

## DR. TOM MALONE TO BE HONORED AT BIBLE CONFERENCE

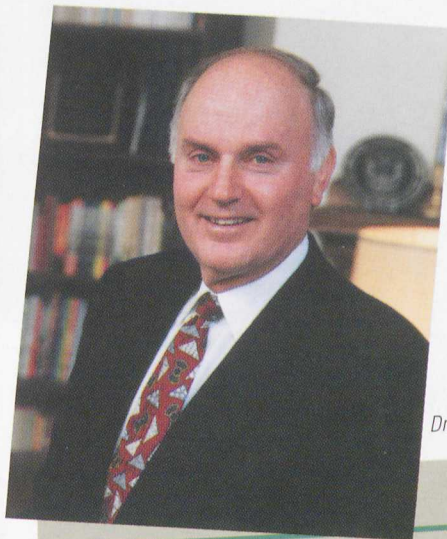
The Spring Bible Conference, in addition to featuring outstanding preaching, will honor the service of FWBBC President Tom Malone. The conference will be held on campus March 10-14, 2002.

A special service in Dr. Malone's honor is scheduled for Tuesday night, with a reception to follow. Dr. Malone will become chancellor of the college in March when Rev. Matthew Pinson becomes the institution's fifth president.

Other featured speakers for the conference are Evangelist David Miller, former faculty member Dr. Stanley Outlaw, and Alabama pastor Rev. Danny Williams. Rev. Bob Shockey, one of the denomination's most beloved preachers, will also speak.

Alumni activities scheduled during the week include the annual business meeting and activities honoring the Classes of 1952 (50 years) and 1977 (25 years). Mrs. Maurine Lee and Mr. Greg Kettelman will represent their respective classes on the conference program.

Make plans now to attend the conference. For accommodations near the college, call The Baymont (615-353-0700) or Super 8 (615-356-0888).



Dr. Tom Malone

### 2002 Bible Conference

Free Will Baptist Bible College  
March 10-14

Sunday, March 10  
7:00 p.m.

Rev. Danny Williams

Monday, March 11  
8:30 a.m.

9:30  
11:00  
7:00 p.m.

Dr. Stanley Outlaw  
Rev. Bob Shockey  
Rev. David Miller  
Rev. Danny Williams

Tuesday, March 12  
8:30 a.m.  
9:30

11:00  
7:00 p.m.

Dr. Stanley Outlaw  
Mrs. Maurine Lee (Class of '52)  
Mr. Greg Kettelman (Class of '77)  
Rev. David Miller  
Dr. Tom Malone

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 a.m.  
9:30  
11:00  
7:00 p.m.

Dr. Stanley Outlaw  
Rev. David Miller  
Rev. Danny Williams  
Rev. David Miller

Thursday, March 14

8:30 a.m.  
9:30

Dr. Stanley Outlaw  
Rev. Danny Williams



## 2002 COLLEGE CHOIR TO TOUR FOUR STATES



The College Choir will hold 15 services during its spring tour, March 14-24, according to Thurman Lucas, director. The services will include church services and Christian school chapels in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, and Virginia.

The choir has prepared two complete programs and will perform one of them at each service. "My Utmost For His Highest" has been presented on tour for the past two years and has been hailed as one of the most powerful ever performed by the College Choir. The other program, "Alpha and Omega," declares the unchangeable nature of God, from creation to redemption.

The following services have been scheduled. We hope every Free Will Baptist within driving distance will take advantage of the opportunity to attend one of these powerful services.

### SCHEDULE

**Thursday, March 14, 2002-7:00 PM**

Hardin Valley FWB Church • Knoxville, TN

**Friday, March 15, 2002-7:00 PM**

Whitney FWB Church • Spartanburg, SC

**Saturday, March 16, 2002-7:00 PM**

Temple FWB Church • Darlington, SC

**Sunday, March 17, 2002-10:30 AM**

Peace FWB Church • Florence, SC

**Sunday, March 17, 2002-6:00 PM**

Mt. Elon FWB Church • Pamplico, SC

**Monday, March 18, 2002-10:30 AM**

Maranatha Christian School • Florence, SC

**Monday, March 18, 2002-7:00 PM**

Victory FWB Church • Goldsboro, NC

**Tuesday, March 19, 2002-10:15 AM**

Bethel Christian Academy • Kinston, NC

**Tuesday, March 19, 2002-7:00 PM**

Peace FWB Church • Wilson, NC

**Wednesday, March 20, 2002-10:00 AM**

Community Christian School • Wilson, NC

**Wednesday, March 20, 2002-7:00 PM**

First FWB Church • Beaufort, NC

**Thursday, March 21, 2002-AM**

Trinity Christian School • Greenville, NC

**Thursday, March 21, 2002-7:00 PM**

Ahoskie FWB Church • Ahoskie, NC

**Friday, March 22, 2002-7:00 PM**

Virginia Beach FWB Church • Virginia Beach, VA

**Sunday, March 24, 2002-10:45 AM**

Garner FWB Church • Garner, NC



The Common Grounds Coffee House has drawn together volunteers from across the campus and among other friends of the college. These members of the Coffee House Committee are putting some finishing touches on FWBBC's newest meeting place.

## NEW CAMPUS COFFEE HOUSE INVOLVES MANY VOLUNTEERS



Christopher Harris, a junior education major who transferred to FWBBC, felt students needed a special place to meet and socialize. And so was born the idea of Common Grounds Coffee House.

Last September, Chris and others formed a committee to partition off the student lounge and build an area that would include a soda fountain, coffee machines, and other amenities aimed at encouraging students to gather and interact with each other. Nearly all the work and equipment was donated, everything from coffee to a refrigerator.

Concerning the project, Chris says, "When I first came to Free Will Baptist Bible College, I made the decision to offer all that I personally could to the College. I soon became aware of the need students have for a place. With this in mind, I met with Dr. Forlines (Dean of Students) concerning the possibilities of a special meeting place students could call their own, better yet, their own coffee house. It was with this purpose that Common Grounds Coffee House was formed."

The project is in its final stages and is scheduled to be dedicated in February.

We are deeply grateful to Chris and to all who joined him to make Common Grounds a reality.

## SOME DEAREST FRIENDS NOW WITH THE LORD



The college lost two of its best friends recently when the Lord called

home Rev. Robert Crawford and Dr. James Davis.

Brother Crawford, who was the first Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and an active pastor for some 65 years, was a vigorous promoter of FWBBC. He served as an assistant in the Public Relations Office, representing the college in

numerous churches and associations. He passed away on August 9, 2001.

Dr. Davis, a life-long Free Will Baptist, was a research bio-chemist at Vanderbilt University and taught science at FWBBC. He was also Pastor Emeritus of Franklin (TN) Free Will Baptist Church. Dr. Davis died in Nashville on August 11, 2001.

Please pray for the families of these fine men.



The College's Choral Union, accompanied by members of the FWBBC music faculty and the Nashville Symphony, made 2001 Christmas on campus one to be remembered.

## CHORAL UNION FEATURED IN "CHRISTMAS ON RICHLAND"



Christmas on Richland Avenue" has become a West Nashville Christmas tradition.

This year, Music Department chairman Thurman Lucas led the Choral Union, accompanied by members of the Nashville Symphony, in "Hanging of The Green," arranged by Wes Ramsay. It was a delightful evening for the college family, joined by members of the community, to celebrate the greatest Gift.



# Summer Camp 2002

**June 16-21**

- BASKETBALL CAMP
- MUSIC CAMP
- DRAMA CAMP

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Missions professor Tom McCullough prepares the largest group of summer missions students the college has sent out.

## STUDENTS PREPARE FOR MINISTRIES ABROAD



Some 29 Free Will Baptist Bible College students have been approved for foreign missions service for the summer of 2002, according to Tom McCullough, the college's Missions Coordinator. He says, "As far as I'm able to tell, this is the largest participation for summer overseas opportunities that we've ever had from FWBBC." He notes that this does not count students who might be going under other mission boards.

Some students will participate in outreach at the Soccer World Cup in Japan. Others will assist our missionaries and Free Will Baptist high school students who will be visiting mission fields.

"World Cup, '02" will be an evangelistic team going to Sapporo, Japan, for this summer's World Cup Soccer Tournament. Their main objective will be to assist the Japanese church in evangelistic outreach to the tens of thousands of international visitors who will be present for the soccer games.

Mr. McCullough says, "Their ministries will probably take the form of street music and drama performances, literature distribution and one-on-one personal evangelism."

TEAM interns are mature Bible College students who will be assisting the high school short-term ministry. This will be from the middle of June through the first week of July.

The Overseas Apprentices will be traveling at different times according to the desires of the missionaries who will be hosting them. The length of their stays will vary from 6-8 weeks. They will be working in Brazil, Russia, and Spain.

Please pray for these outstanding young people.

# CAMPUS Events

**March/April 2002**

March 5-8  
Mid-Term Exams

March 10-14  
Spring Bible Conference

March 14-24  
Spring Vacation/Choir Tour

March 28-30  
Welcome Days

April 8  
Senior Assessments



**Welcome Days, March 28-30,** will give high school students a chance to check out FWBBC.

The theme will be "Hawaiian Luau." The event will be a great time for prospective students to visit the college, attend classes, check on financial aid, and get a taste of life at FWBBC.

The cost is just \$30 (\$35 if you register after Mar. 18). Write or call today to register, individually or for your group.

