Free Will Baptist Bible College



Music Camp



Drama Camp



Basketball Camp



SALT Camp

FWBBC Summer Camp '89:

A Must For Free Will Baptist **Young People!**

Free Will Baptist Bible College is inviting high school students, grades 9-12, to Summer Camp '89, June 19-24, in Nashville.

The camp will actually be four camps, all meeting at the same time and place. Here is what will be offered:

Music Camp—The FWBBC music faculty and selected music students will work with young people to improve their skills and performance. This is for those who sing or play, including keyboard and band instruments.

Drama Camp—The speech faculty and selected students will train young people to direct and perform in plays. They will also learn how to put on stage make-up, prepare costumes, handle lighting and a multitude of other, skills important to a good drama.

Basketball Camp—Young men who come to this camp will be drilled on the fundamentals, then taught more advanced court skills. Three-on-three competitions, video analysis and more will also help. A Christian philosophy of competition will be vigorously promoted.

SALT Camp—This is the newest addition to our camp program—and it has us excited! It is Scriptural Action and Leadership Training, and is for young people who want to be tomorrow's Christian leaders. It will feature effective Bible study methods, the devotional life, sharing the faith and much, much more.

The cost is only \$145 for the camp of your choice. This will include your meals, room, camp T-shirt, all sessions and services, and special activities. It will not include personal spending money.

The camps will begin on Monday afternoon, June 19. The final service will be held Sunday evening, June 24.

If you have an interest in these areas, put Summer Camp '89 on your calendar today. Write to the college for a free brochure with more details and an application.

Summer Camp '89

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



Students turn in Christmas Drive gifts to Mr. Shockey

Christmas Drive Exceeding Goal

The Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Drive has already passed all goals set for it, with gifts continuing to come in, according to Bob Shockey, Student Support Director.

The college family was challenged to raise \$65,000 during the Christmas holidays in honor of the college's late Public Relations Director. Tally Day was held January 11 in the college auditorium. More than \$44,000 had already been turned in by students and teachers, so the total quickly passed the \$65,000-goal. It reached nearly \$84,000 that day, and has since climbed to over \$103,200! Last year's record total was \$91,000.

The denominational goal—which includes money raised by the college family—was set at \$125,000. That, too, has been surpassed, with the total now standing at \$163,400! Mr. Shockey says he will close the drive January 31 and announce the grand total.

In spite of what is already the most successful Christmas drive the college has held, total gifts—Torch, alumni, etc.—are \$77,800 behind this time last year. "We will need four record months between now and May 31 to finish this fiscal year in the black," says Tom Sass, Treasurer.

In the meantime, everyone at FWBBC wants to say "Thank you" to the pastors, relatives and other friends who helped them reach this tremendous goal, praising God, from Whom all blessings flow!

Flames Enjoying Good Season

The *Flames* basketball team has put together what they hope will be a winning season for 1988-89, according to Coach Byron Deel. At mid-January, they had won 12 games and lost eight.

The team recently won the first Flames Classic invitation tournament that was held on campus December 16-17. Other participants were Circleville (OH) Bible College, Southeastern Bible College (Birmingham, AL), and Appalachian Bible College (Bradley, WV).

Coach Deel is pleased with the way the team has performed. "I feel

that support for our intercollegiate program is growing," he added. "We are enjoying great fan support, both at home and away." He was especially pleased when several young men who participated in FWBBC's recent high school tournament expressed their intentions to come to the Bible College and hoped they would be able to play with the *Flames*.

Come "Home"
For Bible Conference

March 12-16, 1989

Middle-Tennessee Alumni Take Steps To Organize

Some 250 FWBBC alumni living in the middle-Tennessee area met at the college January 20 for a special Alumni Homecoming.

The meeting was the brainchild of alumnus Larry Hampton, who lives in Nashville and works for Randall House. He was assisted by Dari Goodfellow, the college's Student Support Department secretary.

Some 600 area alumni were sent free tickets to a *Flames* basketball team home game and were also invited to stay over for a fellowship time in the Student Center. They evidently liked Larry's idea, because they elected him president of the infant organization. Other officers were Wayne Wagner, vice president, and Mrs. Goodfellow, secretary.

If you would like to organize an alumni chapter in your area, the college will provide a list of names/addresses.

Welcome Days Is Coming!

The next Welcome Days at FWBBC will be April 6-8. Write or call today for reservations! Welcome Days 3606 West End Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37205 615/383-1340

New Tape Features College Choir, Rejoice!

A flip-side cassette tape, featuring the College Choir on one side and the *Rejoice!* ensemble on the other is currently being completed.

It will include favorite songs by both groups, such as "A Mighty Fortress," "Exalt Him," "Amazing Grace," and "Glorybound."

If you would like a copy, please send \$10, plus \$1 for postage and handling, to the college.

Choir, Drama, Band To Tour

The College Choir, Evangel Players Drama Team and Concert Band from FWBBC are preparing to make their annual spring tours.

The Choir will visit churches in Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri on their tour, March 16-24.

The Evangel Players are scheduled to visit Tennessee, Ohio and Michigan, March 16-24.

The Band will be in Tennessee and Missouri, April 18-23.

See Out and About on the back page of this issue for a complete list of services.

'89 Pocket Calendars Still Available

The college still has a supply of 1989 pocket calendars on hand. If you would like a copy, please contact the Student Support Office of the college. We will continue to give them out as long as supplies last.



The following items are needed by the college, but are not in the current budget. If you would like to make a special gift to FWBBC, please select one of the items below and send your gift marked "Helping Hand," designating the item(s) you wish us to purchase. VCRs (2)—\$300 ea.

Memory typewriter—\$800 Transparency maker—\$900

Microwave ovens (2)—\$250 ea. Vacuum cleaner—\$250

Volleyballs (2)—\$30 ea. Basketballs (4)—\$45 ea.

Gas furnaces (2)—\$750 ea.

Thanks to several friends who have sent recent gifts to meet "Helping Hand" needs.



Four Seniors To Serve As Summer Missionaries

The Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions has approved four senior girls at FWBBC to serve as student missionaries for 10 weeks this summer.

Sherry Sifers, from Cleveland, OH, and Wendy Grindstaff, from Elizabethton, TN, have been approved to work with Judy Smith in Japan.

Rachel Burgess, from Powhatan, VA, and Judi Cagle, from Lincoln Park, MI, are scheduled to help Jerry and Barbara Gibbs in France.

All four are responsible to raise their own support, which includes transportation to and from the field and expenses while there. If you wish to help, gifts may be sent to the Department of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, earmarked for the student missionary of your choice.

The program of sending students to the field has been extremely effective. They have rendered sacrificial service to the missionaries while there and many of them in past years have eventually gone back to the field as full term missionaries.

Please pray for these students and give to help them get to the field.

Spring Enrollment Nearly Equals Fall Semester's

When the smoke of registration cleared, Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar, found that 285 students had enrolled for the spring semester—just one less than for the fall semester. "This is historic," he said. Most colleges experience an enrollment drop between semesters, so to come this close to equaling last semester's enrollment is significant. It is an increase of 11 students over the 1988 spring enrollment.

A strong portion of the student body—33%—is preparing for either the preaching ministry or the mission field, according to Dr. Hampton.

This semester's students come from 24 states and seven foreign countries. States represented are:

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Alabama14	Kentucky 15	Oklahoma 7
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Please pray for the people at Free Will Baptist Bible College. This has been designated "The Year of Prayer" on campus. Join us in celebrating it!



All Tournament Team

Woodbine Christian Wins FWBBC Invitational

Eight high school teams from six states participated in FWBBC's 10th Christian Schools Invitational Basketball Tournament, held on campus Jan. 12-14, according Coach Byron Deel.

Woodbine Christian, of Nashville,

won, defeating three-time champion Trinity Christian, of Greenville, NC. Pleasant View Christian, Pleasant View, TN, took third place.

Coach Deel said that the tournament saw teams that were evenly matched, with every team suffering at least one defeat.

All eight schools placed a player on the All Tournament Team, announced at the end of the tournament. They are: Darin Gibbs (Woodbine) MVP, Brad Ryan (Bethel Christian, S. Roxana, IL), Carter Reed (Florence Christian, Florence, AL), Mike Hudgins (Gateway Christian, Va. Beach, VA), Billy Deskins (Mingo Christian, Lenore, WV), Andy Wilson (Pleasant View Christian), Kirk

Welch (Trinity Christian), and Bryan Simms (Victory Christian, Jasper, AL).

