as if God were very near. The college may find another English teacher, but it will never be able to replace Mrs. Ennis.

280 Visitors Attend Spring Welcome Days

The college hosted 280 visitors from 19 states at the spring Welcome Days for prospective students, held on campus April 2-4, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, coordinator. The visitors, coming from 86 churches, included 96 boys, 115 girls and 69 sponsors, he said.

The largest state delegations were Illinois (48), North Carolina (40), and Arkansas (30).

The highlight of the weekend was the Friday evening program that included the Evangel Players' performance of "Simon The Leper," and performances by the College Choir and Concert Band. Several visitors rededicated their lives to the Lord during this service.

Other events included presentations of the *Pass The Torch* multi-media program, class visits, basketball games and a variety program.

The weekend gave visitors a good taste of life at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The next Welcome Days is scheduled for November 12-14. If you would like information on it for yourself or a group from your church, please write or call:

Welcome Days

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



Group travels for East Tennessee services.

37 From Bible College Hold East Tennessee Services

Thirty-seven teachers, staff workers, students and their wives held a weekend rally in the Central Quarterly of East Tennessee, April 10-12.

Activities included rallies on Friday and Saturday nights, morning preaching and teaching on Saturday, and services in 25 participating churches on Sunday.

In addition to 28 public decisions, the weekend raised \$15,000 for the Bible College.

FWBBC personnel performed in a variety of ways. The Calvarymen Quartet and

a duet formed by Joseph Jones and Dr. Ken Riggs provided special music. Mr. Jones also gave the dramatic reading "Abraham and Isaac." Rally messages were preached by Mr. Jones, Dr. Riggs and Campus Pastor Bob Shockey.

Many of the participants hailed it as one of the best weekends they had ever spent. The fellowship was sweet, they said, and the Holy Spirit blessed in every service.

Development Director Ronald Creech, who organized the trip, agreed that it was an outstanding weekend. He says that he hopes to organize similar trips to other conferences and quarterly meetings in the fall.

HELPING HAND LIST

The following items are needed by the college, but are not included in the budget. You could lend a Helping Hand by giving some needed item(s) or by designating a special gift so the college can buy them.

Do you work with a group that needs a project? Why not adopt something listed below? Please notify the college if you do.

Thank you for your Helping Hand!

Tuba—\$1,300

Tenor saxophone—\$700

Soldering gun—\$35

Amplifier—\$1,500

Basketballs (6)—\$40 ea.

Word processor/printer—\$1,300

Wall clocks (2)—\$30 ea.

Metric socket wrench—\$40

Wrought iron furniture—?

Carpet for dorm halls—?

Travelling displays—\$1,200

Thanks for the gift of a volleyball listed in the last Helping Hand list.

Know any prospective students?

Send their names and addresses to:

Free Will Baptist Bible College
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Nashville, Tennessee 37205
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OUT AND ABOUT—Members of the administration, faculty, and staff have scheduled the following services:

July/August 1987

ARKANSAS—Mr. Creech, 8/11-13, State Ass'n, Camp Beaverfork, Conway.

CALIFORNIA—Mr. Breeden, 8/21-23, Youth Retreat, Stockton. **GEORGIA**—

Mr. Shockey, 7/26, New Home FWB, Colquitt. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Mr.

Breeden, 8/10-14, Randall Ass'n Youth Camp. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Mr.

Shockey, 8/2, Peace FWB, Spartanburg. **TENNESSEE**—Dr. Thigpen, 8/12-13, Union Ass'n, Greeneville. **VIRGINIA**—Mr. Shockey, 7/12, First FWB, Richmond.

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CALENDAR Of Campus Events

August	
3-7	Graduate school course
18-21	Faculty in-service training
22	Dormitories open
24	Opening service—7:30 p.m.
25-26	Registration
27	Classes begin
28	Opening convocation— 9:50 a.m.



Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, President

Bert Tippet, Editor

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The Bulletin

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The Evangs: Eddie Moody, Regena Workman, Wendy Grindstaff, Michael Gragg

Let the oasis become a sea!

by Michael Gragg
Member, Evangs Drama Team

For four weeks this summer I travelled with the Evangs Drama Team. Although I have been on many other tours, this one was different. The difference was not that the group this year was special or did anything out of the ordinary, because, from a technical standpoint, this group was like many others. The difference was in how the Lord God chose to use the Evangs in a unique way—a life-changing way.

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—Michael Gragg is a junior ministerial student from Nashville. The Evangs held 28 services in five states in May and June.



1987-88 Student Body Officers: (Standing) Dean Jones, Tamara Walley, Karen Tippet. (Seated) Kevin Riggs.

Student Body Elects 1987-88 Officers

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Flames Schedule 18-Game Season

The FWBBC *Flames* basketball team has scheduled an 18-game intercollegiate season for 1987-88, according to Byron Deel, Athletic Director. The team got its first taste of competition last year and is eager for more.

The *Flames* are scheduled to play teams from Mid-South Bible College, Memphis, TN; Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, AL; Crowley Ridge Christian College, Crowley Ridge, AR; Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, TN; Wesley Bible College, Florence, MS; and Atlanta Bible College, East Point, GA. They will also compete in the Tip-off Tournament in Circleville, OH.

Coach Deel has also scheduled two games with FWBBC alumni during the season.

The *Flames* played six games during the 1986-87 season. "We were generally pleased with the experiment and felt it added favorably to the students' college experience," Mr. Deel says.

Coach Deel stressed that the college has kept in mind the dangers of an aggressive athletic program. "Uppermost in our minds is the knowledge that we are a Bible college and our purpose is to train and equip young men and women for the work of the Lord," he says. "No emphasis must ever be permitted to overshadow this objective."

Here is the schedule of 1987-88 *Flames* games:

Time	Opponent	Place
Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.	Mid-South B.C.	Memphis, TN
Nov. 7, 1:00 p.m.	Mid-South B.C.	Memphis, TN
Nov. 12, 7:00 p.m.	1970's Alumni	Home
Nov. 13-14	Tip-off Tournament	Circleville, OH
Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m.	Southeastern B.C.	Home
Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m.	1980's Alumni	Home
Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.	Crowley Ridge C.C.	Crowley Ridge, AR
Dec. 5, 1:00 p.m.	Crowley Ridge C.C.	Crowley Ridge, AR
Dec. 12, 3:00 p.m.	Johnson B.C.	Knoxville, TN
Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.	Wesley B.C.	Florence, MS
Dec. 18, 12:00 p.m.	Wesley B.C.	Florence, MS
Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.	Crowley Ridge C.C.	Home
Jan. 16, 1:00 p.m.	Crowley Ridge C.C.	Home
Jan. 21, 8:00 p.m.	Wesley B.C.	Home
Jan. 22, 8:00 p.m.	Wesley B.C.	Home
Jan. 23, 2:00 p.m.	Mid-South B.C.	Home
Jan. 30, 1:00 p.m.	Atlanta B.C.	East Point, GA
Feb. 1, 7:00 p.m.	Johnson B.C.	Home
Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.	Southeastern B.C.	Birmingham, AL

College Says Goodbye To Choice Workers

"Goodbyes" are difficult. That is especially true when we must say "goodbye" to people we love, who have served well.

