

# Free Will Baptist Bible College **BULLETIN**

January/February 1988

Mr. Shockey



## Bob Shockey To Direct Pass The Torch Drive

Bob Shockey, the college's campus pastor and Christian Service Director, has been asked to direct the \$3-million *Pass The Torch* campaign for the college, according to President Charles A. Thigpen. The board of trustees tapped Rev. Shockey for the job at its semi-annual meeting in December.

The board considered his wide acquaintance with Free Will Baptists and his enthusiastic representation of the college when they named him to the post.

In other actions, the board added Jonathan Thigpen to teach full time in the area of Christian Education. Rev. Thigpen has been a part-time teacher for two years while he worked with Randall House Publications as editorial supervisor. He will also assume Rev. Shockey's position as Christian Service Director for the remainder of this school year.

The trustees also employed Rev. James Earl Raper, a member of the board from Greeneville, TN, to do part-time promotion for the college. Rev. Raper, former director of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Home for Children, is president of the Alumni Association. He will continue to serve as a trustee since his duties are part time.

## Annual Christmas Project Breaks All Records!

The 1988 Christmas Project, honoring the late Paul Kettman, shattered all records in gifts to the annual drive.

With funds still coming in, the college business office has recorded more than \$138,000 in gifts to the drive, far exceeding the \$100,000-goal.

Of this total, over \$90,000 was raised by students and college personnel, doubling their goal of \$45,000. The previous record was \$60,079, set in 1985. Christmas Project gifts last year were just over \$41,000.

Christmas Project funds made December the best month for gifts in the history of the college, with receipts of \$97,577.

Bob Shockey, the new director of the *Pass The Torch* campaign, (see related article) challenged the college family to 100% involvement—*Everyone can do something*.

Every student who brought back money was given a six-color FWBBC iron-on patch. Those who brought back \$500 or more were given special awards. Enthusiasm ran high on campus, especially on tally day, Jan. 7, as everyone watched the soaring total demolish the \$45,000-goal.

Mr. Shockey said, "I think people responded because of the great love they have for the memory of Paul Kettman. It is tremendous that they have honored him in this way." Mr. Kettman's favorite drive each year was the Christmas Project.

He began it in 1976, when it raised \$5,500, and watched it eventually bring in over \$470,000 during the 11 years he conducted it. The project has been permanently named The Paul Kettman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive.

Mr. Shockey added, "I appreciate every pastor, parent and friend of our students and teachers, who helped with a gift or a checkbook. I am also grateful for the many people who sent a special gift in Paul's memory."



## Spring Welcome Days Set For End of March

The college will host prospective students, who want to sample FWBBC, at its spring *Welcome Days*, Mar. 31-Apr. 2, according to Dr. Charles E. Hampton, Coordinator. He promises many activities that will make the three days enjoyable and profitable to all who come.

Special events will include choir, band and drama programs, student entertainment, class visits, a special sports feature and much more.

The fall *Welcome Days*, Nov. 12-14, brought 193 visitors from 14 states. The spring event promises to be even bigger.

For information, write or call:

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





*New students enroll for spring semester.*

## College Enrolls 349 For 1987-88 School Year

The college's 1987-88 enrollment was 349, of which 329 were undergraduate students from 25 states and two foreign countries, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar.

Of these, about one third are preparing either to preach or to serve on the mission field. There were 80 ministerial students and 29 missions students in the undergraduate student body.

By states, the most came from Tennessee (74). Other leading states were North Carolina (36), Michigan (20), Missouri (20), Alabama (18), Arkansas (18), Illinois (17), South Carolina (17), Kentucky (16), and Georgia (15).

One unique feature this year was the nearly even split between men and women—168 men, 161 women.

By classes, there were 57 seniors, 67 juniors, 80 sophomores, 102 freshmen, and 23 special students in the student body. Single students outnumbered married ones, 228 to 101.

Every student is a trust, and the college is honored to have these outstanding young people to comprise its 1987-88 student body.



*Student missionaries meet with Rev. Eugene Waddell.*

## Four Students To Serve As Summer Missionaries

Four FWBBC juniors have been approved by the Foreign Missions Board to serve as student missionaries this summer, according to Eugene Waddell, General Director of the Foreign Missions Department.

The four are Michael Gragg, from Nashville; Joan Warner, from Nashville; Barbara Warner, from Fredericktown, MO; and Lovenia Childress, from Louisa, KY. All will serve in Ivory Coast, except for Miss Childress, who will serve in Panama.

Rev. Waddell says that the student missionary program has been very successful in

recent years. "Its importance is magnified by the prospect that we may have six missionary families retiring within the next seven years," he added. "We are pleased with the four fine young people who have been appointed to serve as student missionaries next summer." In the past, a high percentage of summer missionaries eventually have gone to the field as full-term missionaries.

Each will have to raise his own support. If you would like to help, please send your gift to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department, designated for the student(s) of your choice.

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE  
**BACK TO  
BASICS**  
CONFERENCE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Sept. 26-28, 1988

Put this date in your calendar of "Things To Do" this fall! You will not want to miss this great conference.

The conference will promote four themes:

- Rebuilding our families
- Restoring biblical preaching to our pulpits
- Renewing the Christian life
- Revitalizing our outreach to the lost

Guest speakers will be Dr. and Mrs. Walter Fremont, of Bob Jones University, and Dr. Truman Dollar, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, MI.

Other speakers will fill out an unforgettable program.

Mark it down: *Back To Basics Conference*, Sept. 26-28!

## Pocket Calendars Available

The college has a limited number of 1988 pocket calendars. If you would like one, please write or call to request it. We will send them out as long as the supply lasts.

## Alumni Dues Are Due

Annual alumni dues are now due. They are \$5 per year; \$100 for a lifetime membership.

Dues underwrite the work of the Alumni Association, which includes mailing *Contact* to our missionaries, operating a booth at the National Association, and publishing *The Alumni News*.

Please send your dues today. Mail them to:

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





Dr. Whitcomb

## Plan Now For Bible Conference Mar. 6-10, 1988

You will not want to miss Dr. John C. Whitcomb, international expert on the Bible and science, when he speaks at FWBBC's Bible Conference, Mar. 6-10. Other speakers are Rev. Billy Hanna, Rev. Larry Powell and Dr. Stanley Outlaw.

Those who attended the 1986 Bible Conference, at which Dr. Whitcomb spoke, urged the college to schedule him again. An author and teacher, he now serves as Professor of Theology and Old Testament at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN.

If you are interested in staying on campus, limited space is available. Check in advance with Mrs. Goodfellow at (615) 383-1340.

For other accommodations, you may check with these motels:

**Hallmark Inn**, 6924 Charlotte Pike, (615) 356-6005—\$33.53 for a double-bed room, same price for 2 or 4 people.

**Days Inn**, I-65 at W. Trinity Lane, (615) 226-4500—\$33.53 for a double-bed room, same price for 2 or 4 people. (This motel is owned by a Free Will Baptist layman.)

**White Bridge Inn**, 269 White Bridge Road, (615) 356-9100 \$38 for a double (2 people), \$49.17 for a double (4 people).

Make Bible Conference a "must" for March.

## CE, Ministerial Students Available For Internships

Several students are looking for opportunities to work in Free Will Baptist churches this summer. If you would like to hire a student who is majoring in pastoral training or Christian education for a 10-week summer internship, please contact the college, in care of the Christian Service Department.

This program can benefit both the church and the student.

The church profits by having an extra worker during those busy summer months. This is especially beneficial if your church is considering adding a second man to the staff and wants to see how such an addition might work out. The student benefits by gaining the valuable practical experience that will help him in his own ministry.

For more information, please write or call the college's Christian Service Department.



Graduate School students and teachers.

## Graduate School Session Features Christian Education

Fifteen men attended the winter session of Graduate School, Dec. 28-Jan. 1, for a course on "Building The Church Through Christian Education." Teachers were Dr. Ken Riggs and Rev. Jonathan Thigpen, two of the denomination's leading experts and proponents of Christian education.

The students were enthusiastic in their praise:

*This was the most practical program that I have ever been involved with.*—Mark Harrison, CA

*This course on CE has been of great value... The resource material and the class notes and instruction have been superb.*—Jay Tilson, MO

*An A + course!*—Leonard Pirtle, OK  
*(This course) will have a positive impact on my ministry*—Andy Percy, KS

*Studying the material during this session has opened my eyes to the enormous task of training the people that I pastor.*—Jim Marcum, NC

The next course in the Master of Ministry program, *Preaching/Teaching from The Old Testament: Deuteronomy*, will feature Dr. Terry Rude, of Bob Jones University. The dates are May 16-20.

The Master of Ministry program is designed for pastors who want to do graduate studies without leaving the pastorate. Three one-week courses per year are offered.

For more information, write or call:

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

## Alumni To Honor Class of 1963

The FWBBC Alumni Association will meet during Bible Conference, Mar. 6-10, and will pay special tribute to the members of the Class of '63, according to President James Earl Raper.

Since this will be the 25th anniversary of that class, the college anticipates seeing as many of them as possible back on campus during the conference. Other classes to be recognized will be '48, '58, '68, '78, and '87.

Two meetings of alumni are scheduled during Bible Conference. They will meet for fellowship in the dining hall after the Monday evening service. Refreshments will be served.

The Association will hold its annual business meeting and election of officers on Tuesday afternoon at a banquet in the college dining hall.

Bible Conference is annual "Homecoming" for alumni. We hope many of them will come home again this March.

## GA Free Will Baptist Leaves College \$20,000

The late Mrs. Ozelma Lynn, a member of the Bellview Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, GA, left the college a bequest of \$20,000, which was received recently from Lamar Brooks, executor of her estate.

Mr. Brooks noted that Mrs. Lynn often spoke of the college and her appreciation for its contributions to the denomination. "I felt that she would be happy to know that her bequest had been applied toward the *Pass The Torch* campaign," he said.

He also said, "We at Bellview are happy to be able to forward this gift to the college which we have every reason to love... Thank you for your wise and aggressive leadership of our beloved college. We all love and respect you and are standing ready to help *Pass The Torch*."

The college administration said it deeply appreciates the love of Mrs. Lynn and this generous bequest at a time when it is especially needed.





