

BIBLE COLLEGE GRANTED REGIONAL ACCREDITATION

SACS

Tuesday, December 10, was a historic day for Free Will Baptist Bible College and the Free Will Baptist denomination as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) announced that FWBBC has joined the ranks of regionally accredited institutions.

The road to regional accreditation has been long and difficult. It was begun in 1991, when the college's trustees asked the administration to investigate whether the college might join SACS without sacrificing its integrity. Once it was determined that accreditation would not require changing the college's nature and mission, the college applied and began the self-study that is so important to the accreditation process.

In 1994, SACS evaluated the college and granted it Candidate status. That meant another two to four years of work. As the 1996 meeting neared, most in the administration felt FWBBC would most likely have its Candidate status extended for another two years. Some optimists thought SACS might accredit the college, with stipulations. But, at its December meeting in Nashville, the SACS Commission on Colleges granted accreditation without stipulations—a decision beyond the fondest dreams of FWBBC officials. As one member of the Commission was heard to say, "These folks are ready."

On December 12, local Free Will Baptist pastors and personnel from other departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists joined FWBBC students and employees for a special chapel. The service focused on thanking God for His help in the process of accreditation and recommitting the college to the ideals and



SACS representative Dr. David Carter, congratulates President Tom Malone, Dr. Robert Picirilli, and Dr. James Cox upon the announcement of FWBBC's regional accreditation.

purposes that have guided it for more than 50 years. As President Tom Malone said, "FWBBC has been and will remain a Bible college, committed to preparing men and women to serve Christ and His Church."

Accreditation is not new for FWBBC. The Bible College has been accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible College (AABC) since 1958. AABC enjoys a good level of recognition in accreditation circles and the work done by FWBBC students has been widely accepted.

The college's work received further approval in 1976 when its Teacher Education program was licensed by the Tennessee State Department of Education.

Free Will Baptist Bible College has always been committed to quality education in an environment that nurtures Christian growth and maturity. Each new level of recognition has further confirmed that students who enroll at FWBBC are getting full value for every educational dollar—without sacrificing a fervent dedication to Christ and His work on earth.

Where from here? Accreditation is the end of one process and



Dr. James Cox presented the letter confirming the college's regional accreditation to President Tom Malone at an appreciation dinner given in gratitude for the hard work put into the effort. The entire faculty and staff, assisted by students, alumni, and other friends of the college, labored for six years to reach this goal.

the beginning of another. The college will soon begin a new self-study aimed at maintaining its accreditation. SACS will initially re-examine the college in five years; after that, examinations will come at 10-year intervals.

Every student will receive full value for his educational dollar. . . at a college fervently dedicated to Christ and His work.

We thank God for His grace and guidance in this process. While the college has been the focal point for much congratulations, it is FWBBC students who are the real beneficiaries of regional accreditation. More doors, on both the undergraduate and graduate levels, will be open to them as they extend their education beyond FWBBC. Bible College students have done well at other institutions and their performance has paved the way for others to follow. However, a few institutions kept their doors closed to students who attended non-regionally accredited colleges. With SACS accreditation, that will change for FWBBC students. In fact, the benefits of SACS accreditation are retroactive to January 1, 1996, helping many students who have studied at or graduated from the college this year.

Join us in thanksgiving for God's help in this enterprise. His hand has been evident. Also, join us in recommitment to stay true to God and to His Word as we approach the 21st century. There has never been a day in which the power of a life, touched by the Master's hand, has been more needed . . . or more evident.



The Approval That Counts!

*by Dr. Robert Picirilli,
Academic Dean*

When we got the news about SACS accreditation I felt a jumble of emotions. I felt again the strain of the last five years and knew that all the hard work enhanced the sense of reward and satisfaction. I wished that all the college faculty and staff could be there to share the moment together, because I knew it had been a tough time for all.

I thought back to 1990 when Dr. Thigpen and the Board first began to consider going for regional accreditation and we tried to look at all the pros and cons. There are arguments both ways, of course. Some Christian educators frown on accreditation of any kind. You don't need man's approval to do God's work, they say—and they're right in some ways.

Objections to accreditation usually take one of two forms. Objections on principle say that seeking membership in an accrediting agency not sponsored by Christians is to be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers" in violation of 2 Cor. 6:14. But that depends on the nature and purpose of an organization. We decided that for an educational institution to be part of an educational organization wouldn't violate the principle unless the organization has religious purposes and compromises doctrine. After all, it isn't necessarily wrong for a Christian politician to be part of a political party, or for a Christian doctor to be part of a medical association.

Other objections are practical ones, insisting that agencies like SACS will require a Christian school to compromise its Christian commitment or integrity. The trouble is that most who object

on these grounds simply say that this must be so but fail to cite instances where schools were required to disobey God. After we carefully examined the SACS standards and didn't find anything that would require compromise, we decided to start the process and see if any such things turned up. They never did. All the teams and staff members who've dealt with us have made clear that we have the right to be distinctively Christian. They may expect a certain number of Ph.D.'s on the faculty, but they don't object to Ph.D.'s

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that are dedicated to Christ and the college's mission.

If they ever ask anything of us that would require disobedience to God, I believe we'll have the grace and courage to get out. I don't really expect that to happen.

I think many folks misunderstand what accreditation is and how it works. In most countries of the world, accreditation is a function of the government. In the U.S., however, voluntary self-accreditation has been preserved. Schools that want to accredit themselves and work for improvement band together for that purpose. A team of persons from those very colleges visits a school applying for membership and makes recommendations for improvement based on the standards that have already been drawn up and voted on by the membership. The staff of the agency doesn't make the standards or the decisions; elected representatives of the schools do that. And one good thing about being in the south is that SACS includes many private schools in its membership (more than the state universities, in fact) that uphold the rights of Christian schools to be truly Christian. *We haven't encountered one single standard or suggestion that would ask us to hedge on our commitment to Christ, the Bible, or Free Will Baptist distinctives.*

Why seek regional accreditation? After all, we were already accredited—since 1958 by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC)—and that accreditation has served us well. But there are still some schools here and there who will recognize credits only from a regionally accredited institution. As a result, some of our students have suffered needlessly. Even here in Tennessee, some of the state sponsored student funding goes only to regionally accredited schools. And our continued approval to grant teaching licensure in the state was dependent on obtaining regional accreditation. We sought SACS accreditation, then, for the same reasons that any college seeks any form of accreditation: to increase the

level of recognition and approval received from other colleges and organizations and so to make it easier on our students to transfer credits or receive financial aid.

All of this was part of the jumble of emotions I felt. I knew it was an important accomplishment, for us and for the denomination. But I knew also that it wasn't any more important than many other key moments we've experienced here. I remember well when Dr. Johnson turned the first shovel of dirt on the first building ever built here, in 1950.

...When AABC granted us accreditation in 1958.

...When Jack Paramore raised his first \$1000 for the five new buildings scheduled to go up in the 70's.

...When we got approval for teacher licensure.

...When our denomination responded to Dr. Thigpen and Ronald Creech and we paid off a \$450,000 line-of-credit indebtedness in just three months.

And even those aren't the important things. *It really is God's approval that counts, not man's.* And the important times come every year when a line of cap-and-gown-clad graduates walk across the platform and receive their degrees and then go out to serve Christ and His Church as pastors and missionaries or as lay leaders who will serve also in schools or businesses.

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What I prayed, within a few minutes of the news, was that God would make this a blessing and not a curse, that it would not make us proud but of even greater service to the Lord and our people. In our special thanksgiving chapel on Friday, President Malone concluded the celebration with a fine statement of rededication and recommitment to our mission, sealed by a prayer that Dr. Charles Hampton led. That's when I felt most gratified.

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CHOIR, DRAMA ANNOUNCE SPRING TOURS

*Free Will
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The College Choir and the Evangel Players drama team will leave Nashville immediately after Bible Conference for an 11-day tour that will take them to 24 churches in seven states.

Dr. Tim Sharp, director of the choir, has prepared a program that will be a blessing and challenge to all ages.

Mr. Randy Fosse, director of the Evangel Players, has seen powerful Christian dramas impact congregations across the United States and feels this year's program will be especially effective.

We encourage all who are in a area near a tour service to avail themselves of the opportunity to attend. Please pray for the safety of those who travel and for the Lord to use their witness and their talents to His glory.

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The College Choir

First FWB Church
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Bellview FWB Church
First FWB Church
Damascus FWB Church
Beulah FWB Church
Harmony FWB Church
First FWB Church
Immanuel FWB Church
Baxley FWB Church
Double Branch FWB
White Oaks FWB Church

The Evangel Players

Tupelo FWB Church
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Liberty FWB Church
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Myrtle FWB Church
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First FWB Church

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Colquitt, GA
Albany, GA
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Baxley, GA
Unadilla, GA
Macon, GA

Tupelo, MS
Richton, MS
Millington, TN
Olive Branch, MS
Pocahontas, AR
Myrtle, MO
Springfield, MO
Raytown, MO
Lebanon, MO
Mtn. Grove, MO
West Plains, MO
West Plains, MO

CAMPUS Events

March 4-7
Mid-semester Exams

March 9-13
Bible Conference

March 13-23
Spring Break;
Choir/Drama Tours

March 27-29
Welcome Days

OUT AND About

ALABAMA—Kenny Simpson, 3/1-5, First FWB, Northport; 4/5-5, Faith FWB, Adamsville; Tom Malone, 4/4-6, First FWB, Huntsville.
ARKANSAS—Tim Campbell, 3/23-26, Coffman FWB, Portia.
FLORIDA—Tom Malone, 3/2-5,

Faith FWB, Chipley.
ILLINOIS—Tom Malone, 3/14-15, State Ass'n, Mt. Vernon; Kenny Simpson, 4/11-13, Grace FWB, Granite City.
KENTUCKY—Roy Harris, 4/27 (PM), Paducah FWB, Paducah.
MISSOURI—Roy Harris, 3/14-15, Central Western Ass'n, Sheldon; 3/16 (AM), Verdella FWB, Liberal; 3/16 (PM), Grant Avenue FWB, Springfield; 4/26, St. Francois Ass'n; 4/27 (AM), First FWB, Farmington; Tom Malone, 3/17-19, Ministers Retreat,

Branson.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Roy Harris, 3/2, Bethany FWB, Timmonsville; Kenny Simpson, 4/17-20, First FWB, Florence.
TENNESSEE—Brad Sneed, 2/28-3/1, National Youth Workers Conference, Monteagle; 4/4-5, Metro Youth Retreat, Cumberland Youth Camp, Clarksville; Kenny Simpson, 3/8-9, First FWB, Oak Ridge; Roy Harris, 4/12, Northern Quarterly; 4/13, South Central Ass'n.