FWBBC will begin the 1987-88 school year without the presence of several outstanding workers—Bobby and Sue Aycock, Peggy Messer, Nell Carr and Jack Saulsgiver.

Rev. Aycock, who served with his wife as missionary to Brazil, joined the faculty in 1982 to teach missions. He has assumed the pastorate of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, NC.

Mrs. Aycock, served as secretary to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar.

Mrs. Messer, FWBBC cashier, has left the college to teach private piano at Pleasant View Christian School, Pleasant View, TN.

Mrs. Carr, receptionist, married Mr. Vernon Lile on July 5 in Nashville and has moved to Kentucky, where they will make their home.

Mr. Saulsgiver, who served as assistant food service director and as acting food service director, has taken a job with another Nashville employer.

Dr. Thigpen noted, "All of these fine people served the college well. We regret their decisions to leave, but we always rejoice when people follow God's will! Each of these believe that he is following the Lord's direction—therefore, we wish each one God's best!"

The college is looking for people to fill the places left by these fine workers. Please pray that the Lord will direct to us the people of His choosing.

Winter Master's Program To Feature Christian Ed.

The next Master of Ministry program to be held on campus will be *Building the Local Church Through Christian Education* and will feature Dr. Kenneth Riggs and Rev. Jonathan Thigpen. The dates are Dec. 28, 1987-Jan. 1, 1988.

Rev. Ralph Hampton, dean of the FWBBC graduate school, stresses the practical nature of the course. Pastors will get "nuts and bolts help in this course," he says.

Inquiries on the Christian education course and on the graduate program may be sent to Rev. Hampton, in care of the Bible College.

TWO VIDEO TAPES NOW AVAILABLE

1. Campaign Update-11 minute introduction of Pass The Torch.
2. Pass the Torch-10 minute tape of our new wide screen presentation shown at the Bible Conference and the National. Both are loaned free upon request-write us today!

FIRST NEW PROGRAM OF STUDY AVAILABLE THIS FALL

PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJOR



by Dr. Robert Picirilli
Academic Dean

We are pleased to announce the addition of another new program, this time in physical education. This four year Bachelor of Science degree program is designed to prepare teachers who will specialize in physical education for school grades K-12.

The addition of this program represents our continuing commitment to prepare school teachers. Free Will Baptist Bible College entered this field of education several years ago, largely because of the burgeoning Christian school movement in our ranks. Our first program in this field was for elementary school teachers. Then we added other programs, including one for those teaching at the high school level, with certification to teach either Bible or English.

Now we add physical education to that list. Many schools need someone to teach physical education as a special subject, across all the grades, and to coach one or more team sports. This program will provide qualified young men and women for such responsibilities.

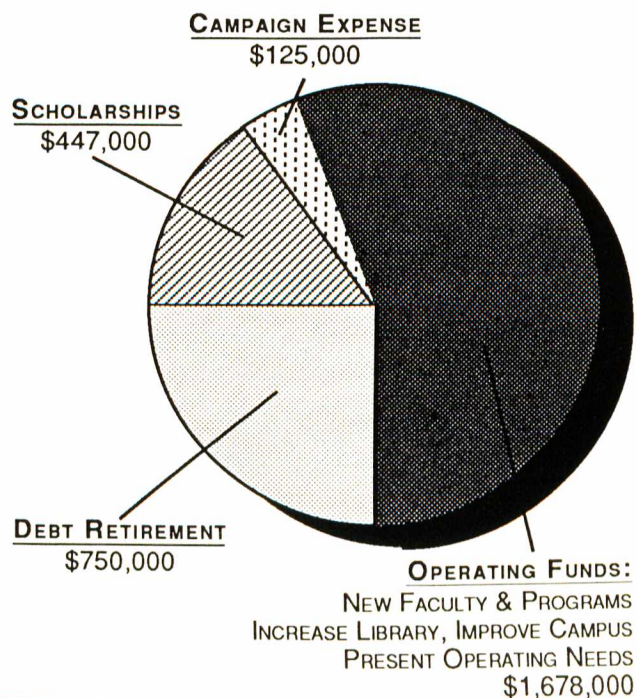
We believe strongly in Christian schools and believe God led us to prepare teachers so that our Christian schools could have godly teachers, well prepared both in Biblical studies and in teacher education. The results have been beyond our expectations. Scores of teachers in Free Will Baptist Christian day schools have been prepared at FWBBC.

From the very beginning, we emphasized that those prepared for teaching in Christian schools should be as well prepared as their counterparts in public schools--even better, since most teachers in public schools have not been prepared Biblically and spiritually. For that reason, we have always made sure that our programs also meet the standards of the Department of Education of the state of Tennessee. Therefore, although the state does not certify teachers for private schools, students who graduate from our approved programs can receive formal certification to teach in Tennessee and may teach in public schools if they choose to do so. That, too, is a worthy Christian vocation.

The program in physical education will include everything needed for its purpose. In addition to the Bible major required of all FWBBC graduates, and a thorough core of courses in general education, 30 semester hours in physical education and 25 in teaching methods are prescribed. The physical education courses include Personal and Community Health, Health and Safety Education, Lifetime Fitness, activity electives in individual and team sports, methods courses in elementary and high school physical education, Administration and Supervision of

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

When you give to the Pass The Torch Campaign, your gifts are distributed as follows:



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦♦We are still working hard to build our network. Every FWB church should have a local leader to help relay special announcements directly to the people. Find out who that leader is in your church. If no one is serving, help us secure someone through your pastor.
- ♦♦Several of you are receiving special letters from us including more detailed information about our campaign and a challenge to give. Please read these materials prayerfully as you evaluate how you will respond to the challenge.
- ♦♦If you have not received your Torch Lapel Pin, drop us a letter pledging your prayers and we'll get one to you right away.

Physical Education, Human Anatomy and Physiology, Physiology of Exercise, Physical Education for the Handicapped, and Kinesiology and Motor Learning.

Mr. Byron Deel and Mrs. Barbara Riddle, of the FWBBC faculty, have master's degrees in the field and will teach most of the courses. The new school year's juniors will be the first to be able to complete the degree.

We will appreciate all our friends helping us get out the word about this new program. Perhaps there is someone in your church or in your family who has a special interest in physical education. If you know any young person who really wants to live for the Lord and work in this field, please help him or her get in touch with us as soon as possible.



Roy Harris

NC Pastor To Be Dean of Men

Rev. Roy Harris, pastor of Zephyr Hills Free Will Baptist Church, has joined the FWBBC staff to serve as Dean of Men, according to President Charles A. Thigpen.

Rev. Harris, a native of Anderson, IN, graduated from FWBBC in 1977, served as a student supervisor 1976-78, and as Dean of Men 1978-80.

He has also pastored the Ahoskie Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, NC. There he founded and served as administrator of Ahoskie Christian School. He also directed the Ahoskie Day Care Center.

President Thigpen said, "We are very pleased to have Roy return to the college. He understands young people and works well with them. We consider it a privilege for him to be a vital part of the college team."

Calvarymen Quartet Reports Good Services

The Calvarymen Quartet has reported excellent services on its summer tour of Free Will Baptist churches. Mike Lewis, baritone singer from N. Little Rock, AR, says that a teen girl was converted from Roman Catholicism in a recent service.

