

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1996**

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## SUMMER CAMP '96



Summer Camp plans at FWBBC were well underway, even though snow blanketed the campus for several days in January.

This year's *Summer Camp '96* will be June 24-29, according to Recruitment Director Kenny Simpson. As in previous years, it will actually be four camps. Campers will choose between Basketball Camp, Music Camp, Missions Camp, and Drama Camp, depending on their area of interest.

The cost is just \$175. It covers meals, room, and all camp activities. It also includes the camp t-shirt, notebook, and a day at Opryland, USA.

Kenny says that reservations must be made by June 15 to allow camp directors time to prepare for every camper.

For a brochure or to register, write or call:

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

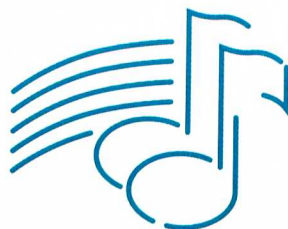


### DRAMA CAMP

More and more people are coming to see the power of Christian drama. Churches are assembling drama teams for Christmas programs and youth conferences, even for regular use in Sunday services.

Drama Camp is a great place for teens to learn everything from make-up and lighting to performing. Members of The Evangels Drama Team will work with them in the areas of their interest and send them back to their churches fired up and ready to go to work.

There is probably a young man or woman that you know who should consider Drama Camp. Do them a favor and tell us to send a brochure to them. Just call the toll-free number above.



### MUSIC CAMP

Any visitor to youth competitions at the National Youth Conference will come away convinced that Free Will Baptist young people love music. Music Camp is the ideal place for these young people to sharpen their music skills under the direction of FWBBC music teacher Jerry Carraway and members of the Rejoice! Ministry Team.

Whether their interest is vocal or instrumental music, these campers will both enjoy and profit from this week. Part of the week's activity will be to prepare a special Friday evening concert in which they will share what they have learned with their fellow campers.

If young people in your church can sing or play, please encourage them to consider attending Music Camp.



### BASKETBALL CAMP

Coach Byron Deel and members of the FWBBC Flames basketball team will work with campers to develop individual court skills and to improve their team play. He will direct two daily practices aimed at sharpening individual skills. He will also hold evening league games, 3-on-3 tournaments, and shooting competitions.

Spiritual development will not be neglected. Campers will be challenged to compete as Christians and to take personal responsibility for maturing in the Lord.

Any young man who is interested in basketball will profit from Basketball Camp. Let us know who he is and we will send him a Summer Camp brochure.



### MISSIONS CAMP

Teens across the denomination are demonstrating a new, dynamic interest in missions.

In response, the college offers Missions Camp to acquaint campers with the needs of the world and to expose them to life in a foreign culture. Missionary Eddie Payne served with distinction in Ivory Coast, West Africa, before returning to the U.S. and joining the FWBBC faculty. As a missions teacher, he challenged students to consider God's call to the foreign field. What God used him to do for them, He will also use him to do for Missions Campers.

If you know a young person who is considering missions, this is the place for them. Pray that this will be the biggest camp at FWBBC this summer!





# BEACHHEAD IN RUSSIA

Fay and Leroy Forlines



**I**n 1991, the former United Soviet Socialist Republic opened its doors and granted religious liberty to its citizens for the first time in the long history of that country. Various religions and cults responded by sending missionaries. Some Free Will Baptists went with Rick Amato Ministries for two weeks to distribute Bibles. Some FWBBC students went to Russia in 1994. More FWBBC students and others went with Peter Dyneka Ministries in the summer of 1995.

In April 1995, delegates from the FWB Foreign Missions Department went to Russia to see what Free Will Baptists could do to help. Russian Baptist leaders told them they needed teachers of theology, ethics, morals, and English. Together, they decided to invite Professor Leroy Forlines and his wife, Fay, to teach in churches, Bible institutes, Bible colleges, and Bible seminaries for the 1996 Spring semester—from early February through June. Free Will Baptists joined in partnership with the Forlines to pray for and fund this historic endeavor.

In an interview conducted before his departure, Mr. Forlines outlined what he hopes to accomplish.

**Q—What is the primary purpose for your trip?**

The purpose for our going is twofold: to teach Arminian Theology and to gather information to share with the Foreign Missions Board about possibilities for Free Will Baptists to advance the cause of Christ there. In addition, I hope to assist those who will be translating my theology book, *Systematics*, into Russian for use in Russia and Ukraine. The Foreign Mission Board has directed that 10,000 copies be printed in Russian.

**Q—How will you overcome the language barrier?**

Russians take English in school. Some students will understand English. Also, we have been studying Russian. Regretfully, I will have to rely on an interpreter. Fay will teach English to some, including the President of the seminary at Kiev and his wife.

**Q—Where will you teach?**

We will teach at Russian Baptist schools and churches. Some are definite; others are probabilities. They are located in Kiev, Odessa, Moscow, St.

Petersburg, Ekaterinburg, Chelyabinsk, Novosibirsk, and Khabarovsk. If we finish near the Sea of Japan, we hope to visit our missionaries in Japan before we return to the U.S.

**Q—What subjects will you teach?**

Primarily Arminian Theology, with an emphasis on perseverance. I expect to put that into the context of the doctrines of man, atonement, and the grace of God as manifested in justification and sanctification.

**Q—Why are Russian Baptists looking to Free Will Baptists for this kind of help?**

Russian Baptists are primarily Arminian, in theology. Other Baptist groups who have gone over to the region have been Calvinistic. Russian Baptists were delighted to find a Baptist group in America that is also Arminian.

Until seven years ago, they had no opportunity for theological education. The first evangelical theological degrees of higher education granted in the history of the Ukraine or Russia were granted by the Odessa Baptist Seminary on June 24, 1995. Also, having very limited financial resources, Russian Baptists are relying on the generosity of Western Christians to help them get through these formative times.

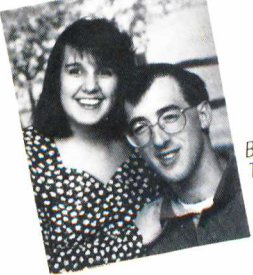
**Q—What needs do you want us to pray over while you are away?**

Those who support us in prayer and finances will, in the mind of God, share in the credit for what is accomplished. Many have opened their hearts to be partners with us and God in the "Forlines Russian Beachhead for Free Will Baptists."

We invite and desire others to join in prayer for us: for an effective and fruitful ministry, wisdom in working with God's people in Russia, our physical health and safety, and a willing spirit on our part to learn from those precious Christians who have suffered so much for their faith at the hands of atheistic communists.

Lord willing, Mr. Forlines hopes to be back at FWBBC for the 1996 Fall semester. We pray God's blessings on his ministry there and look forward to his return.





Brent, Cassandra  
Thompson

## THE LORD CARES FOR HIS OWN



od does provide!

Just ask Cassandra Martin Thompson. The junior missions student was not able to enroll for the spring semester because of finances. So she planned a trip to New Jersey to visit her

family, who she had not seen for six years.

On her flight from Atlanta, a man seated beside her began to talk to her. This gave her an opportunity to testify about her salvation at age 16, her interest in missions, and the training she was getting at FWBBC. When he asked if she was presently enrolled, she told him that she was not, due to the lack of money.

"What if I were to pay for your schooling, now and until you graduate?" he asked.

"I was shocked," she says. "But I prayed quietly that he was serious."

"I have helped college students in the past," he added, "but I have

felt let down by them." He then assured her that he was serious about helping her.

Silently, Cassandra praised God.

When she arrived in New Jersey, she phoned her husband, Brent, and asked him to call the college so that she could enroll as soon as she returned. Brent learned that Cassandra's benefactor had already sent the college \$1,000 for her spring semester enrollment, with a request that her future bills be sent to him.

Does God still provide?

Just ask Cassandra and Brent.



Katy



Jean



Neil



Sherry

## GOODBYE TO FRIENDS



One of the saddest times at FWBBC is saying goodbye to departing workers. Four outstanding employees recently resigned or retired, leaving places that may be occupied, but never filled in quite the same way.

Katy Chasteen is no more. On January 17, she became Mrs. Don Smith, marrying a high school friend. Congratulations are surely in order, but she will be missed sorely after 30 years at the college, where she served as secretary to two Development Directors and two Presidents.

Jean Whitaker, also a 30-year FWBBC veteran, retired recently from the food service staff. Jean, with sister Ann, was a counselor and consoler to scores of students. Jean said that retiring from the college staff was one of the hardest things she had ever had to do.

Neil Gilliland resigned from the faculty in December after more than seven years as a recruiter and psychology teacher. His resignation was for personal and family reasons. His wit and cheerful disposition will be greatly missed.

Sherry Anderson was the first person many people talked to when they contacted the college. She served as receptionist and general dispenser of information for seven years before leaving the staff in January to join the staff of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church. Her bubbly nature endeared her to everyone, especially to many students who felt they shared a special bond with Sherry.

To all of them we say, "God bless you!"



President Tom Malone accepts a special Christmas Drive gift from Amy and Jeff Gunnels, both students attending FWBBC.

## CHRISTMAS DRIVE OFF AND RUNNING



An outstanding Christmas Drive was made even more remarkable thanks to a \$25,000-gift from Mrs. Christine Gaut, a FWBBC alumnus in California who suffered a stroke last year. Mrs. Gaut and her late husband, Oscar Wright, attended FWBBC in 1960. She has seen 10 other members of her family, spanning three generations, enroll at the college and many to graduate. She presently has two grandchildren attending—Jeff and Amy Gunnels.

Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director, said that Mrs. Gaut's gift was one of many reasons to praise God for the 1995 Kettenan Memorial Christmas Drive. "Even without her special gift, the college family raised more than in last year's drive," he said. More than \$83,000 has been raised so far by students and employees.

Giving from outside the college is also up. December gifts ran about 10% ahead of those in 1994, which was a record month. Christmas Drive gifts will continue to come in for another month, according to Mr. Harris. He feels that the \$250,000-goal is certainly within reach.

## KEN GANGEL TO SPEAK

Dr. Kenneth Gangel, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean at Dallas Theological Seminary, will speak on campus June 10-11. He is being sponsored by the Committee on Professional Development of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC), of which FWBBC is a member. He will speak on "A Challenge to Excellence in Teaching."

AABC is urging member colleges to send their faculty to this College Teaching Workshop and is expecting a number of teachers and administrators to attend.

## CAMPUS Events

**March 5-8**  
Mid-term Exams

**March 10-14**  
Bible Conference

**March 14-24**  
Spring Break/Tours

**March 25**  
Classes Resume

**March 27**  
Day of Prayer

**March 28-30**  
Welcome Days



# KEEP BIBLE CONFERENCE ON YOUR CALENDAR



Make the 1996 Bible Conference—March 10-14—a “Don’t-Miss Event” on your calendar. It will be one you will long remember.

In addition to the outstanding speakers already announced—Dr. Richard Melick, Rev. Randy Sawyer, Rev. James Caudill and Rev. Roy Harris—the college has also invited two special alumni, Rev. Adam Scott and Rev. Eddie Vincent, to share in the program.

