

SACS

CANDIDATE STATUS

TWO STEPS OUT OF THREE TOWARD ACCREDITATION



Free Will Baptist Bible College was granted Candidate Status on December 12 by the Commission on Colleges and Schools (SACS) meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This puts the college two-thirds of the way along the road leading to regional accreditation.

Although the college will remain under Candidate Status for from two to four years, students will begin immediately to enjoy a number of benefits.

First, their credits should transfer more readily to other institutions. FWBBC has had few problems along these lines because of its accreditation by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC) since 1958. The approval of the Tennessee State Department of Education, since 1976, for the college to license teachers has also opened many doors for students. But SACS recognition should open others. Actually, the broader transfer policy is retroactive to January 1, 1994.

Also, by being granted Candidate Status, the quality of the college's work has been recognized by another organization whose objective is excellence in education. This kind of recognition is always reassuring. President Tom Malone said in a chapel service, "We have always known that we have an excellent school. It is gratifying to see that others recognize that, too."

Furthermore, FWBBC will now be even more attractive to students whose educational goals may extend beyond those the college can meet. Some students will want to transfer to other undergraduate institutions. Others will be looking toward graduate studies. All of them can now be even more assured that attending the Bible College should not jeopardize those plans.

In two years the college will face another visit from SACS. "Everything at SACS takes place in two-year increments," says Dr. Robert Picirilli, FWBBC's Academic Dean. "Our target is to receive final accreditation by December 1996, but it's nice to know we have until 1998 if we need it."

The road has been hard and many people who were already carrying full loads have labored even harder to achieve this additional accreditation. But it has been done so that every student who comes to the college can be assured of an excellent education along with the spiritual training that has always been at the heart of Free Will Baptist Bible College.



ALUMNUS APPLAUDS ACCREDITATION



want to applaud the administration, faculty, and staff of Free Will Baptist Bible College for their desire and hard work toward regional accreditation.

As a recent graduate of the Bible College, I have applied to a secular university for graduate study. If my bachelor's degree were from a regionally accredited institution, I would have been readily accepted. Even if my degree had been earned at an institution with Candidacy Status, I would have been conditionally admitted. Since my FWBBC degree does not have regionally accredited standing, more requirements were placed upon it. As a result, I will be required to remove some deficiencies.

The additional work is a small price to pay for someone who has benefited so greatly from the Bible College; however, if one ever questions the wisdom of the time, energy, and money invested into the seeking of SACS accreditation, from my viewpoint, the rewards are well worth the cost. I am thankful for the Bible College's vision and diligence toward this needed and worthy goal.

Charity Van Winkle
1994 Graduate



A TESTIMONY
By **MICHELLE McCLARY**

THE Most Important Lesson

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJ)

The most important lesson I have learned since arriving at FWBBC has been to trust in God. I have always been familiar with that passage in Proverbs, but it never had any special meaning to me. But, one night when I was having my devotions, I ran across these verses. I believe the Lord pointed them out on purpose. It had been an especially hard week for me. Along with the everyday stresses of college life, I still hadn't been able to find a job, and, without a job, how was I supposed to pay my school bill?

Instead of turning to the Lord and asking Him to supply my needs, I tried to take care of everything myself. After having read Proverbs 3:5-6, I realized how foolish I was acting. The Lord was trying to tell me that, without trust in Him, my needs would never be met; so I knelt by my bed that night and turned over all my worries to Him. Within a week, I had a job and, less than a month later, my school bill was paid in full! All that time I had been worrying for no reason at all. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6, *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*

Michelle McClary
Omaha, Nebraska

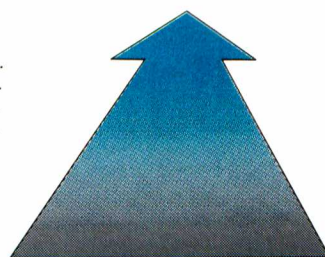


SCHOLARSHIP HONORS MINISTER

Free Will Baptist Bible College has a new scholarship, thanks to the family of Rev. L. D. Carlile, a Free Will Baptist minister from Russellville, Arkansas, who passed away last March.

The scholarship was established by Rev. Carlile's brother, Mr. W. R. Carlile, of Memphis, Tennessee.

The first *L. D. Carlile Scholarship* will be awarded in the Fall, 1995. Preference will be given to pastoral training majors and older, married students, but any student with a financial need may be



CHRISTMAS DRIVE HELPS GIFT BUDGET

With five months to go on the fiscal year, gifts to FWBBC are \$43,000 ahead of the same time last year, according to Roy Harris, Director of Stewardship Development.

"We are greatly encouraged by the increased support," he says. "We still have a good way to go if we are to meet our budget by the end of May. Thank God for what He has done and is doing!"

December gifts, spurred by the Paul Kettelman Christmas Drive, ran more than \$21,000 ahead of December gifts the previous year. Christmas Drive gifts continue to arrive at the college and the campaign will not be closed until all gifts earmarked for the Christmas Drive are counted. A goal of \$250,000 has been set for the drive.

The 1994-95 total gift budget is \$1 million. Through December, gifts totaled \$475,000, leaving \$525,000 needed by May 31.

considered.

The principal of the fund has been deposited by the college. The interest will be awarded, providing a perpetual scholarship.

FWBBC personnel are grateful to the family of Rev. Carlile. Their vision will enable many students in years to come to follow in his footsteps.

NOTE: The scholarship established by the Dailyville FWB Church, Waverly Ohio, announced in the previous issue of the Bulletin is in memory of Sharon K. Cool, not Sharon Cook.

COLLEGE AWARDS Over \$7,000 Scholarships

During the fall semester 21 students received more than \$7,000 in

assistance from scholarships, according to the FWBBC Financial Aid Office. The following list shows the scholarships awarded:

College Funded	Total
Nat. Youth Conf. (4)	\$1,000
Privately Funded	Total
William/Dixie Atkinson	\$200
Brazil-Uruguay Alumni	200
Business Administration	400
Carter Memorial	1,000
Christian Bus. Leaders	400
Sharon Cool Memorial	250
Elba Baxter Harwell	300
Ada Hollis Memorial	60
Kicklighter Memorial	356
Lowdermilk Ministerial	375
Patton Memorial	200
Philpot Memorial Music	225
Presidential (2)	350
A.D./Oneida Stamps	1,000
Owen Thomas	270
Westberry Memorial	500
Total	\$7,086

CAMPUS Events

Mar. 5-9
Bible Conference

Mar. 9-19
Spring Break

Mar. 23-25
Ministerial Fellowship
Retreat

Mar. 30-Apr. 1
Welcome Days

Apr. 6
Enid Katahn, Amy
Dorffman Concert



COLLEGE PROCLAIMS BOB SHOCKEY DAY

The college honored its retiring Public Relations Director by declaring December 7, 1994, "Bob Shockey Day."

During chapel, Rev. Frank Owens and Rev. Vernon Barker, both of whom were led to the Lord by Brother Shockey, spoke in tribute about the man who indelibly marked their lives. A reception was held after chapel to give his many friends time to offer their words of appreciation.

Brother Shockey will continue to win souls and to represent the

college. He is currently helping to find donors who will underwrite the college's 123-acre land purchase. He is also available for church building and soulwinning conferences and revivals.

During his 10 years at the college, he served as campus pastor, directed the Christian Service Department, worked as Student Support Director and, eventually, as Public Relations Director. The college is profoundly grateful for the excellent work done by this dedicated man of God.

SIX DOWN; 117 TO GO!

Roy Harris, the college's Stewardship Development Director, says that six acres of the land to which the college hopes to relocate have been underwritten by friends of the college.

He hopes to find 117 more individuals and churches who will raise or give \$3,400 per acre to cover the cost of buying and developing a 123-acre site northwest of Nashville. The land adjoins Interstate 24 and is more than adequate for the future development of the college.

"We are very thankful that our Free Will Baptist people are 'catching the vision' of our new property," he said. "We waited until the Christmas Drive was completed before mounting a concentrated effort to underwrite the land. We also have to maintain our regular gift income in order to meet the operating expenses of the school," he added.

After interviewing one of them, the principal said, "I think they must teach a course at that college on how to be happy!"

We are pleased when students and alumni leave a good testimony where they work, for the Lord and for Free Will Baptists.



FLAMES WIN 15 BY LATE JANUARY

The Flames basketball team is off to a good start this season with a record of 15 wins and five losses at mid-January, according to Coach Byron Deel.

Five players are averaging scoring in double figures. They are led by Kent Nelson (15.6 points per game) a junior from Guin, Alabama, and by Travis Kring (13.9 ppg), a sophomore from Nashville.

The Flames have participated in two tournaments so far this season and have conducted services in 10 Free Will Baptist churches.

Coach Byron Deel says that the Flames' victory over Pensacola Christian in January, 103-86, is one of the highlights of the season so far for him. He was also pleased when the Flames defeated Fisk University, 112-86, in late January. It was the team's first victory over an NCAA team. The Flames are currently ranked sixth nationally in the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Ass'n), Division II.

"The team is responding well to the challenge of the hardest schedule we have ever played," he adds. "After finishing 21-5 and 19-4 the last two seasons, we decided to add more scholarship schools and some larger schools to our schedule. I am sure our quality of play would be a surprise to those who have not seen us play."

ALUMNI ARE NOTICED IN SCHOOLS

Donna Forrest, wife of FWBBC's Dean of Students, Terry Forrest,

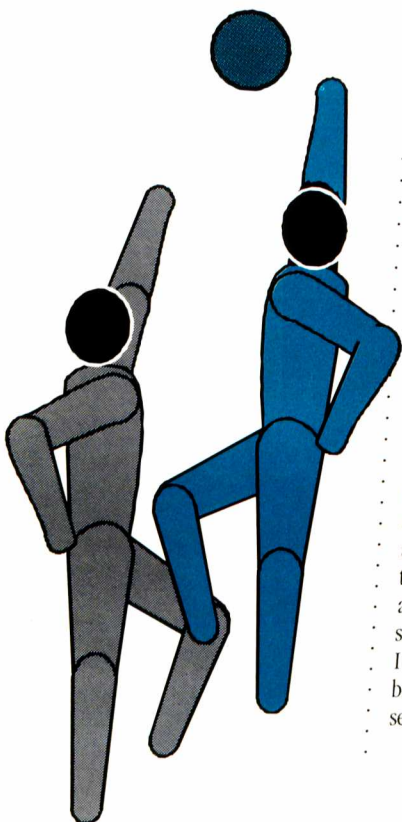
attended an in-service meeting with other teachers in the Cheatham County school system early this school year. Two FWBBC graduates who were recently employed to teach entered the room together.

Not knowing who they were, Mrs. Forrest's colleague turned to her and said, "If I was going to make a wholesome movie, I would look for girls like those to play parts in it."

"Both of them attended Free Will Baptist Bible College," Mrs. Forrest said, with some obvious pride.