The Trinity cheerleading squad placed first in cheerleading competi-

"It is encouraging to see the caliber of basketball being played at these schools," noted Coach Deel. "Hopefully, some of these young men will have the opportunity to attend the Bible College and participate in our program"

Next year's tournament is scheduled for Jan 11-13, 1990. Any Free Will Baptist high school that is interested in sending a team should contact Coach Deel, in care of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

OUT & ABOUT

March/April, 1989

ALABAMA—Rejoice!, 3/3, First FWB, Winfield; 3/4, First FWB, Florence; 3/5 (AM), Russellville FWB, Russellville; 3/5 (PM), Huntsville FWB, Huntsville; College Choir, 4/2 (AM), First FWB, Florence. FLORIDA—Mr. Gilliland, 4/20-23, Harmony FWB, Lake Butler. ILLINOIS—College Choir, 3/21, First FWB, Mt. Vernon; 3/ 23, Bethel FWB, S. Roxana; 3/24, First FWB, Benton. INDIANA— College Choir, 3/18, Separate Bapt., Kokomo, IN; 3/19 (AM), Packerton FWB, Claypool; 3/19 (PM), First Bible FWB, New Castle; 3/20, First FWB, Chesterfield. KENTUCKY—College Choir, 3/16, Baker Branch FWB, Tutor Key; 3/17, Enterprise Bapt., Ashland; Mr. Shockey, 3/26-31, Betsy Layne, FWB, Pikeville; Dr. Riggs, 4/ 6-8, Mt. Zion Separate Bapt., Magnolia; Mr. Forlines, 4/8, Separate Baptist Pastors' Conference, Louisville. MICHIGAN—Evangel Players, 3/18, West Wayne FWB, West Wayne; 3/19 (AM), Philadelphia FWB, Mt. Clemens; 3/19 (PM), Kirby FWB, Taylor; 3/20, Southgate FWB, Southgate. MISSISSIPPI—Mr. Shockey, 3/17-18, Fellowship FWB, Richton; Rejoice!, 4/14-16, Tupelo Area services.

 $\textbf{MISSOURI} \color{red}\textbf{-Dr. Riggs}, 3/3-5, Calvary FWB, Fenton; \textbf{College Choir}, \\$ 3/22, Calvary FWB, Fenton; Concert Band, 4/19, Fellowship FWB, Flat River; 4/20, Grant Avenue FWB, Springfield; 4/21, Central FWB, Grandview; 4/22, First FWB, Lebanon; 4/23 (AM), First FWB, Mountain Grove. NORTH CAROLINA—Mr. Forlines, 3/29-4/2, Grace FWB, Greenville; Dr. Riggs, 4/14-16, Garner FWB, Garner. OHIO—Evangel Players, 3/17, First FWB, Dayton; 3/21, Cleveland FWB, Cleveland; 3/22, Mansfield FWB, Mansfield; 3/23, Columbus First FWB, Columbus; 3/24, Dailyville FWB, Waverly. SOUTH CAROLINA—Mr. Shockey, 4/17-21, First FWB, Chester; 4/23, Columbia FWB, Columbia. TENNESSEE—Preaching Tour, 3/11-12, churches of Eastern/Northern QM, Union Ass'n; 4/7-9, $churches\ of\ Central\ QM, Union\ Ass\ `n; \textbf{Evangel\ Players}, 3/16, First$ FWB, Oak Ridge; College Choir, 4/2 (AM), Horton Heights FWB, Nashville; Concert Band, 4/18, Good Springs FWB, Pleasant View; 4/30, Horton Heights FWB, Nashville. VIRGINIA—Mr. Shockey, 3/4-9, First FWB, Richmond.

CALENDAR Of Campus Events March-April, 1989

Mar. 7-10 Mid-Semester Exams Mar. 12-16 Bible Conference Mar. 16-21 Spring Vacation Mar. 16-25 Choir/Drama Tours

Mar. 22 Classes resume Apr. 6-8 Welcome Days

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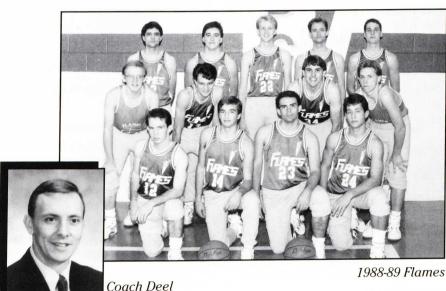
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Free Will Baptist Bible College



FWBBC Coach Named "Coach of The Year"

The Southland Christian Athletic Conference, in which the FWBBC Flames basketball team participated this year, named Coach Byron Deel the "Coach of The Year" following the SCAC Tournament, held Feb. 17-18 in Memphis.

Kevin Riggs, senior center from Nashville, was named both the conference and tournament Most Valuable Player. Senior Jeff Robertson, from St. Joseph, MO, was named to the All-Conference Team.

The team finished in second place in the conference. This was the first year the Flames fully participated in the SCAC.

The team finished with 18 wins and 10 losses for the season. In tournament competition, they took first place in the Flames Classic, second place in the Circleville Bible College Tournament and second place in the SCAC Tournament.

Coach Deel is especially pleased with the Christian witness he feels

team members have left, both with other teams and in 19 Free Will Baptist churches where they ministered while on the road. Members of the team preached, gave testimonies, taught classes and sang.

He says, "The program has made some great strides over the past three years. We are at the point where we can field a competitive team against colleges similar to ours which have well-established programs. Our biggest assets are our gym and our student body. Few colleges where we play have facilities as nice as our Alumni Gym. Our student body provides us with a pool of hard-working ballplayers, as well as a core of dedicated supporters."

Administrative officials will review the intercollegiate basketball program with the board of trustees at its annual meeting in May. The board will make a decision about the future of the program at that time.



Rev. Ketchum

Oklahoma Pastor To Preach Baccalaureate

Rev. Bob Ketchum, pastor of Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, OK, who is also a 1962 FWBBC graduate, will preach the college's Baccalaureate Message to graduates on Sunday, May 14, in Memorial Auditorium, according to President Charles A. Thigpen.

The baccalaureate service will kick off five days of graduation activities at the college, climaxing on Thursday with Commencement Exercises. (See the Calendar of Campus Events on page 4 for a complete list of events, with times.)

He attended Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, OK, and the University of Tulsa. He is a graduate of the Clinical Pastoral Education program of Hillcrest Hospital, Tulsa, and served as intern chaplain there for a year.

In 1975, he founded the church he now pastors. Other pastorates include Shady Grove FWB Church, Clarksville, TN, and Owasso FWB Church, Owasso, OK.

Rev. Ketchum has conducted revivals in 11 states. He currently serves as moderator of the Oklahoma State Association and is a member of the Free Will Baptist Bible College board of trustees.

All Free Will Baptists and other friends of the college are invited to attend.



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

If you would like to make a special gift to the college, please select something listed below. You may either give the item or money to purchase it. Please designate your gift as "Helping Hand."

VCRs (2)—\$300 ea. Library computer—\$1,000 Cassette duplicator—\$800 Video player/monitor—\$350 Microfiche reader/printer—\$560 Children's books—\$150

Thanks to the Mississippi ladies who gave \$874.95 as a district Woman's Auxiliary project to "Helping Hand" needs!

Christmas Project Tops \$180,000

The 1988 Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive raised \$180,134.34 for FWBBC, according to Bob Shockey, Director of Student Support.

Students and college personnel raised \$105,642.20 of the total. Their goal was \$65,000. Gifts were turned in by 40 members of the faculty/staff and by 112 students. Of these, 102 were \$500 or more.

Deepest thanks to every pastor, parent and other friend of the Bible College who helped.

New Catalog Available

Copies of the latest Free Will Baptist Bible College *Catalog* are available to pastors and prospective students.

To receive one, write or call: Free Will Baptist Bible College 3606 West End Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37205 615/383-1340

Faculty, Seniors Split Basketball Games

The faculty/staff women edged out the senior girls, while the men of the faculty/staff bowed to the senior men in the traditional pair of Faculty/Senior basketball games that were played in the college gym March 30.

Senior Krista McClintock, in spite of scoring 14 points, could not pull her classmates past the everfeisty women of the faculty/staff. Karen Tippett, with seven points, led the winners in the 30-24 victory.

The senior men, led by several former *Flames*, rolled over the faculty/staff men, 92-73. Dean of Students Roy Harris led all scorers with 25 points. Senior Kevin Riggs contributed 20, just ahead of his father, Dr. Ken Riggs, who dropped in 18 while celebrating his 48th birthday!

Coach Byron Deel observed, "We're getting older while they're getting better!"



Classes were called off at FWBBC on Wednesday, Mar. 1, so that the college family could devote the entire day to prayer.

These Days of Prayer have become regular events in the scheme of things at the Bible College. Alumni can recall when the Lord moved in response to the prayers offered up on Days of Prayer at FWBBC.