Alumni will find themselves front and center this year. Several special events will keep the spotlight on former students who return to FWBBC for this Alumni Homecoming. Alumni will meet for fellowship on Monday evening and again, on Tuesday, for their annual banquet and business meeting. The Class of 1986, coming back after 10 years, will be given a special Continental breakfast on Tuesday morning. Alumni Association President Eddie Hodges promises alumni will receive VIP treatment at the conference.

But, even if you never attended FWBBC, you will be a welcomed guest. You will enjoy the preaching, the services, and, especially, the music. The college’s Music Department, led by Glen Wegge and Jerry Carraway, will provide a musical feast that will bless your soul.

The dates are March 10-14. Please mark them prominently on your calendar.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 10-14, 1996

Sunday, March 10	11:00 a.m. Dr. Richard Melick
7:00 p.m. Rev. Roy Harris	Lunch
	5:00 p.m. Alumni Banquet
Monday, March 11	7:00 p.m. Dr. Richard Melick
8:45 a.m. Rev. Roy Harris	
9:30 a.m. Rev. Adam Scott	Wednesday, March 13
Recess	8:45 a.m. Rev. Roy Harris
11:00 a.m. Rev. Randy Sawyer	9:30 a.m. Rev. James Caudill
Lunch	Recess
7:00 p.m. Rev. James Caudill	11:00 a.m. Dr. Richard Melick
8:30 p.m. Alumni Fellowship	Lunch
	7:00 p.m. Rev. Randy Sawyer
Tuesday, March 12	Thursday, March 14
8:45 a.m. Rev. Randy Sawyer	8:45 a.m. Rev. Roy Harris
9:30 a.m. Rev. Eddie Vincent	9:30 a.m. Rev. James Caudill
Recess	



The college Board of Trustees met on campus in December. With Dr. Malone are (seated) Sam Truett, Doug Little, Larry, Powell, Richard Barnes, (standing) Jake Creech, Howard Price, Gary Fry, and Larry Montgomery. Richard Bowers was not present.



**ALABAMA**—Kenny Simpson, 3/3-6, First FWB, Northport; Tim Campbell, 3/9, Alumni Chapter Organization, Northport; 3/10 (AM), First FWB, Northport.

**FLORIDA**—Tom Malone, 3/31, Beulah FWB, Pensacola.

**GEORGIA**—Tim Campbell, 3/16, Alumni Chapter Organization, Albany.

**ILLINOIS**—Tom Malone, 3/15-16, State Ass’n, Pleasant View FWB, Walnut Hill.

**MICHIGAN**—College Quartet, 4/28, Crossroads FWB, White Lake.

**MISSISSIPPI**—College Quartet, 3/3, Martin Hill FWB, Booneville; Tom Malone, 4/14-17, Fawn Grove FWB, Tupelo.

**MISSOURI**—Tom Malone, 3/24, Fellowship FWB, Park Hills; 4/28-5/1, First FWB, O’Fallon.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—College Quartet/Roy Harris, 4/21, Columbia FWB, Columbia.

**TENNESSEE**—Roy Harris, 4/12, Upper Cumberland Rally, Cookeville FWB, Cookeville; Rejoice! Ministry Team, 4/21, Pleasant Hill FWB, Dover.

**VIRGINIA**—Rejoice! Ministry Team, 4/28, Glamorgan FWB, Wise.

**OHIO**—Tom Malone, Roy Harris, James Cox, 3/18, Friendship Dinner, Cleveland FWB, Cleveland; 3/19, Friendship Dinner, Heritage Temple FWB, Columbus; 3/21, Friendship Dinner, Porter Tabernacle, Sciotoville; Roy Harris, 3/17 (AM), Cleveland FWB, Cleveland; 3/17 (PM), Trinity FWB, Cleveland; 3/20, Westerville FWB, Westerville; James Cox, 3/17 (AM), United FWB, Cleveland; 3/17 (PM), Unity FWB, Cleveland.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—Tom Malone, James Cox, Roy Harris, 3/22, Friendship Dinner, Chief Logan State Park, Henlawson; 3/23, Friendship Dinner, Western Sizzlin’, Beckley; Roy Harris, 3/24, Sophia FWB, Sophia.

### 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

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## CLAIM THE LAND CAMPAIGN VICTORIOUS!

by Roy Harris  
Director, Stewardship Development



Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director, announced the completion of the "Claim The Land" campaign on Wednesday of Bible Conference.

**MARCH SAW THE COMPLETION OF  
FWBBC'S DRIVE TO UNDERWRITE  
THE COST OF PROPERTY TO WHICH  
OFFICIALS HOPE TO RELOCATE  
THE CAMPUS.**

**ROY HARRIS ANNOUNCED THE  
VICTORY DURING BIBLE CONFERENCE.**

What an exciting day we had during the Wednesday morning service of Bible Conference. We celebrated the culmination of the Claim the Land Campaign. The campaign began in an effort to repay money the college had borrowed from itself to underwrite the Joelton property it purchased in September 1994. The final commitment came in January 1996. The campaign was scheduled to be completed by May 31, 1996, the end of the present school year. The last commitment on the land was received some four and a half months ahead of schedule and approximately 14 months after the first acre was purchased. Over \$250,000 has already come in with more to be received over the next couple of years. God has been gracious and provided the foundation upon which a future campus for Free Will Baptists can be built.

All 123 acres have been either paid for or a commitment has been made for purchase. During Bible Conference, the deed for the final acre was presented to Dr. Tom Malone in honor of his parents who purchased both the first and last acres. Acres were purchased in several different ways and from several different states. The God of Heaven touched the lives of many people. Gifts and commitments were received from Illinois, Missouri, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Kentucky, South Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Florida, Texas, California, Washington, and Hawaii. Gifts came from churches, individuals, a local association, a state association, and the FWBBC Alumni Association. The Student Body of FWBBC is purchasing one acre and several acres are being purchased by Free Will Baptist businessmen and women.

Money will continue coming in for the next few years, but this is a highlight in the history of our denomination. Our folks have caught a glimpse of a future campus for Free Will Baptist Bible College, where we will continue to train our Free Will Baptist young people through the next century, should the Lord tarry His coming.

It was such a pleasure to be in the service at Bible Conference. The joy of celebrating God's blessing and provision left us in amazement and awe at what God had done. There are still many things that must happen if we are to move our campus to the new Joelton property. But we have the assurance that the God "who hath begun a good work" will see it through to completion.



# Northern Quarterly Rally

*They refresh our spirit!*  
1 Cor. 16:18

## RALLY GIFTS OVER \$200,000

The 12th annual Northern Quarterly Rally for FWBBC was, in the opinion of several pastors, "the best we've ever had."

The 24 Free Will Baptist churches of the Northern Quarterly, Cumberland Association, set a goal of \$27,500 to be raised at the rally on Sunday night, February 25. The Pleasant View Christian School gymnasium was nearly full to hear music by FWBBC's Rejoice! Ministry Team, the college choir, and men's quartet. Dr. James Cox, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, brought the evening message. It was an excellent service, where participants enjoyed the presence of God's Spirit.

Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director, noted that this year's rally represented the broadest participation ever. He also observed that the offering, added to those of past rallies, pushed the total raised for the college to over \$200,000.

Workers and students at FWBBC are deeply thankful for churches and individuals, like those in the Northern Quarterly, who regularly refresh our spirits!

## CAMPUS Events

May 9-14  
Final Examinations

May 12  
Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m.

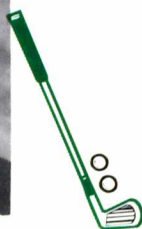
May 14  
Choir Program, 7:00 p.m.

May 15  
Drama Program, 7:00 p.m.

May 16  
Commencement Exercises,  
10:00 a.m.

May 20-31  
Summer School, Session 1

June 3-21  
Summer School, Session 2



## GOLF TOURNAMENT HELPS NC STUDENT

Mike Bishop, a senior from Belmont, N.C., has found an unusual resource to help him pay his school bills.

Every year he has been at FWBBC, his church has sponsored a golf tournament, complete with trophies and t-shirts, to help him. Mike is a member of Goshen Free Will Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Harold Blankenship.

Mike is a Pastoral Training major and is looking forward to graduation in May and finding the place God will have him serve.



The Evangel Players (top) and The College Choir (above)

## SPRING TOURS PRAISED

Students returned from spring choir and drama tours with reports of excellent services.

The Evangel Players Drama Team held 11 services in Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, and Tennessee. They reported numerous decisions. Director Randal Fosse took a smaller group than usual and premiered a new play, "Pap's Place." Both the players and the play were hailed by many who attended the services.

The College Choir, directed by Jerry Carraway, toured churches in Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina. They held 15 services in 11 days. Their 1996 tour program, "Keeper of The Table," centered around the Lord's Supper. Mr. Carraway said, "The joy of the Lord and the ministry of the Holy Spirit were evident."

We thank God for using and protecting all of those who toured. We appreciate everyone who attended the services, provided accommodations, and assisted in other ways to make these tours a success.



## June Is Volunteer Month At Free Will Baptist Bible College

The college needs workers like you!


- Painters
- Electricians
- Roofers
- Carpenters
- Yard Workers
- Helpers

*It's the hardest work you'll ever love!*

For information, write or call:  
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## 372 ENROLLED For 1995-96

 The college enrolled 372 students for the 1995-96 school year, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar. They came from 26 states, one U.S. Territory, and seven foreign countries.

Tennessee led all states, with 78 students. Others with 20 or more were Illinois (41), Alabama (29), and North Carolina (26). The total, by state, was:


Alabama	29
Arkansas	15
California	2
Colorado	2
Delaware	2
Florida	14
Georgia	18
Illinois	41
Indiana	11
Kentucky	18
Michigan	7
Mississippi	10
Missouri	19
Nebraska	2
New York	2
North Carolina	26
Ohio	17
Oklahoma	3
Pennsylvania	2
South Carolina	13
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	78
Texas	3
Virginia	15
Washington	2
West Virginia	3
Virgin Islands	1
Foreign	16

The student body included 65 ministerial students and 50 missions students.

Thank you for encouraging students like these to consider FWBBC!



## NC SCHOLARSHIP HELPS MANY

 In September 1981, Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., was led by Rev. George Lee to establish a scholarship to benefit needy Tarheel students attending FWBBC. In the early years, the scholarship was designated in honor of a different member of the church each year. The guidelines were later revised to specify that the award go, first, to any students who are members of the church; second, to students from churches in the Randall Association; and, third, to students from any N.C. Free Will Baptist church that is in the National Association.

The scholarship has benefited students for over 15 years. This year, three students from the church are in our student body and are enjoying the generosity of their church. Rev. Rick Cason is Victory's present pastor.

We thank God for churches and pastors who use this avenue to encourage young people to attend FWBBC.

If you would like information on how your church or family can establish a scholarship, please write or call the FWBBC Office of Financial Aid. We will be glad to help you set up a fund that will be a blessing to students.

## FULLFILL THE VISION

1995 Paul Kettelman Memorial Christmas Drive

## NEEDS REMAIN IN SPITE OF RECORD CHRISTMAS DRIVE

In spite of a record Paul Kettelman Memorial Christmas Drive, the college is facing the possibility of a serious financial shortfall for the school year.