About that time, another FWBBC graduate entered the room. "I'll bet she's another one," Mrs. Forrest's friend commented, not knowing she actually was. "You can certainly pick them out."

Mrs. Forrest said she was proud to see—and to note that others see—how Bible College students continue to stand out. At last count, seven FWBBC alumni were teaching at her school.



SPRING TOURS ANNOUNCED FOR CHOIR, DRAMA



Spring tours by the College Choir and Evangel Players are always a highlight of second semester events.

This year, the groups will head north and south of Nashville.

Dr. Whaley's program of music is always a blessing. This year will be no exception. The Evangel Players presentation, "Catacombs," is set in the future and will make a great impact on those who see it. Randy Fosse directs the Players.

The following services are presently scheduled. We hope you will attend any that may be near you.

1995 Choir Tour

Thurs., Mar. 9—7 p.m.	Limestone FWB	Limestone, TN
Fri., Mar. 10—7 p.m.	Heritage FWB	Fredricksburg, VA
Sat., Mar. 11—7 p.m.	First FWB	Richmond, VA
Sun., Mar. 12—10:30 a.m.	First FWB	Roanoke, VA
Sun., Mar. 12—7:30 p.m.	Tabernacle (Slocum)	Sciotoville, OH
Mon., Mar. 13—7 p.m.	Urbana FWB	Urbana, OH
Tues., Mar. 14—7 p.m.	Unity FWB	Cleveland, OH
Wed., Mar. 15—7 p.m.	Woodhaven FWB	Woodhaven, MI
Thurs., Mar. 16—7 p.m.	Emmanuel FWB	Wabash IN
Fri., Mar. 17	(Not confirmed)	
Sat., Mar. 18—7 p.m.	Calvary FWB	Salem, IL
Sun., Mar. 19—11 a.m.	First FWB	Decatur, IL

1995 Drama Tour

Thurs., Mar. 9—7:30 p.m.	Shallowford FWB	Marietta, GA
Fri., Mar. 10—7 p.m.	White Oak FWB	Macon, GA
Sat., Mar. 11—7 p.m.	First FWB	Savannah, GA
Sun., Mar. 12—11 a.m.	Glennville FWB	Glennville, GA
Sun., Mar. 12—6:30 p.m.	First FWB	Brunswick, GA
Mon., Mar. 13—7 p.m.	First FWB	Melbourne, FL
Tues., Mar. 14—7:30 p.m.	First FWB	Seffner, FL
Wed., Mar. 15—7 p.m.	Harmony FWB	Lake Butler, FL
Thurs., Mar. 16—7 p.m.	Eastside FWB	Dothan, AL
Fri., Mar. 17—7 p.m.	Hamilton FWB	Hamilton, AL



DON'T MISS SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE!



Bible Conference, March 5-9, will be an excellent time to enjoy five days of outstanding preaching, participate in alumni activities, and visit the site to which the college hopes to move.

Note these speakers:

Evangelist Rick Amato
Rev. Jeff Crabtree
Rev. Rick Locklear
Dr. Robert Picirilli

Two seniors—Mike Edwards and Tim Lewis—will also preach.

The classes of 1945 (50 years), 1970 (25 years), and 1985 (10 years) will be specially recognized at alumni activities during the conference. Alumni will meet on Monday night for fellowship and on Tuesday afternoon for dinner and business.

A trip to the 123-acre site to which the college hopes to move will be taken on Wednesday afternoon. President Tom Malone and others will share the plans and dreams that are behind this historic event.

Plan now to attend Bible Conference.



ILLINOIS—Robert Picirilli, Roy Harris, Clayton Hampton, 3/17-18, State Ass'n, Joliet

MISSISSIPPI—Roy Harris, 3/5, Cross Creek FWB, Olive Branch

NORTH CAROLINA—Tom Malone, 3/19-22, Belvoir FWB, Greenville

SOUTH CAROLINA—Kenny Simpson, 3/2, Maranatha Christian School, Florence; New Prospect Christian School, Pamplico

TENNESSEE—Robert Picirilli, 3/26, Donelson FWB, Nashville; Tom Malone, 4/30, Bethel FWB, Ashland City

ARKANSAS—Terry Forrest, 4/30, First FWB, Walnut Ridge.

ALABAMA—Kenny Simpson, 3/18-22, First FWB, Northport; Tom Malone, 4/16, First FWB, Florence

GEORGIA—Kenny Simpson, 3/1, Glennville Christian School, Glennville

Tom Malone, President

TRUSTEES: Rev. Richard Barnes, Rev. Richard Bowers, Rev. J. M. Creech, Rev. Gary Fry, Rev. Douglas Little, Rev. Larry Montgomery, Rev. Larry Powell, Mr. Howard Price, Rev. Sam Truett

Bert Tippet, Editor



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John Hollis



John Gibbs

SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR GRADUATION SERVICES

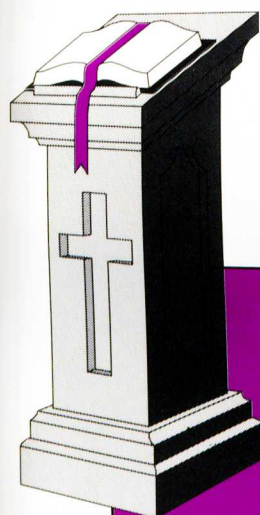


Rev. John Hollis and Rev. John Gibbs will address graduating seniors, family, and friends at Free Will Baptist Bible College's graduation events in May.

Rev. Hollis will bring the Baccalaureate Message on Sunday evening, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. He pastors Crossroads Free Will Baptist Church in Effingham, Illinois. He is a 1973 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and, in addition to his pastorates, has served as Moderator and Assistant Moderator of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. John Gibbs will give the graduation address at Commencement Exercises on Thursday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. He and his wife, Doris, have a son, Darin, in the graduating class. Rev. Gibbs has pastored for 20 years, served as Promotional Director for Tennessee Free Will Baptists, and was Director of Development for National Free Will Baptist Home Missions. He is currently engaged in a national ministry of conferences, retreats, and revivals. He is a member of FWBBC's Class of 1964.

Both services will be held in the college's Memorial Auditorium. We welcome all Free Will Baptists to join us for these services.



1995 Pastors Conference

Sept. 25-27, 1995

Featuring Dr. Stephen Olford and Rev. David Olford

More information to come!



STUDENTS TO ASSIST MISSIONARIES



Seventeen FWBBC students are looking forward to an unforgettable

summer on the mission field. The Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board has approved the following to serve for 10 weeks as student missionaries:

1. James Beck—France
2. Stephen Beck—Russia
3. Joel Borden—Panama
4. Kathy Durden—Brazil
5. Edwin Franks—Panama
6. Sara Hutchinson—Japan
7. Linda King—Brazil
8. Ryan McDougald—Russia
9. Rose Reed—Brazil
10. Melissa Stewart—Japan
11. Stephanie Utley—Ivory Coast

Each student will be responsible to raise \$3,000 to cover the costs of their summer ministry.

The student missionary program has been extremely fruitful. Many who went out under it are now ministering on foreign fields. Others are vigorously promoting the cause of world evangelism in their churches.

Please pray for and support these fine students.



A TESTIMONY

Home missionary David Potete looks forward to the help Regina and Chris Wright will be to his work in Chicago.

BUSINESS & MINISTRY

When I left my home in California three years ago, I had no idea what I was going to do with my life. I knew that I was coming to Free Will Baptist Bible College to study business, but I had no idea what God's will for my life was. It is easy for me to say that the past three years have been the best ever. God gave me a lifelong companion when I was married last June, and I will graduate in May with a B.S. in Business Administration.

Free Will Baptist Bible College has not just prepared me for a career in business. It has also helped me see that God can use me in his work. Even though I am not a preacher or a missionary, I believe that God is calling me to a specific work. Two days after graduation, my wife and I are moving to Chicago to assist David Potete in his home missions work. I will also work toward a Master's in Business Administration at North Park College. Even though there is some uncertainty with a new home and surroundings, there is no peace like knowing you are doing what God wants you to do. Last October, my wife and I went to Chicago for my interview with North Park and to visit David's church. As we left the city, we both had tears streaming down our faces because we knew what God was telling us to do.

I am so thankful that FWBBC has prepared me to further my education, but I am especially thankful for the continuous challenges I hear from the faculty to seek God's will for my life. There is so much to do in this world to reach the unsaved, and I have realized that preachers cannot do it all. I hope that our denomination will realize the growing need for laypeople to become active in ministries. My wife and I know that living in a big city like Chicago may not be easy, but we know that will be exactly where God wants us to be.

Chris Wright
Fresno, California
1995 Graduate

ATTENTION, ALL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS!

We're trying to organize a directory of Free Will Baptist Christian schools and we need your help. Please call our toll-free number (1-800-76-FWBBC, Ext. 2222) or send us the name of your school, the name of the administrator, your school's address, phone number, and the grade levels you offer.

Thanks for your help!

SAM

ILLINOIS FWBs ESTABLISH SAM PROGRAM

Illinois Free Will Baptists help FWBBC students through a Student Assistance Ministry (SAM) program. Last year, it resulted in \$3,000 in scholarships and wages for students.

They hire students during the summer to work at the camp. Each student receives spending money and a scholarship to apply toward his or her next semester at FWBBC. SAMs participants also get to minister to the young people who attend the camp.

Could your state initiate a similar program? It could make a great difference in the life of a student who needs help meeting college expenses.

Rev. Ernie Lewis, pastor of Blue Point FWB Church, Cisne, IL, administers the program and can give you details on how it works.

FLAMES, COACH ENJOY BEST YEAR YET



his has been a banner year for the FWBBC Flames.

Not only did the team go to the national NCCAA tournament in Cincinnati, but Coach Byron Deel was chosen NCCAA "Coach of The Year!"

After finishing first in their district, the Flames made it to the semi-final round at the national tournament where they finished in fourth place. Freshman Travis Kring was picked for the All-Tournament team. The Flames also finished in first place in the Southern Christian Conference. The team closed the

season with 27 wins and 10 losses, setting a new team record.



Travis was also picked for the All-District

first team. Kent Nelson was chosen for the All-District second team and Danny Maggart was given honorable mention.

Coach Deel currently serves as NCCAA Vice Chairman for men's basketball. He is due to become Chairman after another year.

The coach stressed that the team conducted 21 services and youth rallies as part of its activities this year.

Free Will Baptists can be proud of the excellent performance of the team, as well as the outstanding testimony the men have left everywhere they have played.

CAMPUS Events

May 4-9
Final Examinations

May 7
Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.

May 9
Drama Program, 7 p.m.

May 10
Choir Program, 7 p.m.

May 11
Commencement, 10 a.m.