The most recent one will be so remembered by students attending the college now. Their testimonies told of decisions they made and needs God met as they prayed.

Do you know a young person who should attend a college where people believe in prayer? Why not encourage him or her to consider Free Will Baptist Bible College?



Graduate Program To Feature Pastor's Personal Life

The next session in FWBBC's Graduate School will focus on The Pastor's Personal Life and will meet May 29-June 2, according to Ralph Hampton, Dean.

He says that instructors will give attention to the pastor's spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social life. "We plan to include his physical well-being, stress management, discouragement, personal finances and his family relationships," Rev. Hampton adds.

Teachers for the session will include Dr. LaVerne Miley, former medical missionary to Ivory Coast who now teaches at the college; Dr. Charles Hampton, FWBBC Registrar; Rev. Larry Powell, pastor of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church, Nashville; and Curtis Calihan, a certified financial planner. Other instructors will also be used.

The Graduate School is open to all pastors. Courses, such as this one, may be taken either for credit or non credit. Credit can be given for either graduate or undergraduate programs.

If you are interested, it is important that you contact the college as soon as possible since there is a list of required reading that must be completed before the session begins. Please write or call:

Graduate School

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Rev. Wiggs

NC Pastor Ministers To Young Preachers

Rev. Dennis Wiggs, pastor of Ruth's Chapel FWB Church, New Bern, NC, made the ministry practical to FWBBC ministerial students in a series of seminars held on campus Feb. 7-8. He has written a column for young preachers in *Contact*.

Dr. Robert Woodard, who directs the Visiting Pastor Seminars, says Rev. Wiggs was pointed, personal and practical. "Student response indicates that this was definitely one of the finest such seminars we've ever hosted," he said.

Rev. Wayne Miracle, a junior ministerial student who is president of FWBBC's Ministerial Fellowship, says Rev. Wiggs "put principles into action." He adds, "We were able to hear from a successful, experienced pastor that the things we are taught in the classroom actually work in the pastorate."

Rev. Wiggs describes the ministerial students as "responsive." He says, "I was encouraged."

The annual Visiting Pastor Seminars are planned to give ministerial students exposure to preachers who can help them find answers to the practical problems of pastoring.

Bible Conference Praised as "One Of Best"

The 1989 Spring Bible Conference will be remembered as one of the best the college has held. All four of the featured speakers did an outstanding job, according to President Charles Thigpen.

Evangelist Bobby Jackson, one of Free Will Baptists' favorite preachers, was used by the Lord, again, to challenge us to a more complete commitment.

Dr. T. V. Farris, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, won many friends among Free Will Baptists with his warm humor, tender heart and enthusiastic preaching.

Rev. Fred Hall, pastor of East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, centered his messages on the ministry of Elijah. His preaching was grounded in solid study and presented with excitement.

Rev. Leroy Forlines' series on "God's Amazing Grace" may have been the highlight of the conference. He reminded us of mankind's desperate need of help and God's loving response to that need–Amazing!

Many conference attendees said that the music was a special blessing. The FWBBC Music Department did an outstanding job planning a musical feast that complemented the messages in every service.

Bible College alumni held their annual meeting during the conference and elected officers for 1989-90. Fred Hall was elected the Alumni Association's new president. Jake Creech was chosen Member At Large of the Executive Committee. Other officers were reelected: Randy Riggs, vice president; Clara Picirilli, secretary; and Mary Belle Creech, treasurer.

Next year's Bible Conference is scheduled for March 11-15, 1990. Make plans now to attend.

Last Call For Summer Camp '89

If you plan to attend FWBBC's *Summer Camp '89*, it is important that you get in your reservation as soon as possible.

The dates are June 19-25. The cost is is just \$145.

Send your reservation to:

Summer Camp '89 Free Will Baptist Bible College 3606 West End Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37205



New Cassette Released

A cassette tape featuring the music of *Rejoice!*, a 12-voice ensemble, and the College Choir was released recently, according to Rodney Whaley, Director of the FWBBC Music Department, who led in the project. The cassette is entitled *From Grace To Glory*.

The cassette contains 10 songs with full orchestration. Included are "A Mighty Fortress," "Exalt Him," and medleys on peace, grace and Heaven. To order, send \$10, plus \$1 for postage, to Free Will Baptist Bible College.



Choir, Evangel Players Take Spring Tours

The College Choir





The College Choir and Evangel Players drama team took 10-day spring tours while the rest of the FWBBC family enjoyed a spring break.

The Choir visited churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

The Evangel Players held services in Tennessee, Ohio and Michigan.

Both groups reported people saved and decisions for rededication in their services. Financial responses were very good, with gifts and checkbooks totaling nearly \$11,000.

Members of the Choir and Evangel Players thank everyone who made their ministries possible—pastors, friends who attended services and the many who kept them in their homes and prayed for them as they journeyed.

OUT & ABOUT

May/June 1989

INDIANA—Mr. Creech, 6/16-17, State Ass'n, New Castle. KENTUCKY—Mr. Shockey, 6/16-17, State Ass'n, Auxier. MICHIGAN—Dr. Thigpen, 5/19-20, State Ass'n, Warren. MISSOURI—Mr. Shockey, 6/5-8, State Ass'n, Lebanon. NORTH CAROLINA—Mr. Shockey, 5/7-10, Peace FWB, Wilson; Mr. Creech, 6/5-6, State Ass'n, Swannanoa. OREGON—Mr. Shockey, 5/12-13, State Ass'n, Salem. OHIO—Mr. Shockey, 5/21 (AM), First FWB, Dayton; 5/21 (PM), North Ridge FWB, Dayton; 5/27, Pine Creek

QM; 6/22-24, State Ass'n, Columbus. PENNSYLVANIA—Dr. Thigpen, 6/22-24, MD State Ass'n, New Oxford. TENNESSEE—Mr. Creech, 5/7-12, Monterey FWB, Monterey; Dr. Thigpen, 5/18, Pleasant View Christian School, Pleasant View; Dr. Riggs, 6/16-17, Camp Joshua, Greeneville. TEXAS—Dr. Thigpen, 6/7-9, State Ass'n, Weslaco. VIRGINIA—Mr. Shockey, 6/15-16, State Ass'n, Roanoke. WEST VIRGINIA—Mr. Shockey, 6/9-10, State Ass'n, Canvas.

CALENDAR

Of Campus Events

May/June 1989

May 11-16 Final Exams

May 14 Baccalaureate, 8 p.m.

May 15 Drama Program, 7:30 p.m.

May 16 Graduates' Breakfast, 8 a.m.

May 16 Choral Program, 7:30 p.m.

May 17 Commencement, 10 a.m.

May 22 Summer School begins

May 23-

June 2 First term, Summer School

June 5-23 Second term, Summer

School

June 19-25 Summer Camp, '89

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The Graduating Class of 1989

Torch Is Passed To 66 Graduates

The college was honored to bestow degrees on 66 graduates in Commencement Exercises on campus May 18.

The graduates represented five degree programs: 10 Associates of Science in Business, seven Associates of Christian Ministries, 31 Bachelors of Science, 14 Bachelors of Arts and four Masters of Ministries. The Masters graduates are the first to complete this program for pastors. It is designed for preachers who cannot leave their pastorates, but want to continue their training. (Call or write the college for more information on this program.)

The graduates represent 19 states, the largest numbers coming from North Carolina (15) and Tennessee (12).

Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar, gave the challenge to the graduates before a full auditorium. Five graduates shared testimonies about the Lord's faithfulness and the support of family and friends during their years of training. They were Todd Parrish, Sherry Sifers, Kevin Riggs, Eddie Moody and Tamara Walley.

Several other awards and special presentations SPECIAL AWARDS: were made during the final service of the 1988-89 school

Yearbook Editor's Medal: Merinda White, Cordova, AL Student Body President's Medal: Eddie Moody, Kinston, NC Outstanding Student: Tamara Walley, Asheville, NC Best All Around Students: Eddie Moody, Kinston, NC; Tamara

Society Sports Trophies: Christina Rossetti Society, Pi Gamma

Class Medalists (highest academic record in each class during this school year):

Freshman—David Kilgore, Wise, VA

Sophomore—Sarah Winchester, Washington, NC Junior—Rhoda Creech, Nashville, TN; David Trogdon, Ft.

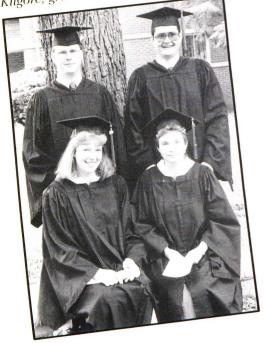
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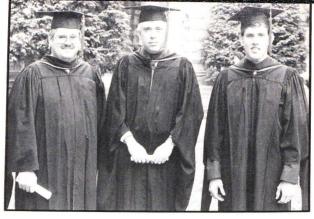
Senior—Tamara Walley, Asheville, NC Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society: Tamara Walley, Asheville, NC; Sonya Barbour, Dunn, NC; Rhonda Weese, Greenville, NC.