At the end of February, Christmas Drive gifts had gone over the \$250,000-goal and stood at \$270,131, according to Roy Harris, Director of Stewardship Development. This is the best total ever for the campaign. Both December, 1995, and January, 1996, were record gift months.


The college's 1995-96 enrollment did not increase as much as was anticipated. The budget was built on what college officials felt was a realistic projection, but fewer students than expected actually came. A small error in enrollment projections can have a major impact on the budget. Tom Sass, Treasurer, says that the college could finish the year in the red by \$150,000 or more unless people respond to the need by May 31.

While grateful for gifts so far this year, Mr. Harris appeals to friends of the college to do something truly special between now and May 31. It could make the difference in how the college closes the year.



This was only one of several Bible Conference services at which many decisions were seen.

## A GREAT CONFERENCE!

 If you heard good things about the college's Spring Bible Conference, you can believe it.

The speakers did a truly outstanding job. God used their messages to challenge members of the college family and visitors. This year's speakers were Rev. James Caudill, Nippa, KY; Rev. Roy Harris, Nashville, TN; Dr. Richard Melick, Dallas, TX; and Rev. Randy Sawyer,

Gastonia, NC. Rev. Eddie Vincent and Rev. Homer Willis also preached, as representatives of honored alumni classes.

The crowds were good. Public decisions were seen at several services. The music and singing were excellent.

We hope you were here to enjoy the blessings. If you weren't, we hope you will plan to be with us for next year's conference, March 9-13, 1997.

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**SUMMER**  
**CAMP**

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## TEACHER, PASTOR To ADDRESS GRADUATES



Mr. Karounos



Rev. Ratliff



### A NOTE ABOUT SUMMER GROUPS

These summer tour groups are now scheduling services in the states indicated. If you would like to have one of them at your church, please contact Steve Faison at 615/383-1340, ext. 2344. There are still a few open dates.

**The Evangels Drama Team**—Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois

**The Men's Quartet**—North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina

**The Rejoice Ministry Team**—Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas

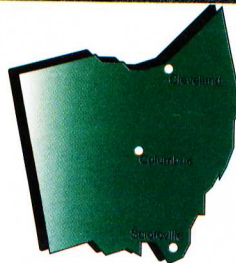
**M**ichael Karounos, a member of FWBBC's English faculty will bring the Baccalaureate message and Rev. Archie Ratliff will bring the Commencement challenge during graduation week, May 12-16.

Mr. Karounos joined the faculty this year and has shown that he has a heart for his students and for the Lord. Before coming to FWBBC, he served for 10 years as the director of Information Management at the School of Art Institute of Chicago (1985-95) and as an instructor at Roosevelt University (1994-95). He earned his B.A. at Miami University and his M.A. at Roosevelt University.

Rev. Ratliff, a native of Anderson, Indiana, is a 1972 FWBBC graduate. He pastored in Georgia and Indiana, and presently pastors Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina. His daughter, Michelle, is a member of Class of '96 and is the third of Rev. Ratliff's daughters to attend the Bible College.

Graduation week begins with the Baccalaureate service on Sunday evening, May 12, and concludes with Commencement on Thursday morning, May 16. In between are several special events, including the final choir program on Tuesday evening, the breakfast for graduates and their family and friends Wednesday morning, and a closing drama service on Wednesday evening.

Visitors are welcome to attend alleviating services and Commencement Exercises.



## FRIENDSHIP DINNERS TAKEN TO OHIO, WEST VIRGINIA



The college broke new ground in Ohio and West Virginia this spring.

Rev. Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director, and Dr. James Cox, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, hosted five friendship dinners, conducted nine other services and drove 2,000 miles March 18-23. They reported excellent results.

They were accompanied by the college's Men's Quartet, which was received warmly everywhere they went.

This is the first time that the college has hosted dinners in these areas, but Rev. Harris is sure it will not be the last. He expressed appreciation for all who attended and helped with the dinners.



**ALABAMA**—Terry Forrest, 5/18, First FWB, Walnut Ridge.

**ARKANSAS**—Kenny Simpson, 6/3-7, Trinity Youth Camp, Winfield.

**FLORIDA**—Tom Malone, Tim Campbell, Kenny Simpson, 5/8-10, State Ass'n, Ocala.

**GEORGIA**—Kenny Simpson, 5/17-19, State Youth Competition, Albany.

**ILLINOIS**—Kenny Simpson, 5/24-26, Bear Point FWB, Sesser.

**KANSAS**—Roy Harris, 6/6-8, State Ass'n, Salina.

**KENTUCKY**—Evangels Drama Team, 6/14 (AM), State WAC Meeting, Rush; Tom Malone, 6/14-15, State Ass'n, Rush.

**MICHIGAN**—Tim Campbell, Roy Harris, 5/17-18, State Ass'n, Romulus; Roy Harris, 5/19

(AM), Kirby FWB, Taylor; 5/19 (PM), Woodhaven FWB, Woodhaven.

**MISSOURI**—Roy Harris, 6/2 (AM), First FWB, Monet; 6/2 (PM), Verdella FWB, Liberal; 6/3-6, State Ass'n, Lebanon; LaVerne Miley, 6/30, Hazel Creek FWB, Kirksville.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—Tom Malone, Tim Campbell, 6/3-4, State Ass'n, Black Mountain.

**OHIO**—Tom Malone, 5/19, DeGraff FWB, DeGraff; Tim Campbell, 6/21-22, State Ass'n, Columbus.

**OKLAHOMA**—LaVerne Miley, 6/17-21, Oklahoma Camp for Indians.

**TENNESSEE**—Men's Quartet, 5/5, Franklin FWB, Franklin; Terry Forrest, 5/20-21, Berean FWB, Fairview.

**TEXAS**—Tim Campbell, 6/5-7, State Ass'n, Austin.

**VIRGINIA**—Roy Harris, 6/12, First FWB, Roanoke; 6/13-14, State Ass'n, Roanoke; 6/21-22, MD State Ass'n, Woodbridge.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—Kenny Simpson, 5/4-8, Central FWB, Huntington; Tom Malone, 6/7-8, State Ass'n, Huntington.

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**MAY/JUNE 1996**

# Class of 1996

## COMMENCEMENT EVENTS CAP OFF SCHOOL YEAR

**F**orty-five grads from 12 states finished programs at FWBBC and became instant alumni at Commencement Exercises held on campus May 16.

They earned 13 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 27 Bachelor of Science degrees, one Associate of Christian Ministries degree, and four Associate of Science in Business degrees.

Rev. Archie Ratliff, pastor of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, NC, brought the challenge to the graduates. Testimonies were shared by four graduates: Kristi Johnson, Chris Moore, Jonathan Kell, and Jamie Thornsbury. The graduates were welcomed by Rev. Eddie Hodges, president of the Alumni Association, to the ranks of more than 5,000 FWBBC alumni.

President Tom Malone also honored several members of the college family during Commencement. Three who retired this year were recognized: Jean Whitaker (food services, 29 years), Katy Chasteen Smith (secretary, 30 years); and Dr. LaVerne Miley (Bible and Science, 22 years). He noted that faculty members Lowell Sturgill (Business), Clint Morgan (Missions), and

Phil Nelson (Youth Ministries) will not be back next year and commended them for their service. President Malone also commended Rev. Sam Truett who has completed 12 years of service as a trustee.

Commencement was the climax of a week of graduation events. The Baccalaureate service on Sunday night, May 12, opened the week. FWBBC English teacher Michael Karounos put a pointed, powerful challenge to the entire student body at the service. Other events included a final program by the College Choir on Tuesday evening and a dramatic presentation of James Weldon Johnson's *God's Trombones* directed by Speech teacher Randy Fosse on Wednesday evening. The college also honored graduates and their families at a special breakfast on Wednesday morning.

After Commencement, graduates posed for final photos on the lawn in front of Memorial Auditorium. Students hugged one another and said good-bye to favorite teachers as they left for the summer. By noon, it was over. After months of constant activity, a warm serenity settled over the campus. . . as the staff geared up to start a new school year just three months away.

*Please pray for these graduates as they pursue God's will for their lives.*

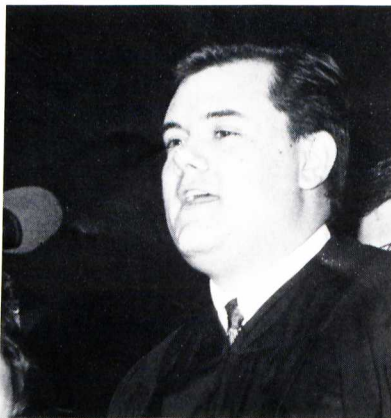


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Tim Johnson congratulates his wife, Kristi.



Chris Moore shares his testimony with Commencement guests.



Sisters Wendy and Jeanna Skelley pose for post-graduation photos.

# CLASS OF '96

## Bachelor of Arts

Marsha Diana Banda\*\*\*  
Nashville, TN  
Missions  
Gary Michael Bishop  
Belmont, NC  
Pastoral Training  
Timothy G. Blakney  
Burnsville, MS  
Pastoral Training  
Joel W. Borden  
Russellville, AL  
Missions  
Douglas Shane Carter  
Columbus, GA  
Missions  
•Jeffrey Thomas Davis\*\*  
Nashville, TN  
Psychology  
Brett Edward Frazier\*  
Bainbridge, GA  
Psychology  
Angel Mertz\*  
O'Fallon, MO  
Psychology and Missions  
Craig Michael Portell  
Wood River, IL  
Missions  
Kristopher Scott Shoemaker  
Springfield, TN  
Missions  
Jamie Ray Thornsberry  
Nashville, TN  
Pastoral Training  
Jill Goodfellow Warren\*\*\*  
Nashville, TN  
Missions  
Sean Justin Warren  
Nashville, TN  
Missions

## Bachelor of Science

•Lisa Edgmon Benton\*  
Nashville, TN  
Music-Performance  
Timothy Carlton Byers  
Atlanta, GA  
Business Admin., Mgmt.  
Jodie Leigh Chilton\*\*  
Nashville, TN  
Elementary Education  
Jennifer Collier Cretin\*\*\*  
Wheelersburg, OH  
Secondary Ed. and English  
Steven A. Cox  
Gate City, VA  
Youth Ministry  
Jason Christopher Craddock  
Plant City, FL  
Sports Medicine  
L. Edwin Franks  
Nashville, TN  
Youth Ministry  
•Jessica Elizabeth Fry  
Mountain Grove, MO  
Music, Performance  
Jennifer Lynne Garrett  
Nashville, TN  
Physical Education  
Margaret Ann Barnes Hampton  
Nashville, TN  
Elementary Education  
Kristi Hanna Johnson\*\*  
Hemingway, SC  
Elementary Ed. and Missions  
Jonathan E. Kell  
Soddy Daisy, TN  
Youth Ministry  
Daniel Mark Maggart  
St. Joseph, MO  
Physical Education