Dean Jones, public relations representative who is traveling with the group, indicated that the spirit in the services has been good and offerings for the college better than he had expected. Mr. Jones, a senior from Marion, IL, has taken time in services to emphasize the Helping Hand List published in each issue of the *Bulletin*. So far, people have responded by giving to the college a tuba, saxophone, and trombone. A youth group in Arkansas is donating four basketballs.

The Calvarymen performed at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Birmingham in July and were received very well.

The college is grateful to every pastor who has welcomed the group to his church and for every person whose hospitality has been shared with these fine young men.



Pleasant View Bible Club presents check to Rev. Shockey

Area Children Give \$50 To Christian Service Dept.

Children in the Pleasant View Christian School Bible Club, in Pleasant View, TN, raised \$50 to buy visual aids and a subscription to *Today's Child* for the FWBBC Christian Service Department, according to Rev. Bob Shockey, Christian Service Director. The money will buy supplies to be used in evangelizing children, he said.

The children were encouraged in the project by their club sponsor, Miss Brenda

Beavers, an alumna of FWBBC, and Pleasant View Principal Roger Hood.

Members of the club attended chapel on campus in May and presented the check to Rev. Shockey after the service. Rev. Shockey, in his response, wrote that the gift from the children "will be a blessing and a challenge to so many young people." He concluded, "You will not go unrewarded, I am sure."

We thank God for friends like the Bible Club of Pleasant View Christian School!

New Staff Chosen For '88 Yearbook

Katie Hamm, a junior from New Castle, DE, will edit the 1988 *Lumen*, the FWBBC yearbook. Miss Hamm is majoring in English and minoring in Foundations of Education. She was a very effective '87 yearbook staff member.

Genevieve Waddell, a member of the English faculty, will serve as advisor to the yearbook staff. She replaces Bert Tippet, who was yearbook advisor for 18 years before stepping down this spring.

Church ads for the yearbook need to be sent in the early fall. The final deadline for ads is December 1. Any pictures to be used must accompany the ad order. The cost is \$150 for a full page, \$80 for a half page, and \$50 for a quarter page. A free copy of the *Lumen* is given to all full-page ad subscribers.



The following items, needed by the college, are not in the current budget. You could lend a Helping Hand by giving a needed item, or by designating a special gift for the college to buy it.

Some items would make excellent projects for your youth group or class. If you adopt something as a project, please notify the college so that no one else will adopt the same item.

Thank you for your Helping Hand!

- Word processor/printer—\$1,200
- Incline weight bench—\$130
- Traveling displays (3)—\$1,200 ea.
- Carpet for dorm halls—?
- Drill battery—\$50
- Maintenance truck—\$8,000
- Wrought iron furniture—?
- French horns (3)—\$1,200 ea.
- Pressure Washer—\$2,300
- Amplifier/mixer—\$1,500
- Team handballs (6)—\$35 ea.
- Typing timer—\$40
- Metric socket set—\$40

Recent responses to the Helping Hand List have been great! Thanks to you who recently volunteered to give two wall clocks, a desk lamp, five basketballs, a soccer ball, a tuba, a saxophone, and a trombone to the college!



The Torch

A Publication of the The Student Support Office of Free Will Baptist Bible College in conjunction with the Pass the Torch Campaign

To keep you as updated as we can, The Torch will now be published every other month and will be inserted in The Bulletin.

FRANK BREEDEN, EDITOR

Gift Highlights

Since our campaign began several months ago, the Lord has worked in many hearts to produce some nice responses to our financial needs. Here are just a few which represent this response:

- A family in **California** has pledged to match their state's entire Torch goal of **\$21,600**.
- A couple in **North Carolina** has signed a checkbook and are pledging to give **\$400** per month for the length of the campaign. They want to be one of our thirty **\$10,000** donors.
- The **W.N.A.C.** August 15th goal of **\$1,893.00** was met and surpassed on June 30th—**\$2,479.00!!** Congratulations are due the women for this terrific response.
- The **Canton FWB Church** in Canton, North Carolina raised around **\$8,500** for the college in their annual walk-a-thon. Rev. **Bill Robinson** is the new pastor.
- Sherwood Forest FWB**, New Bern, North Carolina sent a nice Tithe The Treasury offering of **\$3,000** in May. Rev. **Jerry Rackley** pastors our friends there.
- Memorial FWB**, Fresno, California had a *Pass the Torch Day* on Sunday, June 28. A generous offering was given and further support was pledged.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADIES OF W.N.A.C.



by Dari Goodfellow

The women of WNAC have always played a vital part in our denomination. The Bible College would like to give special thanks to the women of WNAC. You have shown us through your giving that you care. As of June 30, WNAC raised enough funds to surpass your August 15th Torch goal of \$1,893 by giving \$2,479.45!! Congratulations!

The College will always need and appreciate your finances. As well as your gifts, we need your influence. You can use that influence and talk to your own children about attending FWBCC.

Even if college is still several years away, begin now to plant a love in their hearts for the Bible College. Write for a catalog and other materials to help you share the college with your youth group.

Encourage your pastor and church to participate in the Torch Campaign. Maybe you could even volunteer to be the Torch spokesperson for your church. There's plenty of help needed, and plenty of places for women to serve. Keep up the good work, ladies.

Mrs. Goodfellow serves as an assistant to Mr. Breeden in the Department of Student Support.

CAMPAIGN GIFTS THROUGH JUNE 30, 1987

Alabama	\$14,436.07	Missouri	5,485.70
Arizona	75.00	Nebraska	135.00
Arkansas	6,462.17	New Mexico	3.24
California	2,288.13	North Carolina	39,719.69
Colorado	-0-	Northwest Assn.	50.00
Florida	5,928.23	Ohio	2,645.08
Georgia	13,721.41	Oklahoma	3,474.78
Hawaii	240.00	South Carolina	13,479.95
Idaho	121.50	Tennessee	39,205.70
Illinois	3,658.22	Texas	1,830.49
Indiana	1,130.29	Virgin Islands	117.50
Iowa	200.00	Virginia	6,402.28
Kansas	89.13	West Virginia	1,395.19
Kentucky	2,410.40	Canada	99.50
Maryland Assn.	471.54	W.N.A.C.	2,479.45
Michigan	2,310.27	Other	121,200.51
Mississippi	4,885.47	TOTAL	296,203.05



Campers and staff of Summer Camp '87

Summer Camp '87 Helps High Schoolers

Twenty-seven high school students from eight states attended the college's Summer Camp '87 in Nashville, June 22-28, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, director.

The campers enjoyed a full week of training in two areas: music and drama. Members of the FWBBC music and speech faculties, as well as alumni and present students, served as camp staffers. Under their care, the campers honed their skills in the area of emphasis chosen. They were then challenged to play an active part in training other young people in their home churches. Several are also planning

to compete in the national Free Will Baptist Youth Conference.

In addition to hours of private and group instruction, the campers enjoyed special times of devotion and challenge. Many were moved to tears at the Wednesday evening service, at which a discussion drama was presented.

Campers also were given time to relax on special outings, including a picnic at Edwin Warner Park.

The week of training ended on Sunday, when the campers scattered among area Free Will Baptist churches, where they shared in the morning services. On Sunday night, they held a group service of music

and drama in the college auditorium.