The Trinity Tigers

## NC Basketball Team Wins Third Tournament

The Tigers from Trinity Christian School, Greenville, NC, recently won their third consecutive invitational basketball tournament at FWBNC. Six teams from as many states took part in the ninth High School Invitational Tournament, held on campus Jan. 7-9.

Second place was won by Mingo Christian, from Laurel, WV. This was their first time to play in the tournament. Third place went to Florence Christian, Florence, AL.

Other participants were Bethel Christian, S. Roxana, IL; Van Buren Christian, Van Buren, AR; and Woodbine Christian, Nashville.

FWBNC Coach Byron Deel said the competition was the closest in the tournament's nine-year history. There were four overtimes in the 11 games played. Seven games ended with spreads of four points or less.

Mark Colegrove, from Mingo Christian, was picked Most Valuable Player. Others on the All-Tournament Team were Brad Ryan and Darren Portell (Bethel), Carter Reed (Florence), Kreston Welch and Kirk Welch (Trinity), Chuck Lennier (Van Buren) and Bryan Guy (Woodbine).

Next year's tournament is scheduled for Jan. 12-14, 1989.



The items below are needed, but are not in the college budget.

If you want to make a special gift to the college, either send one or more of the items below, or a special gift that will allow the college to purchase them.

**VCR (4-head unit)**—\$500  
**Camcorder (VHS-S)**—\$1,500  
**Overhead projectors (4)**—\$150 ea.  
**Tennis nets (2)**—\$95 ea.  
**Drill bit kit**—\$140  
**Air filter regulator**—\$40  
**Basketballs (10)**—\$40 ea.  
**Library computer software**—\$50-\$300  
**8' Fiberglass ladder**—\$95  
**Library bookshelves**—\$150-\$505

## OUT & ABOUT

March/April 1988

**ARIZONA**—Mr. Shockey, 3/12, State Ass'n, First FWB, Tucson. **ARKAN-SAS**—The College Choir, 3/10, First FWB, Jonesboro; 3/11, Randolph County Dev. Center, Pocahontas; 3/12, First FWB, Batesville; 3/13 (AM), Allen's Chapel FWB, Batesville; 3/13 (PM), First FWB, Dardanelle; 3/14, Camp Beaverfork, Conway; 3/15, First FWB, N. Little Rock; 3/16, Oak Park FWB, Pine Bluff; 3/17, First FWB, Monticello; **The Evangel Players**, 3/18, First FWB, Russellville; **Mr. Thigpen**, 4/15-16, S.S. Revival, Camp Beaverfork, Conway. **GEORGIA**—Preaching Tour, 3/25-27, South GA Ass'n churches; **Dr. Riggs**, 4/8-10, Liberty FWB, Gainesville. **ILLINOIS**—The Evangel Players, 3/10, Johnston City FWB, Johnston City; **Mr. Thigpen**, 4/10-13, Johnston City FWB, Johnston City. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Thigpen, 3/27-30, First FWB, Lexington. **MISSISSIPPI**—The College Choir, 3/18, Tupelo FWB, Tupelo. **MIS-SOURI**—The Evangel Players, 3/11, First FWB, Mountain Grove; **Dr.**

**Thigpen**, 3/23-25, Baptist Bible College, Springfield; **Dr. Riggs**, 4/22-24, Richwood FWB, Richwood. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Riggs, 3/4-5, Temple FWB, Greenville; **Mr. Tippet**, 4/17-20, Tippet's Chapel FWB, Clayton; **Preaching Tour**, 4/29-5/1, Coastal Ass'n churches. **OKLAHOMA**—The Evangel Players, 3/12, First FWB, Locust Grove; 3/13 (AM), Grace FWB, Broken Arrow; 3/13 (PM), West Tulsa FWB, Tulsa; 3/14, Southern Oaks FWB, Oklahoma City; 3/15, First FWB, Norman; 3/16, First FWB, Ada; 3/17, Murry Spur FWB, Spiro; **Dr. Riggs**, 4/15-17, New Home FWB, Tulsa. **TENNESSEE**—Dr. Miley/Mr. Shockey, 3/18, Christian Workers' Retreat, Pigeon Forge; **Mr. Shockey**, 3/20, First FWB, Hixon; 4/15-17, First FWB, Millington; **Mr. Smith**, 3/20, Good Springs FWB, Pleasant View; **Dr. Thigpen**, 3/21, Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga; 4/7, TN College Ass'n, Nashville; **Preaching Tour**, 4/8-10, Central Ass'n churches.

## Calendar Of Campus Events

Mar. 1-4	Mid-term Exams
Mar. 6-10	Bible Conference
Mar. 10-19	Choir Tour/Drama Tour
Mar. 10-15	Spring Break
Mar. 31- Apr. 2	Welcome Days

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*Bible conference crowd fills Memorial Auditorium.*

## **Spring Bible Conference Brings Great Blessings**

Crowds filled the college auditorium and overflowed into the adjoining lounge for Bible Conference, Mar. 8-12.

No one seemed disappointed in the messages preached by Dr. John Whitcomb, Rev. Larry Powell, Rev. Billy Hanna and Dr. Stanley Outlaw.

Dr. Whitcomb's messages reinforced confidence in God's Word as he demonstrated in six messages that the Bible is consistent with science and totally accurate. He also caused us to marvel at God's power and wisdom demonstrated in creation.

Rev. Powell demonstrated a firm grasp of the Bible and preached it powerfully. In his message on The Fiery Furnace from Daniel, he said, "If you aren't in a furnace and you have never been in a furnace, get ready. If you are a child of God, you have one coming!"

Rev. Hanna's messages on the theme of loyalty were timely and highly praised. He spoke on loyalty to the Cause, the Church, the Creed and the Cross.

Dr. Outlaw's approach to the Churches of Asia in Revelation was unique. In three messages he grouped the seven churches according to those whose problem was doctrinal (Pergamus, Thyatira), those whose problem was a lack of spiritual fervor (Ephesus, Sardis, Laodicea), and those whom Christ commended (Smyrna, Philadelphia).

The music was special, as always, featuring the choir, Rejoice! ensemble, and many soloists, both vocal and instrumental. Even the congregational singing was especially good.

Next year's conference is scheduled for Mar. 12-16.

## **Memorial Scholarship Fund Honors Georgia Family**

Mr. and Mrs. John Harwell, of Huntsville, AL, recently established a \$10,000 memorial scholarship fund in honor of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Baxter of Glennville, GA, according to President Charles A. Thigpen.

It will be called The Elba Baxter Harwell Family Scholarship Fund. The guidelines by which it will be awarded specify that the recipient manifest clear Christian qualities, have a financial need and hold a C average on all college studies.

Mr. Baxter made the first gift that went toward establishing Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Dr. Thigpen told the Harwells, "...I commend you for this outstanding memorial for two of God's choice servants.... This scholarship fund is a means of continuing to honor them—and their memory—until the Lord returns!"





*Combined music and drama groups pose for a picture just before leaving on spring tours.*

## Spring Tours Visit Churches in Five States

The College Choir and Evangel Players Drama Team held 22 services in five states during the spring break.

The choir held services in Arkansas and Mississippi. The drama visited Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Both groups reported that several decisions were made during their services and that students witnessed for the Lord along the way as they travelled. One young man in the choir answered the Lord's call to preach while on tour.

Offerings for the college exceeded \$17,000, with indications of more to come from several churches. Students said they were warmly received in the churches and homes they visited.

Travel safety was appreciated, especially by the drama team. They encountered hail, rain and snow before returning to Nashville.

The college thanks everyone who prayed for the touring groups and those who welcomed them to their homes and churches.

Final performances for both groups will be given graduation week, May 8-12.

## FWBBC Undergoes 10-Year Re-evaluation

Free Will Baptist Bible College has been accredited for 30 years by the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC). Every 10 years, it must be re-evaluated by AABC in order to continue its accreditation. That re-evaluation has just been completed, and the administration feels that you will want to know the outcome.

This re-evaluation is done in two stages: the college does an intensive study of itself and a team of educators is assigned by AABC to examine the college.

FWBBC's self-study took 18 months to complete and involved every full-time teacher and administrator, as well as many on the staff. The final report was about 200 pages long. Surveys were sent to former students to evaluate how they feel about their training at the Bible College. Separate committees studied the college's objectives, faculty, campus, enrollment, finances, etc. for this report.

On February 24-26, a team of five Christian educators from other Bible colleges

visited the campus for an on-site inspection. They had already scrutinized the college's own self-study, so they were well prepared to dig out the details and put together a comprehensive picture of FWBBC.

Although the final decision on the re-evaluation will not be made until the Accrediting Commission meets in October, the evaluation committee indicated their findings to the administration before leaving the campus. President Charles Thigpen says, "The team members made a number of very positive statements about the college, students, faculty and staff."

One area they particularly praised was campus morale. An evaluator told Dr. Thigpen that he would like to "bundle up" the school spirit he found at FWBBC and take it back to his school!

One of the Bible College's objectives has always been excellence in all areas. Its accreditation by AABC and the periodic re-evaluation are part of the ongoing effort to keep the standards high.

## Christmas Project Exceeds \$178,500

This year's Christmas Project, honoring the late Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, totaled a record \$178,568.86 in gifts and commitments, according to Rev. Bob Shockey, Student Support Director.

Actual cash gifts as of mid-March were over \$141,000. The goal for the total drive was \$100,000.

Students and FWBBC employees raised \$91,134.29, doubling the \$45,000-goal they had set. Seventy five—49 students and 26 teachers/staff workers—raised \$500 or more in the drive.

Gifts to the college since December have been extremely good, according to Tom Sass, Treasurer. In spite of this, the college could finish the year with an \$85,000-deficit, unless giving is especially high between now and May 31, the end of the fiscal year.

Your special help at this time could enable the college to finish in the black, but you must respond quickly.

## Double Your Giving Through Matching Gifts

In the last 10 years, the Bible College has received over \$216,000 in matching gifts! Last year, 31 companies sent the college more than \$22,400 to match gifts made by their employees!

Literally hundreds of U.S. companies now double match, even triple match, gifts their employees give to colleges like FWBBC. Many of you work for these companies.

Do you work for a matching gift company? To find out, either check with your employer or contact FWBBC. We will be glad to check for you, or we can send you a list of matching gift corporations.