Michael J. McClintock  
Wood River, IL  
Physical Education  
Jeffrey Lee McMahan  
Knoxville, TN  
Physical Education  
•Julie Agnes Merritt\*\*\*  
Albany, GA  
Sports Medicine  
Christopher H. Moore  
Portland, TN  
Business Admin., Mgmt.  
•Jennifer Joyce Pate  
Wilmington, DE  
Elementary Education  
Carrie Pettus\*  
Nashville, TN  
Elementary Education  
Amy Joan Pointer  
Springfield, MO  
Secondary Ed. and Bible  
Michelle Renee Ratliff  
Kinston, NC  
Business Admin., Mgmt.  
Lee Todd Smith  
Statesboro, GA  
Business Admin., Mgmt.  
Lea Cheryl Southwell\*  
Arlington, VA  
Elementary Ed. and Missions  
Nathan Michael Thomas  
Smithfield, NC  
Business Admin., Mgmt. and  
Accounting

Mark Allen Thompson\*\*\*  
Glennville, GA  
Physical Education  
•Jason Bennie Turner  
Manning, SC  
Youth Ministry  
Amanda Shay Vincent\*  
Nashville, TN  
Elementary Education

## Associate of Christian Ministries

Stephen James Snow  
Nashville, TN

## Associate of Science in Business

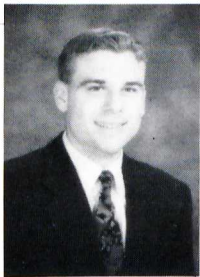
•Melinda Lee Jones  
Norfolk, VA  
Wendy K. Skelley  
Oakley, IL  
Amy Padgett Threadgill  
Kinston, NC  
Angela Gail Usry  
Waverly, TN

•—Expected to complete requirements during summer  
\*—Cum laude  
\*\*—Magna cum laude  
\*\*\*—Summa cum laude

## Other Awards

Several special awards are traditionally made during Graduation Week at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The following honors were bestowed on campus May 12-16.  
*Paul Kettelman Memorial Scholarship:* Steve Phillips (Texas)  
*Business Administration Scholarship:* Bobby Edwards (Arkansas)  
*Sturgill Family Business Scholarship:* Tracy Sims (South Carolina)  
*Outstanding Teacher Education Graduate:* Kristi Johnson (South Carolina)  
*Kiwanis Music Scholarship:* Rita Myers (Colorado), Cliff McReynolds (Illinois)  
*Yearbook Editor's Medal:* Kristal Tidwell (South Dakota)  
*Student Body President's Medal:* Kent Nelson (Alabama)  
*Most Outstanding Student:* Kristi Johnson (South Carolina)  
*Best All-around Students:* Michelle Ratliff (North Carolina), Steve Cox (Virginia)  
*Advisor of The Year:* Lowell Sturgill (Business Department)  
*Scholarship Medalists:*  
Freshman: Corrie Coker (South Carolina)  
Sophomore: Wendy Skelley (Illinois)  
Junior: Jennifer Chamberlin (Ohio), Bobby Edwards (Arkansas), Stephanie Utley (Illinois)  
Senior: Eric Paugh (West Virginia)  
*Society Spirit Trophies:* Louisa May Alcott, John Bunyan  
*Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society:* Julie Merritt (Georgia), Mark Thompson (Georgia), Jill Warren (Tennessee)





## A TESTIMONY

# FROM "FREE THINKER" TO WILLING SERVANT

by Jason Cassell, Louisa, Kentucky

**G**rowing up in a strong Christian home in eastern Kentucky, I had every reason to follow the way I had been trained. But I was never serious about the Lord until June 22, 1993. I was 17 and God revealed that I was at a crossroad. Carnality or spirituality? Which would be my path of life?

I had heard about FWBBC all my life, but never considered attending. It was too restrictive! I was a free-thinker, to say the least. But, little by little, I began to feel the effects of genuine conviction. It was inescapable. The Lord was calling me to preach the Gospel! From there, it just seemed natural to come to Free Will Baptist Bible College. It hasn't always been smooth, but God has abundantly supplied my every need.

The time I have spent here has been far better than I expected. I've grown in the Lord and learned how to step out of my "comfort zone" for the sake of ministry. I am looking forward to many more experiences at FWBBC. God has truly used the college to change me and enhance my understanding of Psalm 143:10, "Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God. Thy Spirit is good. Lead me into the land of righteousness."



## EMILA PATTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 1983, Doug Patton of Clyde, North Carolina, established a scholarship in memory of his late wife, Emila. This endowed scholarship awards the interest to a qualified student each semester. The recipient of the Patton Memorial Scholarship must be at least a sophomore, be deemed worthy, have a definite financial need, and a minimum GPA of 2.0. To date, \$6,932.84 has been awarded to 26 needy students. We are confident the Patton Scholarship will continue to be a blessing and an encouragement to FWBBC students in years to come.

## CAMPUS Events

**August 20-23**  
Faculty In-service Training

**August 22**  
Student Leadership  
Conference

**August 23-26**  
New Student Orientation

**August 26**  
Freshman Registration

**August 26**  
Opening Service, 7:00 p.m.

**August 27**  
Returning Student  
Registration

**August 30**  
Opening Convocation,  
9:55 a.m.



New Student Body Officers: Matt Price, Jon Forrest, Stewart-Allen Clark, Brian Lewis, and Cliff McReynolds

# CAROLINA JUNIOR TO LEAD STUDENTS

**J**n elections held on campus in April, FWBBC students picked officers to lead them during the 1996-97 school year.

Matt Price, a junior from Belmont, NC, was elected president. A Youth Ministries major, he is a member of Goshen Free Will Baptist Church.

He will be assisted by an able staff which includes:

—Jon Forrest, vice president, a

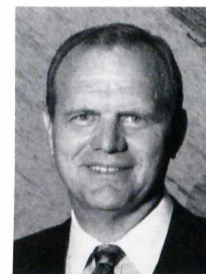
junior from Ashland City, TN,  
—Brian Lewis, secretary-treasurer, a sophomore from Grand Junction, CO,

—Stewart-Allen Clark, chaplain, a junior from Florenceville, New Brunswick, Canada, and

—Cliff McReynolds, worship leader, a sophomore from Johnston City, IL.

Please pray for these student officers during the summer and the coming school year.

Dr. Kenneth Hemphill



A Conference

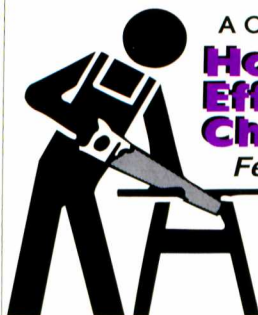
## How To Build Effective, Growing Churches

Featuring Dr. Kenneth Hemphill

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Nashville, Tennessee







## On The Road Again

Three student groups will tour for FWBBC this summer: the Men's Quartet, the Evangels Drama Team, and the Rejoice! Ministry Team. The quartet will visit churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. The Evangels will tour Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, and Illinois. Rejoice!, in addition to appearing at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Fort Worth, Texas, will have services in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. We hope you will take advantage of opportunities to enjoy a service with any of these fine groups.



The Men's Quartet



The Evangels Drama Team

The Rejoice!  
Ministry Team



## LUMEN DEDICATED TO FORLINES

Among the most loved people at FWBBC are Leroy and Fay Forlines. It was natural, therefore, for the editor of the yearbook, Kristal Tidwell, to dedicate the 1996 *Lumen* to the Forlines. Although the Forlines are abroad, ministering in Russia, Kristal unveiled the new *Lumen* in chapel May 13 and announced the dedication.

Mr. Forlines joined the FWBBC faculty in 1953 and continues to teach Bible-Theology part time. Mr. and Mrs. Forlines went to Russia in February to teach in several seminaries and to conduct Bible conferences. They are scheduled to return to the U.S. in June.



## 313 SAVED In 1995-96

Students have ministered in scores of places, from churches to jails during the school year. Christian Service Director John Murray has compiled this summary of their activities.

Musical Numbers .....	4,368
Messages Preached .....	1,556
Classes Taught .....	1,533
People Dealt With .....	3,403
People Led To Christ .....	313
Other Decisions .....	425
Tracts Distributed .....	11,713

## OUT AND About

**ARKANSAS**—Tom Malone, Roy Harris, Tim Campbell, 8/6-7, State Ass'n, Camp Beaverfork, Conway.

**GEORGIA**—Kenny Simpson, 7/5-7, Bellview FWB, Conquitt.

**ILLINOIS**—Tim Campbell, 7/7-11, Annapolis Alumni Institute, Chicago.

**INDIANA**—Kenny Simpson, 7/28-8/3, State Youth Camp, Bloomfield.

**KENTUCKY**—Tim Campbell, 7/1-5, Camp Caleb, Paintsville.

**MISSISSIPPI**—Robert Picirilli, 7/14, Fulton FWB, Fulton.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—Kenny Simpson, 8/4-10, Randall Teen Camp, Waccamaw.

**OKLAHOMA**—Kenny Simpson, 7/18-20, Truth and Peace, Hillsdale FWB College, Moore.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—James Cox, 8/23-25, McConnell Tabernacle, Logan.

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JULY/AUGUST 1996

Let's Build Effective,  
Growing Churches!

September 18-20, 1996

*"We really want you to attend this conference. Then we want you to return to your church with a renewed vision and determination to build a great, growing church for our Lord!"*

Dr. Tom Malone  
FWBBC President

## COLLEGE CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS WAYS FOR CHURCHES TO GROW

*"We have better programs and training tools than at any time in the history of the church and we are doing less with them. . .*

*The issue is not a failure of programming, but a failure of passion."*

Dr. Kenneth Hemphill

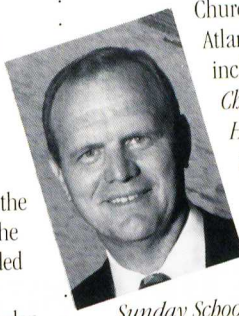


Are you interested in seeing your church grow?

Who isn't! In a day of growing wickedness, every Christian should be eager to see the Church impacting society with the same force the first church wielded in the early chapters of Acts.

Driven by a compelling burden to help our pastors see their churches grow, the Bible College has planned *Church Growth '96*, a conference and consultation devoted exclusively to this vital issue. The conference will be held on campus September 18-20.

A featured guest speaker, well-qualified to speak on this subject, has been chosen and invited—Dr. Kenneth Hemphill. Dr. Hemphill has preached, written, and taught on church growth for many years. He is currently serving as President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He has served as professor of evangelism and church growth at the seminary and was director of the Center for



Church Growth, in Atlanta. His books include *Eight Characteristics of Highly Effective Churches*, *The Bonsai Theory of Church Growth*, and *Growing an Evangelistic*

*Sunday School.*

Dr. Hemphill will conduct six sessions between Wednesday evening and Thursday evening. His topics include:

- Setting the climate for growth
- Developing leadership for growth
- Growing through gift discovery
- The Biblical mandate for growth

On Friday morning, the Bible College will host a consultation to help pastors put to use the things they have heard. For several hours we will discuss such matters as:

- How can we use what we have learned?
- Where is our denomination, in this matter?
- How can the Bible College help our churches grow?

- What are our philosophies of growth?