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FWBBC alumnus John Weaver

## ALUMNUS SHARING CHRIST WITH AFGHANS



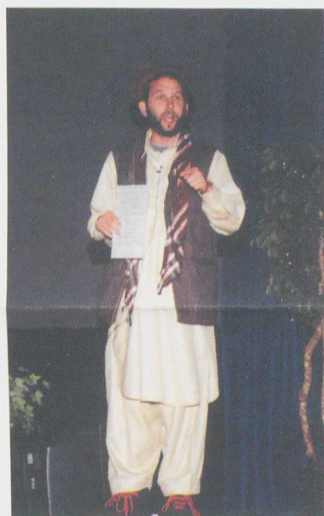
Alumnus John Weaver ('93) was interviewed on CNN and ABC News for his work among the Afghans during the days following September 11. CNN described him as "the last American aid worker in Afghanistan."

Back in the U.S. briefly in January, John spoke in several Free Will Baptist churches and returned to campus on January 11, where he spoke in chapel. He has since returned to Afghanistan.

John, originally from Coats, North Carolina, challenged the College family with its responsibility to a lost world. "You pray, 'Oh, God, bless me.' But God has already blessed you and now expects you to be a blessing to others," he said.

John has been serving in Afghanistan with Shelter International. He has helped homeless Afghans refugees build some 15,000 homes as he shares Christ with them.

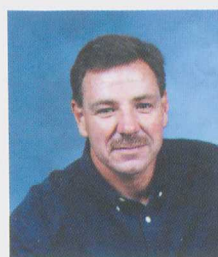
Pray for John and for the outreach of the Gospel in a land where to speak His name has meant imprisonment or worse.



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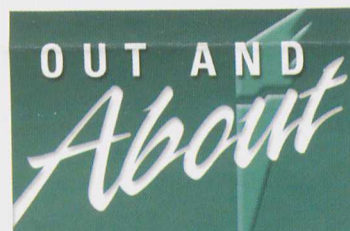
## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S YOUTH CULTURE

by Walt Muller

President, Center for Parent/Youth Understanding

**APRIL 2-3, 2002**

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### March/April 2002

ALABAMA—*Tim Campbell/New Mercy*, 3/3, First FWB, Winfield; *Tom Malone*, 3/16, Vernon Ass'n, Belk; 3/17, Mt. Harmony FWB, Vernon.  
ARKANSAS—*Jeff Caudill/James Evans*, 3/14-17, Truth & Peace 2, Camp Yorktown Bay; *Tim Campbell*, 3/17-20, United FWB, Walnut Ridge.  
GEORGIA—*Tim Campbell*, 3/14-16, State Ass'n, Kingsland; *Evangelists Drama Team*, 4/13-14, Zion Hill FWB, Millwood.  
ILLINOIS—*Robert Picirilli*, 3/15-16, State Ass'n, Green Rock FWB, Colona; *Jeff Caudill/James Evans*, 4/4-7, Truth & Peace 2, Camp Hope, Ewing.  
INDIANA—*College Choir*, 4/6, True Light Baptist, New Castle; 4/7 (AM), First Bible FWB, New Castle.  
KENTUCKY—*Jeff Caudill/James Evans/Shiloh Hackett*, 4/18-21,

Truth & Peace 2, Camp Caleb, Flat Gap.  
MISSISSIPPI—*Tim Campbell*, 4/21 (AM), Tupelo FWB, Tupelo; 4/21 (PM), First FWB, Booneville.  
MISSOURI—*Rejoice*, 3/2-3, First FWB, O'Fallon; 4/13-14, First FWB, West Plains; *New Mercy*, 4/12-14, Calvary Fellowship FWB, Fenton; *Tom Malone*, 4/28, Mid-River Ass'n, O'Fallon; 4/28, Columbia FWB Mission, Columbia.  
NORTH CAROLINA—*Jeff Caudill*, 3/22-23, Randall Ass'n Youth Retreat, Camp Anchorage, Lake Wakamaw; *Evangelists Drama Team*, 3/29-31, Tippet's Chapel FWB, Clayton.  
OHIO—*College Choir*, 4/19, State CTS Competition, Westerville; 4/20, Westerville FWB, Westerville.  
SOUTH CAROLINA—*Tim Campbell*, 3/24-27, Mt. Elon FWB, Pamplico; *Shiloh Hackett*, 4/5-7, State Youth Retreat, Spartanburg.  
TENNESSEE—*Leroy Forlines*, 3/15-16, Evangelical Theological Society, Mid-America Seminary, Germantown; *College Choir*, 3/31 (AM), Sylvan Park FWB, Nashville; *Tom Malone*, 4/7-10, First FWB, Dickson; *Tim Campbell*, 4/13, Western Cumberland Ass'n, Scott's Chapel FWB, Cumberland City; *Jeff Caudill*, 4/26-27, State CTS Competition, Donelson FWB, Nashville.

## GRADUATES OF 2002 TO BE HONORED IN MAY



Rev. Terry Pierce



Graduation events are one of the highlights of the year at FWBCC. It is the time to celebrate the accomplishments of those who are successfully completing this course in their lives.

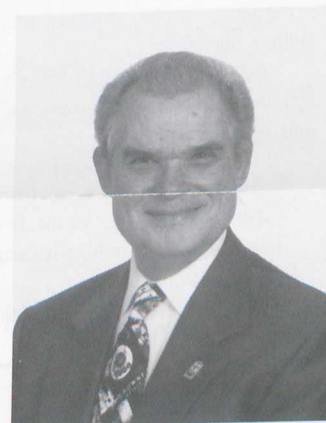
Two speakers will challenge this year's graduating class. The Baccalaureate speaker is Rev. Terry Pierce, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi. Rev. Pierce is a 1988 FWBCC graduate. Following three pastorates in Georgia, he moved to his present pastorate. He also currently serves as Chairman of the Mississippi State Youth Board. The Baccalaureate Service will be held Sunday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the college auditorium.

Dr. Melvin Worthington will bring the challenge at Commencement Exercises on Thursday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m., also in the college auditorium. Dr. Worthington has been Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for the past 23 years, an office he intends to leave this year. Before becoming Executive Secretary, he pastored Free Will Baptist churches for 20 years, including churches in North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida.

On Tuesday evening, May 14, the 60-voice Choral Union will present a patriotic extravaganza, "Sweet Land of Liberty," under the direction of Thurman Lucas, chairman of the college Music Department. On Wednesday evening, May 15, The Evangelists drama team will perform.

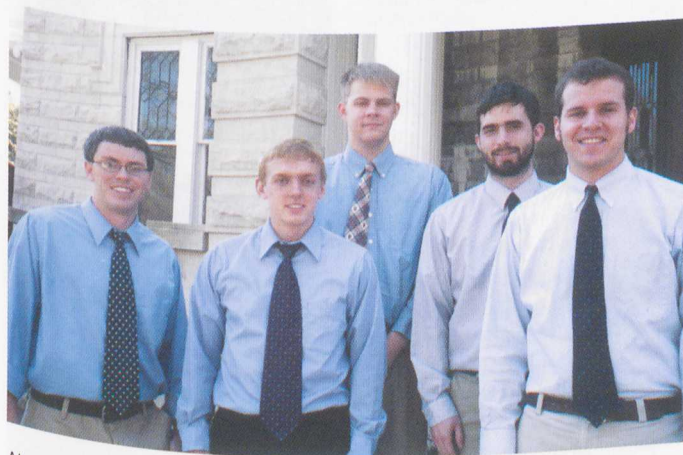
Other events of the week include the President's reception for graduates and their families on Sunday evening and the breakfast for graduates and their families on Wednesday morning.

All services are open to the public. Please come if you can.



Dr. Melvin Worthington

## NEW STUDENT BODY OFFICERS ELECTED



New Officers: (L-R) Neil Morgan, Kiley Hawkins, Charles Cook, Scott Collins, and Mitchell Cooper



Students chose officers for the 2002-03 school year in elections held on campus in early April.

Neil Morgan, a junior from Pamplico, South Carolina, was picked for president. Neil is a Missions major and has been active in missions outreach throughout his college career. He has served as president of the Bryan Society and as a Christian Service group leader.

Kiley Hawkins, a junior from Greenville, North Carolina, will serve as vice president. Kiley is majoring in Christian Education.

Charles Cook is following up two terms as student body president by serving next year as secretary/treasurer. The Cookeville, Tennessee, native is majoring in English and minoring in History.

Scott Collins, a Pastoral Training major from Hutchinson, Kansas, was elected chaplain. He is a junior student.

Mitchell Cooper will serve as worship leader. Mitchell is a junior from Norman, Oklahoma. He is majoring in Bible and minoring in Missions.

Please remember these new student leaders in your prayers.



**Ashlee Powelka**  
1982-2002

## SOPHOMORE STUDENT WITH THE LORD

**A**shlee Powelka, a Free Will Baptist Bible College sophomore from Norfolk, Virginia, collapsed and died in the Polston Hall women's dormitory sometime during the morning of March 1, 2002. The cause of death is currently unknown.

Ashlee was a Business Administration major. She was a member of the Virginia Beach (VA) Free Will Baptist Church and a graduate of Gateway Christian School. She was serving as Business Manager for the *Lumen*, the college's yearbook.

A service was held at the college to remember Ashlee and the richness of her life. Students shared their memories and celebrated the confidence that Ashlee is with the Lord.