May 15-June 16
Summer School

June 4-10
Summer Camp, '95

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BERKELEY SCHOLARSHIP HELPS MANY

In February 1994, the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church Scholarship was established at FWBBC. Due to the expansion of a nearby airfield, members decided to not relocate the church and to give all of the money received for the church property to selected denominational projects.

In the interest of supporting young people preparing to serve the Lord and to preserve the church's name, the members voted to establish the scholarship at FWBBC. It is their prayer that the fund will help young people at the college.

Recipients must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA, show need, and maintain the Christian qualities that the college seeks to develop. Preference is given to students from Missouri, but the scholarship is not restricted to those students.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE REPORT

Christmas Drive gifts to FWBBC have gone well over the 1994-95 goal of \$250,000, according to Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director. In early March, the total stood at more than \$256,000, with more coming.

Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director, said, "We are very pleased to have exceeded our goal. I am also pleased that we have the money or commitments for 34 acres of our new property, which does not seem to have hurt our general fund giving so far."

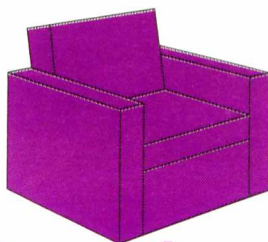
This year's Christmas Drive surpassed last year's, which totaled \$219,000.

377 ENROLLED FOR 1994-95

An enrollment of 334 students for the spring semester brought the college's 1994-95 total to 377, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar. Twenty-two new students joined those who continued from the fall semester. One summer school student (1994) was also included in the total.

"The retention rate for the year is good," he noted. A drop between semesters is typical and this year's was a loss of only 5.6% from the fall semester enrollment of 354.

Thanks to the hard work of parents, pastors, and other friends, FWBBC is continuing to see a steady growth of about 8-10% per year!



STUDENT LOUNGE GETS NEEDED FACE-LIFT

Our student lounge is newly, beautifully furnished, thanks to some friends in North Carolina and Michigan.

Rev. Howard Pittman, pastor of the Lakeview FWB Church, High Point, NC, called FWBBC President Tom Malone and asked if the church could take on a project for the college. "We're small, but we would like to help," he said.

Dr. Malone mentioned our need for new lounge furniture and, thanks to Rev. Pittman; David Peele, a member of the church; and Phil Miller, owner of Miller Desk, Inc., the college was able to furnish the lounge at a great discount. Others, like Rev. Lloyd Locklear, of Woodhaven, Michigan, and Rev. Jeff Manning, of Greenville, North Carolina, also helped.

God bless friends like these!



A TESTIMONY

PATIENCE HAS ITS REWARDS

One of the most difficult tasks for a Christian is to sit patiently and wait for God's will. All through high school, I consistently prayed about God's will for my life. He directed me here, to Free Will Baptist Bible College. My years here have been full of laughter, hard work, and struggles, but the Lord has carried me through. I have had a blast. I am excited to see what God has in store for me in the years ahead. There is such a peace, knowing I am where God wants me and that I am in His will.

Free Will Baptist Bible College is a wonderful place. Words cannot express the excitement and joy of being on a campus where hundreds of other students are seeking to do God's will, too. The most precious aspect of college life here is prayer before every class. What a joy to see the greatness of God being revealed through history, English, speech, and all of the other subjects. At FWBBC, all that we do is centered around Jesus Christ. Oh, to see how God works in our lives in every way!

Renee Canfield
Hampton, Virginia

ENGLISH, MUSIC TEACHERS NEEDED

Presently, FWBBC needs two new teachers for the fall semester in the areas of English and Music.

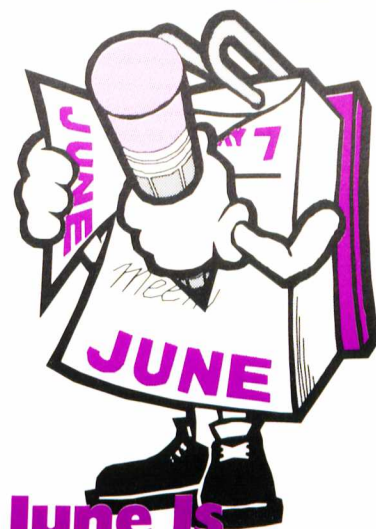
In English, the college is looking for someone with experience teaching literature at the collegiate level and a Master's degree; a doctorate is preferred.

The college also needs a Music Department chairman. Candidates should have experience directing collegiate level choral groups and teaching vocal performance. A doctorate is required.

Both need some background in Biblical education.

Anyone who is interested or who knows of someone the college might consider may contact:

Dr. Robert Picirilli
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205
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Mabel Willey was one of several Free Will Baptist missions pioneers and historians who were invited to participate in Heritage Week on campus

HERITAGE WEEK DISPLAYS HISTORY OF FWB MISSIONS

Heritage Week '95, February 7-10, focused on Free Will Baptists and foreign missions, spanning more than a century. A series of speakers traced the history of our denomination's world outreach from the early 1800s to modern times.

FWBBC students and staff were privileged to hear:

- Mabel Willey
- Dr. Jack Williams
- Eugene Waddell
- Dan and Trula Cronk
- Rolla Smith
- Raymond Riggs
- Ralph Staten

The week was planned by a committee chaired by Dr. Mary Wisheart. She said she is very pleased with its impact. "I am happy that we could have Mrs. Willey, Raymond Riggs and the others who are so familiar with our history. I think it was good for all of us." She added that many students—more than usual—expressed appreciation for the week's emphasis.

1995 SUMMER CAMP

PUT OUR CAMP IN YOUR PLANS

Summer Camp, '95 will be held at the college June 4-10.

It will feature training in music, drama, basketball and missions, according to Neil Gilliland, Recruitment Director. Campers will enjoy learning

under the direction of FWBBC's skilled teachers and advanced students, regardless of which area of training they choose. Activities include skill sessions, devotions, fellowship, and a day at Opryland, U.S.A. Each

camper will receive a Summer Camp, '95 t-shirt.

The cost is just \$160 for a week of fun and profit (\$135 per person, if five or more come from the same church or church school).

Write or call for a free brochure!

Summer Camp, '95
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205
1-800-76-FWBBC

OUT AND ABOUT

ALABAMA—Tom Malone, 5/18, Florence Christ. Academy, Florence.

DELAWARE—Tom Malone, 6/22-24, MD State Ass'n, Townsend.

FLORIDA—Tom Malone, 5/24-27, State Ass'n, Ocala.

INDIANA—Roy Harris, 5/27, Emmanuel Christ. School, Wabash; 5/28 (AM), Emmanuel FWB, Wabash; 6/17, State Ass'n; 6/18 (AM), First FWB of Kosciusko, Claypool.

KANSAS—Tom Malone, 6/8-10, State Ass'n, Hutchinson.

KENTUCKY—LaVerne Miley, 5/19-20, Couples' Retreat, Camp Caleb, Paintsville; Roy Harris, 6/16, State Ass'n, Pikeville.

MICHIGAN—Roy Harris, 5/18-20, State Ass'n; 5/21 (AM), Woodhaven FWB, Woodhaven; 5/21 (PM), Kirby FWB, Taylor.

NORTH CAROLINA—Roy Harris, 6/4 (AM), Zephyr Hills FWB, Asheville; 6/5-6, State Ass'n, Greenville; 6/7, Garner FWB, Garner.

NEW JERSEY—Robert Picirilli, 6/23-25, Thompson Mem. FWB, Vineland.

OHIO—Roy Harris, 6/23-24, State Ass'n, Columbus.

TENNESSEE—Bert Tippet, 5/25, United Christ. Academy, Dickson; Milton Fields, 5/27, Pleasant View Christ. School, Pleasant View.

TEXAS—Bert Tippet, 6/7-9, State Ass'n, Austin.

VIRGINIA—Tom Malone, 6/15-16, State Ass'n, Roanoke.

WEST VIRGINIA—Roy Harris, 6/8-10, State Ass'n, Charleston.

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Monica White, who plans to serve Christ in China, is surrounded by family and friends. ▼



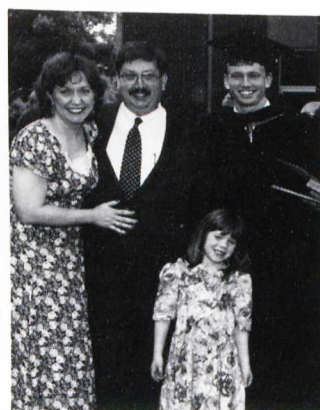
President Malone congratulates 1995 Most Outstanding Student Tim Lewis. ▼



▲ Diana Murkerson Whitaker gets a graduation hug from her husband, Kirk.

Friends help Joe Kemble celebrate this special occasion. ►

Dr. Charles Hampton places the stole on Brad Ryan. ▼



Graduates Scott Benton and Rae Ann Pennington



38 GRADUATES IN CLASS OF '95!

The 1994-95 school year closed with a shout on May 11 as 38 graduates marked the successful completion of their programs at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Members of the class, representing 16 states and two foreign countries, graduated before a packed auditorium of family and friends.

Evangelist John Gibbs, himself a FWBBC graduate, brought the challenge from the first chapter of Joshua. His son, Darin, is a member of the Class of '95.

Five seniors shared in the service by giving personal testimonies and tributes. They are Rick Futch, Christy Britton, Chris Wright, Rejyna McClure, and Brad Ryan. Eric Thomsen, a graduate and 1994-95 Student Body President, sang two selections from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. The College Choir sang two pieces that were especially appropriate to the spirit of celebration that marked the service and the day.

President Tom Malone took time during the program to recognize five teachers who have

faithfully served on the faculty, but who will not be returning in the fall. They are Eddie Payne (Missions), Dr. Vernon Whaley (Music), Dr. Peter Wilson (Psychology), Dr. Timothy Sharp, (Music), and Genevieve Waddell (English). Dr. Malone commended each for giving of themselves to their students and, through them, to Free Will Baptists.

Barbara Riddle, who teaches women's physical education, was honored as the Academic Advisor of the Year. She is greatly appreciated by her students for the love and personal attention she gives.

Rev. Randy Riggs, a member of the FWBBC Alumni Association's Executive Committee, welcomed the graduates to the Alumni Association and challenged them to stay involved in the life and ministry of the college.

The administration, faculty, and staff of Free Will Baptist Bible College is pleased to present to the denomination a new class of graduates who are going out to serve the Lord and the denomination beside more than 5,000 other FWBBC alumni.