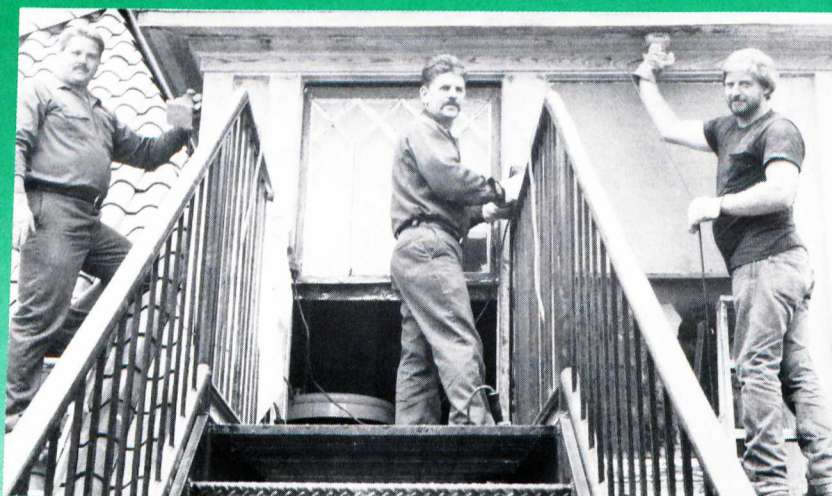
Representatives of other denominational offices will work with college officials in planning this important capstone to the conference. All attendees are urged to remain for this climactic session.

There will be a \$20 conference fee for individuals. The fee will be reduced to \$15 each for couples or three or more from the same church. A limited number of scholarships will be available for anyone who wants to attend, but cannot afford the fee. (Please write in advance, if this is your situation.) FWBBC officials are so convinced that the conference will be effective that they are offering a money-back guarantee to refund the conference fee to anyone who is not satisfied.

A brochure is available. Write or call the college:

Church Growth '96  
c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
615/383-1340





## VOLUNTEERS SAVE COLLEGE "WEEKS OF MANHOURS"

**W**e love volunteers!

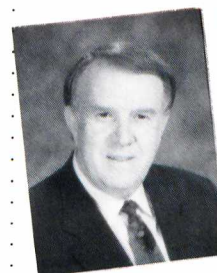
In June, 22 volunteers from three states came to spend a week of their vacations on campus to work on Welch Library. They scraped and powerwashed the building and its wall on the south and west sides. Then they installed new vinyl trim and reworked the gutters.

The daily temperatures were in the mid-90s, but no complaints were heard. In fact, they acted as if the college was doing them the favor. "We feel like this is our school and we're proud to be here," said one volunteer from Virginia.

The volunteers numbered 10 from North Carolina, seven from Virginia, and five from West Virginia. This was the third and fourth year of such volunteer service for several of them.

Sandy Goodfellow, Director of Physical Operations, said, "They saved us *weeks* of manhours!"

To all who came, to those who wanted to come, and to those who helped them come, we say, "God bless you, everyone!"



Dr. Fields

## TEACHERS IN PLACES TO CONTRIBUTE TO STATE POLICIES



Dr. Milton Fields,  
Chairman of the  
Teacher Education

Department, has been elected Executive Director of the Tennessee Association of Teacher Educators. He was also chosen recently to serve as Secretary of The Tennessee Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education.

His involvement in Tennessee education organizations, with that of Johnny Carter and Suzie Harris, fellow members of the college's TE faculty, gives him an excellent opportunity to influence the direction of education in the state. "These organizations have a great deal of influence on the development of educational programs in Tennessee," he says. "They are frequently called upon by the State Legislature and the State Department of Education."

The people of Tennessee can be pleased that the Lord has placed these teachers in such strategic positions.

## 1996-97 STATE GIFT QUOTAS



Free Will Baptist Bible  
College needs at least  
\$1,000,000 in General

Fund gifts in 1996-97, according to  
Roy Harris, Director of Stewardship  
Development.

In an effort to spread the cost  
fairly, he has requested that the  
following quotas be adopted.

An investment in our youth is  
an investment in our future. Our  
young people are worth it!

Alabama	\$ 72,000
Arizona	2,500
Arkansas	48,000
California	12,000
Colorado	1,000

Connecticut	5,000
Delaware	500
Florida	25,500
Georgia	70,000
Hawaii	500
Idaho	500
Illinois	40,000
Indiana	12,000
Iowa	1,400
Kansas	1,800
Kentucky	20,000
Louisiana	500
Maryland	10,000
Michigan	35,000
Mississippi	30,000
Missouri	38,000
Nebraska	500
Nevada	500
New Jersey	500

New Mexico	500
North Carolina	148,000
Ohio	20,000
Oklahoma	27,000
South Carolina	62,000
South Dakota	800
Tennessee	183,000
Texas	13,000
Vermont	1,000
Virgin Islands	2,000
Virginia	25,000
Washington	2,000
West Virginia	12,000
Canada	1,000
WNAC	10,000
Other	65,000

**TOTAL** ..... \$1,000,000

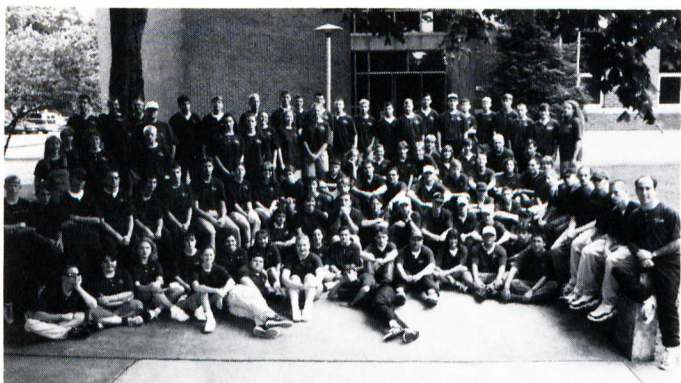
# CAMPUS Events

September/October

**Sept. 18-20**  
**Church Growth '96**  
**Conference**

**Oct. 22-25**  
**Mid-term Exams**





Campers assemble for a picture just before leaving for an afternoon outing at Opryland, USA.

## 68 SUMMER CAMPERS COME, SOME FROM ARIZONA, MAINE



truly believe this camp has changed my life."

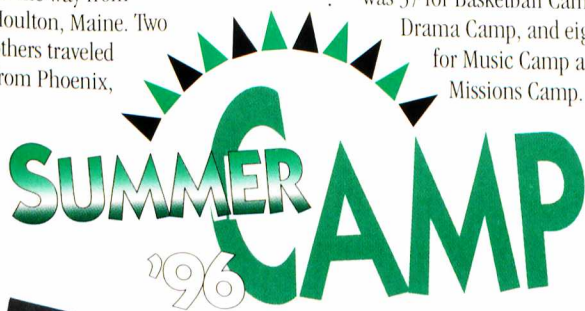
That was what one camper said at the conclusion of Summer Camp '96, June 24-29. This year's camp attracted 68 high school students from 13 states, according to Kenny Simpson, Camp Coordinator.

The most from one state was 15 from Alabama. Nine of them came from First FWB Church, Northport. Five campers came all the way from Houlton, Maine. Two others traveled from Phoenix,

Arizona.

Mr. Simpson called it, "A wonderful week." He adds, "We saw six rededications and four who yielded themselves to full-time Christian service." The camp also stressed the importance of daily devotions and gave every camper materials to help him or her establish a regular devotional life.

The camp is actually four camps. By camps, the attendance was 37 for Basketball Camp, 15 for Drama Camp, and eight each for Music Camp and Missions Camp.



Dr. Ken Gangel

## DR. GANGEL TO SPEAK

Dr. Ken Gangel, Academic Dean at Dallas Theological Seminary, will be on campus in late August for faculty in-service at which he will speak on "Excellence in College Teaching."

Dr. Gangel has served on the administrations of Calvary Bible College, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Miami Christian College, and Dallas Theological Seminary. His speaking tours have taken him to all 50 states and every Canadian

province. His books include *Understanding Teaching*, *Christian Education: Its History and Philosophy*, and *The Christian Educator's Handbook on Teaching*.

At FWBBC, Dr. Gangel will emphasize the uniqueness of the Christian philosophy of education and Bible colleges. The goal will be to make FWBBC's excellent faculty even better.



Darla Kirby

## THANK GOD FOR MY HERITAGE!



praise God for my Free Will Baptist heritage!

Both of my parents, Gerald and Linda Kirby, graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College. In fact, that is where they met and started dating. My grandparents, Jimmie and Eloise Brown, also attended FWBBC. I am the third generation of my family to attend the Bible College. Naturally, I was greatly influenced by my family to come to FWBBC!

Deciding which college to attend is something most young people have to face. I'm sure it is not an easy decision. My family always encouraged me to try FWBBC. They constantly told me how the education they received helped them later in life. They said they never regretted the time and money spent gaining a quality Christian education. Through their example, I saw that they truly wanted to do God's will—no matter what it cost. I wanted to be like them in that respect.

After visiting the campus for Welcome Days and Summer Camp, and through the ministries of the choir and drama groups, I found that FWBBC still has the same focus today that it did when my parents and grandparents attended. I greatly appreciate a college that puts God first in all things and teaches everything in light of God's Holy Word. Free Will Baptist Bible College does just that!

If it had not been for FWBBC, I might not even be a child of God today. Thank you, FWBBC!

Darla Kirby  
Sophomore  
Timmonsville, SC

## SCHOLARSHIP HELPS MUSIC STUDENTS



In September 1984, the Yvonne Philpot Memorial Music

Scholarship was established by Yvonne's family, friends, and church, Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church, in Durham, North Carolina.

Mrs. Philpot was a church member and church organist for several years before her death in a tragic automobile accident in 1984.

The endowed scholarship is awarded to a worthy music student chosen by the college's administration. Since the 1986-87 school year, \$3,820 has been awarded to 12 deserving FWBBC students.

Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church continues to add to the fund each year in memory of this faithful servant.





## NEW FACULTY ANNOUNCED FOR 1996-97



Dr. Davis



Dr. Matthews



Mr. Thomas



Mr. Sneed

Several new faces will be seen in classrooms and faculty meetings this fall, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Academic Dean.

God has answered our prayers by sending a number of new teachers to the college. They will be here when students arrive in August and will begin their duties then. Briefly, here is a summary of these newest members of the college family:

—Dr. James Davis, Science

Dr. Davis, a 1952 FWBBC alumnus, has pastored Free Will Baptist churches in Tennessee and Missouri. He has taught and preached in churches for 45 years. His Ph.D. is in biochemistry. He is retiring from Vanderbilt University where he has taught and done research for 17 years.

—Dr. Alan Matthews, Business

Dr. Matthews is taking a leave of absence from Trevecca Nazarene University to join the FWBBC faculty this year. In addition to an M.B.A. and Ph.D., he brings more than 20 years of practical experience to the classroom to help his students master computer technology in the business world.

—Tom McCullough, Missions

Tom, another FWBBC alumnus, answered God's call to the mission field while he was a student. He returned to the U.S. in 1995 after 15 years of missionary service in France. He has recently served as Associate Pastor of Central FWB Church, Royal Oak, Michigan.