Here are some companies that have recently matched gifts by their employees to FWBBC:

Alcoa	James River
Allstate Ins.	Johnson Controls
Amoco	Johnson & Higgins
Brunswick	Knight Ridder
Burlington	Mack Trucks
Burroughs Wellcome	McDonnell Douglas
Caterpillar	NCR
Champion Paper	Nationwide
Columbian Chem.	Ohio Bell
Contel Service	South Cent. Bell
Exxon	Southern Bell
Firestone	Sperry
Ford	Staley Continental
General Electric	TRW
Great Northern	Thomas J. Lipton
IBM	United Tech.
Illinois Tool	Vanity Fair
Indiana Bell	Virginia Power
ITT	Warner Lambert





Eddie Payne

## Missionary To Preach Baccalaureate Message

Rev. Eddie Payne, a 1962 Bible College graduate who has spent 15 years as a missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, will preach the baccalaureate message to 1988 graduates on May 8, according to President Charles Thigpen.

Rev. Payne was saved at age 13 in his hometown of Tulsa, OK, and was called to missions after enrolling at FWBBC in 1958.

Eddie and his wife, Sandra, have two daughters, both of whom also attended the Bible College and now live in Nashville.

The service begins at 8 p.m. and marks the beginning of Commencement Week. The week includes a number of special events, such as choir and drama programs, a faculty breakfast for graduates and their families, and closes with Commencement Exercises at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 12.

All Free Will Baptists are invited to the Baccalaureate Service, the choir concert (Tuesday, 8 p.m.), the drama program (Wednesday, 8 p.m.) and Commencement Exercises.

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

# BACK TO BASICS

## CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Sept 26-28, 1988

Featuring Dr. Truman Dollar and Dr. and Mrs. Walter Fremont

Other speakers:

Dr. L. C. Johnson  
Rev. Raymond Riggs  
Rev. Tom Malone  
Anne Worthington  
Dr. Robert Picirilli

Dr. Ken Riggs  
Rev. Bob Shockey  
Rev. Leroy Forlines  
Dr. LaVerne Miley  
and others

Mark your calendar now for this great conference!



## Summer Camps Planned For Music, Drama, Basketball

Free Will Baptist young people, grades 9-12, are invited to register for Summer Camp '88 at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

This year's summer program will include emphases on music, drama and basketball, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, director.

The Music Camp, June 20-26, will be directed by members of the FWBBC Music Department, assisted by upper level music students. It will include vocal, keyboard and brass instruction.

Drama Camp, also June 20-26, will be under the oversight of the college's English/Speech Department, with the help of accomplished speech students. It will include stage performance, lighting, make-up and other elements vital to excellent church drama.

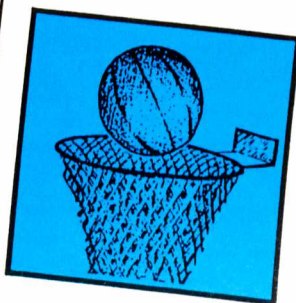
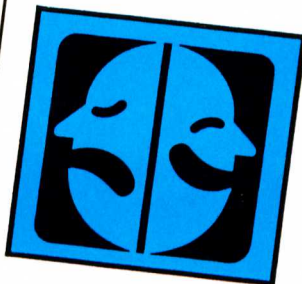
The Basketball Camp, August 8-13, is new for this year and is for young men only. It will be supervised by FWBBC's physical education staff.

All three camps invite fellowship with other young people from across the denomination. A strong spiritual emphasis will equip the campers to serve the Lord in their schools and churches when they return home.

The cost is \$145 and includes room, board and all activities. A \$15-deposit is required with registration.

For more information, write or call:  
Summer Camp '88

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



## Students Adopt Project To Repaint Gymnasium

The student voted in January to underwrite the cost of repainting the gymnasium, and completed the project in late March, just in time for spring Welcome Days, according to Dean Jones, Student Body President.

They raised and spent nearly \$1,000 on the project, he said.

The repainting included the inside of the gym and the lobby. It also included painting the college torch logo on two walls in the gym and adding "FWBBC Flames" over the bleachers. The actual work was done by two students who, with several commercial painters, submitted bids for the job. Their work was termed "excellent" when they finished.

Jones says, "The redesigning of the gym added a special new dimension to the campus and was a great motivation to our new intercollegiate basketball team, the Flames."

## Recently Added Courses Enhance Pastoral Training

Several course additions/changes are making the college's pastoral training program even more effective.

New for this semester is a course in Pulpit Speech, taught by Joseph Jones, chairman of the English-Speech Department. Some 20 ministerial students signed up for the new course, designed to build their communication skills. Mr. Jones says, "Several in the class have told me that they are getting a lot out of it."

Other recent additions to the program are courses in Pastoral Counseling and Church Growth/Development.

The course in Pastoral Administration has been increased by 50 percent—from four to six hours—to equip pastors to deal with the more complex structure of today's churches.





About 30 from the college—teachers, students and friends—went to Georgia for services Mar. 26-27. They had several decisions and raised over \$6,500 for the college, with many churches' offerings yet to be reported, according to Ronald Creech, who organized the trip.

## HELPING HAND LIST

The items below are needed, but are not in the college budget for this year.

You could help the college by buying one or more of the items below or by sending a special gift and designating it for the item(s) of your choice.

**Electric keyboard (MIDI interface)**—\$1,500  
**8' Fiberglass ladder**—\$95  
**Tennis nets (2)**—\$95 ea.  
**VCR (4-head unit)**—\$500  
**Camcorder (VHS-S)**—\$1,500  
**Basketballs (10)**—\$40 ea.  
**Overhead projectors (4)**—\$150 ea.  
**Drill bit kit**—\$140  
**Library catalog cards**—\$12  
**Wall clock**—\$50

Thank you for recent responses: Computer/printer, 35mm camera, large-screen TV/VCR, 6' fiberglass ladder, first-aid kit.

## OUT & ABOUT

May/June 1988

**ARKANSAS**—Rev. Shockey, 5/15-18, Allen's Chapel FWB, Batesville.  
**INDIANA**—Dr. Riggs, 6/3-4, Separate Bapt. Ass'n, LaSantville; Mr. Shockey, 6/17-18, State Ass'n, Rolling Prairie. **KANSAS**—Mr. Creech, 6-17-18, State Ass'n, Hutchinson. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Thigpen, 6/17-18, State Ass'n, Catlettsburg; Dr. Riggs, 6/20-24, Camp Caleb, Paintsville. **MARYLAND**—Mr. Creech, 6/23-25, State Ass'n, First FWB, Bedford (VA). **MICHIGAN**—Dr. Thigpen, 5/20-21, State Ass'n, Hazel Park; 6/5, Central FWB, Royal Oak. **MISSOURI**—Mr. Smith, 5/15-20, Leadington FWB, Leadington. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Mr. Harris, 5/1-3, Davis FWB, Davis; Rejoice! Ensemble, 5/1, White Oak Hill FWB, Bailey; 5/7, Faith FWB, Morganton; 5/8 (AM), Goshen FWB, Mt. Holly; Mr. Creech, 5/3, Woman's Aux-

iliary Conv., Morehead City; 6/6-7, State Ass'n, Parker's Chapel FWB, Greenville; Dr. Thigpen, 6/11-12, Canton FWB, Canton. **OHIO**—Mr. Shockey, 6/23-25, State Ass'n, Columbus. **TENNESSEE**—Rejoice! Ensemble, 5/22 (PM), Mt. Zion FWB, Pleasant View; 5/22 (PM), Woodbine FWB, Nashville; 5/28, Fellowship FWB, Antioch; 5/29 (AM), Lewisburg FWB, Lewisburg; 6/5 (AM), First FWB, Dickson; 6/11, Covenant FWB, Clarksville; 6/12 (AM), East Nashville FWB, Nashville; 6/12 (PM), Pleasant Hill FWB, Dover; Dr. Riggs, 6/26-29, Cookeville FWB, Cookeville. **TEXAS**—Mr. Shockey, 5/30-6/3, First FWB, Henderson; Mr. Shockey/Mr. Forlines, 6/8-10, State Ass'n, Corpus Christi. **VIRGINIA**—Rejoice! Ensemble, 6/16-17, State Ass'n, Roanoke.

## Calendar Of Campus Events

May 5-10	Final examinations
May 8	Baccalaureate service, 8 p.m.
May 10	Choir Concert, 8 p.m.
May 11	Breakfast for graduates, 8 a.m.
May 11	Drama Program, 8 p.m.
May 12	Graduation, 10 a.m.
May 17-	
June 17	Summer School
June 20-26	Music, Drama Camps

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# **Free Will Baptist Bible College** **BULLETIN**

May/June 1988



*The Class of 1988*

## **Bible College "Passes The Torch" To 47 Graduates**

The college graduated 47 students from 17 states and Brazil on May 12 in Commencement Exercises held in the school's Memorial Auditorium. Degrees granted included 16 bachelors of arts, 24 bachelors of science, three associates of Christian ministries, three associates of science in business and one associate of arts.

The program was a fitting climax to the 1987-88 school year, designated "*The Year of Rejoicing*" by President Charles Thigpen.

Dr. Robert Picirilli, academic dean, brought the challenge to the graduates. The baccalaureate message was brought by Rev. Eddie Payne, missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, on May 8.

Five seniors gave testimonies concerning the college, their families and friends. The speakers were Don Worrell (NC), Vicki Christy (TN), Mike Lewis (AR), Shelly Coyle (CA) and Fred Hoffman (TN).

Ten seniors graduated with honors. They were Vicky Christy (TN), cum laude; Suzanne Franks (Brazil), magna cum laude; Dean Jones (IL), magna cum laude; Jim LaBerge (IN), cum laude; Mike Lewis (AR), cum laude; Julie Martin (TN), magna cum laude; Michelle Polk (TN), magna cum laude; Wayne Price (KY), cum laude; Colleen Spears (TN), summa cum laude; and Karen Tippet (TN), cum laude.

Three seniors—Colleen Spears (TN), Julie Martin (TN), and Suzanne Franks (Brazil)—were elected to Delta Epsilon Chi, an honor society for students who graduate from Bible colleges.

The Outstanding Student for the year, selected by the faculty, was Dean Jones, the student body president for the last two years, from Illinois. The Best All Around students, selected by their



*Mrs. Slaten shows her daughter, Elisabeth, what graduation is like.*

peers, were Scott Bullman (SC) and Deanna Greenwood (AR).