CLASS OF 1995



ASSOCIATE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Rae Ann Pennington
Grayson, Kentucky

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

Brandon Todd Bell
Nashville, Tennessee
Physical Education

Wesley Scott Benton
Ashland City, Tennessee
Music/Psychology

Christy Leigh Britton
Nolensville, Tennessee
Business Admin.-Management

**Angela Annette Duncan*
Seffner, Florida
Elementary Education

Lisa Michele Duncan
Nashville, Tennessee
Elementary Education

Gregory Randall Faubush
Whitesburg, Tennessee
Secondary Education-Bible

Darin Scott Gibbs
Pleasant View, Tennessee
Music/Youth Ministry

Kyle Ashley Hayes
Nashville, Tennessee
Business Admin.-Management

*Lisa Michelle Haygood**
Guin, Alabama
Elementary Education

Joseph Lynn Kemble
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Business Admin.-Management

Linda Carol King
Carbon Hill, Alabama
Elementary Education

Betsy McMillan Lampley
Dickson, Tennessee
Business Admin.-Management

Jason Campbell Newman

West Jefferson, Ohio
Physical Education

Jacob Archie Paul
Karachi, Pakistan
Business/Music

Leah Kathryn Plunkett
Nashville, Tennessee
Elementary Education

Ivan Bradley Ryan
Galatia, Illinois
Physical Education

*William H. Stringer, Jr.**
Park Hills, Missouri
Church Music-Pastoral Assoc.

Eric K. Thomsen
Jacksonville, Florida
Church Music-Pastoral Assoc.

Milton Kevin Threadgill
Aberdeen, Mississippi
Physical Education

Mark E. Vincent
Nashville, Tennessee
Business Admin.-Management

Diana Murkerson Whitaker
Blakely, Georgia
Music/Missions

*Jennifer Janeen Workman**
Nashville, Tennessee
Business Admin.-Management

*Christopher Paul Wright***
Fresno, California
Business Admin.-Management

Leland Paul Zegelen
Washington, North Carolina
Music/Youth Ministry

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

Angela D. Barlow
Knoxville, Tennessee
Psychology

*C. Michael Edwards**

Winton, North Carolina
Pastoral Training

Rickey Lynn Futch
Henderson, Texas
Pastoral Training

*Timothy M. Lewis****
Grand Junction, Colorado
Pastoral Training

Rejyna Dawn McClure
Weslaco, Texas
Missions

Dennis Lynn Pearson
Sharpsville, Indiana
Pastoral Training

Pamela Diann Roehl
Nashville, Tennessee
Missions

Carlos Rubio
Altamira, Mexico
Missions

Michael E. Waddell
Pensacola, Florida
English

Monica Ruth White
Cordova, Alabama
English, Missions

Lisa Carol Winchester
Washington, North Carolina
Missions

Charles R. Wise, Jr.
Black Mtn., North Carolina
English

MASTER OF MINISTRY DEGREE

Howard Lee Bass
Virginia Beach, Virginia

*-cum laude

**--magna cum laude

***-summa cum laude



ommencement is an appropriate time to honor students in many

ways. Some are recognized for academic achievements. Others are awarded scholarships. Some are recognized for jobs well done. Even the campus societies get in on the festivities.

Here are some of these satellite awards that were made during Graduation Week, May 7-11.

Academic Awards

Class Scholarship Medals:

Freshman: Wendy Skelley (3.96)

Sophomore: Jennifer Chamberlin (4.0), Amy Gaddis (4.0), Stephanie Utley (4.0)
Junior: Eric Paugh (3.91)
Senior: Rick Futch (3.89)

Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society ("Approved In Christ"): Tim Lewis (3.84), Chris Wright (3.75)

Scholarships

Christian Business Leaders: Amy Gaddis

Business Administration: Michael Lytle

Homer Willis-Kiwanis: Marty Harris, Rita Myers

Lee Whaley: Brian Sargent
Paul Ketteman: Jamie Thornsberry

Missouri CE: Dave Koester

Accomplishment Awards

Outstanding Student: Tim Lewis

Best All Round Girl: Rejyna McClure

Best All Round Boy: Darin Gibbs

Student Body President's Medal: Eric Thomsen

Yearbook Editor's Medal: Jill

Goodfellow

Outstanding Teacher Ed. Student: Brad Ryan

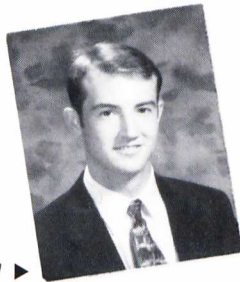
Wisehart Writing Award: John Olsen
Volleyball All-District: Amanda

Bilbrey, Michelle Ratliff

Spirit Awards (Societies)

Women: Elizabeth Barrett Brownings

Men: Wm. Jennings Bryans



Kent Nelson ▶

ALABAMA SENIOR ELECTED STUDENT PRESIDENT



tudents chose 1995-96 student body officers in elections held on campus in late April.

Kent Nelson, a senior ministerial student from Guin, Alabama, was elected President. (See an interview with him on this page.) He will be assisted by Jon Forrest, Vice President, a senior from Ashland City, Tennessee. Amber Whatley, a senior from Slocumb, Alabama, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Danny Maggart, a senior from Bolivar, Missouri, was picked to serve as chaplain. Martin Crain, a sophomore from Bath, N.B., Canada, was chosen to serve as worship leader.

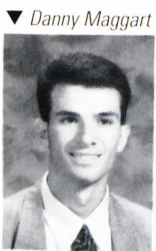
Please pray for these students as they lead in campus life at the college.



▲ Jon Forrest



▲ Amber Whatley



▼ Danny Maggart



▼ Martin Crain



AN INTERVIEW WITH THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT



s the school year neared a close, we asked our new student body president, Kent Nelson, to tell us some things about himself and his aspirations for the college.

As President, what would you most like to see happen on campus next year?

Kent—One thing I would like to see next year is a growth of our student body as an organism. As students, sometimes we allow our lives to be centered around ourselves and our personal goals. A goal for next year is bringing the interests of our students into focus with the will of God. As a result, we will see a spirit of unity and growth among us.

Do you have a "life verse" that particularly challenges you?

Kent—Yes! Joshua 1:8. Coping with the fear of failure has always been a struggle for me. This verse gives me assurance that, as long as my goals are in line with God's Word and His plan for my life, success is ahead. I might not be rich by the world's standards, but that's not my measuring stick.

As students look to you for leadership, in what way would you most like to be an example to them?

Kent—Dedication. I realize that there are students at school who are smarter and able to speak more fluently than I. However, dedication is a matter of spirit. You can be gifted and fluent, but if you are not dedicated, you will fail.

What are your favorite activities/hobbies?

Kent—Without a doubt, sports are my favorite activities. If I'm familiar with a sport, I like it! I've found that they are good "releases." Whenever I get stressed or frustrated, I can go to the gym and shoot basketball and things look different.

What would you like to see the Bible College be like 10 years from now?

Kent—I would like to see the college continue to grow. Realistically, we could have 800-900 students. Along with the growth in enrollment, it would be great to see the number of courses and fields of study increase. The idea of a new campus and accreditation is great, but it can also be distracting. I hope that we never lose our focus on training men and women for full-time Christian service.

CAMPUS Events

August 16-19
Faculty In-service training
August 25
New students arrive (after
4:00 p.m.)
August 26
New student orientation
August 28
Freshman registration (8:00
a.m.)
August 28
Opening service (7:00 p.m.)
August 29
Returning student registra-
tion (8:00 a.m.)
August 30
Classes begin

TRUSTEES RECOMMEND COLLEGE MOVE



he FWBBC Trustees met on campus May 8-10 and unanimously

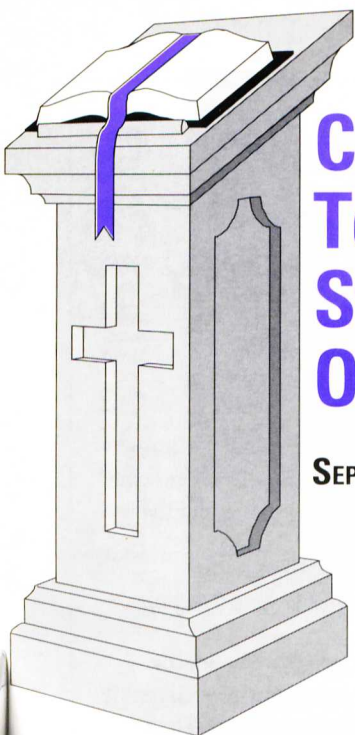
adopted a phased relocation plan for the college which they will present to the National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting in Charlotte in July.

In September, the college bought 123 acres of property adjoining Interstate 24 a few miles northwest of Nashville with a view to seeking the denomination's approval for a move. Enrollment has grown by an average of 9% per year since 1991. Zoning restrictions and the cost of property around the current campus are also factors.



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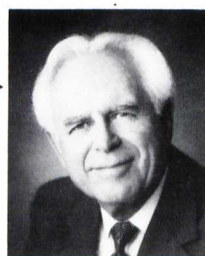
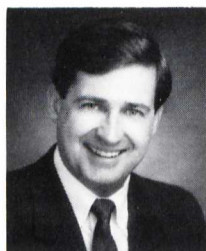
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CONFERENCE TO FEATURE DRs. STEPHEN, DAVID OLFORD

SEPTEMBER 25-27

Stephen
Olford



David
Olford

The college will host a Pastors' Conference featuring Dr. Stephen Olford and his son, Dr. David Olford, September 25-27, 1995. The focus will be on expository preaching and personal renewal, according to Dr. Robert Woodard, coordinator.

"This conference will stress the importance of preaching and personal spiritual renewal as foundational for building strong, healthy, growing churches," says Dr. Woodard.

Dr. Stephen Olford has earned an international reputation as "a preacher's preacher." The former pastor of Duke Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Surrey, England, and Calvary Baptist Church in New York City launched Encounter Ministries in 1970 dedicated to fulfilling the Great Commission. Part of this has been the Institute of Biblical Preaching to help restore expository preaching to the pulpit and to provide practical training for ministers.

Dr. David Olford is President of Encounter Ministries and Director of

Studies at the Stephen Olford Center for Biblical Preaching in Memphis, Tennessee. He, like his father, teaches and preaches regularly in conferences and preaching workshops. Dr. Woodard notes, "Although he is not as well known as his father, he has been used of God to challenge preachers."

The conference will begin on Monday evening, September 25, and will run through Wednesday evening, September 27. It will include both demonstration messages and workshops.

A conference fee of \$30 has been set (\$20 per person for couples or \$20 per person when four or more come from the same church). No offerings will be received. Some scholarships will be available for those who would like to attend, but are unable to pay the conference fee. Requests for scholarship assistance should be sent to Pastors' Conference '95, in care of the college. Should anyone attending the conference feel it has not lived up to their expectations, their conference fee will be refunded.

A brochure on the conference is available from the college. Write or call today.

OUT AND About

ALABAMA—Kenny Simpson, 7/24-28, Trinity FWB Youth Camp, Guin.

ARKANSAS—The Evangelists, 7/2 (AM), Friendship FWB, Rose Bud.

GEORGIA—Tom Malone, 8/13-16, First FWB, Jesup.

IOWA—Rejoice!, 8/12-14, Heritage FWB, Davenport.

ILLINOIS—Kenny Simpson, 8/6-11, Camp Hope, Ewing.