MARCH/APRIL 1997

Who's Who SENIORS

11 SENIORS CHOSEN FOR HONOR



eleven FWBBC seniors will be included in the 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, according to the publisher. They will join students from some 1,900 institutions who have been chosen by their faculties for outstanding academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success.

The FWBBC faculty submitted its list of nominees to *Who's Who* and received confirmation that all of the nominees have been accepted.

The following seniors will be included in the volume:

1. Tonya Blanchard—Carlsbad, NM
2. Jennifer Chamberlin—
Wheelersburg, OH
3. Benj Daniel—Wabash, IN
4. Bobby Edwards—Springdale, AR
5. Melissa Hale—Taylor Ridge, IL
6. Bryant Harris—Ashland City, TN
7. Kent Nelson—Guin, AL
8. Don Price—Sesser, IL
9. Stephanie Utley—Marion, IL
10. Tyra Utley—Marion, IL
11. Amber Whatley—Slocomb, AL



COLLEGE, HOME MISSIONS UNITE TO PLANT CHURCHES



The Bible College has sent out many men who have planted Free Will Baptist churches. But, for the first time, the college is now specifically training young preachers in how to do it.

Ralph Hampton, Chairman of the Biblical Ministries Department, says 10 students are enrolled in a new course, *Introduction to Church Planting*, being offered this semester for the first time. The course is being offered in cooperation with the National Home Missions Department and is the result of a proposal made to the college by General Director Trymon Messer. He and his staff have assisted in planning this important new course.

The course will be taught by a member of the college's Biblical Ministries Department, but will make wide use of Mr. Messer and others who have practical experience in church planting. For instance, this semester the students will also hear from:

- Rev. Gerald Fender, church planter, Knoxville, TN
- Rev. Tommy Jones, church planter, Pittsburg, PA
- Rev. James Munsey, cross-cultural church planter, Weslaco, TX

Home Missions plans to provide videos by home missionaries who will share the practical side of church planting. Internships, where students will work under the direction of home missionaries, are also being planned.

Mr. Hampton is enthusiastic in his support for the new course:

Free Will Baptist Bible College has a vital interest in church planting. We recognize that church planting is essential to fulfilling the Great Commission. It is also the only way our denomination can survive and thrive. New churches are more efficient in evangelism; their focus on outreach is sharper. We must plant churches to reach our cities. . . . The best hope for a larger, worldwide ministry for Free Will Baptists lies in a great increase in church planting.

June 22-28, 1997

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A Testimony

THE SON STILL SHINES

by Amber Whatley
Slocumb, Alabama

The sun was bright that morning as I began to get ready for church. As was routine for Sundays, the house was filled with the sounds of Southern Gospel. My family and I made the two-mile trek to the little country church that had invested so much time in my Christian training and discipleship. After Sunday school, everyone emptied into the auditorium for the morning service. When Brother Mike took the pulpit, he asked the congregation to stand for the reading of God's Word and began reading from the fifth chapter of Luke. The last portion of verse 11 says, "and they forsook all, and followed him." With those words, God began to deal with my heart in a way I had never experienced. I knew that, more than anything I had ever known before, God wanted me to go to Free Will Baptist Bible College. It seemed the sermon would never end. I remember thinking that God was speaking so loudly I was sure everyone in the church could hear Him. As Brother Mike began the invitation, I practically ran to that place where I had knelt so many times before, but this time to commit to something totally new.

After the evening service, I broke down and told my mom. At her response, I was more sure than ever that it was God's will. She told me not to worry, that everything would be all right. And this from a lady who did not want me to go an hour and a half from home, much less six and a half hours! Since I had just started my second year at a junior college two weeks earlier, we estimated that we had plenty of time to prepare.

It was a long year. It seemed the closer the time came for me to leave, the more I longed to go. God had put within me a tremendous yearning for a place I had only visited once and where I only knew the voice of one person, Neil Gilliland, with whom I had talked on the phone briefly months earlier.

It was down to the last week and Mom had kept her spirits up, but I could tell things were beginning to wear on her. The Wednesday night before I was to leave, she slipped into my room with puffy eyes and reddened face. I put my Bible down and looked at her. "What's wrong?" I asked. Her response was not what I expected. "Amber," she began. "I know you think you need to go to the Bible College, but we just can't make it. I tried, but the money just isn't there. I just can't do it. Maybe next semester."

Suddenly, a joy overflowed from deep within me and spilled out into a smile. She looked confused. "Amber, you don't understand. You can't go this time." I only smiled back. "Yes, Mom, I understand. It will be okay." I hugged her, kissed her cheek, and did my best to reassure her. As she left, I slid from beneath my covers to kneel at my bedside. "Dear God," I prayed. "More than I have ever known anything in my life, I know You want me at Free Will Baptist Bible College. I don't know why and I'm not sure how, but I know You never call your servants where You don't equip them to go. Please take over and show Mom what You can do. I love you. Goodnight." With the greatest peace I have ever known, I slipped off to sleep.

At 9:00 a.m., I was awakened by a phone call. It was Peggy Hampton, from the Bible College's Financial Aid Office. She was calling to remind me of some papers I needed to bring with me the following day. Before she hung up, she said, "Oh, and Amber, did you know that you have some money waiting here for you?" "No, Ma'am, I didn't," I answered. "How much is it?" My heart leapt. All I had left to pay was \$100! I ran outside to tell Mom how wonderfully God had provided.

She consented for me to go, with the understanding that I could go for a semester and then would have to come home. That was four years ago. In May, I will receive my Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. The road has not always been smooth, but His grace has been sufficient. I would not trade anything for my time here. It has been truly wonderful and God has been so good. With four years past and many lessons learned, the Son shines brighter than He ever has before.

TENNESSEE, ILLINOIS, LEAD IN ENROLLMENT



Following the spring semester registration, Dr. Charles Hampton,

Registrar, reported that FWBBC enrolled 364 students from 28 states, the Virgin Islands, and nine foreign countries during the 1996-97 school year.

Tennessee led the way with 73. Other well represented states included Illinois (47), Alabama (25), and North Carolina (21). There were 67 ministerial students and 76 missions students in the student body. By classes, students numbered 112 freshmen, 100 sophomores, 78 juniors, 63 seniors, and 11 special students.

We thank God for every student and for those whose encouragement and prayers helped them to join us. If you know someone who should consider FWBBC, send his/her name to:

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Email: ksimpson@fwbcc.edu



T. L. Burch

TEACHER, FRIEND WITH THE LORD



Tommy Burch, who taught Social Studies at FWBBC for 20 years, died December 13 near his home in Bryson City, North Carolina. During his years at the college he was a builder and a teacher, as at home in work clothes as in coat and tie. His students and his many other friends will remember him fondly.

The prayers and condolences of the College Family are extended to his family.

VOLUNTEERS

Join FWBBC's
JUNE VOLUNTEERS!



June is Volunteer Month at FWBBC. That's when pastors and laymen meet at the college to paint, plant, mow, and do a multitude of other chores that will result in a better, cleaner campus.

Groups have come from east and west. They have included retirees and youth groups. There always seems to be a job for everyone. This year is no exception. A special treat this year will be that some volunteers will be asked to work on FWBBC's new property as the college prepares to move the campus.

If you want information on how to be a volunteer, either for yourself or for a group, please contact Sandy Goodfellow, in care of the college. Our volunteers are some of the dearest friends FWBBC has!

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CAMPUS Events

May 8-13
Final Exams

May 11
Baccalaureate (7:00 p.m.)

May 13
Drama Program
(7:00 p.m.)

May 14
Choir Concert (7:00 p.m.)

May 15
Graduation (10:00 a.m.)



NEW SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The Douglas J. Simpson family has established a new scholarship at FWBBC in memory of Mrs. Mary Wilkerson Covington.

Mrs. Covington, a member of Horton Heights FWB Church in Nashville, was not only a dear friend of the Simpson family, but also a nanny to the Simpson's daughters, Melanie and Letitia.

The scholarship is to be awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. The Covington Scholarship is need-based with preference given to women.



To reach any telephone extension at the college, dial 615/383-1346, + the extension number. Here are some of the most frequently dialed extensions:

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Dean of Students	2258
Dean of Women	2259
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Institutional Effectiveness	2246
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President	2248
Public Relations	2243
Recruitment	2222
Registrar	2233
Stewardship Development	2244
Treasurer	2230

If you do not know the extension of the person you are trying to reach, dial 615/383-1340 and ask the operator. She will be glad to help you.



PRINCIPAL PRAISES FWBBC STUDENTS

Dr. Milton Fields, Chairman of the Teacher Education Department, received this letter recently. We thought you might enjoy it.

Dear Dr. Fields,

Yesterday I was at Radnor Baptist Academy for my son's JV basketball game. During one of the games I visited with Steve Durbam, principal at RBA. He paid a very high compliment to the school that I felt you needed to bear.

Alyssa Hampton is one of his late stay employees. I was sharing with Steve that she was one of our camp kids. He told me that "Free Will Baptist kids make the best employees." He said that, of all the schools in the Nashville area, FWBBC prepared students the best for Christian education.

I was so proud to share that I was also a product of FWBBC; that the school had been preparing teachers for a long time. He was vocal in his praise.