This is the second year FWBBC has sponsored a one-week summer camp program. Last year only music was offered. Drama was added for this year's camp. Plans now call for basketball to be added to the music and drama emphases for Summer Camp '88, which is scheduled for June 20-26.

For more information, please write or call:

Summer Camp '88
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205-0117
(615) 383-1340

OUT & ABOUT

FLORIDA—Dr. Picirilli, Dr. Outlaw, Mr. Hampton, 9/25-26, State Bible Conference, Bethany FWB, Eaton Park; Mr. Creech, 10/28-30, State Ass'n, First FWB, Auburndale. **GEORGIA**—Dr. Riggs, 10/4, White Oaks FWB, Macon. **INDIANA**—Mr. Creech, 8/30-9/4, First Bible FWB, New Castle. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Riggs, 9/25-26, Camp Caleb, Paintsville. **MISSOURI**—Dr. Thigpen, Dr. Riggs, 10/29-31, American Ass'n of Bible Colleges, St. Louis. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Riggs, 10/18, West Cal-

vary FWB, Smithfield; Mr. Breeden, 10/25 (AM), Prospect FWB, Dunn. **OKLAHOMA**—Dr. Picirilli, 9/11-12, Oklahoma FWB Christian Education Conf., West Tulsa FWB, Tulsa. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Creech, 10/19-25, First FWB, Darlington. **TENNESSEE**—Mr. Breeden, 10/16-17, Cumberland Ass'n Youth Retreat, Happy Hills Acres, Clarks-ville; Dr. Riggs, 10/19-23, Good Springs FWB, Pleasant View. **TEXAS**—Dr. Thigpen, 9/16-17, Couples' Camp, Bryan.

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Calendar Of Campus Events

Aug. 31-Sept. 7	Rush Week
Sept. 8	Campus Blood Drive
Sept. 16-20	Campus Revival
Sept. 25	Siblings Program
Sept. 26	Fresh.-Soph. Picnic
Oct. 17	Formal Dinner, 7 p.m.
Oct. 20-23	Mid-semester Exams

Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, President

Bert Tippet, Editor

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September/October 1987



1987-88:

The Year of Rejoicing!

by President Charles A. Thigpen

Some people choose a verse of scripture and call it their "life's verse." Others choose a verse for each year.

For a few years now, the college has selected a motto for each year. Last year, the college budget had been cut to the extent that many jobs were done by students, faculty and staff who volunteered their work. Therefore, we called it *"The Year of The Volunteer."*

A motto for this year had not been chosen before the opening of the school year. However, during faculty in-service training, held the week before the opening of school, the first hour each day was spent in Bible study and prayer. Dr. Robert Picirilli, our Dean, had asked a different teacher to lead each day's opening hour.

Dr. LaVerne Miley was first. He was led to deal with the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5). He gave a special emphasis to the joy of the believer as a definite manifestation of that fruit. He pointed out that, as the Holy Spirit works in the believer, He produces the joy of the Lord.

The next day, Dr. Robert Woodard led our study. Even though he and Dr. Miley had not conferred, he, too, presented an even fuller treatment of Christian joy. When he finished, we all felt like saying, with the Apostle Paul, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."

In my own preparation for the first week's chapel services, I had already developed two messages around the statement in Nehemiah 8:10, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah's thrust is that the believer's joy is produced by being right with God.

Because of this relationship to the Lord, the people of Nehemiah's day gathered around the Word of God as it was read to them in a careful way so that they could understand its truth. They worshipped God and fellowshiped with His people. Then, they spontaneously reached out to others as they shared God's abundance with them.

As these people of God experienced the joy of the Lord, it was so natural for them to reach out to others in deeds of sharing. They discovered the joy of the Lord—which was truly their strength—and it overflowed to those around them.

Dr. Charles R. Erdman said, "Faith in Christ and obedience to Him are the sources of abiding joy....Blessed are those who have discovered the sacred duty of being happy and who are seeking with divine aid to rejoice in the Lord always."

And so it seemed quite appropriate to choose the motto *"The Year of Rejoicing"* for the 1987-88 school year.

My prayer is that all of us who have discovered "the sacred duty of being happy" will let our joy overflow to those around us.

Major Steedley



Rev. Munsey



Rev. Poston



Missionaries To Preach In November Conference

A chaplain, two home missionaries and the Home Missions Department directors will conduct the college's annual Missionary Conference, Nov. 1-4, according to Dr. Thigpen, President.

Major Kerry Steedley, a native of Georgia, will share his burden for the spiritual needs of U.S. military personnel. He is a 1970 FWBBC graduate and has been a U.S. Army chaplain for nine years.

Rev. Glenn Poston, from South Carolina, is beginning his second home missions church in Tennessee. He began the First Free Will Baptist Church, in Millington, in 1978. He is now a joint project home missionary, building Grace Free Will Baptist Church, in Memphis. He is a 1974 graduate of the Bible College.

Rev. James Munsey, a Tennessean who graduated from FWBBC in 1981, will represent the growing mission field represented by Hispanics. He is pastor of Templo Free Will Baptist Church, in Weslaco, TX, and is Coordinator of Mexican Ministries for the National Home Missions Department.

Director Roy Thomas, Assistant Director Trymon Messer and Director of Development John Gibbs will also speak.

The conference will feature 10 major services, as well as prayer bands and interviews between Home Missions personnel and students.

The college's continuing effort to keep world evangelization before the students includes the annual Missionary Conference, which features home and foreign mission fields on alternating years.



Mrs. Waddell helps Sherri Hughes with her class schedule.

300 Enroll For Fall Semester

The college enrolled 300 students—150 men and 150 women—from 24 states and two foreign countries, when the fall semester began in late August, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar.

States with the largest representations are Tennessee (63), North Carolina (33), and Missouri (20). By states, the enrollment breaks down as follows:

Alabama	15	Michigan	18
Arkansas	17	Mississippi	5
California	4	Missouri	20
Delaware	2	North Carolina	33
Florida	6	Ohio	11
Georgia	13	Oklahoma	3
Idaho	1	South Carolina	17
Iowa	1	Tennessee	63
Illinois	17	Texas	9
Indiana	8	Virginia	12
Kentucky	15	West Virginia	4
Louisiana	2		
Massachusetts	1	Foreign	3

Of the total, 291 are Free Will Baptist and nine represent other denominations.

Ministerial students number 69 and missions students total 26.

Opening services were preached by Home Missions Assistant Director Trymon Messer and Campus Pastor Bob Shockey. Numbers of decisions were made at the conclusion of each service. A spirit of enthusiasm has prompted President Charles Thigpen to designate this "The Year of Rejoicing" (see accompanying article).

Please pray that this will be a great year at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Pray for students, teachers, administrators and staff workers. (A *Daily Prayer Calender*, listing all college employees and daily prayer needs, is available. Call or write the college.)

Faculty/Staff Changes Seen For New Year

Several changes in the faculty and staff were seen as the college began the 1987-88 school year.

Two missions teachers will fill the gap left by Rev. Bobby Aycock's return to the pastorate. Former Foreign Missions Department Director Rolla Smith and missionary Marcia Ellison, on furlough from Uruguay, are teaching missions courses this fall.