Society sports trophies were awarded to the Louisa May Alcott Society for women and the Pi Gamma Chi Society for men, for posting the best athletic records for the year.

The William Henry Oliver Scholarship of \$4,000 was awarded to Tamara Walley, a junior physical education major.

Rev. Tom Malone, pastor of Florence (AL) Free Will Baptist Church, was honored for 16 years of outstanding service as a trustee. President Thigpen expressed his appreciation for Rev. Malone's sacrificial service. Rev. Malone will not be eligible for reelection to the board when new trustees for the college are selected this summer at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Kansas City.

The following received degrees from the college in May:





Ernest Lowry and Danny Mercer—both grandfathers—congratulate each other on finishing their degree programs at FWBCC. They have 10 children and seven grandchildren between them.

### Bachelor of Arts

John Ailworth, Farmington, MO  
David Carlson, Jerome, ID  
Vicky Christy, Ashland City, TN  
Cecil Cloninger, Houston, TX  
Stanley Coker, Jr., Turbeville, SC  
Suzanne Franks, Barbacena, Brazil  
Fred Hoffman, Nashville, TN  
Samuel Kelley, Detroit MI

James LaBerge, LaPorte, IN  
Marianne Malone, Florence, AL  
Robert McGlone, Kenova, WV  
Danny Mercer, N. Pekin, IL  
Wayne Price, Thelma, KY  
Danny Ramey, Coeburn, VA  
Jeffrey Windom, Greenville, NC  
Donald Worrell, Smithfield, NC

### Bachelor of Science

Cynthia Balthrop, Cedar Hill, TN  
Susan Barone, Southgate, MI  
Scott Bullman, Spartanburg, SC  
Patricia Bumpus, Wayne, MI  
Kenneth Cash, Columbia City, IN  
Douglas Combs, Grover, MO  
Wendy Combs, Norfolk, VA  
Shelly Coyle, Santa Clara, CA  
Mary Ellson, Southgate, MI  
Julie Gibbs, Nashville, TN  
Deanna Greenwood, Pine Bluff, AR  
Gina Hughes, Hazelhurst, GA

Dean Jones, Marion, IL  
Michael Lewis, N. Little Rock, AR  
Julie Martin, Nashville, TN  
Terry Pierce, Mt. Vernon, IL  
Michele Polk, Nashville, TN  
Todd Shelton, Newport, TN  
Robin Shipp, Yakima, WA  
Colleen Spears, Pikeville, TN  
Alan Thomas, Russellville, AR  
Karen Tippet, Nashville, TN  
James Weese, Jr., Bakersfield, CA  
Melinda Wilson, Taylor, MI

### Associate of Christian Ministries

Eric Cowart, Nashville, TN  
Sherry Golden, Stacy, NC

Ernest Lowry, Fairview, TN

### Associate of Science in Business

Bonita Robbins, Nashville, TN  
Julie Steele, Nashville, TN

Stephen Teague, Newport, TN

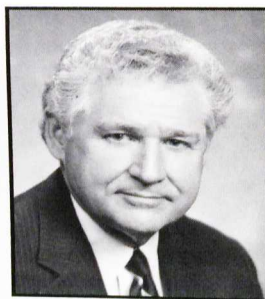
### Associate of Arts

David Spears, Southgate, MI

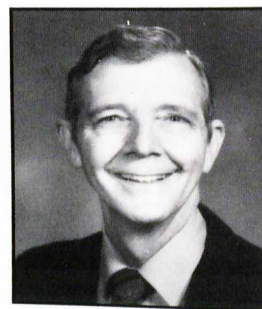
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

**BACK TO  
BASICS**  
CONFERENCE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 26-28, 1988



Dr. Dollar



Dr. Fremont



Mrs. Fremont

If you have not already put the "Back To Basics" Conference on your fall schedule, do it now!

Consider what it offers: some of the finest Christian leaders of our day, speaking on issues that impact everyone!

Dr. Truman Dollar, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, will speak on "The Mandate For Biblical Preaching," "How Church Growth Happens," "Getting The Church on Target," and more!

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Fremont, from Bob Jones University, will address the needs of the Christian home, including "Love and Communication in Marriage," "Leadership in The Home," and "Purity Principles."

Fourteen speakers will share in 23 sessions during this three-day conference:

*Living A Disciplined Life*—Dr. Robert Picirilli  
*Restoring Spiritual Passion*—Rev. Tom Malone  
*Personal Purity*—Dr. L. C. Johnson

*Biblical Convictions*—Rev. Leroy Forlines  
*Spiritual Resources*—Rev. Raymond Riggs  
*The Godly Woman*—Anne Worthington  
*The Christian's Bible*—Rev. Garnett Reid  
*Effective Bible Teaching*—Dr. Ken Riggs  
*Knowing God*—Dr. Robert Woodard  
*Motivating to Witness*—Rev. Bob Shockey  
*Revitalizing Sunday Schools*—Rev. Tom Malone  
and more!

You don't want to miss this meeting! Put it high on your list of fall priorities—Sept. 26-28.

For more information, please write or call:

*Back To Basics Conference*  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
(615) 383-1340





*The Evangels*

*Rejoice! Ensemble*



## **Evangels, Rejoice! Tour 15 States**

Two summer touring groups—The Evangels Drama Team and Rejoice!, a mixed ensemble—will hold 100 services in 15 states before returning to Nashville in August.

The Evangels began their tour May 14 and will have services in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. Reports from churches they have visited say that they have already had many decisions in their services. The team will also work in the Summer Camp '88 program on campus June 20-26, as they teach drama techniques to campers from Free Will Baptist churches. Their tour ends July 8.

Rejoice! will have services in 11 states before they return to Nashville in August. Their tour will take them to Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee. The group will also provide special music during the National Association of Free Will Baptists when it meets in Kansas City in July. Their tour begins June 16 and concludes August 12.

Please pray for both groups. If either is in your area, please try to attend the service.

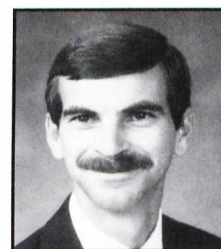


The items below are needed, but are not in the college budget for this year.

You could help the college by buying one or more items below or by sending a special gift and designating it for the item(s) of your choice.

**Camcorder (VHS-S)**—\$1,000  
**Tennis nets (2)**—\$95 ea.  
**Basketballs (8)**—\$40 ea.  
**Electronic keyboard**—\$1,500  
**Overhead projectors (4)**—\$150 ea.  
**8' Fiberglass ladder**—\$95

Thank you for recent gifts: \$500 for video equipment and \$50 for wall clocks.



*Neil Gilliland*

## **College Announces Faculty/Staff Changes**

Several additions to and departures from the college faculty and staff have been announced for next year by President Charles Thigpen.

Neil Gilliland, missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, will teach some missions courses and engage in student recruitment.

His recruitment responsibilities will include supervising the semi-annual Welcome Days program and the Summer Camp ministry, as well as making personal contacts for the college with prospective students. Neil and his wife, Sheila, have been on the mission field since 1981 and served as dorm parents at the Ivory Coast Academy.

Garnett and Carol Reid will return to the faculty after a two-year absence during which Garnett furthered his studies at Bob Jones University. Garnett will teach a reduced load in Bible while he completes his doctoral degree requirements. Carol will be the college librarian.

Becky Williams, a 1987 FWBBC graduate, will teach business courses for the college. She has continued her business studies at Middle Tennessee State University since graduation.

Rodney Whaley will return to the music faculty, following two years of ministry at the Northside Free Will Baptist Church in Stockton, CA.

The following teachers and staff workers will not be returning to the college next year: Lorene Francen, librarian; Susan Armontrout, business teacher; Jonathan Thigpen, Christian education teacher; Ruth Slaten, music teacher; Linda Moore, women's supervisor; and Frances Mercer, nurse. The college will miss them and wishes them well in their new pursuits.

Dr. LaVerne Miley will not teach during the fall semester so that he and Mrs. Miley can spend the time in Ivory Coast where he will teach at the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Bouna. Dr. Miley plans to return to the FWBBC faculty for the spring semester.





Katie Hamm presents new yearbook to Dr. Riggs.

### Yearbook Dedicated To Dr. Ken Riggs

Katie Hamm, editor of the 1988 *Lumen*, the FWBBC yearbook, dedicated it to Dr. Ken Riggs during chapel in May. Dr. Riggs has been a member of the faculty since 1971 and is chairman of the Teacher Education Department.

The new staff, chosen to produce the 1989 *Lumen*, will include Merinda White, editor, and Tim Campbell, business man-

ager. Merinda is a sophomore from Jasper, AL. Tim is a junior from Hoxie, AR.

Churches that wish to support the yearbook with an ad, may send the pictures and other ad materials to:

*Lumen* Ad

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

### Students Raise \$10,000 For New French Church

FWBBC students, teachers and staff workers helped to raise \$10,000 to build a new church in St. Nazaire, France. The project was sponsored by Foreign Missions Fellowship (FMF), a campus organization of missions students.

The project goal was \$7,500 and was exceeded the last week of school, in May. A \$2,500-challenge match from an anonymous donor brought the total project income to more than \$10,000.

The Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions General Director, Eugene Waddell, says, "We deeply appreciate the generous offerings raised by the Foreign Missions Fellowship for this project....We commend the administration and faculty for strongly supporting this worthy project. Since it is the only Protestant church building most of the people in St. Nazaire have ever seen in the process of being constructed, it has made a strong impression on the residents."

FMF projects in past years have benefited missions projects in Brazil and Ivory Coast.