I. L. Stanley Music Scholarship: Nathan Snow, Decatur, GA Laura Belle Barnard Missions Scholarship: Tom Williams,

Homer Willis Music Scholarship: Missy Patton, Betsy Layne, KY William H. Oliver Education Scholarship: Sybil Burgess, Pikeville, TN

Two married couples—Mike and Jan Morrison and Amanda and James Kilgore, graduated together.





Masters Degrees were awarded to four graduates: Ken Smith, Bill Preston, Clayton Hampton and Greg Godby (not shown).



Wayne Miracle, president of Ministerial Fellowship on campus, presented a portrait of the late Paul Ketteman to President Thigpen during Graduation Week. Mr. Kettman served as FWBBC's public relations director for 25 years.

THE GRADUATES

Associate of Science in Business Degrees

Tracy Ann Burcham Russellville, Alabama Robin Denise Howell New Bern, North Carolina Amanda Sams Kilgore Wise, Virginia Gary Wayne Phillips Flat River, Missouri Jennifer Lynn Reed Dunn, North Carolina Kimberly Dawn Russell Van Buren, Arkansas Shelly Dawn Satterfield Tulsa, Oklahoma Dorothy M. Shores Pleasant View, Tennessee Sonya LeAnn Smith Chester, South Carolina Audra Denise Wiggs New Bern, North Carolina

Associate of Christian Ministries Degrees

Christian Ministries Degre
Lovenia Lynn Childress
Louisa, Kentucky
Jeffrey A. Davis
Tell City, Indiana
J. B. Ellis
Jacksonville, North Carolina
John Robert Gilliand, II
Nashville, Tennessee
James H. Kilgore, Jr.
Wise, Virginia
William M. McElveen, Jr.
Lake City, South Carolina
Michael Ray Nabors
Cookeville, Tennessee

Bachelor of Science Degrees

Science Degrees Sonya Gail Barbour Dunn, North Carolina Katrina Ann Bryan* Georgetown, South Carolina Tommy Lynn Burch, Jr. Nashville, Tennessee Judi Lynne Cagle Lincoln Park, Michigan Kim Marie Carrington Dickson, Tennessee Levia Recardo Deel St. Paul, Virginia Sherry Lynn Dorton* Norton, Virginia Sherry Rae Golden Stacy, North Carolina Cindy Goodman Walnut Hill, Illinois Gena Rena Griffin Booneville, Mississippi Wendy Joy Grindstaff* Elizabethton, Tennessee Susan Lynne Harmon Durham, North Carolina Pamela Ann Hunter New Carlisle, Ohio Kelly Ann Jones Marion, Illinois Krista Elaine McClintock** Wood River, Illinois Jan Johnson Morrison Conway, Arkansas Michael Emory Morrison Cottondale, Alabama

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Master of Ministries Degrees

***-Cum laude

Gregory Gene Godby
New Oxford, Pennsylvania
Clayton Lee Hampton
Woodlawn, Tennessee
William Herschel Preston
Nashville, Tennessee
W. Ken Smith
Greeneville, Tennessee



New Officers: Cameron Lane, Doug Kite, Faith Van Winkle, Dickey Anderson.

Arkansas Senior Chosen Student Body President

Cameron Lane, a senior physical education major from Russellville, AR, was elected student body president for 1989-90 in elections held on campus in April.

Students also chose Doug Kite, a senior from Vanceboro, NC, to serve as vice president. Faith Van Winkle, a junior from Fulton, MS, was elected secretary-treasurer. Elected to serve as chaplain was Dickey Anderson, a senior ministerial student from Joelton, TN.

All four will begin their duties when the fall semester begin in August. Please pray for them as they lead the FWBBC student body.



Merinda White presents the first yearbook to the Thigpens.

Yearbook Dedicated To Thigpens

The 1988-89 edition of the *Lumen*, the college yearbook, was dedicated to President and Mrs. Thigpen when Editor Merinda White unveiled the book before the student body on May 4. She presented them with the first copy as the student body stood in warm tribute to the college's First Couple.

Next year's *Lumen* staff will be led by Beth Forrest, a sophomore from Monticello, AR. She will be aided by Kelly Carnes, assistant editor, from Decatur, AL, and Missy Patton, business manager, from Betsy Layne, KY.

Two Teachers Retire

The retirement of two FWBBC teachers was announced during graduation week, May 14-18.

Helen Ketteman, after 20 years teaching in the college Department of Business, announced that she will not be returning to the faculty in the fall. Mrs. Ketteman was honored at Commencement for her years of dedicated service to the college.

Rolla Smith, who joined the faculty two years ago to teach missions, is also retiring.

Both have earned a special place in the hearts of their students and co-workers. They will be greatly missed.

College Plans Workshop On Biblical Preaching

The Bible College is completing plans for a Workshop on Biblical Preaching, featuring Dr. Haddon Robinson, for February 20-21, 1990. Dr. Robert Woodard, who is planning the event for the college, says, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear and learn from one of the most outstanding preachers of our day."

Dr. Robinson is President of Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary, Denver, CO, and author of numerous books, including *Biblical Sermons* and *Biblical Preaching*. He received the "Outstanding Preacher Award" from Bob Jones University and, in the December 1986 issue of *Moody Monthly*, was included among the "Evangelical Leaders You Should Know."

Watch the *Bulletin* for more information on the Workshop. Preachers, plan now to put it on your list of "Things I Must Do in 1990." Deacons, plan to send your pastor.

Mark the dates: Feb. 20-21, 1990.

Drama Team, Ensemble **Touring Churches**

The college will have two student groups on the road this summer holding services in Free Will Baptist churches and ministering during the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Tampa, according to Neil Gilliland, Director of Recruitment.

The Evangels Drama Team has already scheduled services in Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama and Florida. The four-member team will do a series of plays aimed largely at problems in the home. In recent years, their program received abundant praise from churches they visited. Many, many decisions were made during their tour last summer.

The Rejoice! ensemble, 11 voices strong, has put together an outstanding program of music. Rejoice! will perform at the National Association and in churches in Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio, Georgia, Kentucky and Florida.

Watch for local publicity on both groups. If one is near you, make every effort to attend the service. Also, pray for the safety of those who will travel so many miles this summer.



The Evangels Drama Team

Rejoice!



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July/August 1989

ALABAMA — The Evangels, 7/9 (AM), Pine Hills FWB, Dothan; 7/9 (PM), First FWB, Dothan; Ken Riggs, 8/6-11, Liberty FWB, Vernon; Bob Shockey, 8/6-9, Free Water FWB, Guin. ARKAN-SAS – The Evangels, 7/2 (AM), Mt. Calvary FWB, Conway; 7/2 (PM), First FWB, Russellville; 7/5, First FWB, Monticello; Ronald Creech, 8/15-17, State Ass'n, Camp Beaverfork, Conway. FLORIDA—Rejoice! Ensemble, 7/10, Harmony FWB, Lake Butler; 7/15, First FWB, Seffner; The Evangels, 7/12, First FWB, Vero Beach; 7/13, First FWB, Winter Haven; Garnett Reid, 7/18, Nat. Ass'n Bible Conference, Tampa; Ronald Creech, 8/6-13, Harmony FWB, Lake Butler. GEORGIA—Rejoice! Ensemble, 7/3, Liberty FWB, Gainesville; 7/5, First FWB, Savannah; 7/6, First FWB,

Brunswick; 7/7, First FWB, Jesup; 7/8, Bellview FWB, Colquitt; 7/ 9 (AM), First FWB, Albany; 7/9 (PM), Midway FWB, Moultrie. HAWAII - Rodney Whaley, 7/16, Waipahu FWB, Waipahu. ILLINOIS —Rodney Whaley, 8/13-18, State Youth Camp, Ewing; Bob Shockey, 8/31-9/2, Ministers' Retreat, Camp Hope, Sesser. KENTUCKY—Garnett Reid, 7/10-15, Camp Caleb, Paintsville; Bob Shockey, 8/29, Heritage Temple FWB, Ashland. MISSOURI -Bob Shockey, 7/6-9, Carthage FWB, Carthage. NORTH CAROLINA—Rejoice! Ensemble, 7/1, First FWB, Jacksonville; 7/2 (AM), First FWB, Beaufort; 7/2 (PM), Garner FWB, Garner; Bert Tippett, 7/28-30, Trinity FWB, Pantego.