So often, you only hear the negative: what is not right and what could be improved. Today you receive a rose—an accolade—much needed and deserved. Please share the compliment with your entire staff who work so diligently day after day. God sees and knows. He keeps the official record.

Again, let me express my personal appreciation to the faculty and staff for what was invested into my life. I feel so blessed to have been a student at FWBBC.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth C. Hodges
Academic Coordinator
College Heights Christian Academy

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Rev. Forlines spent two days with FWBBC ministerial students in intensive sessions to help prepare them for the pastorate.

ARKANSAS PASTOR HELPS PREPARE MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

Rev. James Forlines, pastor of Allen Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Batesville, Arkansas, recently did an outstanding job preparing FWBBC's ministerial students for their future roles as pastors. The FWBBC alumnus spent two days on campus, February 11-12, to conduct a Visiting Pastor Seminar.

Dr. Robert Woodard, a member of the Biblical Ministries faculty, said Rev. Forlines covered a lot of new ground and took the students into areas of the pastoral ministry not frequently visited. "He focused more on principles and philosophy than on methods," he observed. Students were very complimentary of the sessions. "In terms of content, it was very helpful," said Dr. Woodard.

The Visiting Pastor Seminar is an annual event intended to acquaint ministerial students with the practical side of pastoring.



Dr. Thomas



Dr. Wegge



Dr. Sharp

FWBBC TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

Several faculty members have been honored or recognized for special achievements recently:

Dr. Bradley Thomas (Psychology) has earned clinical membership in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. It is the culmination of some seven years of work and more than 40 hours of special graduate studies. "I hope to use this specialization to help churches meet the needs of their members who are experiencing distress," says Dr. Thomas.

Dr. Glenn Wegge (Music) will read a paper on "Ficino's View of Music" at the South Central Chapter of the Society for Music Theory. It

will meet in May at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Timothy Sharp (Music) presented a paper on "Preparing Leadership for the Next Church Music Ministry" at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. The occasion was a symposium on Church Music in the 21st Century that was held February 14. Dr. Sharp has two new publications coming out this spring: "Followers of The Lamb," published by Descant Publications, and "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy," published by Gentry Publications.

We are pleased at the avenues for ministry the Lord is opening for them.

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Montgomery, Rev. Gene Outland,
Rev. Larry Powell, Mr. Howard
Price, Rev. Archie Ratliff



A Sunday night crowd packed out the Pleasant View Christian School gymnasium to rally for FWBBC.

TENNESSEE QUARTERLY HOLDS 15 ANNUAL FWBBC RALLY

The 24 churches of Tennessee's Northern Quarterly, Cumberland Association, outdid themselves for FWBBC at their annual rally for the college on February 23.

One of the largest crowds in the rally's 15-year history met at the Pleasant View Christian School gymnasium in Pleasant View, Tennessee. FWBBC's first president, Dr. L. C. Johnson, was the speaker. Other features were music by the College Choir and Rejoice! Ensemble, and a brief skit by The Evangels.

The goal for this year's rally was \$23,000. To date, more than \$26,400 has been directed to the college!

Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director, says that the annual rally has resulted in over \$240,000 in special gifts to FWBBC. This is in addition to what the churches give during the rest of the year.

"I thank God for the good people who planned so thoroughly and gave so generously to make this rally a success. They are some of the best friends FWBBC has!" said Rev. Harris.



BE A JUNE VOLUNTEER!

Call 1-800-76-FWBBC for information.
(See article inside)

CHRISTMAS DRIVE HITS \$312,742, TOTAL UP 15%

Stewardship Development Director Roy Harris is ecstatic over results from the recent Christmas Drive.

Gifts to the 1996 Paul Kettelman Memorial Christmas Drive obliterated the \$275,000-goal. The

most recent tally showed gifts at \$312,742, up 15% over last year's drive. FWBBC employees worked hard to do their part. Students raised \$54,506 and faculty-staff were responsible for \$42,162. "This is the third year in a row we have met and surpassed our Christmas Drive goals," Mr. Harris said. "There is an excitement among our Free Will Baptist people that is showing up in their prayers and financial support for the college."

OUT AND About

ALABAMA—Kenny Simpson, 6/2-6, Camp Trinity, Winfield

ARKANSAS—Brad Sneed, 6/15-19, Camp Beaverfork, Conway

FLORIDA—Tom Malone, 5/7-9, State Ass'n, Ocala

INDIANA—Kenny Simpson, 5/24, Emmanuel Christian School, Wabash; 5/25 (AM), Emmanuel FWB, Wabash; Roy Harris, 6/20-21, State Ass'n, Wabash

KANSAS—Tim Campbell, 6/6-7, State Ass'n, Kansas City

MICHIGAN—Roy Harris, 5/16-17, State Ass'n, Ecorse; 5/18-21, Faith FWB, Ray Township

MISSOURI—Tim Campbell, 6/2-5, State Ass'n, Park Hills
MONTANA—James Cox, 5/31-6/4, State Ass'n, Billings
NORTH CAROLINA—Roy Harris, 6/2-3, State Ass'n, Rockingham

OHIO—Randy Fosse, 5/10 (AM), Williams Road FWB, Columbus

TENNESSEE—Tom Malone, 5/4 (AM), First FWB, LaVergne; 5/25, Rock Springs FWB, Charlotte; Bert Tippet, 5/4 (AM), Fellowship FWB, Antioch

TEXAS—Roy Harris, 6/4-6, State Ass'n, Bryan

VIRGINIA—Roy Harris, 6/12-13, State Ass'n, Roanoke; Tim Campbell, 6/19-20, Maryland State Ass'n, Martinsville

WEST VIRGINIA—James Cox, 5/18, Sunshine FWB, Huntington; 6/6-7, State Ass'n, Charleston

CANADA—Tom Malone, 6/27-29, Atlantic Ass'n, New Brunswick



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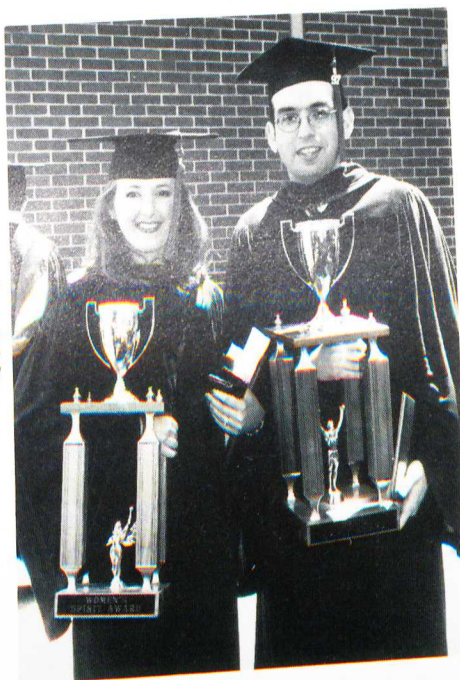
Bulletin

37 GRADUATES IN CLASS OF '97

MAY/JUNE 1997



This is the graduating Class of 1997.



Amber Whatley and Bobby Rogers took honors as Best All-Around Students and as presidents of the two society winners of the 1997 Spirit Award

Gail Rhodes' graduation is celebrated by husband, John, and their two fine children.



Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated 37 students from 16 states and Canada in Commencement Exercises held on campus May 15. It was a day of celebration for the graduates, their families and their friends; a day of joy and thanksgiving.

President Tom Malone bestowed 12 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 21 Bachelor of Science degrees, three Associate of Christian Ministries degrees, and one Associate of Science in Business degree. Ten of the graduates have prepared for pastoral or youth ministry, 11 are Business Administration majors and eight have trained for the field of education.

Dr. Malone also honored two people who have left positions at the college. Dr. Stanley Outlaw has resigned from the faculty to serve full time as pastor of Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville. He will continue to teach part time. Ann Beech retired this year and was recognized for her 29 years of work in the food service area of the college. Others who will not be back in the fall are Allen Jinnette (Business), Mike Edwards (Men's Resident Director), and Karen Edwards (Student Deans Secretary). Mr. Jinnette is pursuing his doctorate in Accounting. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are moving to New Castle, Indiana, where he is the new pastor of First Bible Free Will Baptist Church.

Two members of the faculty-staff were honored for 25 years of service to the college. They are Margaret Hampton (Library Manager) and Tom Sass (Treasurer).

By way of interest, one of the graduates finished her program exactly 20 years after her husband. Gail Rhodes received her B.A. in Elementary Education. Her husband, John, graduated from FWBBC in 1977 and now pastors in St. Louis, Missouri.

The challenge to graduates was delivered by Darrell Holley, chairman of the English-Speech Department. He urged them to "be," rather than to "seem." It was an appropriate follow-up to the Baccalaureate Sermon delivered on Sunday, May 11, by Rev. Terry Beck, pastor of Hyde Park Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia. He reminded graduates, "You can't live like Lot and enjoy the blessings of Abraham."

Additional challenges came from five seniors who gave testimonies at Commencement. They were Ryan McDougald, Tracy Sims, Don Price, Amber Whatley, and Blaine Rogers.

Dean Jones, president of the FWBBC Alumni Association, welcomed the Class of 1997 to the ranks of others who have gone before and challenged them to be worthy of their standing as FWBBC alumni.

The College Choir, directed by Dr. Timothy Sharp, added its own challenge with the messages of *Be Thou My Vision* and *Lord, Here am I*.

By noon, it was over. Students, families, and other visitors drifted away. Some were saying a final good-bye to their lives as students. Others were leaving for a few months, to return in the fall. But in the quiet, a last challenge could be dimly heard. The faint strains of *Lead On, O King Eternal*, so recently sung, seemed to whisper the final, great challenge:

*Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song!*



Don Price is one of five graduates who testified to God's provision through his years at FWBBC.