## OUT & ABOUT

July/August 1988

**ARKANSAS**—Dr. Thigpen/Mr. Hampton, 8/16-18, State Ass'n, Camp Beaverfork, Conway. **ILLINOIS**—Rejoice! Ensemble, 7/12, Hazel Dell FWB, Sesser; 7/13, Bethel FWB, S. Roxanna. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Riggs, 7/3-8, Westwood Enterprise Baptist, Ashland; Mr. Shockey, 7/3-6, Piso FWB, Piso; 7/7-10, Betsy Lane FWB, Betsy Lane. **MICHIGAN**—Dr. Riggs, 8/14-17, North Perry Baptist, Pontiac. **MISSOURI**—Rejoice! Ensemble, 7/14, Bethel FWB, Festus. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Rejoice! Ensemble, 7/1, Pleasant Acres FWB, New Bern; 7/2, First FWB, Jack-

sonville; 7/3 (AM), Ruth's Chapel FWB, New Bern; 7/3 (PM), Sherwood Forest FWB, New Bern; 7/5, First FWB, Washington; 7/6, Bethel FWB, Kinston; 7/8, Temple FWB, Greenville; 7/10 (AM), Trinity FWB, Greenville. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Evangelists Drama Team, 7/2, South Avenue FWB, Lancaster; 7/3 (AM), Peace FWB, Spartanburg; 7/3 (PM), First FWB, Inman; 7/6, First FWB, Florence. **TENNESSEE**—Mr. Creech, 8/7-12, Scotts Chapel FWB, Collinwood; Dr. Thigpen, 8/7-12, Mt. Zion FWB, Joelton; Mr. Shockey, 8/19-21, Shady Grove FWB, Whitesburg.

### Calendar Of Campus Events

Aug. 8-13	Basketball Camp
Aug. 23-26	Faculty In-service Training
Aug. 27	Dormitories open
Aug. 29	Opening service—7:30 p.m.
Aug. 30-31	Registration
Sept. 1	Classes begin

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# Free Will Baptist Bible College **BULLETIN**

JULY/AUGUST 1988

## College Ends Year "In The Black"

June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May

A sharp increase in the number of donors and gifts enabled the college to close the 1987-88 school year in the black, defying early predictions that the year-end deficit could be as high as \$170,000, according to Tom Sass, Treasurer.

Gifts during the last six months of the 1987-88 fiscal year were 25% higher than for the same period in 1986-87. The number of donors also increased by more than 530.

Mr. Sass says, "Gifts during the last half of the fiscal year have, indeed, been miraculous." The surge began in December, with a record response to the Paul Kettman Memorial Christmas Drive. This campaign eventually reached \$178,500. December gifts set a new school record. January and the other early months of 1988 were also very good. "In fact," Sass continues, "the college has not experienced a low month through May, which ended at over \$78,400. The overall volume of gifts from our people has been on an upswing."

The college has done its part to operate in the black by keeping spending within bounds.

First, only the bare essentials have been purchased, especially during the final months of the school year. Spending, especially in May, was significantly lower than usual.

Second, work loads have been increased for the faculty and staff to keep from adding more people to the payroll.

Third, major purchases have been postponed. For instance, three of the vehicles the college uses daily have over 100,000 miles and need to be replaced. New furniture and equipment

are needed in several areas on campus, but will not be purchased until income is sufficient.

Deepest thanks to every church, pastor and individual whose prayers and support made it possible for the college to close the year in the black—by less than \$1,000!

### Gifts To Free Will Baptist Bible College

June 1987-May 1988

Alabama .....	\$54,345.74	Mississippi .....	\$17,568.25
Arizona .....	1,288.67	Missouri .....	33,582.02
Arkansas .....	33,579.91	Nebraska .....	325.00
California .....	6,077.59	Nevada .....	280.00
Canada .....	32.92	New Mexico .....	217.39
Colorado .....	150.00	N. Carolina .....	129,463.47
Connecticut .....	5,200.00	Ohio .....	11,992.24
Delaware .....	80.98	Oklahoma .....	20,126.92
Florida .....	25,138.99	S. Carolina .....	46,087.76
Georgia .....	71,295.34	S. Dakota .....	10.00
Hawaii .....	831.00	Tennessee .....	155,971.47
Idaho .....	405.83	Texas .....	7,830.36
Illinois .....	22,232.70	Vermont .....	35.00
Indiana .....	4,622.56	Virgin Islands .....	701.92
Iowa .....	290.00	Virginia .....	24,072.58
Kansas .....	683.18	Washington .....	850.96
Kentucky .....	12,063.63	W. Virginia .....	5,618.83
Louisiana .....	115.00	WNAC .....	5,346.48
Maryland .....	4,112.04	Other .....	73,926.62
Michigan .....	21,436.94		
		TOTAL	\$797,990.29

**"Back To Basics"  
Conference**

September 26-28, 1988





*The Evangels: Mark, Wendy, Regena, Gene*

## ***Evangels' Summer Tour Reaps Harvest of Praise***

Pastors are praising the ministry of The Evangels, a summer drama touring group from the college. The Evangels' tour included nearly 50 services in Free Will Baptist churches and youth camps.

Most services were climaxed with decisions. Joseph Jones, director of the group, said people who were unacquainted with Christian drama were enthusiastic after seeing The Evangels' program.

The focal points of each service were soulwinning and the home, two of the most critical needs of the day.

Their tour included services in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Other members of the group are Regena Workman, Nashville, TN; Wendy Grindstaff, Elizabethton, TN; Gene Richards, Ivory Coast, West Africa; and Mark Walker, Pontiac, MI.

Here are comments from some pastors who had The Evangels in their churches:

*"(The Evangels) were very friendly, polite and professional. Yet God's Spirit was certainly upon them. We had one young man saved and several rededications to the Lord."*

Roger Duncan  
Seflner, FL

*"I have never seen a more realistic, practical, hard hitting, heart moving*

*dramatic presentation! Our people were unusually moved. It was difficult to close the invitation."*

Billy Hanna  
Albany, GA

*"I was very impressed and pleased that I could present a group of this caliber to my mission church! They made a great impression on our people!"*

Elmer Turnbough  
St. Petersburg, FL

*"The College should be proud of such good representatives. Many hearts were touched and decisions made."*

Glenn Thomas  
Moultrie, GA

*"I have come to realize and appreciate the ministry presented through drama in the performance of The Evangels. Their performance, in some respects, accomplishes what preaching doesn't."*

Milton Gann  
Decatur, AL

*"Their program touched the hearts of everyone, from the grandson to the grandpa."*

John Rhodes  
Holly Hill, FL

*"This was one of the best groups we have had in recent years. They were professional enough to be orderly and relaxed enough to be effective."*

James Ursrey  
Jesup, GA

## **318 Attend Spring Welcome Days; Total For Year Tops 500**

The number of people who attended the spring Welcome Days, Mar. 31-Apr. 2, was one of the largest ever for the event. Dr. Charles Hampton, Welcome Days coordinator, counted 318 visitors from 73 churches in 18 states. Added to the 193 who attended the winter event, this brings the Welcome Days total for the year to 511.

The spring group included 105 boys, 126 girls and 87 sponsors. The largest state representations were from Arkansas (48), Illinois (41), Missouri (30), Michigan (24), and North Carolina (22).

Three churches were credited with bringing 11 visitors each: Fellowship FWB, Desloge, MO; First FWB, Winter Haven, FL; and Oak Park FWB, Pine Bluff, AR.

The faculty/staff observed that this was one of the most alert and enthusiastic groups ever to attend Welcome Days. A number of visitors rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ at the close of the Friday night choir/drama service.

The next Welcome Days is scheduled for Dec. 1-3. Why don't you begin now to plan a trip to Nashville and the Bible College with your high school juniors and seniors? Give them a chance to find out what Free Will Baptist Bible College is all about. You could change the course of some young person's life!

For information, write or call:

**Welcome Days**  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
615/383-1340

## **21 Students Attend Latest Graduate Session**

Twenty-one students attended the Graduate School course on "Preaching and Teaching from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy" that was held on campus May 16-20.

Guest instructor for the course was Dr. Terry Rude, a member of the Bob Jones University Graduate School faculty. His ministry was appreciated by those who attended the session.

If you would like information on the program and on future courses (three are offered each year), please write or call the college.





*Is it on  
your calendar?*

The "Back To Basics" Conference is right around the corner—Sept. 26-28! If you haven't already planned to attend, do it now!

#### What are the "Basics"?

Four "Basic" themes will be the pillars on which this conference will rest.

First, we will take a fresh look at our homes, the most basic and threatened unit of our society. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Fremont, guest speakers from Bob Jones University, will direct this portion of our conference. They will be aided by several other speakers.

Next, we will emphasize biblical preaching. There is no substitute for preaching! Too many Christians have heard too little of it. This conference will promote it and demonstrate it through men like Rev. Tom Malone and Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Third, we will focus attention on Christian living. The world holds Christians to a high standard—and it has every right to do so! Speakers like Dr. Robert Picirilli, Mrs. Anne Worthington and Dr. L. C. Johnson will remind us of our duty to maintain separation, but with compassion.

Finally, we will direct attention to reaching the unsaved. What could be more basic? Speakers like Rev. Bob Shockey will help us rekindle the fires of evangelism.

Note: Dr. Truman Dollar, who was scheduled to be on the program, has withdrawn from the conference for personal reasons.

#### Local Facilities

Guests may either stay on campus and eat in the college dining hall, or use off-campus accommodations. (See below for the cost of room/meals on campus.)

Several motels in the area are available. Here is a partial listing:

**Hallmark Inn**, 6924 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209, 615/356-6005—2 people, \$32.95; 4 people, \$36.95.

**White Bridge Inn**, 269 White Bridge Rd., Nashville, TN 37209, 615/356-9100—2 people, \$38.00; 4 people, \$44.70.

**Budgetel Inn**, 5612 Lenox Ave. (off White Bridge Rd.), Nashville, TN 37209, 615/353-0700—2-4 people, \$37.00.

**Days Inn** (Trinity Lane), 1-65 and Trinity Lane, Nashville, TN 37207, 615/226-4500—2 people, \$30.16; 4 people, \$33.28.

#### Cost

There will be a \$20 Conference Fee. This will cover all conference activities and will include the gift of a free book.

A \$55 Comprehensive Fee will cover the above and will include a room on campus (double occupancy) and all meals, Monday supper through Thursday breakfast. A \$95 Couples Comprehensive Fee will save married couples \$15 for all of the above.

Note the dates: September 26-28. Make the "Back To Basics" Conference part of your plans!



### Free Will Baptist Bible College 1988-89 School Events

(Please clip and save.)