CALENDAR **Of Campus Events**

July/August, 1989

Aug. 22-25 Faculty In-service

Training Aug. 26

Dormitories open Aug. 28 Opening service, 7:30

p.m.

Aug. 29 Registration

Aug. 31 Classes begin

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An outstanding group of young people from 12 states attended Summer Camp '89.

59 Attend Summer Camp '89

A record 59 young people from 12 states attended *Summer Camp '89*, held June 19-25. The camp was actually four camps that ran concurrently, featuring basketball, music, drama and leadership training. More than half of the campers (32) attended the basketball camp, directed by Byron Deel, FWBBC's physical activities director.

The highest state representation (20) was from West Virginia, due to the fact that the entire basketball squad from Mingo Christian School, Lenore, WV, came. Tennessee contributed 10 campers, and eight came from Illinois. Other states included Alabama (4), Arkansas (4), Georgia (1), Mississippi (2), North Carolina (2), Ohio (2), Oklahoma (1), Texas (2) and Virginia (3).

At least eight campers accepted Christ as Savior and a number made commitments during the week. Following the final Sunday night rally, one young man announced God's call to the preaching ministry.

Summer Camp '89 appears to be the best to date. The attendance nearly doubled the previous best. The closing Sunday night service highlighted the talents of those who spent the week honing their music and stage skills. It also featured testimonies by some who worked in other areas.

Camp Director Neil Gilliland was enthusiastic. "These are some of the greatest kids I've ever worked with," he said.

"Training Preachers Is Our Specialty"

Since its inception, the Bible College has been known, first and foremost, as a place where preachers are trained. That reputation is cherished at FWBBC. The administration has said, "We may fly many flags, but let the flag of pastoral training fly the highest of all!"

A new brochure, produced by the college's Christian Ministries Department, outlines its goals and methods in pastoral training.

If you have, or someone you know has, an interest in preparing to preach, please write for "Training Preachers Is Our Specialty," free from FWBBC.



Dr. Woodard

Administration Appoints Pastoral Studies Director

Dr. Robert Woodard, a member of the college's Bible/Pastoral Studies faculty, has been appointed Director of Pastoral Studies, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean.

The appointment was made to enable one man to direct the many facets of the Pastoral Studies program, such as summer internships, research-development, conferences, promotion, job placement, ministry to alumni, etc.

Dr. Woodard has defined four key issues that he intends to face in his new capacity:

- 1. The denomination's greatest need is to produce young preachers, anointed of God and fully equipped to lead its churches.
- 2. The preparation the college gives its ministerial students should be the best available anywhere, both in terms of classroom training and practical experience.
- 3. Ministerial students need someone to give them personal, individualized attention and encouragement.
- 4. The college's interest and influence must extend beyond its campus, especially to preachers, both those who are FWBBC alumni and those who are not.

Dr. Woodard says, "God has burdened my heart for pastoral life and ministry, and I want to do all I can to help our preachers and our churches." He is a 1969 FWBBC graduate and earned his master's and doctorate at Bob Jones University. He pastored for 10 years before joining the faculty in 1978.



Mrs. Simpson

Former Dean of Women Promoted To Glory

Mrs. J. E. Simpson, who served for 18 years as FWBBC's Dean of Women, died June 25 in western North Carolina. Her funeral was held June 29 at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church. Dr. L. C. Johnson, who was president of the college during the year's Mrs. Simpson was on the staff, presided.

From 1951 through 1969 she was guardian to hundreds of Free Will Baptist coeds who lived on campus. Many of them will remember the jingle of her keys as she used to stroll the campus and rides to the doctor in her aging black Cadillac. Some have said that Mrs. Simpson is more responsible than anyone for providing good wives for Free Will Baptist preachers and missionaries during the years she served at the college. She attempted to bring out the best in every young lady who was placed in her charge. She was a cultured, refined, godly woman.

Her dignity, wisdom and sacrifice are still remembered by those who were blessed to know her and to call her their friend.

Continuation of Basketball Program Prompts Ovation

The audience broke out in an overwhelming round of applause when FWBBC Board Chairman James E. Raper announced during Commencement that the college will continue its intercollegiate basketball program. This demonstrates the enthusiasm of the college family for the program.

Some question about the viability of the program had been raised as a result of the denomination's decision last summer not to permit regulation uniforms. But the *Flames* have been so popular and made such a positive contribution to campus



spirit that the Board decided the program must go on. Last year, the Flames

played seven teams representing colleges similar to ours. They compiled an 18-10 won-lost record. Mr. Byron Deel, who directs the college's physical education program, is now at work on a schedule for next year.

Changes Announced For Fall Semester

Several new teachers will join the FWBBC faculty this fall, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Registrar.

Veteran missionary Eddie Payne



Rev. Payne

will teach full time in the area of missions. Rev. Payne is a 1962 FWBBC alumnus who has been serving in Ivery Coast, West Africa. Four part-

time teachers have been added. James Evans, a 1987 graduate of the Bible College, will teach one Christian education course. Ruth Slaten, who has taught music in the past, will rejoin the music faculty. Jonathan Snow, a 1984 FWBEC graduate, will also teach music Randy Skaggs, who is studying pastoral training, will teach business courses.

Roy Harris, who has served as Dean of Men and Acting Dean of Students, is now the college's Dean of Students.

Richard McDonald, who has taught music at the college since 1981, has resigned. He has joined the faculty at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Norman, OK, and will pursue graduate studies. Harrold Harrison taught Christian education courses last year, but will not be doing so this year. Neil Gilliland will devote his full time to recruitment. He taught several missions courses last year.

Sherry Anderson and Robin Shipp will work on the FWBBC staff this year. Mrs. Anderson began secretarial duties in the Office of Development last semester. Mrs. Shipp will serve as Student Activities Coordinator

The college is grateful to those who have served in the past and welcomes those who have come to continue the tradition of excellence in Christian education at FWBBC.

Joanne King To Speak At Schools Conference

Mrs. Joanne King, widely experienced as a Christian school administrator and teacher, will be the featured speaker at the Christian Schools Conference, Feb. 12-14, according to Dr. Ken Riggs, chairman of the Teacher Education Department.



Mrs. King

Mrs. King received her bachelor's in elementary education from Campbell University and her master's in special education from the University of North Carolina

at Charlotte. She is presently on the faculty of Cramerton Christian Academy, Cramerton, NC.

The annual conference draws Christian teachers and administrators from several states for workshops, inspirational services and the opportunity to interview student teachers.

Eight Teams Picked For 1989 Tournament

FWBBC Coach Byron Deel says eight Christian high school teams have accepted invitations to play in the college's 12th annual Invitational Basketball Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for Jan. 11-13.

The tournament will include even more team and individual awards than in the past, Coach Deel adds.

Teams expected for this year's tournament are:

- 1. Bethel Christian, S. Roxana, IL
- 2. Gateway Christian, Va. Beach, VA
- 3. Mt. Calvary Christian, Hookerton, NC
- 4. Mingo Christian, Lenore, WV
- 5. Peninsula Christian, Smithfield, VA
- 6. Pleasant View Christian, Pleasant View, TN
- 7. Trinity Christian, Greenville, NC
- 8. Woodbine Christian, Nashville, TN

College Finishes In Black,

But Not Without Sacrifice

For the third straight year, Free Will Baptist Bible College has finished in the black—but Treasurer Tom Sass warns that this is not a time for celebration. "We are committed to living within our income," he says, "but it has not been without pain and sacrifice."

The college audit shows that income exceeded expenses by \$14,677 for 1988-89, in spite of an \$80,325 drop in Torch Campaign gifts from the previous year. Strong student income and sharp cuts in expenses are responsible for the good showing, according to Mr. Sass.

He points out several sacrifices that had to be made:

- 1. Teachers and staff workers have received only skimpy raises for three of the last six years. These raises have not kept pace with inflation.
- 2. Minimum repairs and replacement have been done to buildings and college vehicles. At present, the average mileage on vans and cars the college owns is over 100,000 miles.
- 3. Needed teachers and other workers were not hired. The college is doing more work with fewer workers than ever before.

Everyone is grateful that the Lord enabled the college to close the year in the black. The churches and people who have supported the college are to be commended.

However, only one Free Will Baptist church in five sent support—of any size—directly to the college last year. Only if Free Will Baptist people see the seriousness of the college's needs and respond with regular, generous gifts, can there be any real cause to celebrate.

1989-90 **Campus Events Calendar**

(Please clip and save.)