Mrs. Jaki Good and Mrs. Susan Ramsay are teaching physical education and music, respectively. Both are part-time.

Mrs. Margie Patton has joined the staff as receptionist. She and her husband, Wayne, recently returned to middle Tennessee.

Mrs. Wanda Powell joined the staff in August as secretary to the Registrar, and Mrs. Connie Smith is the new cashier.

Richard Irwin, a part-time student, is helping the maintenance staff.

Tim and Janie Campbell and Mrs. Linda Moore are serving as student supervisors.

Mrs. Diana Harris is our new acting food service director. Mrs. Margaret B. Hampton is serving as dining hall hostess.

The college will miss the services of George and Lena Grice, who were student supervisors, and Robert Stephens, who worked in maintenance.



The following items, needed by the college, are not in the current budget.

Please lend a Helping Hand by buying one or more items, or sending a special gift designated for them.

Overhead projectors (4)—\$150 ea.

35mm cameras (2)—\$130 ea.

Dictionaries/stands (4)—\$50 ea.

First aid kit—\$90

Catalog cards (1,000)\$12

Newspaper subscription—\$16

Small pickup truck (new or used)—?

If you send a special gift for one of the above, please designate it clearly.

Helping Hand Gift

Free Will Baptist Bible College

3606 West End Avenue

Nashville, Tennessee 37205-0117

(Special thanks to those who recently made Helping Hand Gifts for the following: typing timer, metric socket wrench, wall clock and five copy stands.)

CAMPAIGN GIVING SUMMARY

GIFTS THROUGH AUGUST 15, 1987

August 15th marked the arrival of our first goal in the *Pass The Torch Campaign*. We were aiming for a goal between \$375,000 and \$550,000. When all the gifts were tallied, our total came to **\$383,452.62!**

This qualified our students to receive the *level one* discount on their tuition, which was \$1 per semester hour. So, we were able to decrease our tuition some for their benefit.

We now set our sights on the next goal which comes on December 31, 1987. With God's help, we hope to raise somewhere between \$682,000 and \$1,000,000.

Since we did begin this campaign during the late spring and early summer months, it was difficult for some churches to really gear their people into a major fund drive for our college when school was getting out. We realized that this first goal would be a little ambitious for some areas. Hopefully, your church will be able to get back in the mood for education since the fall has arrived.

Below is a map of the U.S. depicting which states reached their goals. They are: *California, Maryland Association, and New Mexico*. Several states raised over 50% of their suggested goal and deserve

Alabama	\$20,418.01	Nebraska	170.00
Arizona	135.00	New Mexico	205.54
Arkansas	13,298.85	North Carolina	53,724.22
California	4,256.76	Northwest Assn.	127.20
Florida	10,033.08	Ohio	4,233.14
Georgia	18,935.83	Oklahoma	7,667.67
Hawaii	260.00	South Carolina	18,839.90
Idaho	173.50	Tennessee	65,757.28
Illinois	6,999.26	Texas	3,047.26
Indiana	1,587.67	Virgin Islands	117.50
Iowa	200.00	Virginia	11,148.08
Kansas	147.37	West Virginia	2,534.61
Kentucky	3,723.30	Canada	99.50
Maryland Assn.	2,893.60	W.N.A.C.	2,695.15
Michigan	7,015.16	Other	104,496.77
Mississippi	6,701.68		
Missouri	12,262.18	TOTAL	\$383,452.62

honorable mention. They are:

Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Indiana
Iowa
Kentucky
Mississippi
Missouri
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia
West Virginia
W.N.A.C.

Congratulations and thanks are in order to these states whose

churches and individuals helped to make this giving possible.

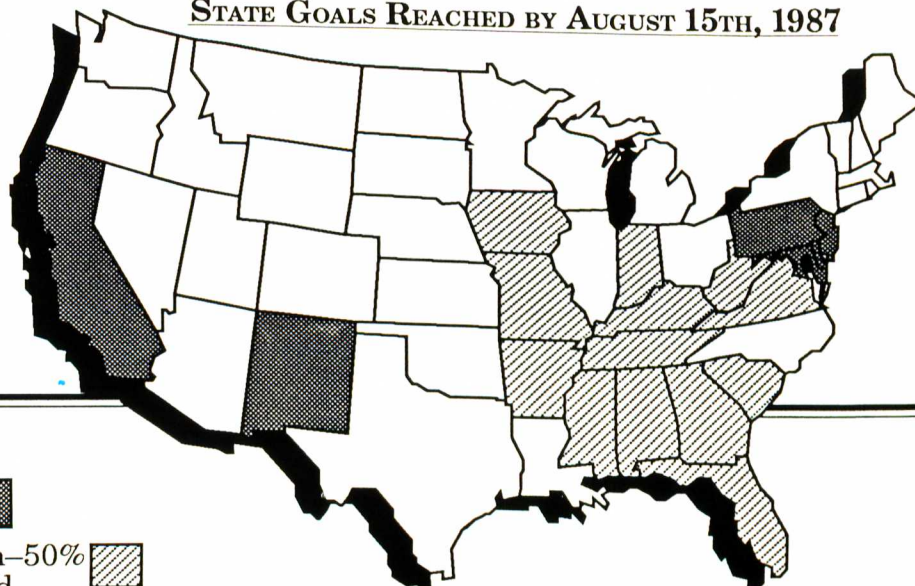
As a reminder, those states who reach their goal will win a \$2-per hour additional discount on their students' tuition bill.

This semester's fund drive will culminate in our **"Christmas Project Plus"** and will attempt to raise the largest Christmas gift ever for the college.

Why not begin now to give to this special Christmas drive. By working together ahead of time, we should be able to reach our top goal of \$1,000,000. Challenge your church and friends *now* to join us in this effort.

STATE GOALS REACHED BY AUGUST 15TH, 1987

**Pass
The
Torch**



Reached or Exceeded Goal



Honorable Mention—50%
or more raised



\$20,000 Bequest Left To College

The college recently received \$20,000 from the estate of the late Victor and Lassie Link of Nashville. The Links were members of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

President Charles Thigpen noted that Cofer's Chapel has been faithful in its support of the college since FWBBC was founded in 1942. "Today, it is among the leading churches in its financial gifts to the college," he says. "I believe the example of their local church inspired the Links to remember the college in their will. I trust that this gift will inspire others to remember this part of the Lord's work as they prepare their wills."



Eight Teams Chosen For Tournament

Eight Free Will Baptist high school teams from six states have been invited to FWBBC's ninth Invitational Basketball Tournament, Jan. 7-9, 1988, according to Byron Deel, the college's athletic director.

The teams are:

Florence Christian, Florence, AL

Grace Christian, Rocky Mount, NC

Mingo Christian, Lenore, WV

Trinity Christian, Greenville, NC

Pleasant View Christian, Pleasant View, TN

Woodbine Christian, Nashville, TN

Bethel Christian, S. Roxana, IL

Van Buren Christian, Van Buren, AR

Last year's winner, Trinity Christian, will be defending its title against some tough competition, Coach Deel predicts.

Cheerleaders will also be competing for trophies during the tournament.