—Brad Sneed, Youth Ministry

Brad attended FWBBC in 1985-86 and earned his Master's at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He did his undergraduate work at Hillsdale FWB College and worked in the college's Office of Development after graduation. He has served as Minister of youth and Children at Centerpoint FWB Church, Vilonia, Arkansas, and is leaving the staff of Second Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas, to join the FWBBC faculty.

—Dr. Bradley Thomas, Psychology

Dr. Thomas earned his M.Div. and Ph.D. at New Orleans Theological Seminary. He has taught pastoral training courses at the seminary and worked with its students as Director of Clinical Pastoral Training at

Southeast Louisiana Hospital in Mandeville. He recently directed individual, group, and family therapy at Hope Haven Center in Marrero, Louisiana.

Alan Thomas has resumed his job in campus cleaning, and we are glad to have him back on staff.

Clint Morgan, Missions; Phil Nelson, Youth Ministry; and Lowell Stugill, Business, are not returning to the faculty as we begin the new year. We are profoundly grateful for the service they rendered the denomination and their students during their years of ministry on the faculty. Also, Steve Faison, who served as Student Tour Coordinator, will not be with us this fall.

We thank God for sending us fine people such as these.

## OUT AND About

**ILLINOIS**—Kenny Simpson, 10/13, Hazel Dell FWB, Sesser.  
**MISSOURI**—Robert Picirilli, 10/9-13, Cuba FWB, Cuba.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—Roy Harris, 9/8 (AM), Trinity FWB, Greenville; 9/8 (PM), Unity FWB, Greenville; 9/11, Union Chapel FWB, Chocowinity; Roy Harris/Tim Campbell, 9/9-12, Friendship Dinners.

**OHIO**—Roy Harris, 9/22-25, Stewardship Conference, Columbus.

**OKLAHOMA**—Roy Harris/Tim Campbell, 10/14-17, State Ass'n, Checotah.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—Tom Malone, 10/27, Sand Hill FWB, Coward.

**ALABAMA**—Tom Malone, 9/22 (PM), Liberty FWB, Guin; 9/23-25, Ministers' Retreat, Guin.

**ARKANSAS**—Tom Malone, 9/8-11, Oak Park FWB, Pine Bluff; 10/6 (AM), First FWB, Walnut Ridge; 10/6 (PM), NE Arkansas Harvest Crusade, Hoxie.

### 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

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President Tom Malone welcomes 11 of the 13 students who enrolled at FWBBC from the Decatur Free Will Baptist Church in Decatur, Illinois.

## OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Members of the FWBBC faculty shared the following prayer burdens for the 1996-97 school year.

They said, "I am praying this year that God will. . ."

*"... create within us a renewed passion and sense of purpose for the work He has called us to do."*

*"... create a hunger in each one of us to know and do His will."*

*"... help our students know the meaning of John 8:32."*

*"... call forth laborers for His harvest."*

*"... enable us to genuinely help our students."*

*"... draw us to Himself and send us to tell others how marvelous it is to abide in Him"*

*"... give all of our college family a sense of urgency about the times and a greater realization of our Lord's power and desire to work through us."*

*"... reform and revive our awareness of Him and His design for us."*

*"... increase the enrollment in the External Studies Program by at least 20%."*



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1996



What a joy! To welcome 340 students at the beginning of a new school year!

After a long, mostly quiet summer, the FWBBC faculty and staff were geared up for the arrival of students. A week of faculty in-service training included sessions led by Dr. Ken Gangel, Academic Dean of Dallas Theological Seminary. Dean of Students Terry Forrest and his staff were prepared to direct orientation for those coming to FWBBC for the first time.

But nothing equals the actual arrival of students. Dr. Tom Malone reminded the faculty that they—our students—are the reason we are here.

After registration, Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar, reported that 110 new FWBBC students are joining 230 returning students. Some 247 will live on campus and make life interesting for their Residence Directors.

By classes, the fall semester student body numbers 101 freshmen, 92 sophomores, 74 juniors, 59 seniors, and 14 special students.

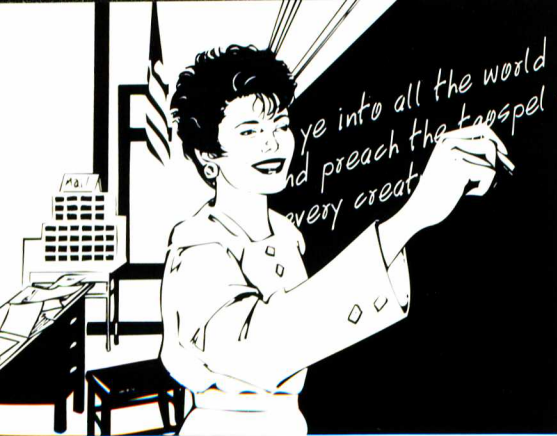
Students came from 26 states, eight foreign countries, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The foreign countries represented are Canada, Spain, France, Korea, Russia, Romania, Panama, and Brazil. The state counts are:

Alabama .....	25	Maryland .....	1	South Carolina .....	10
Arkansas .....	11	Michigan .....	9	South Dakota .....	2
Arizona .....	2	Missouri .....	18	Tennessee .....	66
California .....	2	Mississippi .....	7	Texas .....	2
Colorado .....	2	North Carolina .....	17	Virginia .....	12
Florida .....	16	Nebraska .....	1	Washington .....	2
Georgia .....	14	New Mexico .....	2	West Virginia .....	3
Illinois .....	46	Ohio .....	13	Virgin Islands .....	1
Indiana .....	13	Oklahoma .....	11		
Kentucky .....	12	Pennsylvania .....	1	Foreign .....	19

Rev. Fred Warner, a member the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department staff and an alumnus of the college, preached the three opening night services. Many decisions were seen each night. The first regular Wednesday night campus service was also unusual as the Holy Spirit worked in hearts. Many came forward, with no urging, while the service was still progressing. One student commented, "This looks to me like the beginning of real revival."

Please pray for Free Will Baptist Bible College. (See the sidebar showing some of the things we are praying for.) Pray for students, faculty and staff. Pray for effective Christian service on the part of all. Pray for daily needs. To help you pray, we will be glad to send a free Prayer Calendar. Call 615/383-1340 for your copy.





# We're Training Teacher- Missionaries!

by Dr. Milton Fields  
Chairman, Teacher Education Department

The only way to measure success is to see if you are doing what you set out to do. The denomination determined that the purpose of Free Will Baptist Bible College is to train people for Christian service.

It is good to measure that training with tests, research papers, and required reading. But do those things really measure whether the college is a success? What if a person did all of those things, but never used the training he received at FWBBC? What if the faculty taught excellent lessons, people supported the college faithfully, the library held rich resources, and students made excellent grades, yet the Kingdom of God never benefited? Could we say that the college had met the challenge the denomination gave it so many years ago? The answer is a resounding, "No!"

FWBBC exists for service: preparing men and women to be Christian leaders, instilling a commitment to service within every student, challenging our students to be active Christian servants after they finish their preparation here. Is that what FWBBC is doing? The answer is an emphatic, "Yes!"

One of my responsibilities is to follow the ministries of our Teacher Education students after they graduate. I looked back through our files of 1995 and 1996 graduates a few days ago. This is what I found:

—90% of our 1995 graduates have begun teaching in Christian schools.

—Of 14 1996 TE graduates, six have accepted positions at Christian schools and two are teaching in public schools. Another is working as a dental hygienist to help her husband through graduate school. When he finishes, they plan to serve the Lord in China. Another is working with education and youth in her church. Others are still interviewing for jobs.

One of the 1996 graduates who accepted a job at a public school worked with Free Will Baptist missionaries in Ivory Coast this summer. She and her husband, also a FWBBC graduate, plan to eventually go as missionaries to one of the republics of the former Soviet Union. Another TE major and her husband are also planning to serve as foreign missionaries.

Do all of our graduates go to Christian schools or mission fields? While not all minister in Christian schools, we intend that all will be missionaries where God places them. Missions must not be limited to certain places or positions. Wherever people need Christ, that is a mission field. Some of our students, like Linda Snow, will go to Japan. Some, like Greg Kettelman, will be missionary principals in public schools. Some, like Julie Martin, will minister to gifted students in magnet schools. Some will be pastors' wives and will home school their children. Others will help delinquent young people. All of them, trained and motivated during their years at Free Will Baptist Bible College, are called to be missionaries wherever God places them.

FWBBC's Teacher Education Department was founded to support our Christian schools. However, the college's Mission statement says we are preparing students to minister wherever they have the opportunity. Are FWBBC students, especially those trained in Teacher Education, doing this? Is the college fulfilling the purpose for which it was founded?

You had better believe it!



Mrs. Collins

## FRIEND MAKES \$100,000 GIFT



Mrs. Essie Collins, a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Northport, Alabama, gave the college \$100,000 in July, saying, "Jesus gave Himself for me. I and all He has entrusted to me belong to Him."

She has taught Sunday School for more than 40 years and has been a vigorous supporter of her local churches and national Free Will Baptist ministries.

Mrs. Collins is the sister of Rev. Robert Crawford, a veteran Free Will Baptist pastor and frequent FWBBC representative. He says she is the oldest of eight children. "We looked to her just like we did to our mother," he recalls. "She has always lived conservatively and has always had a desire to invest in young people who will serve the Lord." He noted, "She is one of the most humble people I have ever met."

President Tom Malone said, "It is to Mrs. Collins and to many other faithful supporters of Free Will Baptist Bible College that we owe a great debt of gratitude."

## HOLLIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



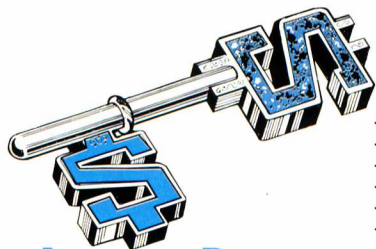
In December 1987, Mrs. Leonard Ross, daughter of Mrs. Ada C. Hollis, established the Ada C. Hollis Memorial Scholarship in memory of her mother and in honor of her home church in Vernon, Alabama.

The scholarship is designed to aid a needy ministerial student. Only the interest from this endowed scholarship

is awarded, thus providing a perpetual scholarship for worthy FWBBC students. The Hollis Scholarship was first awarded in December 1989. To date, it has helped six ministerial students.







## ACADEMIC DEAN URGES FWBs To INCREASE GIVING



Dr. Robert Picirilli,  
Academic Dean, was  
called upon by President

Tom Malone to report on the  
college's financial needs to attendees  
of the National Association of Free  
Will Baptists meeting in Fort Worth,  
Texas, in July.

He told attendees that the  
college finished last year \$186,000 in  
the red (\$140,418, according to new  
auditing method). "Free Will  
Baptists simply have not faced up to  
the cost of quality Christian  
education in the denomination," he  
said. He urged delegates to "go back  
home and seriously consider what  
you will do financially for the  
college this year."

In spite of this, President  
Malone could also report that the  
college is making good progress in  
its pursuit of regional accreditation.  
He also noted that the "Claim the  
Land" drive, to underwrite the  
purchase of 123 acres of property to  
which the colleges plans to move,  
has been successfully completed.