INDIANA—Kenny Simpson, 7/30-8/5, Beechwood Lake Camp, Bloomfield.

MICHIGAN—Kenny Simpson, 8/13, Kirby FWB, Taylor; 8/13-18, State Youth Camp, Tustin.

NORTH CAROLINA—Rejoice!, 7/21, Victory FWB, Goldsboro; 7/23 (AM), Temple FWB, Greenville; 7/23 (PM), Ahoskie FWB, Ahoskie.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Tom Malone, 7/16, High Point FWB, Lancaster; Rejoice!, 7/29-31, Black River FWB, Andrews.

CANADA—Kenny Simpson, 7/1-11, St. Johns Valley Bible Camp, New Brunswick.

Request your Pastors' Conference '95 brochure. Write or call:

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JULY/AUGUST 1995



41 VOLUNTEERS ARE GREAT HELP TO FWBBC



Some did the high work while others stayed on the ground as volunteers put a new roof on Boyce Hall.

Volunteers: What a beautiful sight!



Forty-one volunteers from four states came to Nashville the last week in June to pitch in for FWBBC. The group included pastors, laymen, women, and young people.

The volunteers came from Arkansas, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina to donate hundreds of hours of service to the college.

And did they work! The amount they accomplished exceeded everyone's expectations. One group put a new roof on Boyce Hall, next door to the women's dormitory. A youth group from Arkansas painted several classrooms. A team of ladies painted offices in the Administration

Building. A layman wired the rooms in Polston Hall for a new smoke alarm system. Carpenters converted a storage area into a new office.

The 11-member youth group from First FWB Church, Russellville, Arkansas, was led by youth minister Allen Pointer. They started the day with group devotions in the dining hall, then went to work in the

Johnson Classroom Building where they painted seven classrooms! In the evening, Allen treated them to a Nashville Sounds baseball game, took them to the Union Rescue Mission where they fed the homeless, and finally surprised them with an evening at Opryland, USA. Including sponsors, 17 people made up this outstanding group.

Several members of this year's volunteers team have come every year since the college began the effort in 1993. They have declared the week to be one of the highlights in their year. Some take a week of vacation time, while others break their retirement routine.

Even members of the Truth and Peace Youth Conference donated over 200 hours of labor to the college by undertaking special projects that included painting and cleaning.

Would you like to get in on the action? The college will host another Volunteer Month in June 1996. Mobilize your Master's Men or youth group. Contact others in your auxiliary. Get with other alumni in your area.

Then contact Sandy Goodfellow at the college and let him know when you can come and what you might do. Tremendous things happen when people have "a mind to work."

NEW FACES ADDED TO FACULTY, STAFF



Tim Campbell



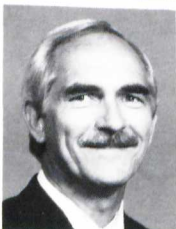
Dr. James Cox



Allen Jinnette



Michael Karounos



Clint Morgan



Dr. Glen Wegge



number of faculty-staff changes have been announced for the fall semester. Several people are joining the college family and others are changing roles.

Here is a brief summary:

- Tim Campbell: Coming from an Arkansas pastorate to serve as Alumni Affairs Director in the place of Clayton Hampton.
- Dr. James Cox: Filling a new position at the college as Director of Institutional Effectiveness.
- Allen Jinnette: Moving from part-to full-time to teach computers and accounting.
- Michael Karounos: A new member of the faculty who will teach English.
- Clint Morgan: A veteran missionary coming to teach missions, replacing Eddie Payne.
- Dr. Glen Wegge: A new teacher, coming to serve as Chairman of the Music Department.

These additions/changes were also announced recently.

- Steve Faison: Working part-time as Scheduling Coordinator, in charge of booking student groups.
- Neil Gilliland: Moving from Recruitment Director to teach psychology and counseling.
- Kenny Simpson: Newly appointed as Recruitment Director in area where he served as an assistant.

As always, every teacher and staff worker at FWBBC is a Christian and someone the administration feels is both capable and dedicated. Please pray for these as they begin to fill their places in August.



65 ATTEND SUMMER CAMP



The college hosted 65 campers from 12 states for a week of intensive training at *Summer Camp '95*, June 4-10.

"This was one of the best camps we have ever had," says Kenny Simpson, Recruitment Director. He noted that the largest groups came from Illinois (15), Tennessee (14), and Missouri (13). Basketball Camp drew the largest number, with 28. Music Camp hosted 19 and Drama Camp enrolled 18.

"The final program was outstanding," he added. "Parents praised the camp and the excellent job their young people did. We have never had a better behaved group."

Kenny plans to register campers early next year so that directors will have more time to develop detailed plans. If you want information on *Summer Camp '96*, write or call the FWBBC Recruitment Office:

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September 1
Opening Convocation,
9:55 a.m.

September 25-27
1995 Pastor's Conference

October 24-27
Mid-semester Exams

1994-95 Financial Aid Report

7 OF 10 STUDENTS NEED FINANCIAL AID



WBBC students received nearly \$1.1 million in college administered financial aid, according to Peggy Hampton, Financial Aid Director.

"Very few students come now who don't get some kind of aid," she said. Last year, 73% of the students at the college received financial assistance. Help comes in the forms of grants, loans, and jobs, she added.

This does not include help many students get from their home churches and local and state associations. For instance, two district associations in a mid-western state regularly help every student from their churches enrolled at FWBBC and all students from one southern state get a monthly assistance check from their state office. These are a significant help and a source of great encouragement to students.

Approximately two-thirds (\$779,000) of all college administered aid is federally funded, with the remaining one-third coming from largely Free Will Baptist sources.

Between 1992 and 1995, the annual financial aid awarded has grown from \$663,400 to \$1,087,400.

Students who anticipate a need for help should contact the college's Financial Aid Office early to minimize delays and difficulties. A free brochure on financial aid is available from the college.

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STUDENTS HELP SPECIAL KIDS

Alumnus Robin Shipp took three FWBBC students with her recently when she and other teachers from Sycamore Middle School in Pleasant View, TN, took several "at risk" students on a field trip. She describes her students as "mangled, physically and emotionally, by their world." Jennifer Garrett, Darin Gibbs, and Robin's daughter, Rebecca, offered to work with them.

"They were wonderful!" says Robin. "I watched as they sought out the ones on the edge and pulled them into the activities. They took over as leaders of hikes, helping, encouraging, motivating, all in non-threatening ways. They quickly earned the trust of kids that have learned from hard knocks not to trust anyone. . . . They created good memories and friends for kids who don't have many of either."

FWBBC students like these are making a difference in the lives of people, young and old.

31 AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Spring semester scholarships awarded by the college totaled \$7,203.28 and went to 31 students.

The following scholarships were awarded (one, unless noted otherwise):

Atkinson
Berkeley FWB
Brazil-Uruguay Alumni
Sharon Cool Memorial (2)
Lakeview FWB (2)
Lowdermilk Ministerial
Montgomery Memorial
National Youth Conference
Patton
Pittman Family
Presidential (4)
Sherwood Forest FWB
Simpson/Frazier
Spouse (3)
Victory FWB (3)
Leah Waddell (4)



Dr. J. D. Norris



Pastor Steve Trail, Donna Alls, and Toby Spradlin present a check for \$3,000 to FWBBC's Terry Forrest.

TWO GREAT CHURCHES

Two Free Will Baptist churches raised nearly \$10,000 for FWBBC in recent drives.

Dr. J. D. Norris, Jr., pastor of First FWB Church, Florence, Alabama, raised \$6,800 for the college Easter Sunday. The money was designated for the Claim The Land fund and a check was presented to President and Mrs. Tom Malone. "I would love to challenge other pastors to get behind the land fund and let's move forward for God's glory," said Dr. Norris.

Rev. Steve Trail, pastor of First FWB Church, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, raised \$3,000 on April 30 for the college. The church's young people raised over \$2,300 of the total in a rock-a-thon. Rev. Terry Forrest, FWBBC Student Dean, a former pastor of the church, was on hand with his family to accept the check. Last year the church raised \$2,800.

Thank God for churches like these!



Mike Smith

A TESTIMONY

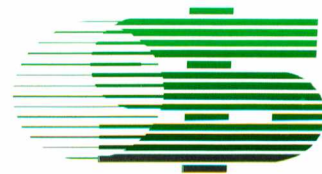
GOD IS FAITHFUL AND FOLKS ARE FRIENDLY

When I knew that it was the Lord's will for me to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College, I was very anxious to arrive and begin preparing for the ministry.

On the other hand, I was worried about how my family would adjust to the move to Nashville. I was also concerned about how well I would be able to balance school work, employment, and, most important, my family life. I continuously read scriptures to remind myself that God is faithful and would certainly enable me to have a proper balance.

God has shown Himself faithful *again*. The Bible College family assisted us in our move and has continued to be warm and helpful. My wife and I have made lifelong friendships among God's people. Teachers and my peers have encouraged me, as well as holding me accountable. Each day I am learning from sitting under the teaching and preaching of God's Word. What a great place! I thank God for allowing me to be here.

Mike Smith
Richmond, Virginia

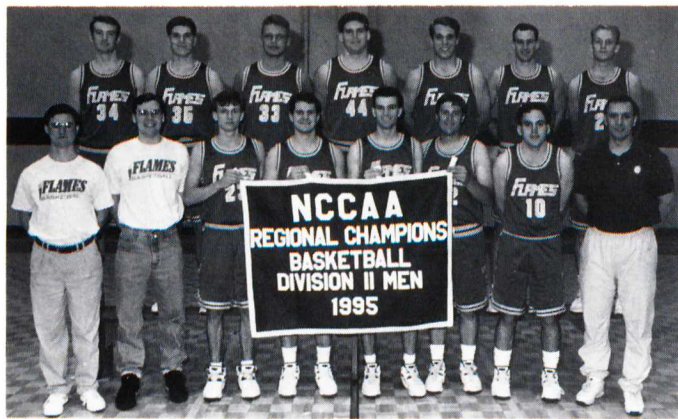


\$1 MILLION IN GIFTS NEEDED FOR '95-'96

A \$1 million gift budget for 1995-96 was submitted by the college to the National Association of Free Will Baptists in July. Gift income in addition to what students pay is essential in order for FWBBC to operate effectively.

Please look at the amount requested from your state and help us raise it in the coming school year.