Aug. 28	Opening Service,
	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 29	Registration
Aug. 31	Classes begin
Sept. 1	Opening Convoca-
	tion
Oct. 24-27	Mid-semester exams
Oct. 28	Formal dinner
Nov. 6-8	Missionary Confer-
	ence
Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving
	Holidays
Nov. 30-	
Dec. 2	Welcome Days
Dec. 18-21	Final exams
Dec. 21	Semester Ends

Jan. 9	Opening Service,
	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 9	Registration
Jan. 10	Classes begin
Jan. 11-13	High School Basket-
	ball Tourn.
Feb. 12-14	Christian Schools
	Conf.
Feb. 17	Formal dinner
Feb. 20-21	Biblical Preaching
	Workshop
Mar. 6-9	Mid-semester exams
Mar. 11-15	Bible Conference
Mar. 15-20	Spring vacation
Mar. 21	Classes resume
Apr. 5-7	Welcome Days
May 10-15	Final exams
May 13	Baccalaureate, 7:30
	p.m.
May 17	Commencement,
	10:00 a.m.

Opening Service

NOTE:

The college's 1989-1990 pocket calendars are now available. To get yours-free-just write or call:

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

"Together" Campaign Goal Set At \$925,000



Director of Student Support Bob Shockey and Director of Development Ronald Creech have set out to raise \$925,000 for the college by May 31, 1990. Their campaign, designated "Together We Can!," is directed at two targets—to upgrade present donors and to enlist new donors.

Both directors are asking all donors—churches and individuals—to increase last year's support by at least 10 percent. Responses to date are encouraging. Several have said they would increase their gifts by even more than 10 percent and two pastors plan to double their churches' gifts to the college.

College records show that about 500 churches and 1,300 individuals directly supported the college last year. (This does not include those who give through cooperative plans.) Shockey and Creech see a vast number of churches and individuals that they intend to contact in behalf of the college. New donor churches are being asked to put the college in their budgets for \$25 per month. Shockey adds, "Our goal this year is to enlist 1,500 new individuals who will give \$10, \$15 or \$25 per month."

The college's total 1989-90 gift budget is \$925,000.

Details of the plan are available in a full-color brochure from the college. If you have not received one or if you would like to pledge your support or that of your church, please write:

Together We Can!
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

OUT & ABOUT

September/October 1989

ARKANSAS—Bob Shockey, 9/11-13, First FWB, Fort Smith; Ronald Creech, 10/9-15, Pleasant Valley FWB, Warren FLORIDA—Bob Shockey, 9/14-17, First FWB, Tampa. GEORGIA—Ronald Creech, 9/24-27, First FWB, Albany; Ken Riggs, 10/26-28, Ass'n of Christian Schools, International, Atlanta. INDIANA—Bob Shockey, 10/8-11, First FWB, Chesterfield. KENTUCKY—Charles Thigpen, 9/11-14, Southside FWB, Paintsville; 10/26-28, American Ass'n of Bible

Colleges, Louisville. MISSOURI—Ken Riggs, 10/11-15, First FWB, Monett. NORTH CAROLINA—Ken Riggs, 9/13-17, Prospect FWB, Dunn; 10/5-8, First FWB, Morehead City. OKLAHOMA—Ronald Creech, 10/16-19, State Ass'n, Tulsa. TENNESSEE—Neil Gilliland, 9/23, Woman's Aux. Retreat, Pigeon Forge. TEXAS—La-Verne Miley, 10/13-14, Retreat, West Fork Campground. VIRGINIA—Ken Riggs, 9/29-10/1, Sunday School Conf., Saltsville.

CALENDAR

Of Campus Events

September/October 1989

Sept. 1 Opening Convocation,

9:50 a.m.

Oct. 24-27 Mid-semester exams

Oct. 28 Formal Dinner

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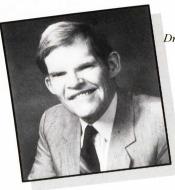
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Free Will Baptist Bible College BULLE ET AN



Dr. Robinson

Dr. Haddon Robinson Featured In Two-day Workshop

Dr. Haddon Robinson, one of the most outstanding preachers of our day, will be on campus Feb. 20-21 to conduct a Workshop On Biblical Preaching.

Dr. Robinson is president of Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary and received Bob Jones University's "Outstanding Preacher Award." He has authored a number of books, including *Biblical Preaching*, which is used as a textbook in some 90 seminaries and Bible colleges in North America.

In addition to preaching three times, Dr. Robinson will deal with the "nuts and bolts" of building and preaching biblical messages. His topics include:

- 1. What is "biblical" preaching?
- 2. Selecting and studying a text.
- 3. Outlining the message.

4. Introducing, amplifying and concluding the message.

Dr. Robert Woodard, FWBBC's Pastoral Studies Director, says the purpose for the Workshop is to help preachers—both those attending FWBBC and conference visitors—to carry out the biblical command to "Preach the word." He adds, "We have chosen Dr. Robinson to lead the Workshop because of his tremendous ability as a preacher and as a teacher of preachers." FWBBC Dean, Dr. Robert Picirilli, calls Dr. Robinson "one of the most outstanding people in this field."

Dr. Woodard says that no pastoral task is more basic or important than preaching. He is praying God will use the Workshop "to help us become more courageous and effective preachers of His Word."

The Workshop begins Tuesday morning, Feb. 20, and ends at noon Wednesday, Feb. 21.

The Workshop cost is \$15 per person; \$25 per couple. A comprehensive fee of \$40 per person (\$75 per couple) will include the Workshop and room/meals on campus. (All housing is in our dormitories, so couples will have to stay in separate buildings, with two ladies or two men per room.)

Please write for details and reservations, if you wish to stay on campus.

Workshop On Bibical Preaching

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\$135,000-Goal Set For Christmas Drive

Students, teachers and staff workers will be hard at work during Christmas vacation to raise \$75,000 in gifts for the college, which will be part of the goal of \$135,000 that Bob Shockey, Director of Student Support, has set for the 1989 Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive.

Last year, members of the college family raised more than \$105,000 in the drive and total denominational giving of over \$180,000!

If a young person from your church attends FWBBC, please give them an opportunity to represent the college while they are home at Christmas. Let them preach, sing, testify or do whatever they can to be a blessing. Plan to make a special gift during December in memory of Paul Ketteman, who served as FWBBC's Public Relations Director for 25 years. Christmas Fund gifts must be received by the college between Dec. 1-31, 1989.

Former Maintenance Dir. Now With The Lord

J. B. Hall, Jr., who served Free Will Baptist Bible College as Physical Plant Director for nearly 15 years, died July 10 in Dothan, AL, following a bout with cancer.

Mr. Hall, affectionately known as "J. B." to his many friends, came to the college in 1949 and graduated in 1956 with the Bachelor of Arts. He joined the maintenance staff in 1952 and worked faithfully until his retirement in 1967.

He loved students and often took time off to play ping pong with them.

The college conveys its prayers and sympathy to his wife, Geraldine, who taught English and biology at FWBBC for many years.



MAKING AN IMPACT ON OUR STUDENTS

Robert E. Picirilli

(Adapted and abbreviated from a challenge to the faculty during in-service, August 25, 1989.)

Among other things, but *primary* among them, Free Will Baptist Bible College exists to minister spiritually to its students. Then we do well to remind ourselves, from time to time, that this is primary, and to ask ourselves, "What must we do to make the kind of spiritual impact we ought to make on our students?"

Surely this is a concern we all have. For that reason, I want to outline some suggestions about this, more to lead to discussion than to suggest answers. Here are some things we must do in order to make a significant spiritual impact on our students.

1. Holy

1. We must call our students to holy living, to maintain a warm, personal relationship to God. To what we used to call "consecration," a sense of life as sanctified by God.

As part of this, we must help our students become people of prayer. To do that, as with these other things, they will have to see that prayer is vital to us. But, more than that, I am persuaded we are going to have to help them learn how to pray. I suspect that many of them are afraid of serious prayer.

2. Full-Time Service

2. We need to challenge our students for what we have usually called "full time" Christian service, especially the ordained ministry and mission field. We cannot afford to sit still and assume that God's call will come—clear and compelling—to them while we are silent. God will use our challenges to help them see what He wants them to do with their lives.

FWBBC has as its greatest priority the purpose of providing people for the ministry of the church. I am not opposed to a broad variety of programs here, but whatever else we have we must prepare young men and women for the various ministries that sustain the church. Nothing must hinder that.

And part of the problem, as I perceive it, is that our young people are not being challenged, in the churches, to hear God's call to preach, or to the mission field, or to other forms of Christian ministry. We are going to have to challenge them that way.

3. Sacrifical Living

3. We need to live and then "preach" to our students the life that is not materialistic. Recently I had a conversation with a parent of some students here. He said that his children, even after they have been to Bible college, are materialistic, and that he didn't raise them that way. Whether he was partly blaming us for something that is more the result of the pervasive spirit of the age is not necessarily the most important thing. Indeed, I did not have to have his observations to know that we must work hard to combat a materialistic philosophy, one that hinders our students and graduates from giving their best to the Master's service.