Her funeral was held March 4 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Members of the administration, staff, and student body, including President Tom Malone, attended.

Following the funeral, Ashlee's father, John Powelka, gave Dr. Malone an excerpt from her journal, written shortly before her death. In part, Ashlee had written:

"I have resolved that God has something very special for me. I just have to remain patient. I can't rush God. . . I can't wait to experience all He has for me. Better yet, I can't wait to see His face and glory! I could only imagine what I would do when I stand in His presence."

She signed it, "Praise God, Love, Ashlee."

## CAMPUS Events

**May/June**

*Final Exams*  
May 9-14

*Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m.*  
May 12

*Breakfast for Graduates, 8:00 a.m.*  
May 15

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

*Summer Camp*  
June 16-21

## Summer CAMP SET FOR JUNE

**S**ummer Camp 2002 will be held on campus June 16-21 for high school students grades 9-12. The theme is "Be A Survivor for Christ."

The camp features three divisions: Basketball (for men and women), Music, and Drama. Campers may choose the division they prefer.

The cost is just \$185. If five campers or more enroll from the same church or church school, each will receive a \$25-discount.

For more information, call 1-800-76-FWBBC or e-mail [recruit@fwbbc.edu](mailto:recruit@fwbbc.edu).



Registration is just the start of a great visit at FWBBC, including a special session with President Matthew Pinson!

## 260 ATTEND WELCOME DAYS

**W**elcome Days on campus, March 28-30, was one of the best attended that the college has held. The staff registered 210 students and 50 sponsors for a total of 260 attendees. They came from 75 churches in 18 states.

Visitors enjoyed a number of special features, including Flames basketball and a powerful service conducted by The Evangelists Drama Team and The College Choir.

The largest state delegations were from Tennessee (39), Missouri (38) and Illinois (30). Other states with sizeable numbers were North Carolina (21), South Carolina (17) and Virginia (13). The largest church group was 11 from the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The next Welcome Days is scheduled for November 14-16, 2002. The cost is modest and the returns are high, so plan now to bring a group from your church or church school. For information, call 1-800-76-FWBBC or e-mail [recruit@fwbbc.edu](mailto:recruit@fwbbc.edu).

Walt Mueller made an impact with his evaluation of today's youth culture.

## YOUTH EXPERT INSTRUCTS AND VOICES CONCERNS



**Y**outh culture expert Walt Mueller was on campus for two days in April to help us understand the thinking of today's young people. His daily chapel sessions and an extended evening seminar were instructive, but also raises concerns about the direction of today's youth culture.

Mr. Mueller is the founder and director of the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding and author of *Understanding Today's Youth Culture*, a Gold Medallion award-winning book.

A number of visitors joined the FWBBC family for this outstanding seminar.



The rally for the college was held—for the 20th time—at the Pleasant View Christian School, just north of Nashville.

## RALLY RAISES \$30,000

**T**he churches of the Northern Quarterly, Cumberland Association of middle Tennessee held their 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual rally for FWBBC on Sunday night, February 24, at the Pleasant View Christian School in Pleasant View.

The total raised this year (to date) is nearly \$31,000. Over the years, the rally has produced more than \$415,000 for the college.

This year's program included video taped greetings from all four of FWBBC's living presidents: Dr. L. C. Johnson, Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, Dr. C. Thomas Malone, and Rev. J. Matthew Pinson. The College Choir provided special music for the program.

Rev. Tim Campbell, Director of Stewardship Development, said, "I thank God for the loyalty and support of the people of the Northern Quarterly, not only for what they do for the college, but for the work of the Lord abroad."

## STAFF WORKER PASSES AWAY

**R**ev. Jimmie Brown, a 1960 alumnus of the college, passed away March 2. Jimmie worked for many years as part of the maintenance staff on campus and was loved by students and staff, alike. He and his golf cart were familiar sights on campus and will be missed.

Please pray for his wife, Eloise, and their children.

## HISTORY MAJOR APPROVED

**T**he faculty has approved a new History major to begin this fall, according to Dr. Milton Fields, Academic Dean. It will be a 36-hour program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. John Carter, who has taught at FWBBC for more than 20 years, will serve as Program Coordinator.

Pending approval by accreditation and certification agencies, the college also plans to add a licensure program to teach History. This B.S. program is set to begin in the Fall of 2003.

If you know someone who is interested in History, encourage them to check into these new programs. As with all programs at FWBBC, graduates will earn a major in Bible as well.

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Matt, Melinda, and Anna Pinson

## NEW PRESIDENT AND FAMILY, ON CAMPUS!



resident J. Matthew Pinson officially began his duties at

FWBBC on March 11. He and his family have moved into the Bligh Building, just behind the Goen Hall men's dormitory.

Changes on campus are already evident. Several buildings are undergoing renovations. Most of the central campus parking area has been newly paved and striped.

One of Rev. Pinson's first duties was to welcome visitors to the campus for Welcome Days, when he encouraged prospective students and their families to take a hard look at FWBBC and to ask the Lord for guidance as they seek His will for their futures.

Among many letters of congratulation he has received is one from Tennessee Senator Bill Frist. "Since its founding," says Senator Frist, "Free Will Baptist Bible College has brought honor to Nashville and to Tennessee with a rich tradition and caliber of education that is an integral part of the community's fabric." He adds, "I have no doubt that Free Will Baptist Bible College will continue as an outstanding example of higher education in Tennessee and a positive force in the lives of those young men and women who will lead us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

Dr. Darrell Holley, chairman of the Inaugural Committee, says that the official inauguration of Rev. Pinson will be held on campus September 26, 2002. An invitation is extended to Free Will Baptists everywhere to attend this historic event.

Please pray for James Matthew Pinson as he assumes his role as the college's fifth president.

## THREE ON STAFF SOON TO LEAVE

**S**ome of FWBBC's finest people will be leaving the staff at the end of the current school year.

Rev. Roy Harris has taken an interim pastorate at Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville. He served as Director of Advancement at the college. His duties included fund raising for campus relocation and supervision of other areas, including Stewardship Development, Alumni Affairs, and student group tours. He has also served as Dean of Students. During his three periods of employment, he has given some 16

years to the college.

Rev. and Mrs. Tim Campbell have labored together at FWBBC for a total of 19 years—10 years for Tim and nine for Janie. Tim has been appointed Promotional Director for the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists and will be moving his family there. The college will miss his service as Director of Stewardship Development and Janie's as secretary to the president. Tim has been responsible for raising some \$1 million per year in operating funds and also has served as Dean of Students.

These fine people are to be commended for their labor of love. They will be greatly missed.

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The choir performed in several Christian schools, including this service at Community Christian School in Wilson, North Carolina.

## CHOIR RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL SPRING TOUR

The College Choir returned from its spring tour in March with reports of tremendous services, souls saved, and Christians revived.

They performed two stirring programs—"Alpha and Omega" and "My Utmost For His Highest"—in churches and schools in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, and Virginia.

Here are some comments choir director Thurman Lucas received from letters and e-mails:

"The music paled in comparison to the faces of the young people as they were focused on the Lord. . . We were blessed and moved." —*Aboskie, NC*

"Alpha and Omega stirred our hearts." —*Beaufort, NC*

"I have never heard so many positive remarks about a visiting group. They simply 'blew us away'." —*Wilson, NC*

"I enjoyed the musical. . . It was just awesome." —*Greenville, NC*

"I was really surprised at the 'power' shown in the concert." —*Florence, SC*

## MINISTRY TEAMS SET TOURS

Three ministry teams from FWBBC will criss-cross the denomination this summer. One will probably be at a church or camp near you.

### Rejoice—

Rejoice will spend much of the summer in the Southeast. Services are being scheduled in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Florida and Georgia.

### The Evangelists—

Our drama team will range far from home with their unique ministry. They will be involved in camps and churches in Mississippi, Virginia, Georgia, Michigan, and Ohio.

### New Mercy—

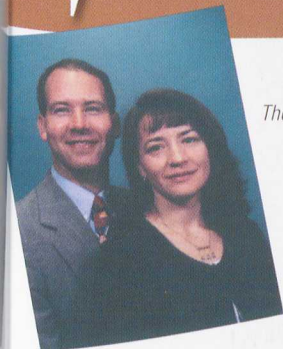
Much of New Mercy's ministry will be west of Nashville. Plans call for them to visit Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois and Texas.

Pastors in these areas who would like to schedule a service may contact Mr. Thurman Lucas (Phone: 1-800-76-FWBBC, Ext. 5219; E-mail: [tlucas@fwbcc.edu](mailto:tlucas@fwbcc.edu)).

## OUT AND About

ILLINOIS—Shiloh Hackett, 5/10-11, State Competition, Mt. Vernon; 6/23-28, Camp Hope, Ewing.  
KANSAS—Shiloh Hackett, 6/10-14, State Camp.  
KENTUCKY—Matt Pinson, 6/14-15, State Ass'n, Catalpa FFWB, Louisa.  
NORTH CAROLINA—Shiloh Hackett, 6/2-7, Camp Lapihio, Durham; Matt Pinson, 6/3-4, State Ass'n,

Parker's Chapel FFWB, Greenville.  
SOUTH CAROLINA—Shiloh Hackett, 5/5, Firview FFWB, Spartanburg; Tom McCullough, 6/2, Columbia Original FFWB, Columbia; Matt Pinson, 6/5-6, Sand Hill FFWB, Coward.  
TENNESSEE—Bert Tippet, 5/5 (AM), Woodbine FFWB, Nashville; Jeff Caudill, 5/24, NAFWB Steering Committee, Memphis; 6/2-7, Cumberland Youth Camp, Clarksville; 6/16-21, FWBCC Summer Camp, Nashville.  
VIRGINIA—Matt Pinson, 6/13-14, State Ass'n, Esserville FFWB, Norton.