SPECIAL AWARDS

A number of special honors and recognitions accompany Commencement Exercises. Here are some of the other awards that came as the school year closed:

Evangelical Training Certificates: Joe Beckon, Bryant Harris, John Howell, Charity Humbles, Hope Humbles, Johnny Lewis, Lora McClintock, Stephani McElhaney, Kent Nelson, Eric Paugh, Joe Picklesimer, Jeremy Raymer, Gail Rhodes, Blaine Rogers, Bill Rushing, Pam Shoemaker, Diane Thompson, Stephanie Utley, Amber Whatley.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges: Tonya Blanchard, Jennifer Chamberlin, Benj Daniel, Bobby Edwards, Melissa Hale, Bryant Harris, Kent Nelson, Don Price, Stephanie Utley, Tyra Utley, Amber Whatley.

Student Body President's Medal: Matt Price (Belmont, NC)

Ann Pate Award (Teacher Education Graduate): Amber Whatley (Slocumb, AL)

Picirilli-Outlaw Greek Award: Steve Phillips (Iola, TX)

Paul Kettelman Memorial Scholarship: Jason Scott (Johnston City, IL)

Homer Willis Music Scholarship: Ken Fitzpatrick (Columbus, OH), Shane Davison (Springdale, AR)

Sturgill Family Business Scholarship: Amy Butcher (Garden City, MI)

Christian Business Leaders Ass'n Scholarship: Phillip Lytle (Kingsport, TN)

Dr. L. C. Johnson Scholarship: Brian Lewis (Grand Junction, CO)

Alumni Memorial Scholarship: Darla Kirby (Timmonsville, SC)

Yearbook Editor's Medal: Melissa Hale

Best All-Around Students: Amber Whatley, Bobby Edwards

Outstanding Student: Amber Whatley

Class Scholastic Medalists:

Freshman: Amy Campbell (Kinston, NC)

Sophomore: Allysa Hampton (Nashville, TN)

Junior: Jeff Caudill (Wayne, MI), Liz Rasar (Decatur, IL)

Senior: Stephanie Utley (Marion, IL)

Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society: Jennifer Chamberlin, Stephanie Utley, Eric Paugh

Faculty Advisor of The Year: Suzann Harris

Society Spirit Awards: Louisa May Alcott and William Jennings Bryan

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

James L. Beck

Norfolk, Virginia
Business Admin.

Tonya Lyn Blanchard

Carlsbad, New Mexico
Business Admin.

Jason Paul Corn

Wabash, Indiana
Physical Education

Robert F. Edwards

Springdale, Arkansas
Business Admin.

Vickie Laraine Francis

Newport, Tennessee
Business Admin.

Julie Elizabeth Grindstaff

Elizabethton, Tennessee
Elementary Education

*Shannon Gabriel Hale

Falkville, Alabama
Business Admin.

Charity Yvonne Humbles

Ayden, North Carolina
Music/Youth Ministry

Donald Wallace Jones

Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
Business Admin.

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Granite City, Illinois
Physical Education

Lora Johnson McClintock

Alma, Georgia
Elementary Education

Stephani Camille McElhaney

Bratt, Florida
Elementary Education

Eric E. Paugh

Nettie, West Virginia
Elementary Education

William J. Picklesimer, II

Wabash, Indiana
Youth Ministry

Don J. Price

Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Business Admin.

Tracy Lynn Sims

Olanta, South Carolina
Business Admin.

Laura Danielle Thompson

Chapmansboro, Tennessee
Business Admin.

Kristal Jolie Tidwell

Fairview, Tennessee
Business Admin.

Stephanie Uline Utley

Marion, Illinois
Secondary Education

Tyra S. Utley

Marion, Illinois
Business Admin.

Amber Darlene Whatley

Slocumb, Alabama
Secondary Ed./English

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jennifer Dawn Chamberlin

Wheetersburg, Ohio
English

Bryant Scott Harris

Ashland City, Tennessee
Pastoral Training

John Britt Howell

Webb, Alabama
Pastoral Training

*Sara Hope Humbles

Ayden, North Carolina
English

Wesley Ryan McDougald

Blountstown, Florida
Pastoral Training

Stephen Kent Nelson

Guin, Alabama
Pastoral Training

Lesa Geraye Parker

Hamilton, Alabama
English

Jeremy Damon Lee Raymer

Pleasant View, Tennessee
Pastoral Training

L. Gail J. Rhodes

St. Louis, Missouri
Elementary Education

*Daniel Blaine Rogers

Nashville, Tennessee
Pastoral Training

*William Albert Rushing, II

Burnsville, Mississippi
Pastoral Training

Pamela Shoemaker

Arthurette, N.B., Canada
English

ASSOCIATE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Joseph W. Beckon

Slocumb, Alabama
Johnny F. Lewis, Sr.

Cordele, Georgia

*Jimmie Dianne Thompson
Macungie, Pennsylvania

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS

*Melissa Lynne Hale

Taylor Ridge, Illinois

*—Expected to complete requirements during the summer.

**God Bless
The Class
of 1997!**

HEAR!, HEAR!

Dr. Reid



Mrs. Reid



Mr. Forrest



Mrs. Butler



Mr. Jinnette



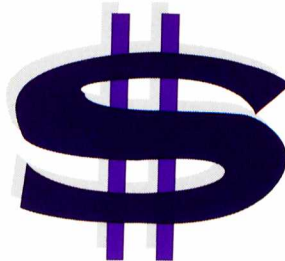
congratulations to the following:

Dr. and Mrs. Garnett Reid—The 1997 *Lumen*, FWBBC's yearbook, was dedicated to them for their years of service to the college and its students. Editor Melissa Hale presented them with the first copy of the book during chapel as the year approached its close.

Terry Forrest—Mr. Forrest completed his Master's studies and received his M.S. in Psychology from Tennessee State University on May 10.

Carol Butler—Mrs. Butler, FWBBC's piano teacher, was selected "Teacher of The Year" by the Nashville Area Music Teachers Association (NAMTA). She is president-elect of the association and will serve as president for the next two years.

Allen Jinnette—Mr. Jinnette, who teaches business, was a panelist at the Southeast regional meeting of the American Accounting Association held in Nashville in April. The topic was "Changes in Intermediate Accounting."



BRAZIL-URUGUAY ALUMNI SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIP



The Brazil-Uruguay Chapter of the FWBBC Alumni Association established this scholarship fund on January 28, 1987. Each semester, \$200 is awarded to an MK (Missionary Kid) from the fields of Brazil or Uruguay, or, if there is none, from another foreign field. Consideration is also given to students who are Missions majors at the junior or senior levels. Preference is given to students who have served as student missionaries. The recipient must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher and manifest the Christian qualities the college seeks to develop.

Eighteen students have benefited from the generosity of the Brazil-Uruguay Alumni Chapter since the first scholarship was awarded in 1987.

PRINCIPAL PRAISES STUDENT TEACHER



It never fails to brighten our day when people say good things about our students. Take this letter, for example:

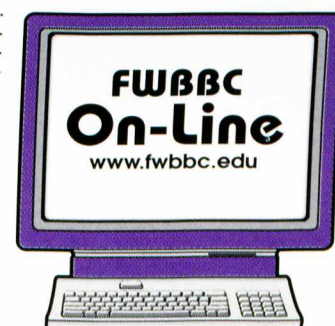
You sent us one of your finest when you sent Stephanie Utley to us for her student teaching.

Mrs. Patton, her supervising teacher, as well as other teachers and school staff, has repeatedly told me how pleased and impressed she was with Stephanie's work. Stephanie was hard-working, well-groomed, extremely well-mannered, most trustworthy, and loyal.

Our students were impressed with her personal concern for them and her willingness to help them individually. They especially took note of her attendance and support at some of their ballgames.

Thank you for sending her our way. She was not "just here;" she became a part of us and she is missed.

*Sincerely,
Wayne Patton
Administrator
Pleasant View Christian School*



CAMPUS Events

July/August 1997

August 19-22
Faculty In-Service
August 21
Student Leadership
Conference
August 22-25
Freshman/New Student
Orientation
August 25
Freshman Registration
August 25
Opening Service, 7:00 p.m.
August 26
Returning Student
Registration
August 27
Classes Begin

L.C. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Mrs. Johnson, Brian Lewis, and Dr. L. C. Johnson



The first Dr. L. C. Johnson Scholarship was awarded in chapel May 13 to Brian Lewis, a junior Pastoral Training major from Grand Junction, Colorado. Dr. Johnson is the first President of FWBBC.

The \$1,200 scholarship is funded by Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Alma, Georgia, Dr. Johnson's home church. The church is presently pastored by Rev. Wayne Miracle. The award will be made annually to a student showing academic promise and good character, with a preference for students who plan to enter the gospel ministry.

Brian is an excellent first recipient for what we feel will become a highly honored scholarship.

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On The Road again!



The Evangels (above) and Rejoice! Ministry Team (right) will be a blessing to Free Will Baptists in 12 states this summer.



REJOICE!, EVANGELS TO TOUR



Two student groups will tour for the college during the summer.

The nine-member Rejoice! Ministry Team has services scheduled in Arkansas, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina,

Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

The Evangels Drama Team plans to visit churches in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia.

We hope you will attend any services in your area. Please pray for the safety of all who are touring.

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www.fwbbs.edu

(L to R) Matt Price, Kristy Douglas,
Cristina McClary, David Mizelle,
Matt McAfee

NEW STUDENT LEADERS CHOSEN



Matt Price, a senior from Belmont, North

Carolina, was re-elected student body President when FWBBC students went to the polls in April. Matt is a Youth Ministry major who has established a solid testimony on campus and off.

Serving with him next school year will be:

- Kristy Douglas, Vice President. Kristy is a junior from St. Anne, Illinois, majoring in Secondary Education.
- Cristina McClary, Secretary-



Treasurer. Cristina is a junior English major from Omaha, Nebraska.

—David Mizelle, Chaplain. David is a junior Youth Ministry minor from Chesapeake, Virginia.

—Matt McAfee, Worship Leader. Matt, a junior from Woodstock, NB, Canada, is majoring in Youth Ministry.

Your prayers for these 1997-98 student leaders will be very important to their successful service.