*This calendar of the 1988-89 Free Will Baptist Bible College events is provided for your convenience to use during the coming school year. Please clip it and keep it where you can refer to it.*

#### Fall Semester, 1988

Faculty In-service training .....	Aug. 23-26
Opening service .....	Aug. 29
Registration .....	Aug. 30-31
Classes begin .....	Sept. 1
Back to Basics Conf. ....	Sept. 26-28
Formal Dinner .....	Oct. 22
Mid-semester exams .....	Oct. 25-28
Missionary Conference .....	Nov. 7-9
Thanksgiving Holidays .....	Nov. 24-28
Welcome Days .....	Dec. 1-3
Semester Exams .....	Dec. 19-22
Semester ends .....	Dec. 22

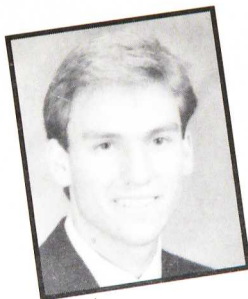
#### Spring Semester, 1989

Master of Ministry course .....	Jan. 2-6
Opening Service .....	Jan. 10
Registration .....	Jan. 10
Classes begin .....	Jan. 11
High school basketball .....	Jan. 12-14
Formal Dinner .....	Feb. 18
Mid-semester exams .....	Mar. 7-10
Bible Conference .....	Mar. 12-16
Spring vacation .....	Mar. 16-21
Welcome Days .....	Apr. 6-8
Semester exams .....	May 11-16
Baccalaureate .....	May 14
Commencement .....	May 18
Semester ends .....	May 18

#### Summer Session, 1989

Registration .....	May 22
Classes begin .....	May 23
First term ends .....	June 2
Master of Ministry .....	May 29-June 2
Second term begins .....	June 5





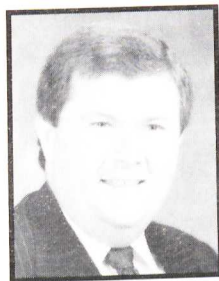
Moody



Williams



Hamm



Campbell

## Carolina Senior Elected Student Body President

Eddie Moody, a senior ministerial student from Kinston, NC, was elected 1988-89 student body president in campus elections held in April. Students also chose Tom Williams, vice president; Katie Hamm, secretary/treasurer; and Tim Campbell, chaplain.

Eddie is a 1985 graduate of Bethel Christian Academy, Kinston. At FWBBC, he served as treasurer and vice president of his society, chaplain of his sophomore class, president of his junior class, prayer band coordinator and vice president of Ministerial Fellowship. He has traveled with the Evangel Players drama team for three years and with the summer drama team

in 1987. He played on the Flames basketball team in 1986-87.

Tom, from Colquitt, GA, is a junior, majoring in Christian education and missions. He served as secretary of his campus society and traveled in 1988 with the Evangel Players.

Katie comes from New Castle, DE, and is a senior. Her majors are English and secondary education. She has sung in the College Choir for three years and edited the 1988 *Lumen*, the FWBBC yearbook. Katie is traveling this summer with *Rejoice!*, a mixed ensemble representing the college in churches.

Tim is a native of Hoxie, AR, and is a junior ministerial student. He served last year as dormitory supervisor to the campus men and lived in Goen Hall. He was secretary/treasurer of his society and was a member of the yearbook staff.

Please pray that God will bless and use these student leaders next year.

## OUT & ABOUT

September-October 1988

**ALABAMA**—Dr. Riggs, 9/23-25, First FWB, Flomaton; Dr. Thigpen, Dr. Picirilli, Others, 10/8-9, Northwest Alabama Preaching trip; Dr. Picirilli, 10/10-12, First FWB, Dothan. **GEORGIA**—Mr. Shockey, 10/3-7, Alabama FWB, Blackshear. **MICHIGAN**—Mr. Shockey, 9/23-25, Woodhaven FWB, Woodhaven. **MISSISSIPPI**—Mr. Creech, 10/28-29, State Ass'n, Waynesboro. **MISSOURI**—Mr. Shockey, 9/12-17, State Campground, Niangua; Dr. Thigpen, 10/27-19, American Ass'n of Bible Colleges, St. Louis; Dr. Riggs, 10/28-30, Fellowship FWB, Flat River. **NORTH**

**CAROLINA**—Dr. Riggs, 9/11-14, Temple FWB, Greenville; Dr. Picirilli, 9/12-13, Pamlico Ass'n Bible Conference; Mr. Creech, 9/18-23, Edgewood FWB, Bessemer City. **OHIO**—Mr. Shockey, 10/22-26, Redeemer U.B., Columbus. **OKLAHOMA**—Mr. Shockey, 9/9-11, State Christian Ed. Board, Tulsa; 10/17-20, State Ass'n, Enid. **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Dr. Picirilli, 10/16, Mt. Elon FWB, Pamplico. **TENNESSEE**—Dr. Riggs, 9/30-10/2 (AM), Grace FWB, Memphis; 10/2 (PM)-7, Cofer's Chapel FWB, Nashville.

## CALENDAR

### Of Campus Events

September/October

- |             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 1     | Classes begin        |
| Sept. 26-28 | Back To Basics Conf. |
| Oct. 22     | Formal Dinner        |
| Oct. 25-28  | Mid-semester exams   |

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# Free Will Baptist Bible College BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1988

## 286 Students Enrolled For Fall Semester

Nashville, Tennessee—Free Will Baptist Bible College officials said that preliminary figures indicate an enrollment of 286 students from 25 states and five foreign countries for the fall semester.

Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar, said that the enrollment showed an increase in 12 states, a decrease in 12 states and stayed the same in one state. The number of dormitory students is higher than last fall, he noted. The number of foreign students is also up.

The following states are represented in the student body:

Alabama .....	17	Louisiana .....	1	South Carolina .....	15
Arkansas .....	20	Massachusetts .....	1	Tennessee .....	49
California .....	2	Michigan .....	13	Texas .....	6
Delaware .....	3	Mississippi .....	4	Virginia .....	13
Florida .....	8	Missouri .....	19	West Virginia .....	5
Georgia .....	14	New Mexico .....	1		
Illinois .....	20	New York .....	1	Foreign .....	7
Indiana .....	6	North Carolina .....	28	(Mexico, Canada,	
Kansas .....	2	Ohio .....	12	Ivory Coast, Panama	
Kentucky .....	13	Oklahoma .....	6	and Sweden)	

By classes, there are 90 freshmen, 65 sophomores, 55 juniors, 56 seniors and 20 special students. The number of men/women divides perfectly—143 men, 143 women.

More than 40% of the men enrolled this year are ministerial students (61). Another 24 students are pursuing ministries in missions.

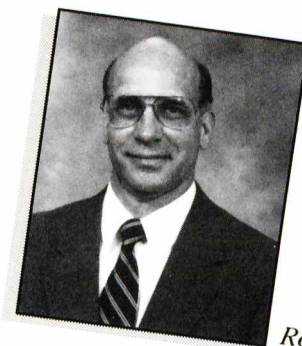
Opening services, conducted Aug. 29-31, were excellent. The speakers were Rev. Joseph Jones, speech teacher; Dr. LaVerne Miley, Bible and science; and Neil Gilliland, the college's new Director of Recruitment. A large number of students rededicated their lives to the Lord in the opening services and in the first Sunday night campus service, Sept. 4.

Please pray that God's best will be poured out at Free Will Baptist Bible College this year.

### Recruitment Video Now Available

If you would like to borrow a copy of "Free Will Baptist Bible College is...", the new 12-minute video on the college, just write or call:

Office of Student Support  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205



Rev. Wiggs

### NC Pastor Invited To Hold Seminars

Rev. Dennis Wiggs, pastor of Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, NC, will conduct the next in FWBBC's series of Visiting Pastor Seminars on campus Feb. 7-8, according to Dr. Robert Woodard, who teaches in the area of Pastoral Training.

Rev. Wiggs writes a monthly column for young preachers in *Contact* magazine. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University and has had a rich pastoral ministry. His former pastorates include churches in Charleston Heights, SC; Beaufort, NC and Williamsburg, VA. He is in his third year as pastor of Ruth's Chapel.

The Visiting Pastor Seminars, sponsored once or twice annually by the college's Christian Ministries Department, exposes ministerial students to the practical side of pastoring.

### New Student Groups To Tour For College

Two new music groups have been recently chosen to represent FWBBC in churches and at other gatherings—a 12-voice mixed ensemble and a male quartet.

Both groups should be ready to travel soon, but we ask pastors to allow sufficient time for schedules to be arranged by making requests as early as possible.



## Flames Unveil 1988-89 Season

The FWBBC *Flames* basketball team is scheduled to play 22 intercollegiate games this season and to participate in three tournaments, including one sponsored right here on campus, according to Coach Byron Deel.

The *Flames* won the Circleville Bible College Tournament last year and are scheduled to compete in it again this year. The team will hold its own invitational tournament on campus in mid-December and will close the season by playing in the conference tournament held in Memphis in February.

Coach Deel is contacting Free Will Baptist churches in areas near where the team will play in hope of finding places team members can minister while they are away. Last year members of the team preached, taught classes and gave testimonies in Free Will Baptist churches while they were on the road.

The following schedule is planned for this year:

Nov. 4-5	Crowley Ridge Christian College	Paragould, AR
Nov. 11-12	Wesley Bible College	Home
Nov. 18-19	Circleville Bible College Tourn.	Circleville, OH
Dec. 2-3	Southeastern Bible College	Home
Dec. 6	Crichton College	Memphis, TN
Dec. 9	Johnson Bible College	Home
Dec. 16-17	Flames Invitational Tournament	Jackson, MS
Jan. 9-10	Wesley Bible College	Birm'ham, AL
Jan. 14, 17	Southeastern Bible College	Home
Jan. 19	Atlanta Christian College	Home
Jan. 20-21	Crowley Ridge Christian College	Home
Jan. 27-28	Magnolia Bible College	Memphis, TN
Jan. 31	Crichton College	Atlanta, Ga
Feb. 4	Atlanta Christian College	Home
Feb. 7	Crichton College	Knoxville, TN
Feb. 11	Johnson Bible College	Memphis, TN
Feb. 17-18	SCAC Tournament	

## More New Workers Added To Faculty, Staff

Several new teachers and staff workers have recently joined the Bible College family, according to President Charles Thigpen. They are:

*Dianne Tippet/ Vickie Whaley*—Receptionists

*Mark Johnson*—part-time teacher, physical education

*Harrold Harrison*—part-time teacher, Christian education

*Frank Kovacs*—part-time teacher, biology

*Teresa Strom*—dormitory director, Polston Hall

*Kathy Skaggs*—student health office

We are grateful for the dedicated service of these and all those who work for the college, the denomination and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Bible College People Prominent at National

If you attended the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Kansas City last July, you couldn't miss seeing FWBBC people. That was especially true of the National Youth Conference, that met at the same time as the convention.