*The Hollands*

## MISSIONARIES WILL LIVE ON CAMPUS

**C**urt and Mary Holland, who have served in Brazil since 1992, will be FWBBC's Missionaries-In-Residence (MIR) for the 2002-03 school year, according to Dr. Milton Fields, Dean.

The Hollands, both natives of Missouri, will be on campus to teach, share their experiences and inspire students to lift up their eyes to needs and opportunities on foreign fields.

The MIR program has been extremely successful on campus. Numbers of students are visiting fields and assisting in missions outreach programs.

The Hollands will be building on a solid foundation laid by former MIRs, such as Clint Morgan, Patsy Vanhook, Jeff Turnbough and Dennis Teague.

**Join Us For Presidential  
Inauguration, Sept. 26  
(See back)**

**STUDENTS GIVE  
5,500 HOURS IN  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE**



*Members of this year's class gather in front of Johnson Classroom Building for one final picture just before the start of Commencement Exercises.*

## 33 GRADUATES IN CLASS OF '02

**T**hirty-three seniors graduated in Commencement Exercises at Free Will Baptist Bible College on Thursday morning, May 16. Dr. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists gave the challenge.

The Class of 2002 includes one Associate of Arts, one Associate of Science in Business, 25 Bachelor of Science and six Bachelor of Arts recipients. They represent eight states and the Virgin Islands.

Graduates Jennifer Stone and Adam Clagg shared testimonies recalling God's faithfulness through their years of training at FWBBC.

President J. Matthew Pinson recognized four departing members of the administration and staff, whose terms of service to the college total more than 54 years:

- Byron Deel (19.5 years)
- Roy Harris (16 years)
- Tim Campbell (10 years)
- Janie Campbell (9 years)

He also recognized the faculty Advisor of The Year, Mrs. Suzi Harris, a member of the Teacher Education faculty. Rev. Ernie Lewis, president of the FWBBC Alumni Association welcomed graduates to the association and challenged them to continue their involvement with the college.

The beautiful spring day was a lovely climax to the 2001-02 school year, as the college said "good-bye" to its latest graduates.

**C**hristian Service Director John Murray recently recognized FWBBC students for giving more than 5,500 hours of ministry to the Nashville community during the 2001-02 school year.

The group leader of the year was Tommy Swindoll, who takes his group each week to minister to children at the Women's Mission. Mr. Murray also cited many others who had a perfect attendance record for the year.

Students go out weekly to do practical ministry as part of their training. Their outreach includes conducting services at the rescue mission, jail and in churches; teaching English (and witnessing) to foreign students; and many other ministries.

Since its founding, Christian service has been a key ingredient in a FWBBC education.

# CLASS OF 2002

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

Matthew Turnbough  
Madrid, Spain

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS

Crystal René Elkins  
Clintwood, Virginia

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Heather Renee Asbell  
Hendersonville, Tennessee  
Business Administration

Brandon M. Atwood  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Youth Ministry

Brooke Michelle Atwood  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Psychology & Learning

Sheri Kay Bagwell  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Psychology & Learning

Aaron Randall Barnard  
Kinston, North Carolina  
Business Administration

Henry Gowdy Cannon  
Turbeville, South Carolina  
Youth Ministry

Ralanna Gale Currin  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Psychology & Learning

Frances Elizabeth Edwards  
Kinston, North Carolina  
Business Administration

Kelly Jo Guyton  
Colona, Illinois  
Christian Education

William Bryan Hughes  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Music/Youth Ministry

Michael D. Hutton  
Columbia, Tennessee  
Christian Education

James Lewis Kessinger  
Springfield, Tennessee  
Psychology & Learning

Jenny Dale Lewis  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Psychology & Learning

Mark Woodrow Littlefield  
Moore, Oklahoma  
Psychology & Learning

Amy Rene Lytle  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Psychology & Learning

D'Andra Kay Robinson  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Physical Education

Barbara Deanna Short  
Ashland City, Tennessee  
Psychology & Learning

Christina Nicole Smith  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Business Administration

Jennifer Stone  
Hampton, Virginia  
Business Administration

Joy Elizabeth Taylor  
Cisne, Illinois  
Psychology & Learning

Joni Lynn Thomas  
Albany, Georgia  
Psychology & Learning

Angela Beth Thompson  
Kennedy, Alabama  
Business Administration

Jonathan Lee Turnbough  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Pastoral Training

Brett Micheal Weaver  
Locust Grove, Oklahoma  
Physical Education

Donna Jo Williford  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Music Performance

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

Charles B. Chay  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Missions

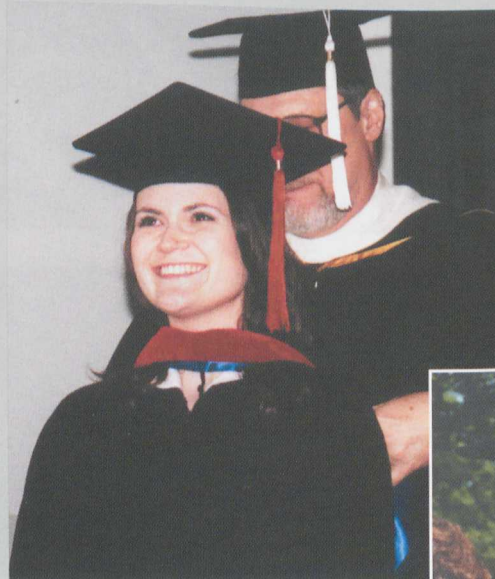
Christopher Adam Clagg  
Hixson, Tennessee  
Bible

David Matthew Dodson  
Christiansted, Virgin Islands  
Pastoral Training

Jennifer Lynn Dycus  
Bonnie, Illinois  
Missions

Vera Lucia Eads  
Monterey, Tennessee  
Bible

Joshua Aaron Smith  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Bible



## GRADUATION AWARDS

A number of special awards are made as part of graduation events. The following awards were made this year:

### Scholastic:

Class Medalists—Freshman: Melanie Basham (Salem, IL), Ryan Lewis (Cisne, IL); Sophomore: Nicole Crowe (Nashville, TN); Junior: Joel Riley (Tuckerman, AR); Senior: Misti Beem (Nashville, TN).

Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society—Adam Clagg, Ralanna Currin, Joni Thomas.

### Merit:

*Lumen* Editor's Medal: Suzanne McVay  
Best All-round Students: Jenny Lewis (Nashville, TN) and Gowdy Cannon (Turbeville, SC)  
Outstanding Students: Jenny Lewis (Nashville, TN) and Joni Thomas (Albany, GA)  
Student Body President's Medal: Charles Cook  
Clara Picirilli Athletic Award: D'Andra Robinson  
Robert Picirilli Athletic Award: Aaron Barnard  
Ann Pate Outstanding TE Student: Joni Thomas  
*Who's Who Among Students*: Brandon Atwood, Brooke Atwood, Gowdy Cannon, Leah Chamberlin, Bryan Hughes, Jim Kessinger, Jenny Lewis, Amy Lytle, Chris Sargent, Jennifer Stone, Joni Thomas, Donna Jo Williford

### Society Spirit Trophies:

Louisa May Alcott Society  
Pi Gamma Chi Society



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Some \$25,000 in scholarships for the 2002-03 school year were awarded during the final week of school. This is a partial list.

### Scholarship

Atkinson  
Brautigan  
Burttram  
Cobb  
Crowell  
Hampton  
Heritage (Beasley)  
Heritage (Malone)  
L. C. Johnson  
Lakeview  
Missouri (CE)  
Paul Ketteman  
Polston  
Price/Kicklighter  
Rice  
UPS

### Recipient

Patrick McDaniel  
Alan Gates  
Kendra Stovall  
Adam Hall  
Jesse Fletcher, Rachel Bryant  
Sarah Hampton  
Jeffrey Pettis  
Paul Bryant  
Michael Crews  
Jessica Estes  
Bill Skaggs, Stacie Turner  
Michael Crews  
Sarah Hampton  
Joshua Bennett  
Charles Stewart  
Adam Hall, Patrick Layton, Jessica McClary, Kendra Stovall  
Rena Segraves  
James Hawkins, Heath Hubbard,  
Katie Smith, Lance Williams

Waddell  
Winchester

## FLORIDA PASTOR JOINS STAFF



avid Williford, a veteran Free Will Baptist pastor and an alumnus, will

be the college's new Director of Institutional Advancement, according to President J. Matthew Pinson. He takes the place of Rev. Roy Harris who, after 17 years at the college, has taken the pastorate of Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville.

Rev. Williford has broad denominational experience. Over a span of nearly 30 years, he has pastored churches in Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, and Arkansas. He has been at his present pastorate in Chipley, Florida, for 12 years. He has been a member of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board since 1996 and has served as Executive Secretary of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists for the past two years.