OUT AND About

11-13, Bellview FWB, Colquitt

ILLINOIS—Roy Harris, 8/17, First FWB, Decatur

OHIO—Kenny Simpson, Carol Reid, NAFWB/Nat'l Youth Conf., Cincinnati

TENNESSEE—Milton Fields, 7/13-18, Cumberland Youth Camp, Clarksville; 7/27-8/1, Stoney Point FWB, Bon Aqua; Kenny Simpson, Bert Tippet, 7/14-18, Truth & Peace Conf., Nashville

ARKANSAS—Tim Campbell, Robert Picirilli, 8/6, State Ass'n, Conway; Tim Campbell, 8/31, Sharum FWB, Pocahontas

FLORIDA—Kenny Simpson, 8/3-9, Camp Sunshine, Sorrento

GEORGIA—Kenny Simpson, 7/6-11, Camp Kirksey, Albany; 7/



INTO OUR NEW CAMPUS!



It was a happy day for members of the FWBBC family as they joined to see the first work done on the new campus site!



The ground is broken!



President Tom Malone and Stewardship Development Director Roy Harris were thrilled to see the work begin.



On June 20, members of the college family met on the 123-acre site of FWBBC's new campus. The occasion was the breaking of ground to build a road from U.S. 41-A to the crest of the property, which will be the center of the campus. A formal ground breaking is planned for the future.

President Tom Malone spoke briefly, then asked everyone to form a circle while FWBBC teacher Ralph Hampton led a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration. Following his prayer, a bulldozer dropped its blade and made the first cut for the road. The 24-foot gravel road opens on the highway and runs about 3,000 feet to a 21-foot, ten-sided prayer chapel on the campus center. (See related article on volunteers.) From the prayer chapel, visitors will be able to see the position of each new building. Pictures hung in the chapel will enable them to accurately visualize the finished campus. The chapel will eventually be moved to a permanent location.

Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director for the college, says it is no accident that the first building to be constructed on the new campus is a prayer chapel. "Prayer and chapel have always been at the very heart of what FWBBC is all about," he said.

When the road is finished, the main entrance will be built and landscaping begun, with trees and shrubbery flanking the entrance.

Mr. Harris says this stage will cost approximately \$250,000. He has begun raising the money among

friends of the college who are interested in its progress. He has named the project "Stage 2: Developing The Land."

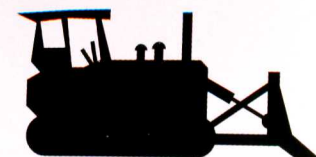
This is the next step toward moving the Bible College from its confining West Nashville campus to the open countryside of northwestern Davidson County.

The cost of the new property has already been underwritten. Free Will Baptists have given and pledged \$3,400 per acre to buy and develop the property. The National Association of Free Will Baptists has given its overwhelming approval to relocation. College officials have been developing plans to market the present campus and to raise funds to build the new campus. The college is presently looking for someone to direct the fund-raising campaign.

For information on this stage of relocation, please contact the college. Send your request for a free brochure to:

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

If wish to call, the number is 615/383-1340, extension 2244. The e-mail address is royh@fwbbc.edu. Let us hear from you today.





It was a delight to welcome this host of campers to the campus for Summer Camp, '97

69 ATTEND SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp, 1997, was one of the most successful ever held at FWBBC, according to Kenny Simpson, camp director. It was held on campus June 23-27.

He enrolled 69 campers from 12 states. Alabama led the way, with 15 campers.

Basketball Camp attracted the most campers, with 33. But the other camps also did well: Drama Camp, 18; Music Camp, 11; and Missions Camp, 7. All four camps contributed to the closing program on Friday night.

Numerous decisions were made at the evening services, including one camper saved and another who answered the call to preach.



Mrs. Reid

LIBRARIAN CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

Carol Reid, FWBBC's Librarian, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Christian Librarians.

She has also been re-elected as Director-at-Large in charge of Special Projects. This is a for a two-year term, 1997-1999.

Congratulations, Mrs. Reid!

The campers said:

I liked the fact that all the counselors were always willing to talk. They showed they really cared about me.

Music Camper

The counselors were great! They listened and gave very good advice.

Drama Camper

I enjoyed the field trips. They opened my eyes to a world I only imagined—a world I had never seen.

Missions Camper

I liked the worship services and chapel.

Basketball Camper



HARWELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Elba Baxter Harwell Family Scholarship Fund was established by John O. and Elba Baxter Harwell and their descendants on February 9, 1988, in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Baxter, of Glennville, Georgia. The Baxters were members of Glennville Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Baxter made the first gift toward the founding of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The interest from invested principal is awarded each semester to a student who manifests the Christian qualities which the college seeks to develop, has a financial need, and has at least a "C" average in all college studies. Preference is given to students from churches in the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists, but, in the event no student from the association meets the criteria, the college can award the scholarship to another student. Twelve Georgia students have been recipients of this scholarship since December 1989.

FORMER MUSIC DIRECTOR WITH THE LORD

Ross Dowden, who served as chairman of FWBBC's Music Department in the 1950s, passed away April 8 in Russellville, Kentucky, at the age of 82.

He began his singing career on WSM radio in Nashville. He served as music director at other colleges and universities, as well as at churches in Tennessee and Kentucky.

His FWBBC students will remember him as a man of talent and dedication, both to God and to his craft.

187 SAVED ON CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Students led 187 people to Christ during the 1996-97 school year, according to John Murray, Christian Service Director.

In his report to President Tom Malone, Mr. Murray noted:

Last night I went with a group to the Nashville Union Mission. The place was packed out and the noise level was quite elevated. Our men began to play music about 15 minutes early to quiet the crowd. It was evident that Satan was at work. Three people had to be ejected because of their rowdy behavior. But, at the close of the service, two people were saved!

Other statistics gathered for the year by Mr. Murray show that students carried out the following ministries:

Music numbers	3,870
Messages preached	1,115
Classes taught	1,486
Persons dealt with	2,944
Persons led to Christ	187
Other decisions	360
Tracts distributed	6,246

The college continues to emphasize soulwinning and Christian service to every student.

CAMPUS Events

September/October 1997

Sept. 3
Schedule Change
Deadline

Oct. 21-24
Mid-Term Exams



ART TEACHER HAS WINNING ENTRY

Congratulations to art teacher Betsy Karounos!

A painting by Mrs. Karounos is one of 56 that was chosen from 893 submissions to Opryland Hotel's competition for pictures to be displayed in the hotel. Judging for the \$100,000-event was held June 15. Mrs. Karounos, who teaches art appreciation at FWBBC, submitted a picture of a delft vase containing local flowers.



Miss Edgmon

FINANCIAL AID WORKER RESIGNS

Angie Edgmon, whose husband, Jeff, is joining the U.S. Air Force, is leaving the college staff. She graduated from FWBBC in 1994 and joined the Student Financial Aid Office after graduation.

All who have worked with Angie know how congenial she is. Peggy Hampton, Director of Student Financial Aid, also credits her with helping to convert the department to electronic processing and reporting to the U.S. Department of Education. "Her computer skills have been a great asset," Mrs. Hampton says.

We wish Angie and Jeff the very best as they pursue God's will for their lives.

TRAVELING TEAMS REPORT NUMEROUS DECISIONS

Rejoice!
Ministry
Team

Two great teams of student ambassadors have been representing the college in Free Will Baptist churches this summer.

The Rejoice Ministry Team has toured Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The group was also on the program of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting July 20-24 in Cincinnati.

The Evangels Drama Team has held services in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi.

Both groups have reported numerous decisions in their services.

We thank God for His protection and blessings as these fine students have carried the gospel across the USA this summer.

The
Evangels
DRAMA TEAM

\$1.1 MILLION

1997-98 GIFT BUDGET SET AT \$1.1 MILLION

The college has set a General Fund gift budget of \$1.1 million for 1997-98. That is an increase of \$100,000 over last year, according to Roy Harris, Stewardship Development Director.

To spread the load over the entire FWBBC constituent base, the following quotas have been adopted:

STATE	QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 79,000
Arizona	2,750
Arkansas	55,000
California	13,200
Colorado	1,100
Connecticut	1,700
Delaware	1,000
Florida	28,000
Georgia	82,500
Hawaii	600
Idaho	600
Illinois	44,000
Indiana	15,000
Iowa	1,600
Kansas	1,900
Kentucky	22,000
Louisiana	600
Maryland	11,000
Michigan	38,500
Mississippi	33,000
Missouri	42,000
Nebraska	600
Nevada	600
New Hampshire	200
New Jersey	600
New Mexico	600
North Carolina	163,000
Ohio	22,000
Oklahoma	30,000
Pennsylvania	200
South Carolina	68,000
South Dakota	1,000
Tennessee	193,000
Texas	14,500
Vermont	1,150
Virgin Islands	2,200
Virginia	27,500
Washington	2,200
West Virginia	13,500
Canada	1,100
WNAC	11,000
Other	72,000
Total	\$1,100,000

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VOLUNTEERS BEGIN WORK ON PRAYER CHAPEL



These are some of the best friends Free Will Baptist Bible College has! There is no way to repay what they, and many other volunteers, have done for the college.



Charley and Steve make good partners as they help build the new prayer chapel.

OUT AND About

September/October 1997

ARKANSAS—Tim Campbell, 9/7 (AM), First FWB, Walnut Ridge; 9/7 (PM), Sutton FWB, Pocahontas; Robert Picirilli, 9/14-17, First FWB, Russellville; Tom Malone, 9/21, Arbor Grove FWB, Hoxie.
FLORIDA—Roy Harris, 10/5-8, Piney Grove FWB, Chipley.

GEORGIA—Tom Malone, 10/26-29, Twin Cities Ass'n Crusade, Columbus.

NORTH CAROLINA—Tom Malone/Roy Harris, Friendship Dinners, 9/8, Morehead City; 9/9, Greenville; 9/11, Clayton; Bert Tippet, 10/5 (AM), Peace FWB, Wilson.