## CAMPUS Events

**Nov. 14-16**  
Welcome Days

**Nov. 28-Dec. 2**  
Thanksgiving Holidays

**Dec. 12**  
"Christmas on Richland  
Avenue" (Bach's  
Magnificat)

**Dec. 17-20**  
Semester Examinations

**Dec. 20**  
Semester Ends

## DELEGATES CHOOSE NEW TRUSTEES



Two new trustees were  
added to the FWBBC  
board by the National

Association of Free Will Baptists  
meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, in  
July.

President Tom Malone also  
honored Rev. Sam Truett and Dr.  
LaVerne Miley for their years of  
service to the college.

Rev. Archie Ratliff, pastor of  
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church,  
Kinston, North Carolina, and Rev.  
Gene Outland, pastor of Hazel Dell  
Free Will Baptist Church, Sesser,  
Illinois, were elected to serve as  
trustees. Both are alumni of the  
college and are well acquainted with  
its ministry. Rev. Larry Montgomery,  
pastor of Cofer's Chapel Free Will  
Baptist Church, Nashville,  
Tennessee, was returned to the board  
for another six-year term.

The college has been blessed to  
have men of wisdom and spiritual  
sensitivity serving on its board. By its  
recent choices, the denomination  
has continued to give the college  
such men to guide its future.

Rev. Truett served on the board  
for 12 years and was not eligible for  
a third term. Dr. Miley retired from  
the FWBBC faculty in the spring and  
is now seeking God's will for future  
service. Both men have been a great  
blessing to the college and to its  
students.

## \$275,000-GOAL SET FOR DRIVE



Stewardship Director Roy  
Harris says the 1996 Paul  
Kettelman Memorial

Christmas Drive will aim to raise a  
record \$275,000.

The college needs to raise \$1  
million in unrestricted gifts this year  
to meet its budget.

Plan now to make a special gift  
in December. Channel your gift  
through your church or send it  
directly to the college. Your gift  
insures a bright Free Will Baptist  
future.



## 1996-97 FLAMES BASKETBALL

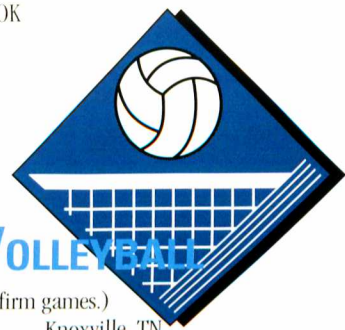
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### 1996

11/2, 8:00 p.m.	Oakwood College	Huntsville, AL
11/8, 7:00 p.m.	American Baptist	Home
11/12, 7:00 p.m.	Tennessee Temple	Chattanooga, TN
11/15, 7:00 p.m.	Kentucky Christian	Home
11/19, 7:00 p.m.	Southeastern Bible	Birmingham, AL
11/21-23	Florida Shootout	Clearwater, FL
12/6, 7:00 p.m.	Crown College	Home
12/7, 7:30 p.m.	Covenant College	Lookout Mtn., TN
12/13, 7:00 p.m.	Appalachian Bible	Home
12/14, 7:00 p.m.	Johnson Bible	Home

### 1997

1/10, 7:00 p.m.	Atlanta Christian	Atlanta, GA
1/11, 7:00 p.m.	Toccoa Falls	Toccoa, GA
1/16, 7:00 p.m.	Pensacola Christian	Home
1/18, 7:00 p.m.	Piedmont Bible	Home
1/21, 7:00 p.m.	Fisk University	Home
1/24, 7:00 p.m.	Johnson Bible	Knoxville, TN
1/25, 2:00 p.m.	Crown College	Powell, TN
1/31, 7:00 p.m.	Piedmont Bible	W'ton-Salem, NC
2/1, 3:00 p.m.	Appalachian Bible	Beckley, WV
2/4, 7:30 p.m.	Bryan College	Dayton, TN
2/7-8	Lincoln Tourn.	Lincoln, IL
2/11, 7:00 p.m.	Fisk University	Nashville, TN
2/15, 7:00 p.m.	Toccoa Falls	Home
2/18, 7:00 p.m.	American Baptist	Home
2/21, 7:00 p.m.	Atlanta Christian	Home
2/25-3/1	NCCAA Regional	Grayson, KY
3/5-8NCCAA National	Oklahoma City, OK	

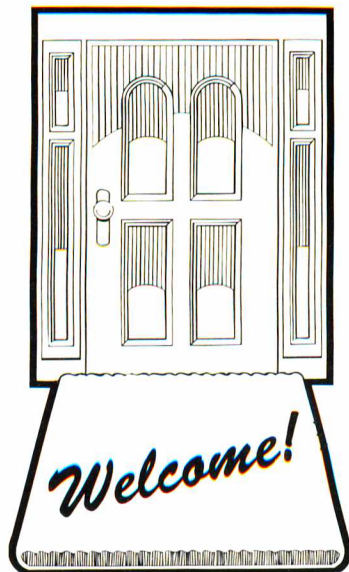


## 1996 FLAMES VOLLEYBALL

(Call 615/383-1340 to confirm games.)

9/13, 6:00 p.m.	Crown/Berea	Knoxville, TN
9/20, 7:00 p.m.	Piedmont Bible	Home
9/24, 7:00 p.m.	Bethel College	McKenzie, TN
9/27, 7:00 p.m.	Piedmont/East Coast	W'ton-Salem, NC
9/28, 2:00 p.m.	Johnson Bible	Knoxville, TN
10/1, 7:00 p.m.	Atlanta Christian	Home
10/4, 6:00 p.m.	Atlanta/Oglethorpe	Atlanta, Ga
10/5, 2:00 p.m.	Toccoa Falls	Toccoa, GA
10/10, 7:00 p.m.	TN Temple/Weslyan	Chattanooga, TN
10/11, 6:00 p.m.	Crown College	Home
10/12, 2:00 p.m.	Johnson Bible	Home
10/18-19	District Tourn.	Toccoa, GA
10/25-26	Trevecca Tourn.	Nashville, TN
10/30-11/2	NCCAA Tourn.	Ankeny, IA





# Welcome Days

at  
**Free Will Baptist Bible College**

Nov. 14-16, 1996 ■ Mar. 27-29, 1997

Cost: \$25 (\$30 for late registration if after Nov. 11 for fall event or after March 24 for spring event)

For a free brochure with all the details, call:

## 1-800-76-FWBBC



Julie Merritt

### ALUMNUS ENTERS MEDICAL SCHOOL



Julie Merritt, a 1996 FWBBC graduate, was one of 3,700 students

who applied for 40 openings in the Master's program at Georgia Medical College in Augusta. After interviewing 100 applicants, officials at Georgia Medical chose Julie for one of the openings.

She will begin a three-year program in Physical Therapy this fall. Julie received her B.S. in Sports Medicine at FWBBC.



Freshman Kimberlee Scott (SC) gets help from missions teacher Tom McCullough as she picks her classes for the semester.



Dr. Ken Gangel addresses the faculty during in-service.

### OUT AND About

ALABAMA—Tom Malone, Terry Forrest, 11/8, State Ass'n, Dothan; Roy Harris, 11/7-8, First FWB, Dothan.

GEORGIA—Tom Malone, 11/13-14, State Ass'n, Columbus; Roy Harris, 11/14-15, Calvary FWB, Columbus; 11/17, First FWB, Albany.

ILLINOIS—Terry Forrest, 11/24-26, Peace FWB, Granite City.

MISSISSIPPI—Roy Harris, 11/1-2, State Ass'n, Gulf Coast FWB, Gulfport.

MISSOURI—Kenny Simpson, 11/22-23, State Youth Conf., Windermere Bapt. Assembly, Roach.

NORTH CAROLINA—Tom Malone, 11/3, Immanuel FWB, Durham.

TENNESSEE—Tom Malone, Roy Harris, 11/11-13, State Ass'n, Nashville, Cofer's Chapel FWB, Nashville.

#### Tom Malone, President

TRUSTEES: Rev. Richard Barnes, Rev. Richard Bowers, Rev. Gary Fry, Rev. Douglas Little, Rev. Larry Montgomery, Rev. Gene Outland, Rev. Larry Powell, Mr. Howard Price, Rev. Archie Ratliff

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## 1996 Paul Kettelman Memorial Christmas Drive



*A host of volunteers gets involved baking and serving pies to the whole student body as part of the Christmas Drive promotion.*



*"Pie Day" is just one of the incentives for students to get involved in the Paul Kettelman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive for FWBBC!*



What can you do?

In addition to sending a personal gift to the college (or channeling it through your church), here are a few suggestions

you might consider:

—Ask your pastor for a few minutes in the service to appeal for others to assist the college in December by making a special gift.

—Describe the college's ministry in your Sunday school class and take a special offering.

—Ask permission to place a container in the vestibule for gifts to FWBBC.

All Christmas Project gifts should be sent to the college in December—or as early as possible in January.

Thank you for your concern for Free Will Baptist Bible College and your special participation in the Christmas Project!

## \$275,000-GOAL SET FOR 1996 CHRISTMAS DRIVE



ow!

The 1996 Christmas Drive goal is a record \$275,000! That makes it one of the most massive, ambitious, and challenging drives in the history of the denomination!

As some 340 FWBBC students head home for Christmas, they take with them a challenge to do something for the college's Christmas Project. Get a checkbook signed. Preach or teach a class and ask for an offering. Sing a special and appeal for support. Stewardship Development Director Roy Harris says, "If everyone does something, we'll reach our goal." His goal for the college family is \$100,000! In January, he will tally the checkbooks, checks, and cash gifts our students bring back and apply that toward the goal.

But in those places where no student makes an appeal for the project, the word has gone out for Free Will Baptists to rally behind the drive and to send a gift, sponsor a Sunday school project, or in some other way help to raise a love offering for the young people at the Bible College.

Mr. Harris says that a gift of \$3,000 will, in addition to what students pay, operate FWBBC for a day. If that is too much, he adds that gifts of \$125 will operate the college for an hour; \$500, for four hours; or \$1,000, for eight hours.

The college has an excellent record of meeting its Christmas Project goals, according to Mr. Harris. Last year's goal of \$250,000 was exceeded by more than \$20,000. He is confident that this year's goal can be met as well.

The Christmas Drive, conducted in honor of Rev. Paul Kettelman, who served the college for 25 years as Public Relations Director, is endorsed by the Free Will Baptist National Association. It is part of the Together Way Plan of stewardship designed to fund all of the national departments of the denomination. December is set aside for the college's needs.



# FACULTY MEMBERS HIGHLY HONORED



Mr. Carraway

**C**ongratulations are in order for several FWBBC teachers for recent honors and accomplishments.

## Jerry Carraway, Music

Mr. Carraway's piano arrangement of "As The Deer" is in the current issue of *Church Music Worship*, which will also publish his handbell arrangement of "Intonation on Stuttgart" in the next issue (January-April 1997). He has also been commissioned by Abingdon Press to arrange three songs for a collection of Christmas piano solos which will be published for 1997. The songs are "Be Thou My Vision," "Joy To The World!," and "O Come Emmanuel."