*Rejoice!*, the 10-voice mixed ensemble, provided special music for convention services and for the Bible Conference on Tuesday.

Kevin Riggs, a senior and the son of FWBBC professor Ken Riggs, brought the morning devotions for the teens attending the youth conference.

Ralph Hampton, dean of the Bible College's graduate school, did an excellent job in his first year as moderator.

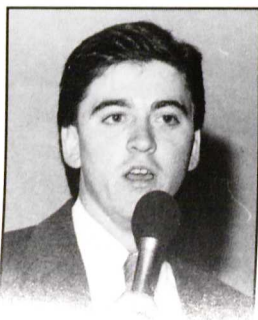
Dr. Charles Hampton, FWBBC Registrar, directed the music for the Tuesday evening convention service.

Many, many prospective students, pastors and parents came by the two Bible College booths during the convention to pick up literature on the college and to ask questions.

We appreciate the warm visits and kind words. Now, come to visit us in Nashville, where you can see the real thing!



*Rejoice! Ensemble*



*Kevin Riggs*



*Ralph Hampton*



## Basketball Program Continues On Trial Basis

**M**any friends have inquired about the future of inter-collegiate basketball at FWBBC. The questions may reflect uncertainty about the effect of the decision of the National Association this past summer, prohibiting the team from wearing regulation uniforms.

Perhaps a brief review is in order. During the past school year (1987-88) the college tried out a season of intercollegiate basketball, competing—both at home and away—against several other small, Bible-based colleges similar to ours, located in our part of the country. Because that year was regarded as a test, with no commitment to a continuing program, the team did not purchase regulation uniforms, using jerseys and sweat pants.

After observing the trial games and judging the program good, the FWBBC faculty voted last spring to recommend to the college board that a continuing program be approved, one that would include the use of regulation uniforms. At its annual meeting in May, the board voted to adopt this recommendation. Consequently, a season of games for the current year (1988-89) was scheduled with these schools.

Following the decision made at the National Asso-

ciation, we contacted all the colleges on our schedule of games. All of them, with good attitudes, have agreed to play the games scheduled even though our team will not be wearing regulation uniforms, and several of them indicated some reluctance about scheduling games in the future. In view of this, we have decided to go ahead with the current schedule (on page two). As the season progresses we will continue to evaluate the program, including the pros and cons of competing without regulation uniforms, to see whether it will be helpful and practical to continue to participate in intercollegiate basketball.

All of this will be done in a spirit of cooperation with the decision of the National Association. FWBBC recognizes its answerability to the National Association as its sponsor and governing body. The college has no hesitation about maintaining its commitment to serve the denomination in the ways the denomination requires.

Flames coach Byron Deel began tryouts for the team during the week of October 3. Most of last year's team is expected back and is looking forward to another year of competition.

### Seven Teams Picked For Basketball Tourney

FWBBC's 10th annual High School Invitational Basketball Tournament will pit teams from four states against each other on campus Jan. 12-14, according to Coach Byron Deel, tournament organizer.

This year's teams are:

**Trinity Christian**, Greenville, NC  
**Pleas. View Christ.**, Pleas. View, TN  
**Victory Christian**, Jasper, AL  
**Ruth's Chap. Christ.**, New Bern, NC  
**Woodbine Christian**, Nashville, TN  
**Florence Christian**, Florence, AL  
**Mingo Christian**, Lenore, WV

The team from Trinity Christian will be trying for an unprecedented fourth consecutive tournament win. Mingo Christian, last year's runner up, is expected to go all out to stop them.

Cheerleaders from these schools will also compete for awards during the tournament.

People in the Nashville area are invited to enjoy the competition among some of our finest Free Will Baptist high school teams. Call the college for a schedule of games.

### McCullough, Sturgill, Lee

### Alumni Featured At Missions Conference

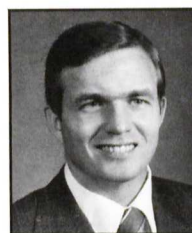
Three FWBBC alumni who are now serving on foreign missions fields will be the featured speakers at the college's annual Missionary Conference, Nov. 6-11. They are Tom McCullough, Jim Sturgill and Sherwood Lee.

Tom is a native of Michigan and has labored in St. Nazaire, France, since 1979. As a student missionary from FWBBC, he caught a burden for the field of France during the summer of 1973.

Jim has served three terms in Brazil. He is from West Virginia and graduated from FWBBC in 1967. Both he and his wife, Vickie, were challenged to foreign missions service while they were students at the Bible College.

Sherwood, originally from South Carolina, has served in Ivory Coast, West Africa, since 1969. He does village evangelism among the Lobi and works in the medical clinic in Doropo.

Other conference speakers include Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Rev.



McCullough



Sturgill



Lee

Don Sexton and Rev. Fred Warner.

President Charles Thigpen calls the conference "one of the highlights of our school year." He adds, "I am personally looking forward to hearing these dear men of God." He asks that friends pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint each speaker and listener.





*Dr. Thigpen welcomes Mr. Price to the trustee board.*

### Georgia Layman Elected Trustee

Howard Price, a layman from Statesboro, GA, was placed on the FWBBC Board of Trustees by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting last July in Kansas City. He replaces Rev. Tom Malone, who was not eligible for reelection to the board. Rev. Bob Ketchum and Rev. Ken Walker were reelected to

the trustee board.

Mr. Price is in the equipment rental business and a member of Statesboro Free Will Baptist Church. He is a 1965 FWBBC alumnus. He and his wife, Valrie, have two sons, one of whom is also an FWBBC alumnus.

We welcome him to the board of trustees.

### HELPING HAND LIST

The following items are needed by the college, but are not in the 1988-89 budget. They are listed here in the hope that friends of the college will either send a special gift so that they can be bought, or will donate the item(s) to the college. Be sure to mark any gift sent for this purpose as a "Helping Hand" gift.

Laminator—\$249  
Macintosh 60MB hard drive—\$849  
Overhead projectors (2)—\$150 ea.  
DX-7 Electric Keyboard—\$1,000  
Randall House Comm. (5)—\$19.95 ea.  
Electric stapler—\$50  
VCR, monitor, phones (2)—\$1,500 ea.  
Chimes—\$2,000  
Basketballs (6)—\$45 ea.  
Volleyballs (2)—\$30 ea.

We appreciate the many Helping Hand gifts that have come in since this appeal began!

## OUT & ABOUT

### November/December 1988

**ALABAMA**—Mr. Shockey, 11/10-12, State Ass'n, First FWB, Dothan. **ARKANSAS**—Dr. Thigpen, 11/2-6, First FWB, Batesville; Dr. Riggs, 12/2-4, Cavanaugh FWB, Ft. Smith. **FLORIDA**—Mr. Shockey, 11/2-3, State Ass'n, First FWB, Chipley. **GEORGIA**—Mr. Creech, 11/17-19, State Ass'n, Baptist Assembly, Norman Park. **INDIANA**—Dr. Woodard, 11/11-13, Oakford Separate Baptist, Kokomo. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Riggs, 11/11-12, Mt. Zion Separate Baptist, Magnolia. **MICHIGAN**—Mr. Tippet, 11/13-16,

Bethel FWB, Dearborn Heights. **MISSISSIPPI**—Mr. Creech, 11/4-5, State Ass'n, Lee's Chapel FWB, Waynesboro; Mr. Smith, 11/6, Eggville FWB, Tupelo. **MISSOURI**—Mr. Gilliland, 11/11-12, State Youth Conf., Rocky Mount. **TENNESSEE**—Dr. Riggs, 11/13, 20, 27, Donelson FWB, Nashville; Dr. Thigpen, Mr. Shockey, 11/14-16, State Ass'n, First FWB, Cookeville; Dr. Thigpen, 11/27, Fellowship FWB, Kingsport; Mr. Gilliland, 12/10-11 (AM), Grace FWB, Memphis.

### CALENDAR Of Campus Events November/December

<b>Nov. 7-9</b>	Missionary Conf.
<b>Nov. 24-28</b>	Thanksgiving Holidays
<b>Dec. 1-3</b>	Welcome Days
<b>Dec. 19-22</b>	Semester Exams
<b>Dec. 22</b>	Semester Ends

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Bobby Jackson

T. V. Farris



Paul F. Hall

Leroy Forlines



## **Speakers To Highlight Great Conference**

Four speakers, selected by the administration, are scheduled for the 1989 Bible Conference, March 12-16, according to President Thigpen. All are capable, dedicated men of God and the Word, assuring a great conference.

Evangelist Bobby Jackson, the busiest and most effective full-time evangelist Free Will Baptists have ever had, will highlight the program. The Greenville, NC, native has preached more than 14,000 times during his 38-year ministry. He is an alumnus of FWBBC and Bob Jones University.

Dr. T. V. Farris, while new to many Free Will Baptists, is highly regarded as professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN. "He is an enthusiastic preacher," says Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean. He pastored in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, and served as a missionary to Japan.

Rev. Fred Hall, recognized as a vocal soloist, is also an excellent expository preacher. He graduated from FWBBC in 1964 and earned his Master's in 1984 from the graduate school. He has pastored in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Illinois. He currently pastors the East Nashville (TN) Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Leroy Forlines is, without a doubt, one of the best theologians Free Will Baptists have produced. He couples sound theology with a warm heart, making him a man with answers for people's problems. He graduated from FWBBC in 1952 and did graduate study at Winona Lake School of Theology, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and Chicago Graduate School of Theology. He has been on the Bible College faculty since 1953.

Bible Conference is being planned as a Free Will Baptist "Homecoming," as people, including pastors, alumni and other friends, gather to fellowship and enjoy five days of solid Bible preaching. The FWBBC Alumni Association, according to President James Earl Raper, will hold its annual business meeting during the conference. Coach Byron Deel says that a golf tournament will be held in the afternoon during the conference.

FWBBC President Charles Thigpen says, "Please come and enjoy great preaching, good singing, wonderful food and sweet fellowship!"