OKLAHOMA—Roy Harris, 10/13-16, State Ass'n, Checotah.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Tom Malone, 10/5-8, Horse Branch FWB, Turbeville; Roy Harris, 10/26-31, Bethany FWB, Timmonsville.

VIRGINIA—Tim Campbell, 10/12-15, Providence FWB, Hampton.

WEST VIRGINIA—Robert Picirilli, 10/6-10, Beckley Conf. Headquarters, Beckley.



Once again, volunteers from several states met at the college in June to carry out projects to improve the campus.

This year, 15 volunteers came from Virginia, North Carolina, and Alabama to work at the 123-acre site just north of the city. The project was to erect a 21-foot, 10-sided prayer chapel at the center of the new FWBBC campus. The chapel will serve as a gathering place for visitors to visualize where new buildings will be built and to pray for God's blessing on the relocation.

The work was done under the supervision of Bruce Billrey, FWBBC's Physical Plant Director, and Mike Anderson, a member of the maintenance staff. Several local volunteers also helped to design the chapel, acquire materials and provide for those from out of state.

As always, the volunteers exhibited unlimited enthusiasm.

One said that he felt the college was honoring him just to let him work here! Some are retired. Others took vacation time.

This is the fifth year volunteers have come to work at the college. In the past, rooms have been painted, buildings have been roofed, and yards have been cared for by these dedicated volunteers.

One was asked how the college could ever repay his service. He replied, "The only payment necessary is to allow us to keep coming back. All we ever wanted was to help the college in whatever way we could and to be a friend to the school. That's payment enough." Several said that they will be back next year and hope others will join them. For information on how to become an FWBBC volunteer, write Sandy Goodfellow, in care of the college, or e-mail him at alex@fwbcc.edu.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1997



These 102 new students enrolled at FWBBC this year for the first time. Please remember them and others at the college when you pray.

FWBBC COVENANT

1997-98

With God's help, I commit myself to make a good faith effort to:

1. Submit to the authority of the Bible as the Word of God and observe its requirements as moral absolutes.
2. Practice honesty and personal integrity.
3. Keep myself pure in speech, deed, and thought.
4. Develop myself academically by conscientiously meeting course requirements and doing assignments.
5. Develop myself spiritually through regular, personal Bible reading and prayer and by active participation in local church and college-sponsored services, including daily chapel.
6. Develop ministry abilities by fulfilling assigned Christian service obligations.
7. Uphold the principles and policies defined in *The Student Handbook*.

I will endeavor to use my influence to help others in the College Family keep this mutual agreement.



342 ENROLL FOR FALL SEMESTER



Free Will Baptist Bible College welcomed 102 new students for the fall semester, bringing the total enrollment to 342, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar. They come from 27 states, the U. S. Virgin Islands, and nine foreign countries.

The student body includes 74 seniors, 73 juniors, 87 sophomores, 99 freshmen, and nine special students. There are 194 men and 148 women.

By states, the enrollment breaks down as follows:

Alabama	18	New Mexico	1
Arkansas	18	North Carolina	24
Arizona	2	Ohio	12
California	2	Oklahoma	6
Colorado	2	South Carolina	11
Florida	13	South Dakota	2
Georgia	14	Tennessee	72
Idaho	1	Texas	3
Illinois	43	Virginia	13
Indiana	12	Washington	2
Kentucky	10	West Virginia	3
Louisiana	1	U. S. Virgin Islands	1
Michigan	11		
Mississippi	7	Foreign	19
Missouri	18		

The foreign countries represented are Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, France, Panama, Romania, Russia, and Spain.



The school year opened with the defining of a seven-point covenant. Members of the faculty, staff, and administration presented each point of the covenant in services beginning on the opening night and running through the week until chapel on Friday. (See a copy of the covenant at left.) Following chapel, members of the student body, faculty, staff, and administration were invited to voluntarily sign the covenant as an agreement to work toward its goals.

It was a good start on what promises to be a good year. Students came to FWBBC eager to get started and looking forward to what God has in store for the college family during the months ahead.

Please continue to pray daily for the students and personnel at Free Will Baptist Bible College. A Daily Prayer Calendar is available from the college.

TWO TEAMS TO TAKE COURT: FLAMES SCHEDULE 1997-98 GAMES

The Bible College will field two Flames basketball teams this season, one of men and another of women. Coach Byron Deel continues to head the men's team. Coach Brad Sneed directs the women.

The following games are currently scheduled for each team. Since schedules are subject to change, please check with the college before planning to attend any game.

1997-98 Flames Men's Team

(Games are at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced.)

Sat., Nov. 1	Alumni Game	Home
Thurs., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.	Bryan	Dayton, TN
Sat., Nov. 8	American Baptist	Home
Fri., Nov. 14	Toccoa Falls	Home
Tues., Nov. 18	Southeastern Bible	Home
Fri., Nov. 21, TBA	Baptist Bible	Springfield, MO
Sat., Nov. 23, TBA	Mid-America	Springfield, MO
Tues., Nov. 25	Fisk	Home
Fri., Dec. 5	Concordia	St. Louis, MO
Sat., Dec. 6, 6 p.m.	St. Louis	St. Louis, MO
Fri., Dec. 12	Southeastern Bible	Birmingham, AL
Sat., Dec. 13	Atlanta Christian	Atlanta, GA
Sat., Jan. 10	Fisk	Nashville, TN
Mon., Jan. 12	Southeastern (FL)	Home
Tues., Jan. 13	Pensacola Christian	Home
Fri., Jan. 16	Kentucky Christian	Home
Sat., Jan. 17, 3 p.m.	Cincinnati Bible	Home
Fri., Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.	Circleville Bible	Circleville, OH
Sat., Jan. 24, 3 p.m.	Cincinnati Bible	Cincinnati, OH
Tues., Jan. 27	Johnson Bible	Knoxville, TN
Fri., Jan. 30	Appalachian Bible	Home
Sat., Jan. 31	Crown	Home
Tues., Feb. 3	Tennessee Temple	Home
Fri., Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.	Kentucky Christian	Grayson, KY
Sat., Feb. 7, 3 p.m.	Appalachian Bible	Beckley, WV
Fri., Feb. 13	Atlanta Christian	Home
Sat., Feb. 14, 2 p.m.	Circleville Bible	Home
Tues., Feb. 17	Johnson Bible	Home
Fri., Feb. 20	Crown	Powell, TN
Sat., Feb. 21, 3 p.m.	Toccoa Falls	Toccoa, GA
Feb. 24, 27, 28	NCCAA Mid-East Regional	Knoxville, TN
Mar. 4-7	NCCAA National Tournament	Oklahoma City, OK

1997-98 Flames Women's Team

Sat., Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m.	Fisk	Nashville, TN
Fri., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.	Toccoa Falls	Home
Sat., Jan. 17, 1 p.m.	Cincinnati Bible	Home
Tues., Jan. 20, 6 p.m.	Asbury	Wilmore, KY
Sat., Jan. 24, 6 p.m.	Toccoa Falls	Toccoa, GA
Sat., Jan. 31, 4 p.m.	Johnson Bible	Home
Tues., Feb. 3, 5 p.m.	Fisk	Home
Fri., Feb. 6, 4 p.m.	Cincinnati Bible	Cincinnati, OH
Fri., Feb. 13, 7 p.m.	Kentucky Christian	Grayson, KY
Tues., Feb. 17, 7 p.m.	Johnson Bible	Knoxville, TN
Sat., Feb. 21, 2 p.m.	Circleville Bible	Home
Feb. 24, 27, 28	NCCAA Mid-East Regional	Knoxville, TN



FWBBC students met at the campus flag pole on September 17 to pray for the spread of the gospel around the world.

MEETING AT THE POLE

Tf my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I bear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"

(2 Chronicles 7:14).

This verse is the basis on which the idea for "See You At The Pole" was founded. It is a time when students from all around our nation, even around the world, meet around the flagpole on their campuses and pray that God will do awesome things through the students' lives, things that will impact the world for His glory.

Over 80 students came out and prayed at Free Will Baptist Bible College on Wednesday, September 17. We prayed for our nation, our school, and ourselves. We may never know the full impact of our prayers, but we definitely know that God was in the midst of our group, listening to our requests.

—Matt Price

FWBBC Student Body President



Free Will Baptist Bible College
is still
your best investment!



DR. GARNETT REID PUBLISHES ARTICLES

Dr. Garnett Reid had several articles published in the latest volume of *The Complete Biblical Library: Old Testament*. His major contribution was on Jeremiah, but he also had several smaller Hebrew word studies included.

The volume is published by World Library Press of Springfield, Missouri.

We congratulate Dr. Reid.

CAMPUS Events

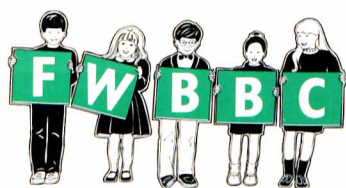
November/December 1997

Nov. 13-15
Welcome Days

Nov. 27-Dec. 1
Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 16-19
Final Examinations

Dec. 19
Semester Ends



CONFERENCE SET FOR EDUCATORS

An Educators Conference will be held on campus February 16-18, 1998, says Dr. Milton Fields, chairman of the Teacher Education Department. "This should be one of the best we have ever held," he adds.

The conference will focus on several areas of interest to Christian educators. Some of these are:
—developing a philosophy of Christian education,
—staff development and re-certification, and
—appropriate sexual conduct in the work place.

He says the overall theme will relate to developing, implementing and monitoring a strong, Biblically-based philosophy of Christian education in teaching.

The conference will begin on Monday evening and continue until noon on Wednesday. The college will furnish proof of attendance for staff development credit.

For more information, contact Dr. Fields, in care of the Bible College. You may e-mail him at mfields@fwbbc.edu.

TE STUDENTS SCORE 100%

Dr. Milton Fields, chairman of the Teacher Education Department, reports that 100% of the FWBBC students who took the National Teachers Examination last year passed on the first attempt. Less than half of Tennessee's 40 colleges and universities whose students took the NTE had all of them to pass on the first attempt.