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An Open Letter To The Friends of Paul J. Kettelman

Dear Friends,

This is a word of thanks to you who have expressed your love and sympathy to me and to our children during these days after Paul's homegoing, when he was promoted to final victory and reward on May 21.

As you know, he loved the college and delighted in the arrival of students in the fall—the new ones and the returning ones. He especially cared for the parents who brought them or sent them, and for the pastors who encouraged them.

This fall, he was not here to welcome the students, parents and pastors—for the first time in 25 years. And, for the first time since his own arrival here in 1942 as the first student, he was not in some way involved in the promotion of the college.

Others are faithfully filling this ministry now.

"For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5).

May He continue to bless each of you as you see the need to support our college and to encourage our young people as they prepare to give out the most important message ever heard.

Helen Kettelman

Helen Kettelman

Next Welcome Days November 12-14

If you want to visit the college, or if you want to bring a group of prospective students, Welcome Days is the ideal time.

The next Welcome Days is November 12-14, so contact the college ASAP (As Soon As Possible) to make your reservation.

The many special activities—music programs, drama, sports, class visits, etc.—guarantee it will be a good time. FWBBC Coach Byron Deel says that returning alumni men will play a basketball game with the Bible College's Flames. A special game for the women is also in the making, he says.

The cost is only \$15 per person, including room and meals, but bring your own bedroll and toiletries.

For your reservation, write or call:

Welcome Days

Free Will Baptist Bible College

3606 West End Avenue

Nashville, Tennessee 37205-0117

(615) 383-1340

Fall Campus Revival Kicks Off Semester

Rev. Hughes Ellis, founder of Revival Unlimited, preached the fall campus revival, Sept. 16-20, and helped to get the new school year off on the right foot.

The evangelist preached nine times in five days—during daily chapel services and each evening. He also spoke to the men of the college, especially ministerial students, at a breakfast on Saturday morning.

Rev. Ellis, a former Free Will Baptist pastor and home missionary, has preached for 26 years and has pastored in Tennessee, Michigan and Alabama. He is now a full-time evangelist and lives in Pleasant View, TN. Rev. Ellis and all five of his children have attended FWBBC.

Many, many decisions were made during the meeting. Rev. Ellis later commented, "I was impressed by the spirit of the students, especially their responsiveness."

The campus revival is an annual event sponsored by Ministerial Fellowship, an organization of student preachers.



The Torch

FRANK BREEDEN, EDITOR

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LOOK WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!

The first semester of our *Pass the Torch Campaign* is underway and the scholarships are being accepted very well. Across the bottom of this page are a few students who have benefited from the new scholarships.

By far, the most popular benefit we have been able to offer is the scholarship for pastoral dependents. Students are able to see a reduction in their tuition of \$500 up to \$1,000 per year.

The other scholarships, which primarily reward new students for NYC competition wins, excellent academic record in high school, recruiting other students, and more, are being received just as well.

As a past, present, or potential donor to our college, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that you make this possible. When you give, you are actually giving to the support of those who are here training for their life's work, our students.

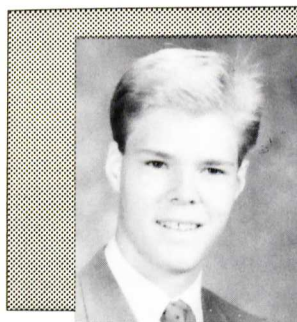
In terms of dollars, we have calculated that every student receives a **\$79** per semester-hour scholarship from you. For a fulltime student, that benefit translates into **\$2,500** per year. Over the course of four years, that becomes **\$10,000**. Doesn't it make you feel good to know you are saving a Free Will Baptist young person over **\$10,000** on their college education?

ARKANSAS WOMEN RESPOND



Mrs. Genelle Scott, Woman's Auxiliary President of Arkansas, presents a gift check to campus pastor, Bob Shockey, for \$1,045 while FWBBC board member Doug Little, and faculty member, Dr. Ken Riggs look on. The check was given to our *Pass the Torch Campaign* at the Arkansas state meeting in August.

The special significance of the amount is that it represents one dollar for every member of the auxiliary. We appreciate this great number of ladies for their "wholehearted" support.



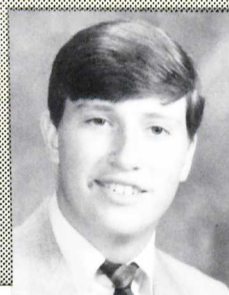
Kyler Welch, Freshman
Greenville, North Carolina

Pastoral Benefit	\$250
NYC Winner	\$250
Campaign Rebate	\$16
Denominational	\$1,264
Total Benefit	\$1,780



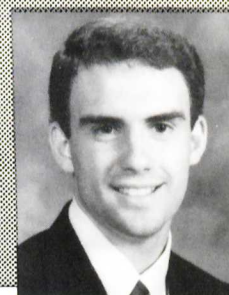
Tanya Getz, Sophomore
McAllen, Texas

Pastoral Benefit	\$350
Campaign Rebate	\$17
Denominational	\$1,343
Total Benefit	\$1,710



Benny Reece, Sophomore
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Pastoral Benefit	\$350
MD Assn. Rebate	\$28
Campaign Rebate	\$14
Denominational	\$1,106
Total Benefit	\$1,498



Len Scott, Junior
N. Little Rock, Arkansas

Pastoral Benefit	\$400
Campaign Rebate	\$18
Denominational	\$1,422
Total Benefit	\$1,840



Rejoice! Ensemble

College Forms New Ensemble

Rejoice! is a new mixed ensemble formed recently by the college to hold promotional services around the denomination, according to Dr. Ken Riggs, who will coordinate all services for the group.

The ensemble is comprised of ten students and will begin traveling next semester, he says. Members of the group were chosen both for their talent and for their dedication to the Lord and ability to be good representatives.

The name for the group is taken, in part, from "The Year of Rejoicing" theme observed by the college in 1987-88.

At times, the group will be divided into two mixed quartets when they have opportunities to minister in more than one place.

Dr. Riggs says that plans call for *Rejoice!* to travel for the college during the summer and the fall semester of 1988.

Please pray for this new group as they train and as services are scheduled for them.

Response Great To PE Major

Coach Byron Deel reports that the college's new Physical Education major is attracting students who want to teach PE in elementary and secondary schools.

Several began the program this fall. "I think we will have 15, maybe 20, in it by the end of the year," he says.

He was stopped recently by a new student who said, "Are you Coach Deel? Well, I'll be seeing a lot of you during the next four years!"

If you know a young person who is interested in a coaching ministry, tell him about FWBBC's new Physical Education major.

College Awards Two B.S. Degrees

The Bible College awarded Bachelor of Science degrees to two graduates Sept. 1, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean.

Mrs. Sandra Bazan Cook, of Columbia, TN, graduated with a major in Elementary Education.

Mrs. Rhonda Henderson Davis, of Washington, NC, also completed a major in Elementary Education.

The college congratulates both graduates and prays for them a lifetime of service to Jesus Christ.