"FWBBC has had a tremendous impact on my life," he says. "I consider it a great honor to be asked



Rev. David Williford

to be a part of a ministry that has touched so many lives over the years. I am convinced that a strong and vibrant FWBBC is essential to a strong and vibrant Free Will Baptist denomination."

Rev. Williford, his wife, Donna, and their two children will move to Nashville in June when he assumes his new duties.

Byron Deel

## COACH DEEL TO LEAVE FACULTY



Coach Byron Deel has announced that, after 19 years on the FWBBC faculty, he is leaving to accept a fulltime position with the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Coach Deel was 1995 Coach of The Year of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). He was District Coach of The Year in 1994 and 1995, and Southland Christian Conference Coach of The Year in 1989. Under his leadership, the Flames won 62% of their games, 232-146. The 1994-95 Flames finished the season as Regional champions and were fourth in the national tournament.

Byron's impact on students extended beyond coaching. He asked much of students, and gave much in return. Every student felt he or she was special to Byron. . . and each one was.

Initially, he will teach Military Science at Middle Tennessee State University and will eventually move to the state's Homeland Defense Office. Byron, you will be greatly missed and can never be replaced.

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## FOUR \$12,000-SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

**F**our Free Will Baptist high school seniors have been awarded FWBBC's Presidential Honors Scholarships, according to President Matt Pinson. This \$12,000-scholarship is the highest award given by the college.

All four plan to enroll at the Bible College this fall. They are:

- Stephen Batts, Elm City, NC
- Laura Ham, Nashville, TN
- Alan Skiles, Guin, AL
- Charis St. Lawrence, Nashville, TN

Candidates for the scholarship must score 29 or above on the ACT and must have a high school gpa of 3.5 or higher. The award is for \$1,500 per semester. Recipients must keep a college gpa of at least 3.25 and must live in the dormitory to continue receiving the award.

They will join eight other Presidential Honors Scholarship recipients currently enrolled at FWBBC. These have compiled an excellent academic record. Of last year's four recipients, three have kept a 4.0 gpa during the past school year at FWBBC.

Congratulations to all of these!

### CAMPUS Events

July/August

Aug. 14-20  
Faculty In-Service

Aug. 20  
New Student Orientation

Aug. 21  
Freshman Registration,  
8:00 a.m.

Aug. 22  
Opening Service, 7:00 p.m.

Aug. 23  
Returning Student  
Registration, 8:00 a.m.

Aug. 23  
Classes Begin

## TWO WHO'S WHO TEACHERS HONORED



Dr. Deel

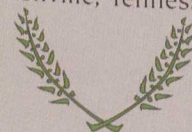


Mrs. Harris

**T**wo FWBBC teachers have been selected for inclusion in the 2002 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Dr. Rebecca Deel and Mrs. Suzann Harris were both nominated by former students who cited them as people who "made a difference" in their lives. Dr. Deel is chairman of the FWBBC Business Department. Mrs. Harris teaches in the Teacher Education Department.

The Chancellor the Reverend C. Thomas Malone  
and the Faculty of Free Will Baptist Bible College  
request the honor of your presence  
at the Inauguration of  
the Reverend J. Matthew Pinson, Sr.  
as President  
on Thursday, September twenty-sixth  
at ten o'clock in the morning  
in the Picirilli Activities Center  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
Nashville, Tennessee



## OUT AND About

July/August, 2002

ARKANSAS—Matt Pinson, 8/6-7, State Ass'n, Conway.  
GEORGIA—The Evangelists, 7/14-20, State Youth Camp.  
ILLINOIS—Mark Ousley, 8/4-10, Camp Hope, Ewing; Charles Cook, 8/11-17, Camp Hope, Ewing.  
INDIANA—Mark Ousley, 7/21-27, State

Youth Camp; 7/28-34, Junior Youth Camp.  
MICHIGAN—Fred Burch, 6/30 (AM), Riverside Fellowship FWB, Sterling Heights; Jeff Caudill, 7/1-5, State Youth Camp; The Evangelists, 7/21-27, West Michigan Youth Camp.  
NORTH CAROLINA—Bert Tippet, 6/28 (PM), Peace FWB, Wilson.  
OHIO—Charles Cook, 7/7-13, Camp Ecco; Shiloh Hackett, Youth Camp; 8/4-10, Youth Camp, Westerville.  
SOUTH CAROLINA—Shiloh Hackett, 7/28-8/3, State Youth Camp.  
TENNESSEE—Matt Pinson, 7/12, Southern Quarterly, Cumberland Ass'n, Nashville.  
VIRGINIA—Joe Tolbert, 7/7-13, Camp Jacob.

*Dr. L. C. Johnson  
1914-2002*



## DR. L. C. JOHNSON WITH THE LORD



Dr. L. C. Johnson, founding president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, died in Norfolk, Virginia, on June 26, 2002, at the age of 88.

He was born in Alma, Georgia, on February 3, 1914, and ordained to the ministry in 1934.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists voted in 1942 to launch an educational institution in Nashville, Tennessee, and tapped the 28-year-old pastor, Linton Johnson, to head it. With few resources other than his own vision and strength of character, he shaped the infant Bible school and laid the foundation for what would become Free Will Baptist Bible College. He served as its president for 34 years until his retirement in 1979. (He returned to the pastorate for three years, 1944-47.) He served for two years, 1979-81, as chancellor of the college.

He earned his B.A. at Bob Jones College (now University). The University later bestowed on him an honorary doctorate. His pastorates included Free Will Baptist churches in Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, and Tennessee.

He served on the Executive Committee of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and on the

program of the World Congress of Fundamentalists.

He was frequently sought as a speaker for Bible conferences and revivals but said he felt like a poor evangelist because, no matter where he went, his heart and mind remained in Nashville, bound up in the affairs of the college.

In recent years, his health declined. He retained his sense of humor and paid frequent visits to the college. In May, he and Mrs. Johnson moved to Norfolk to live with their daughter and son-in-law, Mary Nell and the Reverend Terry Beck.

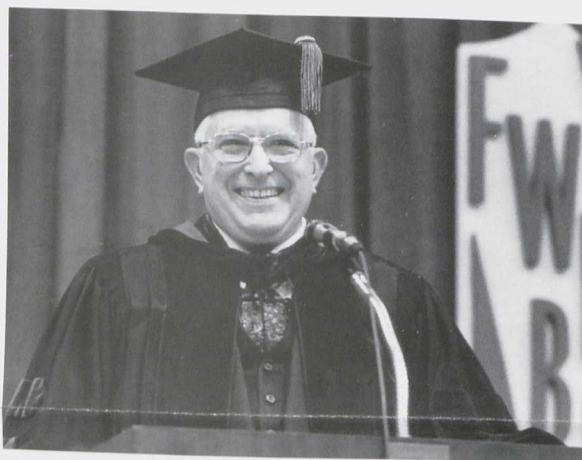
He is survived by his wife, Ruth Masser Johnson, and by their three children, Paul Johnson, Mary Nell Beck, and Mark Johnson.

Few men have marked as many lives within the ranks of the Free Will Baptist denomination as Dr. Johnson. His influence will live on through those who are richer for having known him.

**The college will hold a Memorial Service on campus honoring Dr. Johnson on Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.**



*This is the south Georgia farm in which Dr. Johnson's roots were firmly planted and from which he drew so many sermon illustrations.*



*This is how a generation of students will likely remember Dr. Johnson, preaching from Psalms and Proverbs in daily chapel.*



**Five presidents in 60 years:** Dr. Johnson (seated) our first president; Dr. Tom Malone (left, standing) 4th president; J. Matthew Pinson (center), current president; Dr. Charles A. Thigpen (right) 3rd president; Dr. L. R. Ennis (portrait), 2nd president.

## A MAN TO BE APPRECIATED

**F**ew men come along with the qualities of greatness written on their early lives. Men tend to discount those like David, who rise from humble origins. Few would have seen greatness in the lad Linton Johnson, but all saw it in the man.

He not only defined an infant college, he did much to define a denomination. Perhaps no one has affected the course of Free Will Baptists in modern times as much as Dr. L. C. Johnson. He introduced us to our Arminian heritage and taught us that we could be Arminians and still have full assurance of our salvation. And he taught and exemplified holy living and strength of character.

Perhaps his pastor, Rev. J. R. Davidson, saw promise in the lad, for he wrote in 1933, "One of the outstanding things that happened was the licensing of Bro. Linton Johnson to the Christian ministry. He is a young man to be appreciated. . . The boy is only 19 years of age. . . He bids fair to be one of the greatest powers in the ministry in our entire connection."

How prophetic were those words!



*Dr. Johnson worked alone when preparing his reports to trustees.*

*"Christianity and poor character are incompatible" L.C.J.*

*Dr. Johnson frequently wrote down his own proverbs on scraps of paper.*



## ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) has reaffirmed Free Will Baptist Bible College's regional accreditation for 10 years, according to Dr. Milton Fields, Academic Dean. This means that FWBBC will not undergo another SACS examination until 2011.

The announcement was made in early July by Dr. James T. Rogers, Executive Director of SACS's Commission on Colleges.

FWBBC President Matthew Pinson says, "We are very happy

about the recent decision of the Commission on Colleges to reaffirm our accreditation. SACS accreditation assures the transfer of our credits to other colleges as well as the quality and credibility of the education we offer."

The Bible College is also accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, which is expected to reaffirm its accreditation later this year.

The college's teacher education program is approved for licensure by the Tennessee State Department of Education, further evidence that a FWBBC education is a quality education.