We congratulate the 12 FWBBC students, as well as the teachers who so thoroughly prepared them.

RECORD GOAL SET

CHRISTMAS DRIVE AIMS FOR \$300,000

A record goal of \$300,000 has been set for the Paul Kettelman Memorial Christmas Drive, says Roy Harris, Director of Stewardship Development.

The Christmas Drive is a primary source of gift income for the college. It involves students, teachers, and staff, as well as the denomination, at large. All undesignated gifts to the college in December are counted toward the goal.

Last year, the drive total was nearly \$313,000, the most successful in the drive's history.

Free Will Baptist churches, alumni, and other friends are urged to make a special gift to FWBBC in December.



PITTMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Pittman Family Scholarship was established in 1989 by Rev. Howard G. Pittman, a Free Will Baptist pastor in High Point, North Carolina.

The scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior who maintains a "C" average and lives on the FWBBC campus. Seven students have benefited from this generous scholarship. Not only does Rev. Pittman support the family scholarship, but, since March 1979, he has led his church to fund the Lakeview FWB Church Scholarship.

We are grateful for Rev. Pittman and his continuing support for the young men and women attending FWBBC.

MEET US ON THE WEB



Prospective students can learn everything they want to know about FWBBC, right from their own homes. Alumni can scan the latest happenings among their friends. Interested people can check on coming events at FWBBC without leaving their den.

The Bible College's new Web site has been directed toward all of these groups and more.

Prospective students can check tuition costs, research sources of financial aid, and view the requirements for every program the college offers. If they want specific information from any department, they will find e-mail addresses for teachers and administrators posted on the FWBBC Web page.

Alumni are linking up with each other via a page listing alumni e-mail addresses. They are also submitting recent happenings to *The FWBBC Alumnus* simply by filling in a form that goes directly to the Alumni Affairs Director.

A calendar of campus activities and announcements of conferences and other special events are posted. So is the schedule of 1997-98 Flames basketball games.

If you have not visited the FWBBC Web site, drop by today: WWW.FWBBC.EDU. We think you will like what you see. If so, drop us a line. If you have suggestions, please pass them along. Thanks to the Web, FWBBC is closer to you than ever.

NEW FACULTY, STAFF ANNOUNCED

Several additions and changes were made in the FWBBC faculty and staff during the summer in preparation for the 1997-98 school year.

The following are now serving the college in full- or part-time capacities:

Michelle Adams—Financial Aid Secretary
Rebekah Bragan—Student Services Secretary
Robert Bragan—Men's Resident Director
Dr. William Button—Business Department Chair
Diane Harrison—Faculty Secretary
Dave Johnson—Computer Support
Melissa Lewis—Recruitment Secretary
Angela Lepkofker—Music Faculty
Jeff McMahan—Gym Supervisor
Jeff Runion—Computer Faculty
Kevin Stacy—Teaching English as a Foreign Language Faculty



ART TEACHER'S WORK TO BE EXHIBITED

Betsy Karounos, a member of the FWBBC adjunct faculty, has had an entry accepted for exhibition in the 36th Tennessee All-State Art Competition. She teaches Introduction to Drawing and Art Appreciation.

The 14"x18" oil will be on display November 1-January 3 at the Parthenon Galleries in Nashville.

Congratulations, Mrs. Karounos.

Thomas Vozzella—Choral Music Faculty

We welcome all of these and encourage your prayers on their behalf as they begin their ministries at FWBBC.

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SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR BIBLE CONFERENCE

If you can only attend one conference this year, make it Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Bible Conference, March 8-12, 1998.

The following speakers will make this spring's conference one to be remembered:

Dr. Drummond



—**Dr. Lewis Drummond**
Dr. Drummond is Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at Beeson Divinity School, in Birmingham, Alabama, a position he has held since 1992. He also served for four years (1988-92) as President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. His pastorates include churches in Alabama, Texas, and Kentucky, with up to 3,500 members. He has written extensively on evangelism and revival. He edited *What The Bible Says* in 1974, a volume *Christianity Today* chose as the best book on systematic theology published that year.

Rev. Ruble



—**Rev. Nathan Ruble**
Rev. Ruble is Executive Secretary of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. The 1970 FWBBC alumnus began pastoring in 1971 and has pastored in Washington, Arizona, and Missouri. He has served as Moderator of the Missouri State Association and as a member of the National Home Missions Board. He currently serves on the General Board and Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Dr. York



—**Dr. Tim York**
Dr. York began preaching at age 12 and has not stopped yet. He has been an evangelist and pastor, known primarily for his ministry in

Kentucky. He presently pastors Heritage Temple FWB Church, Cannonsburg, Kentucky. He was the Promotional Secretary of the Kentucky State Association of Free Will Baptists for 11 years. Last year, he was elected Assistant Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The FWBBC alumnus and his wife, Phyllis, have three children, including 14-year-old Timothy, who is also a preacher.

It is with regret that we announce that Dr. John Phillips, who was scheduled to be one of the speakers, had to cancel his appearance. His dear wife has terminal cancer and Dr. Phillips has cancelled all appointments through mid-1998. However, he has

tentatively scheduled to be one of the speakers at the college's 1999 Bible Conference.

Alumni will hold their annual banquet and business meeting during the conference. Tim Campbell, Alumni Affairs Director, will report on the formation of new chapters and advances in organizing the college's nearly 7,000 alumni.

Music, as always, will be an important part of the conference, featuring members of the college's student body and faculty.

Plan now to join us for the 1998 Bible Conference, March 8-12.

1998 Bible Conference
March 8-12

OUT AND About

ALABAMA—*Tom Malone, Roy Harris*, 11/6-7, State Ass'n, Forestdale FWB, Birmingham.
GEORGIA—*Roy Harris*, 11/13-15, State Ass'n, Savannah; 11/16, Satilla FWB, Satilla.

LOUISIANA—*James Cox*, 12/7-10, SACS Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
NORTH CAROLINA—*Tom Malone*, 11/2, First FWB, Gastonia; *Roy Harris*, 11/2-5, Immanuel FWB, Durham.
OHIO—*Tom Malone*, 11/16, Hillsboro FWB, Hillsboro.
TENNESSEE—*Tom Malone, Roy Harris*, 11/10-12, State Ass'n, Cookeville; *Roy Harris*, 11/22, Cookeville FWB, Cookeville; *Tom Malone*, 12/1-2, FWB Leadership Conference, Nashville.



*Glory
to the
newborn
King!*

Merry Christmas

From your friends at
**Free Will Baptist
Bible College!**



CHRISTMAS DRIVE AIMS FOR \$300,000

The Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Drive has become a keystone in the Bible College's annual drive to meet its general fund obligations.

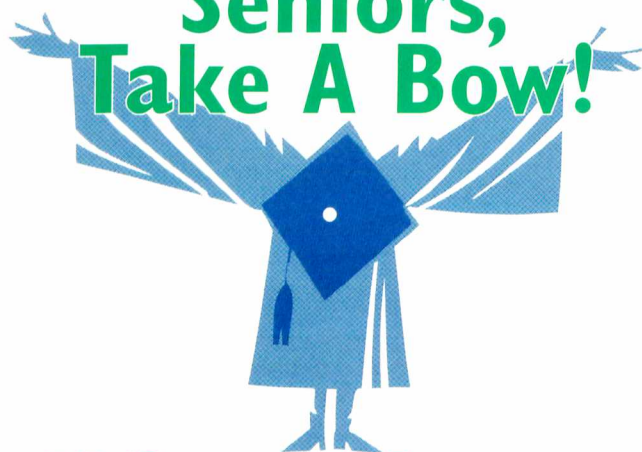
Begun some 30 years ago by the college's late Public Relations Director, Paul Ketteman, the Christmas Drive has swelled to become the source of approximately 30 percent of the college's annual general fund income. Last year's drive raised nearly \$313,000, obliterating the goal of \$275,000. The work of students and faculty-staff was evident as they raised nearly \$100,000 of the total.

Roy Harris, Director of Stewardship Development, has set a goal of \$300,000 for this year's drive. In a letter to friends of the college he said, "To underwrite the operation of FWBBC, it costs about \$3,000 a day, every day, 365 days per year, above what students pay." He added, "We are counting heavily on the Christmas Drive to help us pay our bills and provide the funds we need to meet our budget."

Please participate in the Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Drive by sending a generous gift to Free Will Baptist Bible College this month. The more than 300 young people here are worth your investment!



Seniors, Take A Bow!



13 SENIORS MAKE 1998 "Who's Who"

Thirteen Free Will Baptist Bible College seniors will be honored by being included in the 1997-98 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Members of the FWBBC faculty made the nominations. *Who's Who* Associate Director Beakie Powell confirmed that all 13 were accepted.

In making the nominations, the faculty considered such criteria as spiritual maturity, academic achievement, social development, and potential for future service.

These FWBBC seniors will join an elite group of students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign countries.

These are the students from Free Will Baptist Bible College chosen for this distinct honor:

1. Rachel Callaway, Madrid, Spain—*English/Missions*
2. Mark Cowart, Knoxville, Tennessee—*Missions*
3. Heather Daniel, Wabash, Indiana—*Elementary Education*
4. Kristy Douglas, Bradley, Illinois—*Secondary Education*
5. Kenneth Fitzpatrick, Groveport, Ohio—*Music Education*
6. Heather Hasty, Ridgetop, Tennessee—*English/Missions*
7. Nicole Hurlburt, Stickney, NB, Canada—*Psychology*
8. Liz Rasar Kohn, Decatur, Illinois—*Missions*
9. Michael Lytle, El Dorado, Panama—*Business Management*
10. Matt Price, Belmont, North Carolina—*Youth Ministry*
11. Jennifer Blanks Ryan, West Plains, Missouri—*Elementary Education*
12. Brian Sargent, Nashville, Tennessee—*Music*
13. Michael Smith, Richmond, Virginia—*Youth Ministry*

1998 Bible Conference

March 8-12



Dr. Lewis Drummond



Rev. Nathan Ruble



Dr. Tim York



Rev. Eddie Dollar and his church board display the plaque designating them as FWBBC's #1 Supporting Church for 1996-97.