Accommodations are available both on the campus and in nearby motels. If you want information on either, contact the college.

Make the 1989 Bible Conference a highlight event on your March calendar!

## **11 Bible College Seniors Chosen For "Who's Who"**

Eleven seniors at Free Will Baptist Bible College will be included in the 1989 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean.

They are:

1. Sonya Barbour—Dunn, NC
2. Sherry Dorton—Norton, VA
3. Eddie Fleming—Drakesboro, KY
4. Michael Gragg—Nashville, TN
5. Wendy Grindstaff—Elizabethton, TN
6. Krista McClintock—Wood River, IL
7. Eddie Moody—Kinston, NC
8. Todd Parrish—Smithfield, NC
9. Kevin Riggs—Nashville, TN
10. Jeff Runion—Black Mountain, NC
11. Tamara Walley—Asheville, NC

The honorees were nominated by the FWBBC faculty. Criteria included spiritual maturity, academic performance, leadership, extracurricular activities, and potential for future success.

"All our seniors belong in *Who's Who*," said Dr. Picirilli. "The faculty have a tough time selecting the most outstanding ones for the number allowed by the publishers. Thank God for the choice young people He sends our way."

*Who's Who* includes outstanding students from more than 1,400 colleges and universities in all 50 states and several foreign countries. The directory has been honoring students in this way since 1934.





*The College Choir*



*The Concert Band*



*Victorymen Quartet*



*Rejoice!*

## **New Music Groups To Travel For College**

Four new music groups have been prepared to represent the Bible College, according to Rodney Whaley, chairman of the Music Department.

The *College Choir* will take its annual tour in March, visiting churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. The 38-member group represents some of the very best young talent in the denomination.

The new *Rejoice!*, a 14-voice ensemble, is also looking forward to visiting a number of churches during the spring semester and summer. A number of services for January-March have been scheduled in North Carolina and Alabama.

The *Concert Band* is scheduled to visit churches in Tennessee and Missouri, April 18-23.

The *Victorymen Quartet* will continue a long tradition of Bible College quartets that have ministered to Free Will Baptists for more than four decades.

If a pastor is interested in scheduling a service, he may contact Mr. Neil Gilliland, Director of Recruitment, at 615/383-1340. If any services are scheduled in your area, we hope you will try to attend.

## **College's Accreditation Extended For 10 Years**

FWBBC, after a long, exhausting self-study, and a thorough inspection by the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC), has received a 10-year extension on its accreditation, according to President Thigpen. All colleges belonging to AABC must be re-examined every 10 years.

The re-examination covers every facet of the college—its objectives, programs of study, faculty qualifications, campus facilities, financial support, library, etc. The process takes a year to 18 months to complete.

In October, Dr. Thigpen, Dr. Picirilli, and Dr. Hampton met with the AABC Accrediting Commission in St. Louis. The commission conveyed its approval of FWBBC and extended the college's accreditation.

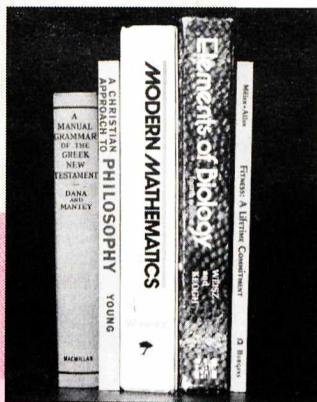
## **Students Adopt Project For Missions Institutes**

FWBBC students have adopted a \$10,000-project to buy books for Free Will Baptist institutes on five mission fields, according to Gene Richards, president of Foreign Missions Fellowship on campus. "The libraries in our sister schools on the mission fields are often smaller than that of the average pastor," he said. "We feel a responsibility to help them."

If the goal is reached, each library will receive \$2,000 with which to buy new books.

Last year's project, to raise \$7,500 to help build a church in St. Nazaire, France, was completed successfully. Missionary Tom McCullough thanked the students in chapel and presented them with a picture of the new church signed by its members. He said, "Since we finished our new building, we have had 55 new visitors—more than in the previous 10 years." He added that three new families are attending regularly.





## Seniors Score High On General Education Tests

by Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean

Is the general education program at a Bible college sound? Everybody knows that Bible colleges do a good job teaching Bible and theology, and giving training for Christian ministries. But how about general education—courses like English, social studies, the arts, literature and such?

Administrators at FWBBC (with two other Bible colleges) decided to check this out by using nationally standardized tests. The tests used were those administered by the American College Testing program (ACT) called COMP (for College Outcomes Measurement Project). When given to seniors, they provide an evaluation of the general education courses taken by students at a particular institution.

And thus 26 of our bachelor's degree candidates spent several hours last year in a battery of these tests. All of us held our breath while we awaited, for several weeks, the results.

But when the report was in, we breathed easy. In fact, we rejoiced! In summary: *the average scores of our seniors were approximately the same as the average scores of 40,625 seniors at 123 colleges/universities across the United States.*

The tests yield scores in six categories. On three of these, FWBBC seniors scored at or above the national average, and on the other three only slightly below. And the list of 123 schools in the comparison group is impressive, including mostly state universities and private liberal arts universities and colleges.

Needless to say, we are very pleased that a small Bible college like ours compares favorably with the prestigious universities in our land.

In fact, the results were even better than that! The ACT people can also measure the *progress* made by students during their college years. They do this by using the basic ACT scores of the students before they started college. Consequently, we were especially pleased when people at ACT reported to us that *our seniors had made greater progress in these areas of general education than students in all but five of 112 four-year institutions in a study they have made.*

And that isn't all. The report also compared us to a selected group of five Christian liberal arts colleges. *Our seniors' average was higher than theirs in every one of the six categories of general education, by five or more percentile points.*

By the way, these results were not only true for the seniors at FWBBC, but also for those at the other two Bible colleges in the project. Who says "Bible college" education is inferior? We have the evidence to prove it isn't!

## Students Buy Hymnals For FWBBC Auditorium

The student body, led by President Eddie Moody, recently gave the college 250 copies of the new Free Will Baptist hymnal, *Rejoice*.

Students, college employees and friends raised \$2,200 for the project. Moody said, "Because of the hard work and sacrifice of our students and faculty this year, many students, both present and future, will be able to share in the blessings of our new hymnal."

The formal presentation was made in chapel November 18. FWBBC President Charles Thigpen thanked Mr. Moody and those whose sacrifice made the gift possible. "I am very pleased that the students chose to make this gift," he said. "We will enjoy using these books for many years to come."

Rodney Whaley, chairman of the FWBBC Music Department and a member of the committee that compiled the new hymnal, described the work that went into its production. He then led the college family in singing a number of the hymns from the new hymnal.

## Missions Conference Impacts Campus

The fall Missionary Conference, Nov. 7-9, brought foreign missions to West End Avenue. Missionaries Tom McCullough (France), Jim Sturgill (Brazil) and Sherwood Lee (Ivory Coast) uprooted false ideas about missions and planted new, dynamic challenges in their place.

Rolla Smith, former Foreign Missions Department general director, now teaching missions courses at FWBBC, also praised the special music that added so much to the conference. "It was one of the most practical and well-balanced conferences I've been in anywhere," he said.

President Charles Thigpen called the conference "truly outstanding."



## Summer Camp '89 Set For June 19-25

The college's Summer Camp '89 for high school students is scheduled for June 19-25, according to Neil Gilliland, Director of Recruitment.

The camp is for young people who have completed high school grades 9-12. It will feature four emphases—*music, drama, basketball* (for young men) and a *new* camp for Christian leaders.

The new *SALT* camp will feature methods of Bible study, how to have a devotional life, witnessing and other facets of Christian living. It will be directed especially toward young preachers, those who are called to youth ministry or the mission field, and others who want their lives to count for Christ. *SALT* camp will be especially helpful for

*high school students who may be planning to attend a secular college, where their faith in Christ may be tested.*

More information on Summer Camp '89 will be in a later issue of the *Bulletin*.

If you want to be sure you receive more information, please write or call the college.



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Gas furnaces, 80,000-150,00 BTU (2)—

\$1,000 ea.

60M3 computer drive (Macintosh)—

\$849

Chimes—\$2,000

VCRs (2)—\$250 ea.

Electric stapler—\$50

Memory typewriter (2)—\$800 ea.

Tympani—\$750

Recent responses to Helping Hand needs have been excellent! Thanks to those who sent gifts for two overhead projects, a wall-mounted screen, a laminator and a basketball.

## OUT & ABOUT

January/February 1989

**ALABAMA**—Mr. Shockey, 2/13-15, Evangelism Conf., S. Highland FWB, Muscle Shoals. **ARKANSAS**—Dr. Riggs, 1/20-22, Cavanaugh FWB, Ft. Smith; 2/3-5, First FWB, Ft. Smith; Dr. Woodard, 2/20-22, Ministers' Retreat, Arkadelphia. **FLORIDA**—Mr. Creech, 1/29-1/2, Shiloh FWB, Bratt; 2/3, W. Florida Ass'n, Pensacola. **GEORGIA**—Mr. Shockey, 2/20-24, Crossroads FWB, Cochran. **KENTUCKY**—Dr. Thigpen, 2/11, Green River Ass'n, Glasgow. **MICHIGAN**—Dr. Riggs, 1/27-29, Grace FWB, Taylor. **NORTH CAROLINA**—Rejoice!, 1/28, Youth Rally, Goshen FWB, Mt. Holly;

1/29 (AM), Goshen FWB, Mt. Holly; 1/29 (PM), Rocky Pass FWB, Nebo; 2/10, Zephyr Hills FWE, Asheville; 2/11, Rally, Grace FWB Church, Greenville; 2/12 (AM) Peace FWB, Wilson. **OHIO**—Dr. Thigpen, 2/18, Quarterly Conf., Wheelersburg; 2/19, Porter FWB, Wheelersburg. **TENNESSEE**—Rejoice!, 1/15 (PM), Horton Heights FWB, Nashville; 1/22 (PM), Harper Road FWB, Joelton; 2/26 (AM), Pardue Mem. FWB, Clarksville; Dr. Thigpen, 1/25-29, Centerview FWB, Newport.

## CALENDAR Of Campus Events

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- Jan. 10 Spring semester begins
- Jan. 12-14 High school basketball tournament
- Feb. 18 Formal Dinner

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