## MISSIONS TEACHER TAKES PASTORATE

Missions teacher Tom McCullough has announced that he is resigning the faculty to take the pastorate of his home church, Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan. The 16-year veteran missionary to France has been an effective missions advocate on campus since he joined the faculty in 1996.



Mr. McCullough says, "It was a deeply rewarding six years in which we felt a keen awareness of serving God, our young people, and our denomination in a critical position of influence. . . It is wholeheartedly satisfying to see some of my students make their way through the candidate process toward becoming 'real' missionaries. All of my students, former and present, have been a source of great blessing and challenge to me personally."

We wish him well and will miss his godly presence on campus.

## WELCOME NEW FACULTY/STAFF



Several new employees have joined the college faculty/staff in recent weeks.

- Mr. Vernon Martin will be serving as the resident director in Goen Hall men's dormitory. He will also be helping to maintain the campus grounds. He and Faith, his wife, are alumni of the college.

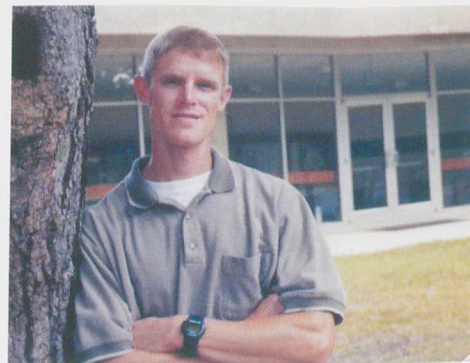
- Mr. Michael Walker (Class of '82) will serve as chairman of the Business department. He earned his M.A. at Trevecca Nazarene University and has taught there, part time, since 1999.




Michael Walker

- Mr. Michael Phillips will direct the physical education program and coach the Flames basketball team. He attended FWBBC before earning his B.S. at Southern Illinois University and his M.A. at Tennessee Tech University.

We welcome these three to our ranks.



Michael Phillips



### PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

**You are invited to the Inauguration of FWBBC President J. Matthew Pinson in the college's Picirilli Activities Center at 10:00 a.m., September 26, 2002.**

## HOLLANDS TO SERVE AS RESIDENT MISSIONARIES

Curt and Mary Holland, Free Will Baptist missionaries to Brazil, will live on the FWBBC campus next year as they serve as Missionaries-In-Residence.

The Hollands are natives of Missouri and graduates of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma. They visited Brazil as student missionaries and Curt later returned to Brazil with an evangelistic team from Kansas City Youth For Christ.

The Hollands will inform and inspire FWBBC students, following in the footsteps of Patsy Van Hook, Clint Morgan, Dennis Teague, and other Missionaries-In-Residence.



Curt and Mary Holland

Please pray for them as they serve in this vital capacity.

## CAMPUS Events

**September/October**

*September 25*  
Memorial Service For Dr. Johnson, 7:00 p.m.

*September 26*  
Inauguration of President Pinson, 10:00 a.m.

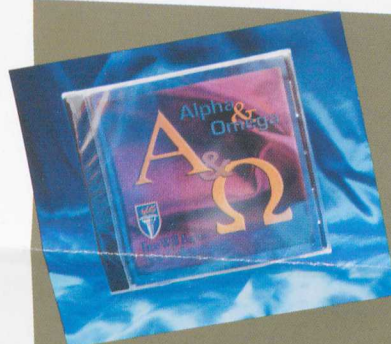
*October 17-21*  
Fall Break

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## CHOIR RELEASES NEW RECORDING

A new project by the College Choir, "Alpha and Omega," is now available.

- \$15 for CD; \$10 for cassette (+ 10% for p/h)

The earlier recording, "My Utmost For His Highest," is also available for the same price.

- Note: Get one of each—\$20 for both CDs; \$15 for both cassettes (+ 10% for p/h).

- Free copy of "Natural Praise" cassette with each order.

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## THREE LEAVING FWBBC STAFF

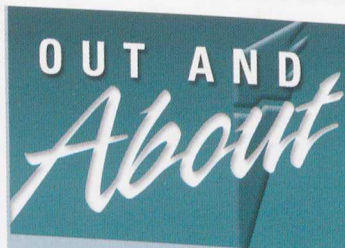
**D**r. James Cox, who served faithfully for seven years as Director of Institutional Effectiveness, has returned to West Virginia to pastor Sophia Free Will Baptist Church and to be the state's promotional secretary. He will also serve as the college's first area representative, promoting FWBBC in West Virginia, southern Ohio, and Virginia.

The college also regrets losing his wife, Diana, who was its volunteer receptionist for a number of years. Her service was outstanding and she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Becky Brown, who has also served as receptionist, is leaving the college family to work with the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Dr. Brad Thomas, who chairs the college's General Education Department, will serve as interim IE Director in Dr. Cox's absence.

We are grateful for the service of all of those who are leaving and assure them that they will be greatly missed on campus.



September/October, 2002

ALABAMA—*Matt Pinson*, 10/12, Florida State Line Ass'n, Union Hill FWB, Slocumb.  
ARKANSAS—*College Choir*, 10/26, Batesville High School, Batesville; 10/27 (AM), Batesville FWB, Batesville.  
GEORGIA—*Evangelists*, 9/14-15, Baxley FWB, Baxley.  
ILLINOIS—*Rejoice*, 10/12-13, Hazel Dell FWB, Sesser.  
INDIANA—*Rejoice*, 9/28-29, First Bible

FWB, New Castle.  
KENTUCKY—*Rejoice*, 9/7, 7:00 p.m., Basil Griffith Park, Bowling Green; 9/8 (AM), Trinity FWB, Bowling Green; 9/13-15, County Conf., Betsy Layne FWB, Betsy Layne.  
NORTH CAROLINA—*Matt Pinson*, 9/8, Tippet's Chapel FWB, Clayton; *New Mercy*, 9/28-29, Sherwood Forest FWB, New Bern.  
OHIO—*New Mercy*, 10/12-13, Westerville FWB, Westerville.  
OKLAHOMA—*Matt Pinson*, 10/14-17, State Ass'n, First FWB, McAlester.  
TENNESSEE—*New Mercy*, 9/7-8, Solitude FWB, Adamsville; *Evangelists*, 9/8 (AM), Wooddale FWB, Knoxville; *Rejoice*, 10/5-6, First FWB, Elizabethton.

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS

By J. Matthew Pinson, president  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
September 26, 2002



Above, President Pinson shares his vision for the future of FWBBC with some 700 inaugural guests.



Right, Christopher Harris, a junior, carries a replica of the King James Bible of 1611, one of only 1,500 in existence. This copy belongs to the college, courtesy of Thomas Nelson Publishers.

I am deeply grateful to all of you who have come to celebrate with me on this important and symbolic occasion in the life of our college. To the members of the Board of Trustees I am grateful, for your leadership and support, and for your part in this event.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to my colleagues on the faculty, who have been and continue to be my own teachers. I also wish to thank our students, whose renewed sense of anticipation about the future stirs me, and our staff, whose strong support of our faculty and mission is unwavering.

I also wish to thank our guests, many of whom have traveled many miles to join us on this momentous occasion. I thank my family, my wife Melinda and children, my parents, my sister, and other family members who are present. They have been with me all along, praying for me, shaping me, and prodding me forward in this pilgrimage. I thank my friends, who have served as a source of steadfast encouragement and counsel.

I thank our many alumni who have gathered here today to celebrate with us. I am honored by the presence of delegates from a number of institutions of higher learning. Thank you for sharing in this celebration of our college and of the calling of higher education. I am also grateful for those from the Nashville community and from public service who have come to be a part of this new beginning.

I wish to thank all those representatives from our Free Will Baptist churches: pastors, laypeople, denominational representatives. You are the foundation of this college, without which we would not exist, and we value your presence here today.

Finally, I wish to thank the three-personed God for His lovingkindness and providential leadership in the life of this college and in my own life. He has led us thus far into this frightful and promising terrain, and He will continue to lead us with His own hand as we remain faithful to His call.

This is indeed a time of celebration, a time to reflect on our past and to contemplate our future. Anything great that we accomplish in the

An Inaugural Address by a college president is a historic document, a public announcement of his vision for the institution. For that reason, the text of Matthew Pinson's address is reproduced here so that Free Will Baptists may clearly see the direction in which he intends to lead FWBBC.

twenty-first century will depend on our stewardship of our tradition. We must face the future armed with the best of our heritage and with an understanding of our times that will enable us to contextualize our tradition to meet the needs of a new and complex era.

However, in our attempt to do this, we must not be caught up in contentment with the *status quo*. We must reach back within our tradition to recover a sense of identity that will enable us to be the Christian community of faith and learning that God has called us to be in this new century. As Goethe said, "What you have as heritage, take now as task, for thus you will make it your own." I think his wisdom is instructive for our college today. Only by *working at* an identity that maintains continuity with the past can we hope to have an identity that will give us meaning and purpose for the future. This means that we cannot be satisfied just to rely on our recent memory—even in our own lifetimes—and rely on the comfortable and the familiar. We must reach further back into our memory as a college and as a people of faith and recover principles and attitudes that motivated our forefathers to greatness for our Lord.

I come as one who is building on a foundation that was laid by men and women who have given their lives in the work of God. They are too numerous to mention. Among the most influential of these have been the four presidents of Free Will Baptist Bible College: L. C. Johnson, L. R. Ennis, Charles A. Thigpen, and C. Thomas Malone. My aim is to be a faithful steward of the legacy these men have left to me.