4. Correct

4. We must help them correct their thinking. I am convinced that the generation represented by our students has been brain washed, and—to my sorrow—that the church life they have known thus far has not helped them withstand this in a significant way. They are not converted in their thinking.

In part, this is where the materialistic mind-set comes in, one aspect of their wrong-headedness that I have already mentioned. But this is just one of the manifestations. All too often they are pleasure oriented, if not downright self centered. Many have unwittingly adopted at least the practices, if not the theory, of some of the fallacious worldviews that abound in our age. We have to challenge the thinking of our students, the thinking that is reflected in their values, standards, judgments, and behavior.

5 Christian Worldview

5. That leads to this: we must really "integrate faith and learning." We must help them see that any way of life is governed by a worldview. We must consciously indoctrinate them with the Christian/Biblical worldview. We must sharpen their skills in seeing worldview assumptions that underlie various kinds of thought and conduct. We must help them see

the disciplines we teach with worldview consciousness, understanding the implications of the Biblical worldview for the discipline and recognizing the error of other worldviews as it is manifested in the same discipline. We must help them see how to apply the Biblical worldview to life as a whole, including especially their ordinary, everyday activities.

Yesterday, as I passed one of our young ladies doing some cleaning, I was tempted to say something like, "Remember, doing a good job with that is a way of honoring the Lord." While I am not suggesting that we must always go around saying such things, in one way or another we must help our students come to the point that they view life that way, as life under God.

6. Respect

6. We must teach them respect for God's law. I fear that our zeal against Galatian legalism sometimes weakens us in standing for obedience. God's people very much are under the obligation to live in obedience to God. They do not have a right to step outside His revealed will for their lives.

This includes bringing them to the place they know and love and respect God's Word. The Bible is, after all, the revelation of His will—His "law" in the broadest and best sense of the word. And I am about convinced that the mere requirement of a Bible major will not automatically translate God's law into the devotions and deeds of our students. We will have to help them make that translation.

7. Standards

7. Closely related to this, we are going to have to help the students define some of the key issues of life and face up to the implications of Biblical Christianity for those issues. Perhaps we must even make a list of the major issues they face and then set about to make sure they undertand what the Lord says about those matters. Here, for example, is a starter list.

-sexual purity and how to maintain it in a defiled world

- -the ways the demand for honesty applies in our times
- -marriage and family life
- -divorce and remarriage
- -how to put first the kingdom of God
- -how to avoid materialism
- -Christian living in the secular workplace

These are issues where they really live. There are many more.

8. Soul
Winning

8. I fear that our concern for the lost is not being caught by our students as we would like. I am not able to explain this. More about witnessing is said in chapel, for example, than was ever said in years gone by. But I am convinced that we must find ways to reemphasize witnessing and soul-winning, both structured (as in organized, church-centered ways) and spontaneous.

In conclusion, we must do all this at every turn of the road. First, we ourselves must model authentic Christianity. I have said, before, that I sometimes fear that if we challenge our students to give themselves unselfishly, sacrificially, to God, to do His bidding and forget the cost, they may figure (without ever saying it, of course) that they do not see that in us. If they are not convinced that these things provide foundation for our lives, we must do this formula the foundation for theirs.

Yes, we must do this, for example, in chapel. The chapel platform needs to be hot, challenging our students to consecration, ministry, obedience, unselfishness, prayer, depend only on those in administration: Dr. Thigpen, the student dearer.

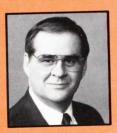
depend only on those in administration: Dr. Thigpen, the student deans, or others of us. No, all of us in all our contacts with students must give ourselves to this thing that is ln every classroom, the students need to be hearing these things—although in the unique ways that fit the context of our various courses.

Furthermore, in the personal relationships we cultivate with students we need to give conscious attention to "mentoring" them. As I have already said, they must see all this in us, and we must talk earnestly with them about these things.

Home Missionaries Featured In Conference



Missionaries Tim Coats, David Burgess and Gwyn Pugh.





Three successful Free Will Baptist home missionaries—all graduates of FWBBC—will preach during the annual Missionary Conference on campus Nov. 6-8.

The featured missionaries are Tim Coats, David Burgess and Gwyn Pugh. Home Missions Department administrators Roy Thomas and Trymon Messer will also preach.

Tim is a 1981 graduate of the Bible College. He was converted from Roman Catholicism while in the U.S. Navy and has returned to his home state of South Dakota to establish a Free Will Baptist church in the city of

David, after serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy, has returned to the pastorate and is building a Free Will Baptist church in Bloomington, IL. David graduated from FWBBC in 1978 and earned his Master's Degree at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gwyn, a native of Alabama, is presently a home missionary to Millington, TN, a suburb of Memphis. At the age of 17, he became his church's first "100 Club" bus captain. He graduated from FWBBC in 1976. He also graduated from Covenant Seminary and Trinity Seminary.

The Bible College hosts an annual fall missionary conference to keep the needs of a lost world before the students, staff and faculty. The conference alternately features home and foreign missionaries.

The services begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and end with the evening service on Wednesday.

All services are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

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ALABAMA—Charles Thigpen/Garnett Reid, 11/9-11, State Ass'n, First FWB, Florence. ARKANSAS—Bob Woodard, 11/12-14, Mt. Calvary FWB, Conway. FLORIDA—Bob Shockey, 11/1-3, State Ass'n, Miami. GEORGIA—Bob Shockey, 11/12-15, Ebenezer FWB, Glennville. ILLINOIS—Bob Shockey, 11/5-8, Johnston City FWB, Johnston City; 11/16-18, State Ass'n; Ronald Creech, 11/26-29, Hazel Dell FWB, Sesser; Ken Riggs, 12/1-2, Providence Sep. Baptist, Charleston. MISSOURI—Bob Shockey, 12/3-10, Area College Dinners. MISSISSIPPI—Charles Thigpen, 11/3-4, State Ass'n, Martin Hill FWB, Booneville. NORTH CAROLINA—Ronald Creech, 11/5-10, Immanuel FWB, Durham. OKLAHOMA—Ken Riggs, 11/17-19, Eastside FWB, Muldrow. SOUTH CAROLINA— Robert Picirilli, 11/24-26, Horse Branch FWB, Turbeville. TEN-NESSEE—Charles Thigpen, Ronald Creech, Garnett Reid, 11/ 13-15, State Ass'n, Oak Grove FWB, Greeneville; **Dr. Thigpen**, 12/ 4-5, National Leadership Conf., Nashville.

CALENDAR Of Campus Events

November/December 1989

Missionary Conference Nov. 6-8 Thanksgiving Holidays Nov. 23-27 Nov. 30-

Welcome Days Dec. 2 Christmas Concert Dec. 16

(7:30 p.m.)

Final Examinations Dec. 18-21 Semester Ends Dec. 21

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S U M M E R C A M P

Plans Underway For Summer Camp '90

Neil Gilliland, Director of Recruitment, reports that exciting plans are being laid for *Summer Camp '90*. The dates are June 18-24.

Four camps will be running at one time during the week—Music, Drama, Basketball and SALT.

Music Camp will feature group and private training under the supervision of FWBBC's music department faculty and selected students. Vocal, keyboard and instrumental instruction will all be included.

Drama Camp is for young people who want special training for a ministry on the stage, either in performance or production. It will be conducted by members of the FWBBC speech department and skilled speech students.

Basketball Camp, for young men, will be directed by the college's physical education staff, assisted by members of the FWBBC Flames basketball team. It will feature everything from fundamentals to the Christian philosophy of competition.

SALT Camp (Scriptural Action and Leadership Training) will help young people hone their skills in Bible study; develop an effective, enjoyable devotional life and share their faith with others. While beneficial to any Christian young person, this camp will be a special help to those who do not plan to attend a Christian college or university.

Summer Camp '90 is for anyone who has completed the ninth grade.



Fifty-nine young people from 12 states attended last year's Summer Camp.



Rodney Whaley directs the Music Camp division of Summer Camp.

The cost is just \$145 per person; \$120, if five or more come from the same church or church school.

Make your reservation now. Based on last year's response, some camps may fill to capacity early. So, don't wait!

For more information, write or call:

Summer Camp '90

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Flames Open Season Well

The FWBBC Flames are off to an excellent start. At this time they are 6-1. They also took first place in the Circleville (OH) Bible College Tournament. The following games are scheduled after the first of the year.