Alabama	\$ 75,000
Arizona	2,000
Arkansas	45,000
California	12,000
Colorado	1,000
Connecticut	5,000
Delaware	200
Florida	26,000
Georgia	65,000
Hawaii	500
Idaho	500
Illinois	45,000
Indiana	12,000
Iowa	500
Kansas	1,800
Kentucky	20,000
Louisiana	400
Maryland	10,000
Michigan	35,000
Mississippi	30,000
Missouri	38,000
Nebraska	500
Nevada	300
New Jersey	500
New Mexico	500
North Carolina	145,000
Ohio	22,000
Oklahoma	27,000
South Carolina	62,000
South Dakota	800
Tennessee	186,000
Texas	13,000
Vermont	1,000
Virginia	25,000
Washington	2,000
West Virginia	12,000
WNAC	10,000
Canada	500
Virgin Islands	2,000
Other	65,000
Total	\$1,000,000



The Flames enjoy the fruits of an outstanding 1994-95 season, showing the banner that proclaims their regional championship.

FLAMES READY FOR GREAT 10TH SEASON

The coming year will be the biggest yet for the Flames basketball team, according to Coach Byron Deel. A preliminary schedule shows the team playing 26 games during its 10th regular season.

Among the new teams the Flames will face is Moody Bible Institute. The Flames will play Moody on December 9 in Chicago. While they are there, the team will be in services with home missionary Rev. David Potete.

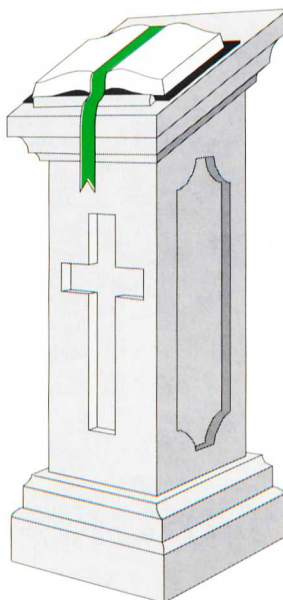
The 1995-96 season will open with the North/South Shootout Tournament at FWBNC November 9-11. Six teams will participate. It will be a good time to get an early look

at the team.

Other opponents this season will include Fisk University, Bryan College, Tennessee Temple, and Pensacola Christian.

The Flames finished first in their district last year and Coach Deel was picked national NCCAA "Coach of The Year." Their record for the year was 27-10.

Jeff Nichols, president of the Flames Boosters Club, is encouraging team backers to support the Flames through finances and prayer as they begin a new season. Information on membership in the Flames Boosters Club may be requested from Jeff, in care of FWBNC.



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STILL TIME FOR 1995 PASTORS' CONFERENCE

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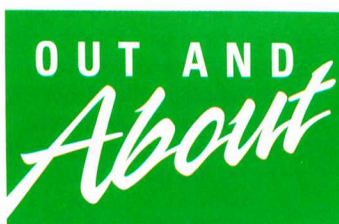


Stephen Olford



David Olford

Don't miss this tremendous opportunity to hear Dr. Stephen Olford and Dr. David Olford at FWBNC's 1995 Pastors' Conference. Write or call today for a free brochure.



ILLINOIS—Rejoice!, 9/17, Tallula FWB, Tallula.

MICHIGAN—Robert Woodard, 10/20-22, Faith FWB, Romeo.

NORTH CAROLINA—Tom Malone, 9/10 (AM), Tippet's Chapel FWB, Clayton; 9/10 (PM), Unity FWB, Greenville; 10/16-17, Bethel FWB, Kinston; Roy Harris, 9/10 (AM), Trinity FWB, Greenville; 9/10 (PM), Maranatha FWB, Greenville; 9/11,

FWBNC Dinner, Morehead City; 9/12, FWBNC Dinner, Greenville; 9/13, Unity FWB, Greenville; 9/14, FWBNC Dinner, Clayton; Jerry Carraway/Rejoice!, 9/23-24, Peace FWB, Wilson.

OKLAHOMA—Roy Harris, 10/8 (AM), Grace FWB, Broken Arrow; 10/8 (PM), Owasso FWB, Owasso; 10/9-11, State Ass'n, Norman.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Robert Picirilli, 9/10, Lebanon FWB, Effingham.

TENNESSEE—Rejoice!, 10/8, Pardue Memorial FWB, Clarksville; Roy Harris, 10/15-20, Bethel FWB, Ashland City.

VIRGINIA—Tom Malone, 10/8-11, Providence FWB, Hampton.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSES CAMPUS MOVE



After more than 50 years on Richland and West End Avenues in Nashville, Free Will Baptist Bible College is planning to move.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting in Charlotte, NC, in July, was nearly unanimous in its endorsement to move the college to a 123-acre site just northwest of the city. The vote included approval of a phased plan to sell the present campus and complete plans to move to the new one.

The move is being planned by a Campus Relocation Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Garnett Reid and Sandy Goodfellow. Other members are Roy Harris, Terry Forrest, Tom Sass, Dr. Robert Picirilli, and Bert Tippet. The committee has selected an architect to design the new campus and has put the present campus in the hands of a real estate broker.

The architect has submitted a basic master plan for the new college. The first phase will accommodate about 600 students and will include dormitories, married student housing, a student center, gymnasium, dining hall, administrative offices, library, and classrooms. Later phases will include a new chapel, more dormitories and enlargements to the library and classroom facility. The full plan includes accommodations for up to 1,000 students, with additions to be made as student enrollment justifies.

The plan is long-range. If the present campus could be sold today for enough to build the new campus, to a buyer who would not need to take possession until the college could move, it would still take two or three years. In practical terms, relocating could take longer than that. The value of the present campus appears to be under what it will cost to build the first phase of the new one. The college has pledged not to move unless it can be done without incurring a massive debt. While acknowledging that a denominational capital campaign will be needed, college representatives plan to also seek financial support from sources largely untapped in the past. These include Free Will Baptists who can give significantly to the relocation and other sources.

Several factors have encouraged college officials to feel that God is in the move and that Free Will Baptists endorse it:

- The 123-acre site was purchased for well under its market value.
 - People in the area where the new site is located are enthusiastic in their desire to see the college move there.
 - The "Claim The Land" drive to underwrite the cost of the property is almost 75% completed and may be wrapped up by the end of the school year.
 - Attendees at the National Association in July strongly endorsed the move.
- If you are in the Nashville area, you can see the site of the new campus on Interstate 24, just northwest of Nashville. The Alumni Association has erected a sign identifying it, that can be seen from the Interstate. We will do our best to keep you posted on future developments.

PLEASE PRAY!

Prayer at this stage is vital. Please pray fervently concerning the following matters:

1. That a suitable buyer will be found for the present campus.
2. That fund-raising efforts will be fruitful.
3. That new sources of support will be found.
4. That inflation will not drive up the cost of the new campus.



CHAPEL



CHAPEL CALENDAR

Sept. 6-7	Dr. Wade Jernigan, FWB Evangelist
Sept. 8	Jonathan Thigpen, Director, Evangelical Training Ass'n, Wheaton, IL
Sept. 12	Don Richardson, Missionary, Author
Sept. 19	Bruce Cripe, World Vision Ministries
Sept. 26-27	Dr. Stephen Olford, Encounter Ministries, Memphis
Oct. 13	Andy Cheely, English Language Institute-China (ELIC)
Oct. 17-18	Levy Corey, Alabama Home for Children
Oct. 19	Dr. Bob Gupta, Missions Perspectives
Oct. 24-25	Dr. Robertson McQuilkin, President Emeritus, Columbia International University

MORE THAN AN "EXTRA"

You have been in class since 8:00 a.m., and now it's nearly 10:00. You'll get a break at 10:35, but one more event comes before your break. . . chapel.

Chapel is a four-times-a-week highlight for students at FWBBC. Every Tuesday through Friday, about 350 of them jostle their way through the auditorium doors, rubbing shoulders—literally—with the faculty and staff, as the 9:55 chapel hour approaches.

Perhaps the one word that characterizes chapel best is "worship." Jerry Carraway, a member of the Music faculty, arranges a combination of hymns, choruses, scripture reading (often one of the Psalms) and prayer. Sometimes he'll direct the music from the piano; on other occasions he will use a student or member of the faculty-staff. The music and scripture often emphasize a common theme, such as the grace of God, the Resurrection, or reaching the lost. It isn't unusual to feel that you have already worshipped the Lord long before the preaching begins. In fact, President Tom Malone frequently stands and says, "Let's sing that verse again and really think about what we're singing." A guest preacher recently was so moved he had to wipe tears from his eyes before he could find his text.

So, we'll sing, pray, and read a scripture. But what—or who—after that? President Malone is the most frequent chapel speaker. Anyone who has heard him knows that listening to him preach is a treat. But students look forward to hearing other members of the College family as well. Neil Gilliland teaches Psychology, but he's also a popular chapel speaker. So is Terry Forrest, FWBBC's Dean of Students. Dr. Garnett Reid will probably bring a challenge, usually from the Old Testament, and sprinkle it with illustrations, usually from the sports world. Leroy Forlines stands erect, spreads out his notes, and then blends pinpoint-accurate theology with warm-hearted human compassion.

But sometimes a stranger will be seated on stage. "Who's that?" students will say to each other. It may be a visiting pastor or an evangelist who is preaching a revival in the Nashville area. Sometimes it will be a representative from a seminary, courting seniors. Or a furloughing missionary. FWBBC students are exposed to a wide spectrum of preachers and other speakers each year from the chapel platform. They come away with a broader appreciation for people in many ministries. They smell the odors from cooking fires in Panama and hear the din of Chicago's inner city, always with the emphasis on reaching people in those places for Christ.

The average student will attend about 140 chapel services each year . . . more than 93 hours. But those hours will mark them as indelibly as any class they attend and play a critical role in preparing them for the ministries to which God has called them.

Chapel at FWBBC is not an "extra." It lies very near the heart of what the Bible College is all about.



Dr. Stephen Olford

Dr. Fields, with Dr. Wade Jernigan



Don Richardson



FLAMES ENJOY BIGGER LEAGUE

Kent Nelson and Travis Kring, both members of the 1994-95 Flames basketball team, found themselves going head-to-head with some of the best area players in the SEC. They were the only two players from a non-scholarship institution to be invited to the 9th Annual Southern Sports Medicine summer league, which is played in Nashville.

Anthony Coleman, a sports writer for *The Tennessean*, noted them and did a feature on them. Ron Bargatz, who runs the league, said, "They deserve to play in this league. They're both very good players. . . There is no question about their ability."

Kent went on to place second in 3-point shooting competition. He and Travis were members of the NCCAA All-District team during the regular season.

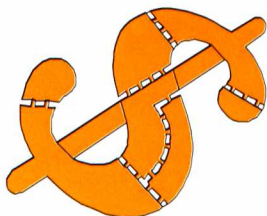
Kent, FWBBC's student body president, said it was exciting to play in the league as an "unknown." He adds, "This gave us the opportunity to show that a person who puts Christ first and dedicates himself to use the talents God gives him can be successful."

BUSINESS PROGRAM GOING STRONG

The Business Administration major is alive and well at FWBBC. In fact, Lowell Sturgill, Chairman of the Business Department, calls it "one of the college's strongest programs." Judging by student interest, he is clearly right.