OUT & ABOUT

November/December 1987

ALABAMA—Rev. Shockey, 11/5-7, State Ass'n, Hamilton. **MICHIGAN**—Dr. Thigpen, 11/1 (AM), Kirby FWB, Taylor; 11/1 (PM), Woodhaven FWB, Woodhaven; 11/2, Metro Pastors Meeting, Detroit. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Rev. Shockey, 11/13-15, Immanuel FWB, Durham. **OKLAHOMA**—Dr. Riggs,

State Youth Conf., Tulsa. **TENNESSEE**—Dr. Thigpen, 11/8, Cookeville FWB, Cookeville; 11/15, Peace FWB, Morristown; Dr. Thigpen/Dr. Picirilli, 11/9-11, State Ass'n, United FWB, Dickson.

Calendar Of Campus Events

November

2-4 Missionary Conference
12-14 Welcome Days
26-30 Thanksgiving Holidays

December

14-17 Final examinations
17 Fall semester ends

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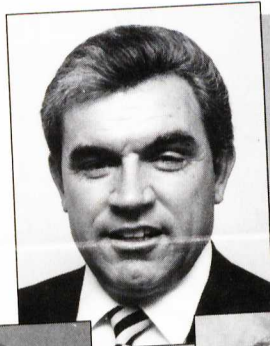
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1987 Christmas Project To Honor Mr. Kettman

The annual Christmas drive, which was one of the late Public Relations Director's favorite projects, has been renamed The Paul Kettman Memorial Christmas Fund in his honor, according to President Charles Thigpen. The President has asked Campus Pastor Bob Shockey to direct the special drive.

The goal for this year's drive is the largest in its 11-year history—\$100,000.

All gifts received by the college in December, both those raised by students while they are home for the Christmas holidays and those received through other channels, will be counted toward the goal. They will also be counted in the Pass The Torch campaign total.

Free Will Baptists are being urged to send a special gift to the college in December in honor of Brother Kettman, who served for a quarter century as its Public Relations Director. Pastors have been asked to receive a special offering and individual donors have been contacted concerning a special gift.

The annual Christmas drive, begun in 1976, has raised more than \$470,000 for the college.

Please send your gift today to:
The Paul Kettman Memorial Christmas Fund
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Dr. Whitcomb To Speak At Bible Conference

Dr. John C. Whitcomb, internationally recognized expert on science and the Bible, will be the featured speaker at the college's spring Bible Conference, Mar. 6-10.

Joining him on the program are Rev. Billy Hanna, Rev. Larry Powell and Dr. Stanley Outlaw.

Dr. Whitcomb spoke at the 1986 conference and was hailed as an extremely popular, powerful preacher and defender of the Word. He is Professor of Theology and Old Testament and Director of Doctoral Studies at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN. In addition to conference activities, he has authored a number of books and Bible commentaries.

Rev. Hanna is pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, GA. The 1973 FWBBC alumnus has also pastored in Nashville, TN; Savannah, GA, and Bowling Green, KY.

Rev. Powell established churches in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and McAllen, TX, before assuming his present pastorate, Cofer's Chapel FWB Church, Nashville. He is a 1964 FWBBC graduate.

Dr. Outlaw joined the FWBBC faculty in 1966 to teach Bible and Greek. After graduating from the Bible College in 1962, he earned his Master's and Doctor's degrees at Bob Jones University.

The college's alumni will hold their annual homecoming during the conference, according to Alumni Association President James Earl Raper. This will include a fellowship time after the Monday evening service and a banquet/business session on Tuesday.

Mark your calendar now—March 6-10—and plan to attend the 1988 Bible Conference.



Front Row: Scott Bullman, Vicky Christy, Colleen Spears, Shelly Coyle, Karen Tippet, Jim Weese. Back Row: Don Worrall, Mike Lewis, Harold Webb, Fred Huffmon, Dean Jones.

Faculty Nominates Seniors To 1988 Who's Who

Twelve seniors were selected recently by the faculty to be included in the 1988 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. They are:

Scott Bullman—Spartanburg, SC
Vicky Christy—Ashland City, TN
Shelly Coyle—San Jose, CA
Suzanne Franks—Barbacena, Brazil
Fred Hoffman—Nashville, TN
Dean Jones—Marion, IL
Michael Lewis—N. Little Rock, AR
Colleen Spears—Pikeville, TN
Karen Tippet—Nashville, TN

Harold Webb—Marion, NC
James Weese, Jr.—Bakersfield, CA
Donald Worrell—Smithfield, NC

The faculty considered each nominee's spiritual maturity, emotional development, academic success and potential for service before making the final selection.

Each *Who's Who* senior will be included in the 1988 edition with students from some 1,400 universities and colleges. Certificates will also be presented to them at graduation exercises in May.



Choir, Drama Tours To Head West

The Bible College Choir and Evangel Players Drama Team will visit Free Will Baptist churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma for most of their 1988 spring tours, March 10-18.

The choir will hold nine services in Arkansas and one in Mississippi before returning to Nashville. The group will be directed by Richard McDonald. Dr. Ken Riggs is the tour director.

The drama will visit eight churches in Oklahoma and one in Illinois and Missouri. Joseph Jones directs the program. Bert Tippet is the tour director.

About 60 students and college personnel will be involved in the two tours.

Specific services will be publicized in the areas the groups visit.

Bible College Honors Mrs. Agnes Frazier

Bible College personnel and many other friends met at the college on Nov. 1 to honor Mrs. Agnes Frazier on her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Frazier is a pioneer among Free Will Baptist women and has been a blessing to every department of our national ministries as a promoter of missions and education.

Former FWBCC President L. C. Johnson spoke regarding her support to the Bible College. Dr. Mary Wisehart traced her work with the Woman's Auxiliary. Rev. Rolla Smith recalled her hand in the work of missions. Rev. Terry Boyd, her pastor, told of her faithfulness to her church in Ashland City, TN.

Rev. Frank Breeden hosted the surprise party and presented a plaque from the college.

We thank God for Mrs. Frazier and trust the Lord will continue to bless and use her for many years.

Rev. Frank Davenport Holds Campus Sessions

Rev. Frank Davenport, veteran Free Will Baptist pastor and church builder who has spent most of his 35 years of ministry in North Carolina, shared from his rich experience with Bible College ministerial students during two days on campus, Oct. 5-6. The sessions were part of the Visiting Pastor Seminars the college holds to equip young preachers to grapple with the practical problems of the ministry.

Rev. Davenport preached in chapel both days he was on campus. He also held sessions on Starting/Organizing Churches, Church Finances, Part-time Pastoring and Fatherly Advice to Young Preachers.

One of the students later said: "I praise the Lord for a man who is an example for us to follow; a man who has...the boldness to do the will of God and not back down when the times get rough." Dr. Robert Woodard, a member of the Pastoral Training Faculty, said the seminars were "practical and worthwhile."

Visiting Pastor Seminars are conducted once or twice each year by the college.

"Back To Basics" Conference Sept. 26-28, 1988

Speakers:

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Fremont,
Bob Jones University
Dr. Truman Dollar, Temple Baptist
Church, Detroit
And others

Former Reagan Appointee To Speak At Conference

Dr. George Youstra, a former Reagan appointee to the Department of Education who now serves as president of Clearwater Christian College, Clearwater, FL, will be the key speaker at FWBCC's Christian Schools Conference, Feb. 22-24, 1988, according to Dr. Ken Riggs, chairman of the Teacher Education Department.