NC CHURCH WITH GREAT HEART!

Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, was FWBBC's top supporting church for 1996-97, according to Roy Harris, Director of Stewardship Development. Gifts to the college from Immanuel totaled \$18,030.

The church, led by Rev. Eddie Dollar, is off to a blazing start for the current fiscal year. It held its annual College Day for FWBBC on November 2. Roy Harris, the college's Director of Stewardship Development, was guest speaker for the day. He says, "When the offering for the college was announced, everyone was delighted when \$17,618.50 was received. It was a tremendous blessing to be part of such a great day." Rev. Dollar estimates the church will give about \$25,000 to the college this year.

In 1991, the church voted unanimously to support the college for a day. That support has grown

tremendously. The church designates 15 percent of its undesignated income to outside causes. The Bible College receives 50 percent of that amount. Including designated gifts, some 35% of the church's income goes to outside ministries, according to Rev. Dollar.

But that is not the whole story. The church is also involved in two scholarship programs that benefit FWBBC students every year. And every student from Immanuel who enrolls at FWBBC gets a \$4,500 grant from the church.

It is significant that all of this is from a church with an attendance of about 180.

"Thank the Lord for Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church and others like it who give sacrificially to help meet the needs of the college," says Mr. Harris.

TO GET MAXIMUM AID:

APPLY EARLY!

To get the maximum financial aid, new and returning FWBBC students must apply early! Nearly \$43,000 in *additional* aid was available to early applicants for this school year.

The priority deadline for Federal financial aid applications is April 15. But those who get the most benefits file their applications in January or early February.

Don't miss an opportunity to get maximum financial aid. Apply early!

For information, call FWBBC's Financial Aid Office at 615/844-5250.

CAMPUS Events

January/February 1998

Jan. 6
Registration,
Spring Semester

Jan. 7
Classes Begin

Feb. 10-11
Visiting Pastor Seminar,
Rev. Leonard Pirtle

Feb. 14
Formal Dinner

Feb. 16-18
Educators Conference



FWBBC STUDENTS REPAY THEIR LOANS

A recent Associated Press release shows that FWBBC has the lowest student loan default rate of any 4-year private college in Tennessee and lower than that of any public college or university in the state.

In 1995 only 1.6 percent of FWBBC students who borrowed federal funds defaulted in the first or second year of repayment. The average for Tennessee colleges and universities was 12.8 percent; the national average was 10.4 percent.

"Anything under 10 percent is considered excellent by most colleges," according to Dr. Jim Cox, FWBBC's Director of Institutional Effectiveness. "It says a lot about our students, that they have the integrity to pay back what they borrow," he added.

If you or someone you know needs help going to FWBBC, help is available. But we do expect every student to repay all he or she borrows.



ARCHAEOLOGIST SPEAKS AT FORLINES LECTURES



Dr. Gerald Mattingly, a specialist on Biblical archaeology, was the college's guest speaker for the 1997 Leroy Forlines Lectures, October 28-30.

Dr. Mattingly, a member of the Johnson Bible College faculty and an experienced archaeologist, brought four lectures and illustrated them lavishly with slides. In addition to highlighting discoveries related to the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Mattingly focused in one session on excavations revealing much about the Moabites of the Old Testament.

Next year's Forlines Lectures will be Dr. Donald A. Carson of Trinity Seminary. His lectures, October 27-28, 1998, will be on how to present the gospel in a pluralistic society.

Other lecturers in the series have included Dr. Norman Geisler, Dr. Ronald Nash, Dr. Robertson McQuilken, and Dr. Steven Ashby.

The series honors FWBBC's long-time professor of Theology, F. Leroy Forlines. Mr. Forlines continues to teach part time at the college.

Rev. Pirtle



OKLAHOMA PASTOR TO VISIT CAMPUS

Rev. Leonard Pirtle, who has pastored Rejoice Free Will Baptist Church, Owasso, Oklahoma, for over 23 years, will be on campus February 10-11 to speak to ministerial students. This is the latest in the college's Visiting Pastor Seminars.

A native of Oklahoma, Rev. Pirtle earned his BA at the Bible College in 1970. He pastored in Georgia for three years before moving to Owasso where he served as youth pastor before he was elected pastor in 1974.

The Visiting Pastor Seminars give students an opportunity to learn from established, successful Free Will Baptist pastors. They add greater depth to the practical side of the college's pastoral training program.



Mrs. Lepkofker



VOICE TEACHER PICKED AS SOLOIST

Angela Lepkofker, a member of FWBBC's music faculty, was chosen soprano soloist for the Nashville Symphony's 1997 Christmas production of Handel's *Messiah*.

Mrs. Lepkofker joined the faculty last year as an adjunct teacher and began teaching full time this year.

The *Messiah* performances, December 7 and 9, were held at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium, once the home of the Grand Ole Opry, but more recently used for concerts and recitals.

We congratulate Mrs. Lepkofker on this distinct honor.



Price-Kicklighter Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1990 in memory of the late Q.T. Kicklighter of Statesboro, Georgia. Mr. Kicklighter was a layman who loved the Lord, his church and the youth of the denomination. The scholarship was funded by his family, church and friends.

In 1994, it became an endowed scholarship and was renamed to include Mr. Kicklighter's daughter, the late Valrie Price. Mrs. Price was the wife of FWBBC trustee Howard Price. Like her father, she loved the Lord and the denomination. The scholarship was amended to include her in the hope that it would "help instill in others the love that was so evident in her life."

The scholarship is given to a student who is (in order of preference), 1) a member of the Statesboro FWB Church, 2) a member of another church in the South Georgia Association, or 3) from another church in the Georgia State Association. The recipient must manifest the qualities FWBBC seeks to develop and must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

Since 1991, 16 FWBBC students have been awarded this scholarship.

1998 EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE



Dr. George Youstra, President of Clearwater Christian College, at one time a member of President Ronald Reagan's administration, will be the featured speaker at FWBBC's Educators' Conference, February 16-18, according to Dr. Milton Fields, Chairman of the Teacher Education Department.

Dr. Youstra's topics include "The Basics of a Christian Philosophy of Education" and "A Christian Philosophy and Its Lifestyle Emphasis."

Others on the program include:

- Greg Ketteman, public school principal
- Wayne Patton, Christian school principal
- Dr. Bradley Thomas, FWBBC psychology teacher
- John Prince, Wycliff Bible Translators staff
- and others, including teachers in public and Christian schools, members of the FWBBC faculty, and one FWBBC senior.

The subject of appropriate sexual conduct in a school setting will also be addressed.

For more information, contact Dr. Fields, in care of the college. You may email him at mfields@fwbbc.edu.

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President Malone accepts the family gift from Dr. Ralph Lightsey, chairman of the Clifton Lightsey Trust.

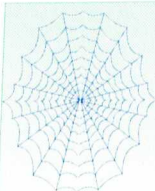
LIGHTSEY FAMILY GIVES \$55,000

The college received a gift of more than \$55,000 in November from the Clifton Lightsey Trust, Statesboro, Georgia. Dr. Ralph Lightsey, trustee, sent the following note:

Near the end of his life, my brother, Clifton Lightsey, set up a trust to provide care for his invalid daughter. He further stipulated that after her death his home church, his local association, and Free Will Baptist Bible College share in the remainder of the assets. I am grateful for his vision; and, as chairman of the trust, I am happy to present this check in the amount of \$55,426.94 to the College as its share of the proceeds.

President Tom Malone responded, "Brother Clifton Lightsey was a man of vision and commitment. God blessed his life and honored his vision. Although he and his family are now in heaven, the things they believed in will live on."

Dr. Malone added, "With sincere gratitude and awareness of our accountability to God, we express appreciation to Dr. Ralph Lightsey and the other trustees for their diligence in fulfilling the desires of Clifton Lightsey."



Visit Our Web Site: www.fwbcc.edu

YEARBOOK STILL ACCEPTING ADS

Ads are currently being received for the 1998 *Lumen*, FWBBC's yearbook.

If your church would like to place an ad in the book, please notify the staff and send all materials to the college by January 5. Ad rates are as follows:

Full Page: \$180 (free *Lumen*)
Half Page: \$100 (\$20 for copy of *Lumen*)

Quarter Page: \$65 (\$20 for copy of *Lumen*)

Business Card: \$35 (\$20 for copy of *Lumen*)

Church ads are a public way of showing support for the college and its students.

GREAT WELCOME DAYS

The college welcomed 213 students and 78 sponsors for its fall Welcome Days, November 13-14, says Kenny Simpson, Recruitment Director. Of these, 59 were high school seniors.

The group came from 20 states and represented some 77 churches. The largest state groups came from Tennessee (28), Illinois (26), and North Carolina (25). The largest group registered from one church was 11 from Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, Wabash, Indiana.

Mr. Simpson was pleased. "We were able to do a lot of personal recruiting among some of the finest young people in our denomination," he said.

The spring Welcome Days is scheduled for March 26-28. Write or call for details.



January/February 1998

KENTUCKY—Roy Harris, 2/14, Green River Ass'n, Glasgow; 2/15 (AM), First FWB, Glasgow.

MISSISSIPPI—Tom Malone, Robert Picirilli, James Cox, 2/19-21, Accrediting Ass'n of Bible Colleges, Jackson.

MISSOURI—Tom Malone, 2/28,

South Central Ass'n.
NORTH CAROLINA—Tom Malone, 1/18-21, First FWB, Washington; Roy Harris, 2/7, Blue Ridge Ass'n, Morganton; 2/8 (AM), Shelby FWB, Shelby; 2/8 (PM), Way of The Cross FWB, Shelby.
TENNESSEE—Roy Harris, 1/5, Northern Quarterly Ministers' Breakfast, Springfield; Kenny Simpson, 1/9, Pleasant View Christian School, Pleasant View; College Family, 2/22 (PM), Northern Quarterly Rally, Pleasant View Christian School, Pleasant View.