The Digest of Reports distributed at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in July wrongly reported that the college's trustees had voted to reduce the major to a minor. The report should have said that the Accounting major was being changed to a minor.

If you or someone you know is interested in studying Business, FWBBC has never been more prepared to help you. Write or call for information.



SCHOLARSHIPS HONOR SAINTS

Two new scholarships were recently established at Free Will Baptist Bible College in memory of outstanding Christians.

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Fields have funded a new FWBBC scholarship in memory of Dr. Fields' parents, Rev. and Mrs. O.L. Fields. It will be awarded annually to non-traditional ministerial students. Dr. Fields is chairman of the college's Teacher Education Department.

Rev. Luther Sanders and the Sanders family have established the Helen Sanders Memorial Scholarship in memory of his beloved wife, who went to be with the Lord this year. The interest from contributions placed in the fund will be awarded annually.

These funds and many others are benefiting a host of FWBBC students, many of whom are dependent on such assistance to stay in school.

CAMPUS Events

November 16-18
Welcome Days

November 23-27
Thanksgiving Holidays

December 8-9
Christmas Drama:
Benet's "A Child Is Born"

December 14
Christmas On
Richland Avenue:
Handel's "Messiah"

December 19-22
Semester Exams

December 22
Semester Ends

FLAMES ANNOUNCE 1995-96 SEASON

The FWBBC Flames will begin their 10th season in a home game with Clearwater Christian College on November 9. The team has represented the college with distinction on two fronts: on the court and in churches.

Last year, the Flames placed fourth nationally in the NCCAA and first in their district.

This year, the Flames have scheduled the following games. We encourage alumni and other friends to attend any games they can. Due to late changes, please confirm games you plan to attend by calling FWBBC or the opposing school.

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov. 9, 8:00 p.m.	Clearwater Christian	Home
Nov. 10, 8:00 p.m.	Appalachian	Home
Nov. 11, 2:00 p.m.	Trinity Baptist	Home
Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.	Tennessee Temple	Chattanooga, TN
Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m.	Atlanta Christian	Home
Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m.	Southeastern Bible	Birmingham, AL
Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.	Covenant	Lookout Mtn., TN
Dec. 2, 2:00 p.m.	Southeastern Bible	Home
Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m.	Lincoln Christian	Lincoln, IL
Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.	Fairhaven	Chesterton, IN
Dec. 9, 3:00 p.m.	Moody Bible	Chicago, IL
Jan. 12, 7:00 p.m.	Johnson Bible	Home
Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m.	Pensacola Christian	Home
Jan. 19, 9:00 p.m.	Piedmont Bible	Winston-Salem, NC
Jan. 20, 3:00 p.m.	Appalachian Bible	Beckley, WV
Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m.	Toccoa Falls	Home
Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m.	Crown College	Home
Jan. 27, 3:00 p.m.	Fisk University	Nashville, TN
Feb. 2, 7:00 p.m.	Piedmont Bible	Home
Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m.	East Coast Bible	Home
Feb. 6, 7:00 p.m.	Atlanta Christian	Atlanta, GA
Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.	Crown College	Knoxville, TN
Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m.	Kentucky Christian	Grayson, KY
Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m.	Fisk University	Home
Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m.	Johnson Bible	Knoxville, TN
Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m.	Toccoa Falls	Toccoa, GA
Feb. 23-24	NCCAA District	TBA
Feb. 28-Mar. 2	NCCAA National	Toccoa, GA

REBECCA DEEL EARNS DOCTORATE



Congratulations to Dr. Rebecca Williams Deel, a member of FWBBC's

Business Department faculty. She graduated with the Doctor of Arts in Economics on August 5 from Middle Tennessee State University.

This is the culmination of years of study by Dr. Deel. She continues to make a major contribution to the Bible College's excellent Business program.



Dining has become a radically new experience at FWBBC, thanks to Pioneer College Caterers. This will be especially significant to alumni who remember the days of "mystery meat" and other culinary delights!

In August, the college joined forces with Pioneer to implement changes affecting more than 750 meals served on campus each school year. The service includes a number of new food bars, including a salad bar, pasta bar, and deli bar. A new beverage line has been installed. So has a cereal line, which includes do-it-yourself Belgian waffles. Pioneer even offers parents services like making a birthday cake or a dozen cookies to help their son or daughter celebrate a special occasion or just to encourage them. Pioneer also has steak night once a month and plans special treats, like "Breakfast at Midnight" during exams.

Pioneer serves only Christian colleges. Their clients include schools like Tennessee Temple and Columbia International University (formerly Columbia Bible College). FWBBC is the 35th college to sign with Pioneer.

Jeff Rehn, who is directing Pioneer's work at FWBBC, has worked with them for 10 years. He also worked at Mt. Vernon Nazarene College, Roberts Wesleyan College, and Friends University. As a Christian, he has devoted himself to helping colleges like FWBBC. "When Pioneer called me to tell me that they had signed FWBBC and that they wanted me to run the food service, I had such a sense of happiness come over me that I knew in my heart that I should take the position because Angie, my wife, and I had been praying about what I should do," he says. "I have been very impressed with both the faculty, staff, and students at FWBBC. . . It makes me look forward to coming to work each morning."

The next time you are in the area, stop by and sample the food service at FWBBC. The cost is modest and you will like what you see—and taste!

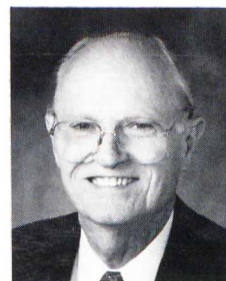
DR. MCQUILKIN TO LECTURE ON ETHICS



Dr. Robertson McQuilkin,
retired President of
Columbia Interna-

tional University (formerly Columbia Bible College), will be the college's guest speaker at the 1995 Leroy Forlines Lectures to be held on campus October 24-26.

Dr. McQuilkin will conduct four lectures—one each on Tuesday and Thursday, and two on Wednesday—on "Ethics." He has written several books, including *An Introduction to Biblical Ethics*, *Understanding and Applying the Bible*, and *The Great Omission*. He left a



Dr. Robertson McQuilkin

church planting ministry in Japan after 12 years to assume the presidency of Columbia, a position he held for 22 years until his resignation in 1990.

The Forlines Lectures were begun by the FWBBC trustees to honor Leroy Forlines, who has taught Theology and related subjects at the college since 1953.

All of the lectures are open to the public and will be held in the college auditorium.



ALABAMA—Tom Malone, Roy Harris, Tim Campbell, 11/9-10 State Ass'n, Madison.

GEORGIA—Tom Malone, 11/5-8, Bellevue FWB, Colquitt; Roy Harris, Tim Campbell, 11/16-18, State Ass'n, Statesboro.

ILLINOIS—Kenny Simpson, Rejoice!, 12/2-3, Ina FWB, Ina.

MAINE—Tom Malone, 11/26-29, Linneus FWB, Houlton.

MISSISSIPPI—Tim Campbell, 11/3-4, State Ass'n, First FWB, Booneville.

MISSOURI—Kenny Simpson, Rejoice!, 12/9-10, First FWB, West Plains.

NORTH CAROLINA—Roy Harris, 11/5, Belvoir FWB, Greenville; Bert Tippet, 11/10-11, Couples Retreat, Trinity FWB, Greenville; 11/12 (AM), Trinity FWB, Greenville; Tom Malone, 11/12, Immanuel FWB, Durham.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Robert Picirilli, 11/26, Aiken FWB, Aiken.

TENNESSEE—LaVerne Miley, 11/3-4, Parents Retreat, Cross Timbers FWB, Nashville; Kenny Simpson, 11/10, TACS College Fair, Murfreesboro; Rejoice!, 11/10-12, Oak Ridge FWB, Oak Ridge; Tom Malone, Roy Harris, Tim Campbell, 11/13-15, State Ass'n, Johnston City.

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FULFILL THE VISION

1995 Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Drive

YOU ARE FWBBC'S CHRISTMAS HOPE

BY BERT TIPPETT
PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Part of the Christmas tradition at our house was getting the wish lists from our children, showing what they hoped to find under the tree on Christmas morning. Each of them would present Dianne and me with a piece of 3-ring notebook paper. Instead of listing the electric train or doll they wanted, they would tell us the catalog to check, with the page number and item number.

For instance, an entry might read: Service Merchandise, page 221, item 16. A quick check would tell us just what Brian or Karen was hoping to find.

Times change. We don't get those lists anymore. Brian has two children of his own, with another due in a few weeks. Karen also has two. As their children grow, they'll develop their own system for conveying their Christmas hopes to Mom and Dad. They may use e-mail or the Internet. But they'll get them there.

FWBBC's annual Christmas Drive, honoring Paul Ketteman, is the college's way of sharing its hopes with you. This year, the college hopes to raise \$250,000—one-fourth of the \$1 million it needs this school year. Although \$250,000 sounds like a lot, the students, faculty, and staff are working to raise \$100,000 of it through their own efforts, leaving the entire denomination with just \$150,000 needed to meet the goal.

It is hard to believe that many of you never knew Paul Ketteman. He was FWBBC's point man for 25 years before his home-going in 1987. He was a friend to students and pastors. He just loved people. As the college's chief fund raiser, he was constantly looking for ways to challenge people to shoulder their responsibility regarding Christian education. One year, he challenged the guys in the college quartet to get one gift checkbook signed during the Christmas break.

"What will you do for us if we do?"

one of them countered.

He thought for moment, stroking his chin as he was prone to do, then said, "I'll give you a steak supper if you will."

Eventually, the challenge was broadened to include anyone who wanted to take it up. Today, the annual Christmas Drive recalls memories for many of us of the good man in whose heart it was born.

If he were here today, he would be pleased to see how Free Will Baptists have responded and how the effort has grown to undreamed-of proportions.

So, what will you do for the students at Free Will Baptist Bible College this Christmas? The letter you received from Roy Harris, our Stewardship Development Director, is really our "wish list." If you haven't responded yet, either directly to the college or through your church, please do so this Sunday. Every gift, of any size, will help.

All of our Christmas hopes are riding on you.

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TOGETHER
WAY**





DR. PICIRILLI LEADS AABC

Dr. Robert Picirilli, FWBBC's Academic Dean, is also serving as the current President of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

With characteristic modesty, he minimizes this honor, but it is just one of a series of significant roles Dr. Picirilli has played in the AABC.

He will serve for two years as President. During this time he will preside over AABC meetings and chair meetings of the board and executive committee.

He stepped into the office this year, after two years as Vice President. AABC has also benefitted from his service as Chairman of the Research Commission and as a member of the Testing Commission.

Commenting on the benefits of his service with AABC, Dr. Picirilli says, "Probably there is a sense in which, among Bible colleges, it increases the exposure/recognition of FWBBC. For me, it's an opportunity to have some additional leadership influence in the Bible college movement."

The college and the denomination may be justifiably proud of this high-profile service Dr. Picirilli is rendering to Bible colleges in the United States and Canada.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp '96 will be June 24-29.