Jan. 19—7 p.m. Away Jan. 20—1 p.m. Away Jan. 26—7:30 p.m. Home Jan. 27—7:30 p.m. Home Feb. 3—1 p.m. Away Feb. 9—7:30 p.m. Away Feb. 10—1 p.m. Away Feb. 16—7:30 p.m. Away Feb. 19—7 p.m. TBA Feb. 23-24—TBA	Magnolia Bible College Wesley Bible College Crichton College Piedmont Bible College Southeastern Bible College Johnson Bible College Atlanta Christian College Piedmont Bible College NCCAA Dist. 5
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Atlanta Christian College, Atlanta, GA; Crichton College, Memphis, TN; Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, TN; Magnolia Bible College, Jackson, MS; Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, NC; Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, AL; Wesley Bible College, Florence, MS

12 Men Are Changing The Future

by Carol Reid, FWBBC Librarian

Twelve men in Deerfield Beach (FL) Free Will Baptist Church are changing the future of our denomination. They don't even have to leave Florida to do it. Their Master's Men group doesn't get much publicity for its effort. They just dependably determine to have a hand in shaping Free Will Baptists wordwide and the wide world through Free Will Baptists.

How?

Every month they set aside \$10 for FWBBC's Welch Library.

Wait a minute! Change the future? Affect the world? With library books? Ask the missionary who read of Hudson Taylor and Jim Eliot. Ask the pastor who dug out truth and application of a scripture passage. Ask the soulwinner who refreshed his methods and motivation. Ask the prayer warrior or the Sunday school teacher or the Christian school teacher. Books build a foundation for their ministries, support their studies, inspire

their imaginations, ignite their potentials.

We are "a people of the Book." The Christian servant needs tools to mine the Word of God, just as the gardner needs a hoe, the carpenter needs a hammer and the soldier needs a gun. Sometimes "equipping the saints" means buying library books.

Twelve Master's Men in Deerfield Beach know that they are changing the future. Why shouldn't you do the same?

College Awarded \$84,000 From Bert Rivers Estate

Free Will Baptist Bible College recently received more than \$84,000 from the estate of the late Bert Rivers, a layman from Paintsville, KY. Mr. Rivers was the father of Phyllis Rivers, who taught business at the Bible College for some 20 years.

Mr. Rivers worked most of his life as a coal miner and was a member of Southside Free Will Baptist Church. He passed away June 26, 1988.

He was a generous supporter of the college for many years. He kept an active checkbook for \$1,000 per year and frequently gave the college large gifts. It was at Mr. Rivers' funeral that a friend stated to FWBBC President Charles Thigpen that the college was named in the will. The college was notified that, after beneficiaries received amounts dictated in the will, the remainder of Mr. Rivers' estate would be divided equally between the college and his church. The final total, following the sale of the Rivers home, was \$84,066.10.

The late Rev. Paul Ketteman, who served for many years as the college Public Relations Director, was a close friend to the Rivers Family and, more than anyone at the college, is due credit for encouraging Mr. Rivers to remember FWBBC.

Dr. Thigpen recalled Miss Rivers' service to the college, calling her "a dedicated, tireless worker." He added, "It was my privilege to be in the Rivers home many times. They were good, God-fearing people. Their gift to the college will continue earning spiritual dividends until the end of the age."

The Board of Trustees, in honor of the Rivers Family, has named the business education area on the third floor of Ennis Classroom Building the Rivers Wing.

The college is deeply grateful to the Rivers Family for this marvelous demonstration of wise stewardship.

Should you be considering the Lord's work in your estate planning?

Put Preaching Workshop On February Calendar

Any preacher who hasn't made plans to attend the college's Workshop on Biblical Preaching, Feb. 20-21, will be missing a great opportunity to hear and learn from one of American's great preachers.

Dr. Haddon Robinson, president of Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary, will direct several sessions on building and preaching expository sermons. He will also preach three times.

A workshop fee of just \$15 will cover attendance at all sessions. Accommodations on campus and at nearby motels are also available.

Write or call for a workshop brochure. It lists area motels, with rates, as well as various plans for staying on campus.

Make your reservation now! Workshop on Biblical Preaching Free Will Baptist Bible College 3606 West End Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37205 615/383-1340

Schools Conference Just Around Corner

FWBBC's annual Christian Schools Conference is almost upon us, according to Dr. Ken Riggs, chairman of the Teacher Education Department. The dates are February 12-14.

In addition to the conference's featured speaker, Mrs. Joanne King, of Cramerton, NC, a number of other highly qualified people will be on the program. These include Horace Gaskins, principal of Park Avenue Christian, Nashville, Roger Hood, principal of Pleasant View Christian, Pleasant View, TN; Dr. Thurman Pate, principal of Wade Elementary, Joelton, TN; and Dr. L. C. Johnson, former FWBBC president.

The conference will feature workshops for every educational level: elementary, secondary and administration. Topics will include areas as varied as teaching computer skills and developing Christian character.

For more information, write or call Dr. Riggs, in care of the college (615/383-1340).

17 Seniors Chosen For 1990 "Who's Who

The names of 17 FWBBC seniors will be included in the 1990 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," according to the book's publishers.

The seniors were nominated for the honor by the Bible College faculty. Among the criteria they considered were spiritual maturity, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities and expectations for future success.

This year's "Who's Who" seniors are:

- 1. Dickey Anderson—Joelton, TN
- 2. Sybil Burgess—Pikeville, TN
- 3. Tim Campbell—Walnut Ridge, AR
- 4. Joan Ferguson—Nashville, TN
- 5. Tanya Getz—McAllen, TX
- 6. Katie Hamm—New Castle, DE
- 7. Joel Hampton—Nashville, TN
- 8. Carl Miller—Olive Branch, IL
- 9. Wayne Miracle—Monroe, MI

- 10. David Potete—Joliet, IL
- 11. Gene Richards—Searcy, AR
- 12. Debbie Robertson—St. Joseph, MO
- 13. Len Scott—N. Little Rock, Ar
- 14. Tim Sizemore—Sulligent, AL
- 15. Lyn Williams— Hixon, TN
- 16. Tom Williams—Nashville, TN
- 17. Regena Workman—Nashville, TN

The college congratulates these outstanding seniors and commends them to the denomination and the work of the Lord.

Use Your Savings To Help A Student

by Tom Sass

FWBBC Treasurer

n 1983, the Bible College began the Student Loan Investment Plan (SLIP) for needy students.

Through this plan, more than \$165,000 of loan fund capital has been brought together by individuals who have invested in the program.

Rather than using gifts to support this loan fund, needy students are borrowing interestbearing savings from our investors.

Friends of the college are earning 7% interest income on their SLIP accounts. Their savings are ministering to needy students who may borrow the funds at the same rate while they remain full-time FWBBC students.

Scores of alumni are now serving the Lord in His vineyard. Many would doubtless have been unable to complete their training at FWBBC without help from the Student Loan Investment Plan.

If you would like information on how your money can earn 7% interest while helping the best young people in the world, write or call:

Student Loan Investment Plan

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College To Place Summer Interns

FWBBC is looking for experienced pastors who want the services of a summer intern this summer, according to Dr. Robert Woodard, Pastoral Studies Director.

The purpose of the program is two-fold. First, the intern can render valuable service to the pastor and his church. Interns, who will be upperclassmen, can teach classes, assist in vacation Bible school, and aid in other areas of church ministry. In return, the pastor will help the intern by showing him the practical side of the ministry and by helping the college complete his training. "Textbook learning is good," Dr. Woodard says, "but it can't take the place of on-the-job training.'

For more information, please write or call Dr. Woodard, in care of the college (615/383-1340).

"We're Working Hard To Meet Christmas Project Goal"

Right now, while you are reading this, the members of the College Family are working to reach the \$75,000-goal set for their part of the Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Drive Fund. Some are presenting the checkbook plan of support to friends and family. Others are asking their pastor for an opportunity to give a testimony, preach, sing or teach a class while they are home for the Christmas break.

Whatever they raise will be added to other denominational gifts reaching toward a grand total of \$135,000.

Please cooperate by signing a checkbook or making a special gift to FWBBC during the Christmas season. All December gifts will be counted toward the drive goal.

Send gifts to: **Ketteman Christmas Fund**

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A group of Master's Men from across Tennessee spent the day October 27 doing work on campus. Some came more than 200 miles to do yard work, paint buildings, and refloor a porch at the college. The project was organized by Loyd Olsan, president of Tennessee Master's Men.

The college deeply appreciates the loving labor of these dedicated laymen.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

From your friends and fellow-servants at Free Will Baptist Bible College!

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Big Prairie. TENNESSEE—Charles Thigpen, 2/25 (AM), Goodsprings FWB, Pleasant View.

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Conference

Feb. 17 Formal Dinner

Workshop

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