Last night we remembered President L. C. Johnson, the founder of our college. His life and work has been an inspiration to us all. Dr. Johnson had the uncanny ability to bring together faith, reason, and life in an unusual way that marked the lives of countless people. He founded this college at a time, during World War II and immediately following the Great Depression, when higher education was among the least of things on the minds of Free Will Baptists.

Those were heady times for L. C. Johnson and that small band of teachers and students that surrounded him sixty years ago. A sense of anticipation was in the air. They were not afraid to take risks. With God strengthening them, they could do all things.

I can only imagine, I can only reconstruct in my mind from conversations I have had with Dr. Johnson, what must have been going through the mind of this twenty-eight-year old pastor from South Georgia who had been chosen to lead this new Free Will Baptist college.

Before he died Dr. Johnson told me some things about those early years which will always remain with me, and which I think should help us confirm our course for the future. Early on, he said, he opposed the narrowness of some in our churches who were pushing for a simple Bible institute model. He believed that we needed a broad-based liberal arts curriculum. The best way to equip men and women to serve Christ and His church was to educate them in the Scriptures as well as the ancient tradition of liberal arts that stretches back to the Middle Ages. But just as strenuously, he insisted that all truth was God's truth, and that these arts and sciences must be taught from the vantage point of a Christian worldview.

In those early years, most of the students were studying to be ministers and missionaries, though many went on to distinguish themselves in a host of other fields. Yet Dr. Johnson insisted on educating the whole person, body, mind, and soul, from the vantage point of a biblical worldview. This was, he believed, the best way to produce Christian leaders in the churches who could change their world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is something that we need to emphasize more than ever, espe-

cially given the fact that for nearly forty years our college has been equipping men and women in a variety of fields to serve Christ and His church. This is reflected in our Institutional Purpose statement, which states our commitment to "preparing men and women for church-related ministries or for careers that are not church related but are appropriate for Christians who live to serve Christ. In both cases the College is fulfilling the traditional Protestant vision of the sacredness of Divine vocation."

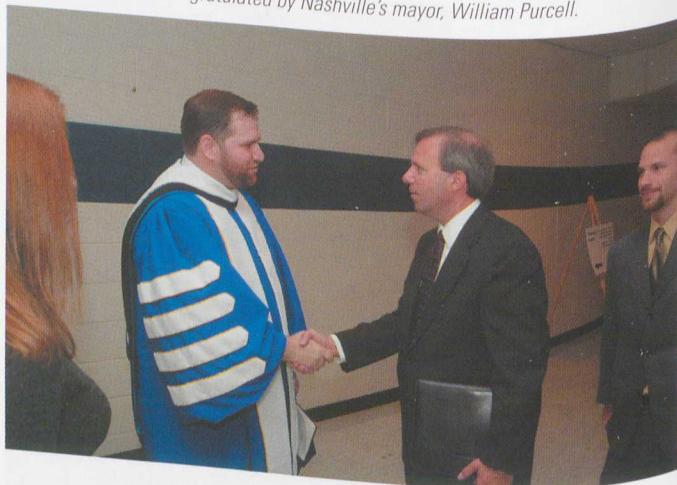
Since the nineteen sixties, Leroy Forlines, Robert Picirilli, and others have been reiterating this grand dream of L. C. Johnson's—the convergence of biblical and theological studies with a vision of the liberal arts and career preparation that is both biblical and theological in focus. We must continue in this new century to make this dream a reality. One of our greatest challenges is to reach out to the 90% of Free Will Baptist students who do not attend Free Will Baptist colleges. We must strive to give those called to non-church-related careers a keen sense of their divine calling and their unique place in fulfilling Christ's Great Commission to His saints.

Another thing Dr. Johnson stressed to me was that he believed, I think rightly, that Free Will Baptist Bible College was commissioned to provide education for ministers, missionaries, and other workers in the Lord's church. Without a force of well-educated young people called to serve God in full-time church vocations, our churches would not survive. Thus Free Will Baptist Bible College had to provide these laborers.

This is still the case, and as our community of faith grows and we launch out into deeper and more difficult waters in this new cultural matrix, we need more vocational Christian ministers than ever before. We must dedicate ourselves anew to educating preachers of the Word who will take a firm stand for God and truth in an age when divine truth is hard to find, shepherds who will lovingly lead their flocks and feed them the good Word of God, evangelists who will speak words of reconciliation to those who are "without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world." We must commit ourselves to producing cross-cultural missionaries who will take the Gospel of God into dangerous and exotic places like Afghanistan and the Ivory Coast, or into more familiar places like the Nashville jails or the inner city of Chicago.

A third thing Dr. Johnson said to me that will always stay with me was that he founded the college with a vision of cultural excellence. Perhaps this was why everything he touched gleamed with beauty and excel-

President Pinson is congratulated by Nashville's mayor, William Purcell.



lence and refinement. This was evident not only in his demand for gracious and considerate behavior for others—what is commonly called etiquette, but also in his appreciation of the arts. Our mission at Free Will Baptist Bible College must continue to be imbued with this sense of beauty and excellence and cultural refinement.

People cannot be most productive in their vocation unless they are surrounded by beauty. Thus, we must commit ourselves to fostering a climate for the creation of beauty—from the cleanliness of our buildings and grounds, to chapel, to a renewed emphasis on the arts—musical, dramatic, and visual—to beauty and elegance in the way we do our jobs, to the professional and personal etiquette we teach and model before our students.

Among Free Will Baptists there has always been a tension between anti-intellectualism and a Christian concern for the life of the mind. This tension existed among us as early as the middle seventeenth century. Two examples among our English General Baptist forebears are instructive: The London preacher Edward Barber reacted to being kept out of the schools of the Church of England by renouncing all humane learning. Yet the Lincolnshire farmer and tailor Thomas Grantham became an accomplished linguist, theologian, preacher, and writer through a sustained study of the Bible in the original languages, classical literature, and the Christian Fathers.

When Benjamin Laker, Paul Palmer's father-in-law, moved to this side of the Atlantic in the late 1600s, he greatly valued his books on theology and other subjects, including *Christianismus Primitivus*, Grantham's theological *magnum opus*. This same concern for education exhibited itself with the small band of worshippers Laker left behind after his death, who appealed to their brothers and sisters in England for either a preacher or for books—and this despite the fact that they and their posterity were kept out of institutions of higher education until late in the eighteenth century.

This is the kind of tradition that has been perpetuated by Free Will Baptist Bible College, and we remain devoted to this vision of Christian education. As Dr. Johnson said in a sermon, "Education is not to tame zeal, but to channel it." We must renew our commitment to opposing that kind of zeal that is "not according to knowledge."



*Our newly-elected Executive Secretary, Keith Burden, brought greetings from the denomination.*

In moving into the future, we must build on our strengths. Our greatest strength is our faculty. Not only are they well-credentialed and good at what they do, but they also value excellence and have a passion for serving God with all that they are. They are also committed to Christian scholarship. I want to give them what they need to move into uncharted waters in fulfilling their calling as Christian scholars and teach-

ers and molders of the minds, hearts, and wills of our students.

Another strength of this institution is our dedicated support staff, who make the process of Christian teaching and learning possible, who free the faculty to do what God has called them to do. I think we sometimes underestimate the value of this supporting role. But as we move into the future, we will affirm and encourage our staff in the living out of their own Christian vocations.

One of the most obvious strengths of Free Will Baptist Bible College is our student body. I thank God for students who are committed to finding out what God has called them to do and living out that calling in their daily lives. So many people in the Nashville community have told me that our greatest strength is our students, who combine character with service and learning to make an impact on their world.

Another strength is that we remain firmly rooted in the great tradition of Christian orthodoxy our forebears have bequeathed to us with an unblemished inheritance of Christian faith and practice. The mediator of this tradition has been our churches that make up the National Association of Free Will Baptists. They have insured that we remain on a steady course of Christian orthodoxy and the faith and practice that our fathers and mothers believed—and we believe—most closely reflect the witness of Holy Scripture. Free Will Baptist Bible College must be a wise steward of that heritage of Christian confession—ensuring by rigorous Christian scholarship and spiritual vigilance that our inheritance remains intact

*The College Choir's specials added a musical dimension to the grand occasion.*





President Pinson's father, John, delivered his own address at the Inaugural Luncheon.

in a new context of religious relativism.

Because of the debt of gratitude we owe to our churches, we must commit ourselves to serving them. Our college must not only be interested in what the denomination can do for it. We must be concerned about what we can do for our denomination. We must strive to instill in our students loyalty to our denomination and our confession of faith.

We must build on all these strengths if we are to fulfill our mission, if we are to be a truly Christian community of faith and learning. That is my vision for Free Will Baptist Bible College: that it will be a Christian community of faith and learning, to use a phrase that has often been used by the Christian philosopher Arthur F. Holmes.

That is what this college is. It is what it has always aspired to be, and it is what we want it to become, more and more, because we are on a progressive journey—a pilgrimage—to realize the will of God for ourselves individually and corporately.

When I look at these students, I know I am where God desires for me to be. For most of them, their being here is providential. They have a real sense that this is where they are supposed to be—that God has led them thus far, that providence has put them in this place. Yet, there is fear; there is trepidation; there is hesitancy. Some of them do not know exactly what God has called them to do with their lives. There is a lot of uncertainty, but they have a sense that they are doing the right thing, that they are doing what gives God pleasure.