As in past years, the camp will really be four camps in one: Missions Camp, Basketball Camp, Music Camp and Drama Camp. Each camp will be directed by a qualified faculty or staff member, who will be assisted by FWBBC students.

Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24.

For full information, please write or call:

Summer Camp '96
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205
1-800-76-FWBBC

42 FLAMES RETIRE #42

On November 17, the FWBBC Flames basketball team retired its second jersey in honor of an outstanding player.

Coach Byron Deel announced that #42—worn by 1995 graduate Brad Ryan—would be retired.

Brad is the Flames' all-time leading scorer and rebounder. The Illinois native scored 1,217 points and pulled down 657 rebounds for the team. He was also credited with 101 assists, according to Coach Deel.

Presently, Brad is teaching at Donelson Christian Academy in Nashville. He also teaches a teen Sunday school class at Sylvan Park Free Will Baptist Church, where he is a member.

Several years ago the college retired #43, worn by Kevin Riggs, who was the first player to score more than 1,000 points.

CHURCH COMMENDS STUDENTS

Jim and Patsy Milom, youth directors at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland City, Tennessee, praised several FWBBC students who are playing key roles at the church and were especially helpful at the church's recent youth retreat.

Here are some of the kind words the Miloms wrote to President Tom Malone:

Bible College students who have attended Bethel these past few years have been such a joy and a blessing to our church. They are eager to help and are very cooperative in assisting in any area that they are asked. We presently have them working in Junior Church, working with our Van Ministry, and bringing us messages through our "Timothy Time."

We feel that God used these young men and women to help make our 1995 Youth Retreat a success. We had one saved, many rededications and approximately 25 who made a commitment to try to lead someone to the Lord this year.

Your young men and women are an asset to the ministry of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. They reflect their calling and the training that they are receiving at Free Will Baptist Bible College. We thank God for you and them.

The students the Miloms cited for outstanding work at the Youth Retreat were Jon Forrest, Mike Bishop, Brett Frazier, Karen Powell, Diane Milom, Michael Lytle, Philip Lytle, Eric Brant, and Ryan and Marie McDougald.

CAMPUS Events

January 9
Opening Service/
Registration

January 10
Classes begin

January 23-26
Bible Faculty Emphasis
Week

February 6-9
Heritage Week

February 13-14
Visiting Pastor Seminars

February 17
Formal Dinner

February 25
Pleasant View Rally

ARKANSAS PASTOR TO HOLD SEMINARS

Arkansas pastor Rev. Carl Cheshier will speak on campus February 13-14 in the latest of the Visiting Pastor Seminars.

Rev. Cheshier began preaching at age 19 and has pastored in Oklahoma, Texas, California, and Arkansas. He is pastor of Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, which has grown from 50 to 400 under his 27-year leadership.

He is scheduled to speak six times to ministerial students and twice in chapel.

Dr. Robert Woodard, seminar director, says the purpose of the seminars is "to share practical insights concerning pastoral life and ministry with our ministerial students."

A TESTIMONY



44, GRAY-HAIRED. . . AND A STUDENT AT FWBBC!

by Johnny Lewis, Cordele, Georgia

Forty-four years old, retired from the Army, a good job with financial security, and working on a significant second retirement.

Then God says, "Quit your job, give up your retirement, and go to Bible College. I want you to preach my gospel!"

"Surely, Lord, you aren't talking to me!"

That's exactly how I felt when this happened. You can't imagine the fears and doubts that flooded my soul. I knew, without a shadow of a doubt, that God was speaking to me and I knew what He was saying. But, like Moses, I told the Lord I couldn't do it.

"I'm 44; most of the folks there will be 18 to 22. I have gray hair. I'll stick out like a sore thumb. I won't be accepted. And then there's the typical South Georgia good ol' boys who will tell me, 'Boy, you don't need to go to that Bible college. You're a good enough preacher. Jest git up on a stump, rare back, and preach!'"

Pressures, pressures, pressures!

But the greatest day of peace I have ever known was the day I went into my boss' office, sat down, and told him that God had spoken to me about going into the ministry full time and that I needed to prepare myself by going to FWBBC. I'll never forget his reply. He said that I needed to go to the hospital and be checked

because I had lost my mind.

I didn't go to the hospital but, when I walked out of his office, it felt like a ton of burdens and all of the pressures were gone. I felt freer than I've ever felt, except when I was so gloriously saved by my Lord.

Here I am, two years later. I have finished my sophomore year at Bible College. I have consistently been on the "B" Dean's List and God has not failed me once. He has provided every need that my family and I have had.

I have been accepted by the wonderful young people here. The staff and faculty are great men and women of God, doing a mighty work for Him by pouring their very lives into each student. I have people here who really love me and pray with me and for me. I have two or three spiritual brothers to whom I hold myself accountable. They help me to rejoice in the Lord and to thank Him every day for allowing this time in my life.

Yes, my life has surely been impacted since I came to FWBBC. It is one of the greatest things that has ever happened to me. I only wish I had come here 25 years ago.

By the way, I've been in several denominations in my life and I found no real satisfaction in them. I am Free Will Baptist by choice and proud to be one. Thank God for Free Will Baptists and for Free Will Baptist Bible College!

Johnny F. Lewis

292 ATTEND WELCOME DAYS



Welcome Days drew 292 visitors to the campus November 16-18, according to Kenny Simpson, Recruitment Director.

The crowd included 199 prospective students and 93 sponsors. The largest delegations came from Illinois (63), Tennessee (60), Alabama (26), and Virginia (20). The single largest group came from First Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur, Illinois, with 19.

In addition to just sampling life at FWBBC, the Welcome Days guests enjoyed a special music program on Thursday evening. On Friday, they heard a challenging message from Jon Forrest, Student Body Chaplain, and watched the Flames basketball team roll over a rival team from Georgia. The game was followed by a "Banana Splash" that defies description.

Kenny says the response from visiting students was good. "Half of all the visiting seniors we surveyed indicate they are already planning to enroll at FWBBC."

The visitors, themselves, had high praise for the event:

You have all been great and have helped me to realize God's plan for my life. See you this fall.

M.D., Tennessee

I love this place!

K. S., South Carolina

I really enjoyed my stay here, and the music and food were great!

D. M., Illinois

I really enjoyed the singing and praising God.

T.L., Virginia

Keep up the good work. I love you, FWBBC!

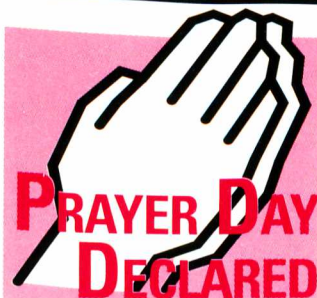
B.R., Illinois

I love your school. The people have been great inspirations in my life for the past two years.

C. D., Georgia

The spring Welcome Days will be March 28-30. For information on attending, write or call:

Welcome Days
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205
1-800-76-FWBBC



Classes were suspended November 16 and a Day of Prayer was held on campus.

It is usual to hold one or two Days of Prayer at FWBBC each school year. This has traditionally been a time when God has dealt powerfully and directly with many students, teachers and staff workers. He has also answered many prayers.

This year, a young man called a member of the staff and requested prayer for his unsaved sister-in-law. He did not know that a Day of Prayer had been declared for the following day, but remembered that he and his wife had been saved following a Day of Prayer three years previously. He was assured that his request would be taken before the Lord. The next Sunday he called to report that he had led his sister-in-law to the Lord—the first person he had ever led to Christ—and to thank the staff member and the college for their prayers.

Praise God! He still answers!

BIBLE CONFERENCE '96



Dr. Richard R. Melick, Jr., President of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Texas, will be the featured speaker at FWBBC's spring Bible Conference, March 10-14.

Other speakers are Rev. Randy Sawyer, Rev. James Kelly Caudill, and Rev. Roy Harris.

Dr. Melick assumed the Criswell Center presidency in 1992. He served for nine years as Professor and Chairman of the New Testament and Greek Departments at Mid-America Baptist Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee. He was New Testament Consulting Editor of *New American Commentary*, published by Broadman Press, and wrote the volume on *Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon* for the series.

Rev. Sawyer pastors First Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, and has conducted some 200 revivals. He graduated from FWBBC in 1978 and is currently completing his Master's Degree program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Caudill has pastored Tom's Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Nippa, Kentucky, for 23 years. He has had an evangelistic ministry in the U.S. and abroad, and enjoyed a successful radio outreach for 25 years.

Rev. Harris is FWBBC's Director of Stewardship Development. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees at Free Will Baptist Bible College and has pastored in North Carolina and Kentucky.

Other features of Bible Conference include "homecoming" for FWBBC alumni. Officers of the Alumni Association are planning to honor members of the classes of 1944, '45, and '46 at the banquet. Members of the class of 1971 will also be honored by being seated with FWBBC President Tom Malone and past presidents of the college.

Music is always a special feature of the conference. The choir, Rejoice! Ministry Team, men's quartet and others will enhance each service.

Plan now to be among the hundreds who will enjoy the 1996 Bible Conference, March 10-14.



Dr. Melick



Rev. Sawyer



Rev. Caudill



Rev. Harris

11 SENIORS MAKE '96 Who's Who



eleven seniors will be included in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

The FWBBC faculty made the nominations, which were approved by the *Who's Who* national office. The faculty weighed many criteria, including academic performance, spiritual maturity, social development, extra-curricular activities, and potential for future usefulness.

The honored seniors are:

1. Lisa Edgmon, Nashville, TN
2. Brett Frazier, Bainbridge, GA
3. Amanda Hood, Greeneville, TN
4. Kristi Johnson, Hemingway, SC
5. Danny Maggart, St. Joseph, MO
6. Kent Nelson, Guin, AL
7. Eric Paugh, Nettie, WV
8. Michelle Ratliff, Kinston, NC
9. Lea Southwell, Arlington, VA
10. Mark Thompson, Glennville, GA
11. Jill Warren, Nashville, TN



FLORIDA—Tom Malone, 1/7-12, First FWB, Seffner.

GEORGIA—Rejoice!, 1/28, Homerville FWB, Homerville; 2/10, Saltilla FWB, Hazelhurst; 2/11, First FWB, Jesup.

NORTH CAROLINA—Men's

Quartet, 2/4, Cozy Rock FWB, Burnsville.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Tom Malone/Robert Picirilli, 2/15-17, Accrediting Ass'n of Bible Colleges, Fort Mills; Tom Malone, 2/18-21, Southside FWB, Darlington; Tom Malone/Tim Campbell, 2/22-23, State Ass'n.

TENNESSEE—Milton Fields/Johnny Carter, 1/8-9, FWB Fellowship of Christian Schools, Pigeon Forge; College Family, 2/25 (PM), Northern Quarterly Rally, Pleasant View Christian School, Pleasant View.



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