## Byron Deel, Physical Education

Coach Deel has been chosen Chairman of the NCCAA Division II Men's Basketball. He will chair the National Committee, direct the national tournament, and coordinate the activities of the eight regions and 56 colleges in the division. He is serving a three-year term.

## Carol Reid, Librarian

Mrs. Reid has been elected Director-at-Large on the Board of Directors of the Association of Christian Librarians. Her term is for one year. The Association is composed of Christian librarians in evangelical colleges and universities.

## Dr. Garnett Reid, Bible

Dr. Reid will be included in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He was nominated for this honor by his former students.

## Dr. Timothy Sharp, Music

Dr. Sharp has published *Precision Conducting: The Seven Disciplines of the Masterful Conductor*. The book covers the basics of choral conducting and is published by Leawood Press. Dr.

# PUT YOUR CHURCH IN '97 LUMEN!

**A** yearbook publisher used to say, "A yearbook lasts forever." While skeptical of that claim, we admit they do last a long time.

So do yearbook ads. While putting an ad in the 1997 *Lumen*, the FWBBC yearbook, may not immortalize your church, it probably means it will be seen by



lots of people for a long time. At the same time, you will be helping a capable staff to complete

one of the biggest projects undertaken by students at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The cost is modest—

considering we are speaking of something akin to immortality:

- Full Page: \$150 (free *Lumen*)
- Half Page: \$80 (*Lumen* for \$30)
- Quarter Page: \$50
- Business Card: \$25

Ads should be submitted by January 15, 1997. Please send all material you want included, such as pictures and art.

Send pictures, information on your church, and any camera-ready art you want included to:

1997 *Lumen*

c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205-2498

Sharp is active on the national and international church music scene. His writings appear in many journals.

## Mr. Lowell Sturgill, Business

Although Mr. Sturgill left the FWBBC faculty last spring after serving for five years as Chairman of the Business Department, we should note that he, too, is included in the 1996 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, thanks to former students who nominated him for this honor.



# 12 CHOSEN FOR IVORY COAST TRAINING

**T**welve FWBBC students will spend five weeks in Ivory Coast this summer learning about missions, "up close and personal." They are members of the 1997 Go & Be Team.

This is no vacation. They will attend classes related to the cultures they will encounter and study how to relate the gospel to people in those cultures. Life will be rough. They will not be guests; they will be workers and learners. But members of past teams have described the experience as "life changing."

This year's Go & Be Team is Liz Rasar and Matt Price (team leaders), K. C. Kohn, Joe Picklesimer, Carla Huff, Aaron Baker, Kristy Douglas, Allysa Hampton, Wendy Skelley, Charae Jones, Deanna Nicholson, and Heather Rock.

# CAMPUS Events

January 7  
Opening Service, 8:00 a.m.  
Registration Begins, 8:45 a.m.

January 28-31  
Bible Faculty Emphasis Week

February 4-7  
Heritage Week

February 11-12  
Visiting Pastor Seminar,  
Rev. James Forlines

February 14  
Formal Dinner

February 25  
Belmont Camerata Musicale



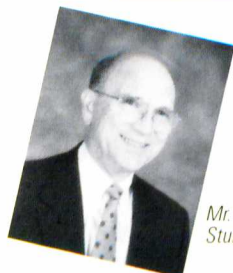
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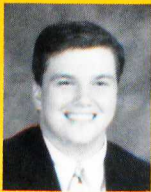


Dr. Sharp



Mr. Sturgill





Joe Beckon

## A TESTIMONY

# I'M NEVER ALONE!

As my time here at FWBBC comes to an end, I look back and realize that God has richly blessed my life with great memories and friends. It seems like only yesterday that I hugged my parents for what felt like the last time as they pulled away from the college and headed back to Slocumb, Alabama, without me. Loneliness, fear, homesickness, and a host of other depressing emotions swept over me and put me in dire straits for what seemed an eternity, relieved only by frequent phone calls home!

But I survived my first year of college life and, looking back, I can see how God was simply carrying me through the dark times and allowing me to enjoy the good times that surprised me along the way.

My spiritual life often reminds me of that freshman year. So many times I feel alone, scared and homesick. Fears distract me from the tasks at hand. I begin to feel like Elijah after his victory on Mount Carmel, "Lord, just go ahead and take me home where things will be better!" But, with one "phone call," I am encouraged to press on toward the prize.

Although often distracted by the things of this world, I am reassured knowing that God's grace is still sufficient and always available in the storms of life. No matter what obstacles stand in my way, I know I don't have to face them alone. He will see me through, regardless of the circumstances. God has taught me to trust in Him, not myself, for strength, and to be patient because when I can't trace His hand, I can trust His heart.

Psalms 145:14 is a constant source of strength when times get hard: "The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down."

Joe Beckon

*Graduating in May with an Assoc. of Christian Ministries Degree, emphasis in Christian education and youth ministry.*

## HOSPITAL HONORS CHRISTIAN SERVICE DEPT.



Bordeaux Hospital in Nashville has been the recipient of many hours of Christian service from students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Students have held services at the hospital and visited patients to give encouragement and to witness.

On November 11, a representative of Bordeaux Hospital came to chapel and honored the FWBBC Christian Service Department for 25

years of service to the hospital. Rev. John Murray, Christian Service Director, accepted the plaque.

The hospital is just one of the places FWBBC students are witnessing in the Nashville area. The Christian Service Office report for this semester shows FWBBC students have preached 480 messages, taught 502 classes, dealt with 1,153 people with spiritual needs, given 4,360 tracts, and led 70 to Christ.

## ARKANSAS PASTOR TO SHARE EXPERIENCE



Rev. James Forlines, pastor of Allen Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Batesville, Arkansas, will conduct the 1997 Visiting Pastor Seminar at the college February 11-12.

He is an alumnus of the college and a leading pastor in his state.

The Biblical Ministries Department of the college plans the annual seminar for the benefit of ministerial students. Students spend two days reviewing the practical side of the ministry under the guidance of men of experience. Through the seminars and internships, the college keeps ministerial students in touch with the practical side of the pastorate.



## KETTEMAN

### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Upon the death of Rev. Paul J. Ketteman in May 1987, a scholarship fund

was established at Free Will Baptist Bible College in his memory. Mr. Ketteman, the first student to arrive at FWBBC when it opened in 1942, served as a pastor, clerk of the National Association of FWBs, a trustee of the college, and, for 25 years, as its Public Relations Director.

The interest from this endowed scholarship is awarded to a student each year. Generally, the scholarship is awarded to a ministerial student who is an upperclassman.

God has used this fund to help seven students since it was first awarded in 1990-91.

## PASTOR COMMENDS STUDENTS TO FWBBC

This fall, 13 students came to FWBBC from Decatur (IL) Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Larry Monday, himself an alumnus of the Bible College, wrote the following article after bringing his students to Nashville in August.

*I have been a part of many separations in my life. But the one that took place at Free Will Baptist Bible College this week was different from all the rest.*

*Was it different because our church had entrusted to the college 13 of our best youth for their training, molding, and maturing into effective Christian workers? Or was it because my wife and I had left our daughter there, not just the church kids? Was that the reason for the tear in the corner of my eye as I looked back at those church kids for the last time? For the next time I saw them, they would be fellow workers.*

*Was it different because of the big hole they would leave at our church as they began to minister at other places, involved in larger ministries, offered greater opportunities to serve elsewhere throughout our denomination? I knew we were leaving them*

*at the best place we could have left them. I knew these teachers and administrators. Our students would be cared for, loved, and allowed to develop into the men and women of God that He desired them to be.*

*All of these thoughts passed through my mind. But the tears on Monday evening were for a different reason. I was thinking about years down the road, when these students would think about their home church and all of those members who will have gone on to be with the Lord, and, with a tear in their eye, would say, "Oh, how they loved us at my home church!"*

*Someone standing near may ask, "How did you know they loved you so much? Was it the money they provided, the way they let you lead in the worship services, or was it the trips they took you on?"*

*These students would then respond, "Oh, no. It was the way they let us go. They opened up their hands, with tears in their eyes, a prayer on their breath, and said to us... fly... Fly... FLY!"*

*Oh, how they loved us, at our church!*



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Rick Cash and his group from Bethel FWB Church in Kinston, NC, check in for Welcome Days.

Kenny Simpson greets our guests.

## 310 ATTEND WELCOME DAYS

The "Welcome" was definitely in Welcome Days on campus, November 14-16. Total attendance was 310 prospective students and sponsors from 19 states, according to Kenny Simpson, Recruitment Director.

The best state representation was 36 from Illinois. Other states with more than 20 attending were North Carolina (26), Florida (24), and Tennessee (24).

Mr. Simpson said he targeted some 45 seniors in the group and that several indicated their intention to enroll at FWBBC next fall.

In addition to visiting the classes of their choice, prospective

students enjoyed programs by various music groups and a matinee performance by the Evangels Drama Team. One of the visit highlights had to be the FWBBC Flames basketball team's Friday night defeat of Kentucky Christian College, last year's NCCAA national champion.

Nearly 50% of this year's entering freshmen said that Welcome Days played a major part in their decision to enroll at FWBBC. If you want to impact a young person's life for time and eternity, plan a trip to Nashville for Welcome Days. The spring event is scheduled for March 27-29. For information or to register, call 1-800-76-FWBBC.



Jennifer Blanks

## SENIOR AWARDED MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Blanks, a FWBBC senior majoring in education, is the recipient of the Second Annual Missouri State WNAC Scholarship. The award was made at the Missouri State Association in June.

She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Blanks of West Plains, Missouri.

Jennifer is looking forward to completing her education and beginning her teaching ministry, where she hopes to make a difference in the lives of many children.

Jen, we're sure you will!

## OUT AND About

ALABAMA—Kenny Simpson, 2/8, Trinity Youth Camp, Yumpertown; 2/9 (AM), First FWB, Northport, 2/9 (PM), First FWB, Vernon.

ARKANSAS—Kenny Simpson, 1/31-2/2, First FWB, Batesville; Tim Campbell, 2/24-26, Ministers Retreat, Lake DeGray State Park, Arkadelphia.

FLORIDA—Tom Malone, 1/20-22, Ministers Retreat, Ocala; 2/13-15, Accrediting Ass'n of Bible Colleges, St. Petersburg.

LOUISIANA—Roy Harris, 1/18, State

Ass'n, New Hope FWB, Slidell; 1/19 (AM), Heritage FWB, Shreveport; 1/19 (PM), Victory FWB, Pineville.

MISSOURI—Kenny Simpson, 2/14-16, National Youth Workers Retreat, Branson.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Robert Picirilli, 2/7-9, Family Life Retreat, Myrtle Beach; Roy Harris, 2/27-28, State Ass'n, Peace FWB, Spartanburg.

TENNESSEE—Tom Malone, 1/13-15, Fellowship of FWB Christian Schools, Pigeon Forge; 2/16-19, LaVergne FWB, LaVergne; 2/23, Northern Quarterly Rally, Pleasant View; Kenny Simpson, 1/25, New Hope FWB, Joelton; 2/23, West End FWB, Springfield; Roy Harris, 2/7, Upper Cumberland Rally, Liberty Ass'n.