Dr. Youstra, a former teacher at Bob Jones University, spoke at the Bible College's schools conference in 1985 and was extremely well received.

The conference will also feature practical workshops and will give Christian school administrators a chance to interview some 15 FWBCC seniors who plan to enter the teaching ministry.

More information on the conference is available by writing or calling the college.



The 1987-88 Flames

Men's Basketball Team Wins Ohio Tournament

The FWBBC Flames took first place in the Tip-Off Tournament held Nov. 13-14 in Circleville, OH, according to Coach Byron Deel.

Michael Pointer, a junior from Springfield, MO, was tapped for the Christian Witness Award, the highest individual honor of the tournament. It is awarded to the player combining outstanding athletic ability with Christian conduct and sportsmanship, according to Coach Deel.

Two Nashvillians—Michael Waddell, sophomore, and Kevin Wisdom, freshman—were placed on the All Tournament Team.

The Flames captured first place by defeat-

ing a team from William Tyndale Bible College, Detroit, MI, on Friday, 111-51 and by beating the host, Circleville Bible College, on Saturday, 78-77.

Coach Deel says, "The trip was a good experience for our students. Meeting students from other Bible colleges and participating in good Christian competition were the highlights." He added that he is pleased by the reception his team is getting both from present students and from alumni and churches in areas where they are playing.

This is the first year FWBBC has entered a team in regular intercollegiate competition.

Torch Campaign Director Leaves College Staff

Frank Breeden, Student Support Director for the college and director of the \$3-million Pass The Torch campaign, announced October 8 that he is resigning to pursue a music marketing ministry. The resignation took effect November 8.

He says the decision came "after much prayer, careful consideration and thought." In a letter to President Thigpen, he said, "I pledge my friendship to this institution and will do what I can to lift her name high..."

Dr. Thigpen responded, "I am grateful for the more than 10 years Frank Breeden has been a part of the Public Relations team of the college." Mr. Breeden joined the staff in 1978 when he served as assistant to Paul Ketteman, Director of Public Relations. He became the college's first Student Support Director in January 1987 and assumed leadership of the two-year Pass The Torch campaign.

His new work is with Lexicon-Spectra Music Company in Nashville, where he will be director of church choral music marketing.

College Family Adopts \$7,500 Missions Project

The student body has adopted a \$7,500-project to help missionaries build churches, according to Michael Gragg, a junior ministerial student who is president of Foreign Missions Fellowship on campus.

The fund is being raised initially to help national Christians and missionaries in St. Nazaire, France, build the church they are scheduled to begin in December. The project will operate as an interest-free loan fund which, when repaid, will be made available to other missionaries.

Rev. Jerry Gibbs, missionary to France who is home on furlough, spoke in chapel Oct. 9, the day the project was announced. "What you are doing is an answer to the prayers of French Christians who have asked God to provide money to build their church," he said.

More than \$1,000 had been raised by late October. Faculty commitments totaled more than \$1,200. Gragg feels the project stands a good chance of being completed by May. "We hope to exceed our goal," he said. "I sense our students are excited about this."

Home Missions Conference One Of College's Best

President Charles Thigpen called the recent Home Missionary Conference "one of the best ever." The conference was held on campus Nov. 1-4 and featured several home missionaries and members of the Home Missions Department staff.

Speakers from the field were Major Kerry Steedley, U. S. Army chaplain, now stationed in Alabama; Rev. Glenn Poston, who is in the process of planting a new church in Memphis, TN; and Rev. James Munsey, founding pastor of Templo FWB Church, Weslaco, TX, and Home Missions Coordinator for Mexico.

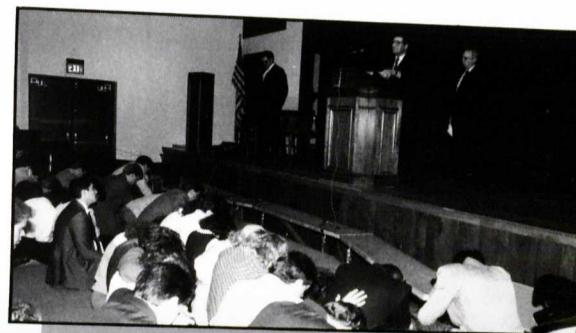
Rev. Roy Thomas and Rev. John Gibbs also spoke.

Numbers of students made decisions in several of the 10 services that made up the conference. Rev. Thomas noted that "the fellowship time in the Student Center was precious as the speakers were 'bombarded' with questions from interested students."

President Thigpen summarized the conference:

Each message was a blessing from the Lord. Church Planter Glenn Poston shared his heart with us. Missionary James Munsey opened our eyes and our hearts to the vast field of Mexico as a ripe mission field. Major Kerry Steedley convinced us that a chaplain can truly be a soulwinner. Added to this, staff members Roy Thomas and John Gibbs motivated us to take a fresh look at the great spiritual needs around us and to commit fully to do God's will in our lives.

Department Director Roy Thomas said, "The College did an excellent job in hosting the conference. Every speaker was made to feel welcome and the students responded well to each one of them... The National Home Missions Department expresses appreciation to FWBBC for hosting this annual missionary conference."



Students respond to Missionary Conference invitation.



Welcome Days visitors browse FWBBC display.

14 States Represented At Fall Welcome Days

The college registered 100 students from 42 churches in 14 states for the fall Welcome Days, Nov. 12-14, says Dr. Charles Hampton, coordinator. This is 18 more than for the same event last year.

The most from a single church was 16 from the Vista View FWB Church, Van Buren, AR, pastored by Rev. Larry Russell.

States with the best representation were North Carolina (43), Kentucky (23) and West Virginia (22). Other states represented were: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee.

A number of young people made decisions at the Friday night service, which included performances by the Evangels, the College Choir, the Rejoice! Ensemble and the Concert Band.

The spring Welcome Days, which usually is more heavily attended than the fall event, is scheduled for Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 1988. For information, please write or call:

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

HELPING HAND LIST

The items below are not in the college budget, but are needed this year. If you want to help, either send the college an item on the list or a special gift so that it can be purchased.

- 6' fiberglass ladder—\$75
- 8' fiberglass ladder—\$95
- Tennis nets (2)—\$95 ea.
- Library bookshelves—\$150-\$505
- Library computer software—\$50-\$300
- Overhead projectors (4)—\$150 ea.
- 35mm camera—\$135
- Air filter regulator—\$40
- Computer/printer—\$1,500
- First aid kit—\$90

We want to thank our friends who gave us a helping hand since the last *Bulletin* by providing an electronic typewriter, a dictionary/stand and a 35mm camera and lenses.

Please designate on your gift what Helping Hands item(s) it is for.

OUT & ABOUT

January/February 1988

ARKANSAS—Mr. Creech, 2/21-26, Oak Grove FWB, Lake Village.
GEORGIA—Mr. Shockey, 1/22-24, First FWB, Jesup.

TENNESSEE—Dr. Thigpen, 1/14-15, FWB Foundation, Nashville; 1/10, Phipps Bend FWB, Surgoinsville.

Calendar Of Campus Events

January

- 5 Spring Semester Registration
- 6 Classes Begin
- 7-9 High School Basketball Tournament

February

- 13 Formal Dinner

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