I have a sense that we are all here to play a role in a very unique experiment in Christian higher education, and each of us has a part. And the decisions we make in the coming months and years are

going to change the course of our destiny.

Recently, during our new student orientation activities, I spoke with our student body president, Neil Morgan. I told him, "These students' lives are going to be forever changed because of the decision, the choice, they made to come here." My life was forever changed because of my decision to come to this place. And the decisions we make now will change us forever. I believe this is a very important and profound and crucial time for us. We mustn't make any mistakes in thinking that the decisions we make, the choices before us, are unimportant.

Thus, our conception of what constitutes a Christian community of faith and learning is imperative. I want to communicate to you what I conceive that to be, and I think that my vision of it is consistent with the broader vision we have had here for sixty years.

Let us consider the words, "Christian community of faith and learning." The first thing we want people to know about this place, and what has led most of us here is that it is a *Christian* community. Spirituality pervades every aspect of this community. This is a spiritual community, a community that is led by the Spirit, energized by the Spirit, permeated by the Holy Spirit.

But we must understand that in this place, spirituality is not something that is off to the side, something special up in mid-air. The evangelist Francis Schaeffer often spoke of knowledge and life as a two-story house. He spoke of a lower story and an upper story. In the upper story is faith and emotions and love and religious things—spirituality. In the lower story is the rest of life, reason, the everyday decisions we make, the films we watch, the places we go, the things we involve ourselves in, politics, math.

He said that so often Christians tend radically to separate those two stories of the house—the upper story and the lower story. Their faith, the upper story, the spiritual dimension of their lives, is radically separated from the rest of life. The vision of spirituality to which this institution aspires is that all of life is spiritual. There is no radical separation of the upper story and the lower story, of faith and reason, of grace and nature. We can and must take every thought, even the secular ones, captive to the obedience of Christ. That means that spirituality is not limited to the chapel period, or to the Christian service project, or the dormitory prayer meeting. Spirituality is also an academic issue. It's an issue of the discipleship of the mind. It touches every aspect of this community, not just what we tend to think of as the "spiritual" parts. We must let spirituality pervade our lives here.

When we talk about spirituality, we mean that Jesus Christ came into this world to redeem all things, to save us from sin and death and hell, to save us from our selves which were alienated from Him; and that this Good News of Christ is found in the Bible which is the lively Word of God, without error in all that it affirms; and that in that very written Word of God we find that living Word of God, which alone can save us and set us free. As Jesus said, you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. The reason we have our students study the Bible is that it alone is the truth that, through the power of the Spirit, guides us into all truth and teaches us the truth about ourselves and the world. And that truth will set us free.

If we are to fulfill our mission in this century, we must continue to emphasize that spirituality is about applying the truth of God's Word to everyday life—to everything. We must emphasize that truly Christian higher education is not just about taking "spiritual" thoughts or religious thoughts captive to the obedience of Christ, but every thought in all of life.

## CAMPUS

# Events

November/December 2002

Nov. 14-16  
Welcome Days

Nov. 27-Dec. 2  
Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 16-19  
Final examinations

Dec. 19  
Semester ends

Another aspect of our being a *Christian* community of faith and learning that we must stress is that we are all called, called according to God's purpose. God loves us all and has a plan for us, and we are all called, not only according to God's salvific purpose, but also according to His purpose for our life's work. One student may be called to be a shepherd of God's flock. Another may be called to Nepal or France or Indonesia or Brazil to carry the message of the Gospel to the people of another culture. Another may be called to go into the workforce as a businessperson or teacher and live out the gospel in the everyday warp and woof of life. No matter what God calls our students to, we believe they will be engaged in Christian ministry, in the service of Christ's church, both in the church and in the world. That is what we mean by *Christian* community.

The next word is *community*. Listen to the primary definitions of this word: a social group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respect from the larger society in which it exists.

Another definition is: a group of men and women leading a common life according to a rule.

Some other definitions are "similar character," "agreement," "identity."

These definitions capture what I believe should be our vision of a Christian community of faith and learning. We are a community. We are a social group that has gathered around common characteristics and common interests: a common faith, a common Lord, a common baptism, a common confession. And we also perceive ourselves as distinct, in some very important respects, from the larger society within which we exist. We are also a group of men and women leading a common life according to a rule. We have a similar character. We have agreement. We have identity. The word "community" means not only that you have things in common, but also that you have unity. So we have things in common, and we come together around that common Lord, faith, baptism, and confession. We have unity. We are a family. And there is much that holds us together.

Within this unity we have diversity in our family. One of the reasons for our community standards is that we have a diverse community. Some of the members of this community are from more conservative backgrounds than others. Others are from less conservative backgrounds. Living in community means sacrificing things, giving things up for the sake of others. God has brought us into this place for some wonderful reasons. He has brought us into community with fellow Christians who are different from us, who have different backgrounds from us, who have different perspectives. We learn from each other in this community, in this family. But we do so only through sacrifice—by giving some things up to live in community.

We must continue to have a disciplined community that enables our students to learn and discipline themselves. We must give them habits that will enrich their lives. Our community standards are not always moral in nature but they help us live together, and love together, and learn together in the way we ought. This college must yet continue its dedication to moral goodness. In a relativistic age, we must continue to teach and model before our students holy living that is rooted in a profound, disciplined relationship with Jesus Christ.

But when we become impatient with each other, let us never forget that we are a flawed community. We are not perfect. We are fallen. Let us encourage each other to realize that these flaws arise from our fallenness and yet urge one another to become what God wants us to be in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

One of the things about being a family is that we are small. I do not aspire to be always as small as we are now, but we must not forget that there are benefits to being small. God often uses small things to show that people who will accomplish His mission are not the great and mighty and powerful but the small people whom the world thinks are the least apt to carry out that mission.

We must teach our students, by instruction and example, the value of living in community, and what it contributes to preparing them to be leaders in the intellectual, spiritual, cultural, and public lives of their own communities.

The last part of the phrase is, of course, "faith and learning." This means that Holy Scripture is integrated with every subject, whether the natural sciences, psychology, literature, business, or history. No matter what the subject is, we aim to view it from a thoroughly Christian perspective. That does not mean that we simply take a secular subject and sprinkle moralisms and Bible verses over it. Rather, we attempt to integrate the Christian worldview with everything we think and do, including our academic subjects. That is the task of our faculty: to integrate Christianity with the disciplines they teach.

We must teach our students that God created the world and said it was good, that he became incarnate in the world in the form of His son Jesus Christ, and that He aims to redeem this fallen world by the power of His Spirit through Christ's work on the Cross. Therefore, Christian students must be diligent students of the world that God has made. This will aid them in their calling to bring about transformation and salvation in this world.

We also need to continue to emphasize that every course has a purpose. Some students come wanting to study only their field, thinking that the arts and sciences are not necessary. We must not succumb to the contemporary notion that career preparation is the primary purpose of higher education. Every course in our curriculum has its purpose. We must remain committed to our core curriculum, which will play a part in producing truly educated and well-rounded students who have a truly Christian mind. We must remain committed to educating our students in biblical studies and theology, which will enable them to forge for themselves a Christian worldview. But this theological orientation will not be limited to the Bible class; it will pervade all aspects of teaching and learning.

We must work together to foster a new sense of unity on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. We are all working toward the same goals—faculty, staff, administration, students, alumni, the churches. I want to lead in a way that sees unity—indeed community—as vitally necessary to accomplishing our academic and spiritual goals. The road ahead will not be easy. We must boldly traverse it together. By embodying the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, we can accomplish the awesome task the Lord has set before us in this place, thus bringing greater glory to Him, enjoying Him forever, and increasing the bounds of His kingdom. Let us pray for each other in the important and challenging task that lies ahead.



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## TEXAN CHOSEN FRESHMAN PRESIDENT

Members of the Free Will Baptist Bible College 2002 freshman class elected officers in early September and chose Heath Hubbard, a missions major from Bryan, Texas, as president. Heath is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Levan Hubbard. Heath's father is pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan.

Other officers chosen are:

- Vice President: Alan Skiles, a business major from Guin, Alabama
- Secretary-Treasurer: Bethany Parks, a teacher education student from Pleasant View, Tennessee
- Chaplain: Ben Polston, a Bible major from Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
- Worship Leader: Nolan Ritchie, a pastoral student from New Castle, Indiana.

Please pray for these outstanding young people and others at FWBBC who are preparing to serve Jesus Christ.

## ENROLLMENT UP FOR FALL 2002

The fall enrollment of 322 students from 22 states and seven foreign countries is a 13% increase over the previous fall enrollment, according to the registrar's office. This includes 105 new students.

About 90% are full time enrollees, also a 13% increase. By classes, students number 100 freshmen, 70 sophomores, 70 juniors, 74 seniors, and eight special students.

Thank you for encouraging them to choose FWBBC!

## THEOLOGICAL GROUP TO MEET ON CAMPUS

The Free Will Baptist Theological Symposium, sponsored by the Commission for Theological Integrity, will meet on campus November 4-5. Presenters will include Dr. Robert Picirilli, Rev. David Joslin, Rev. Jeff Manning, Rev. Jeff Cockrell, and others. For motel and other information, call 615-844-5248.

## OUT AND About

November/December, 2002

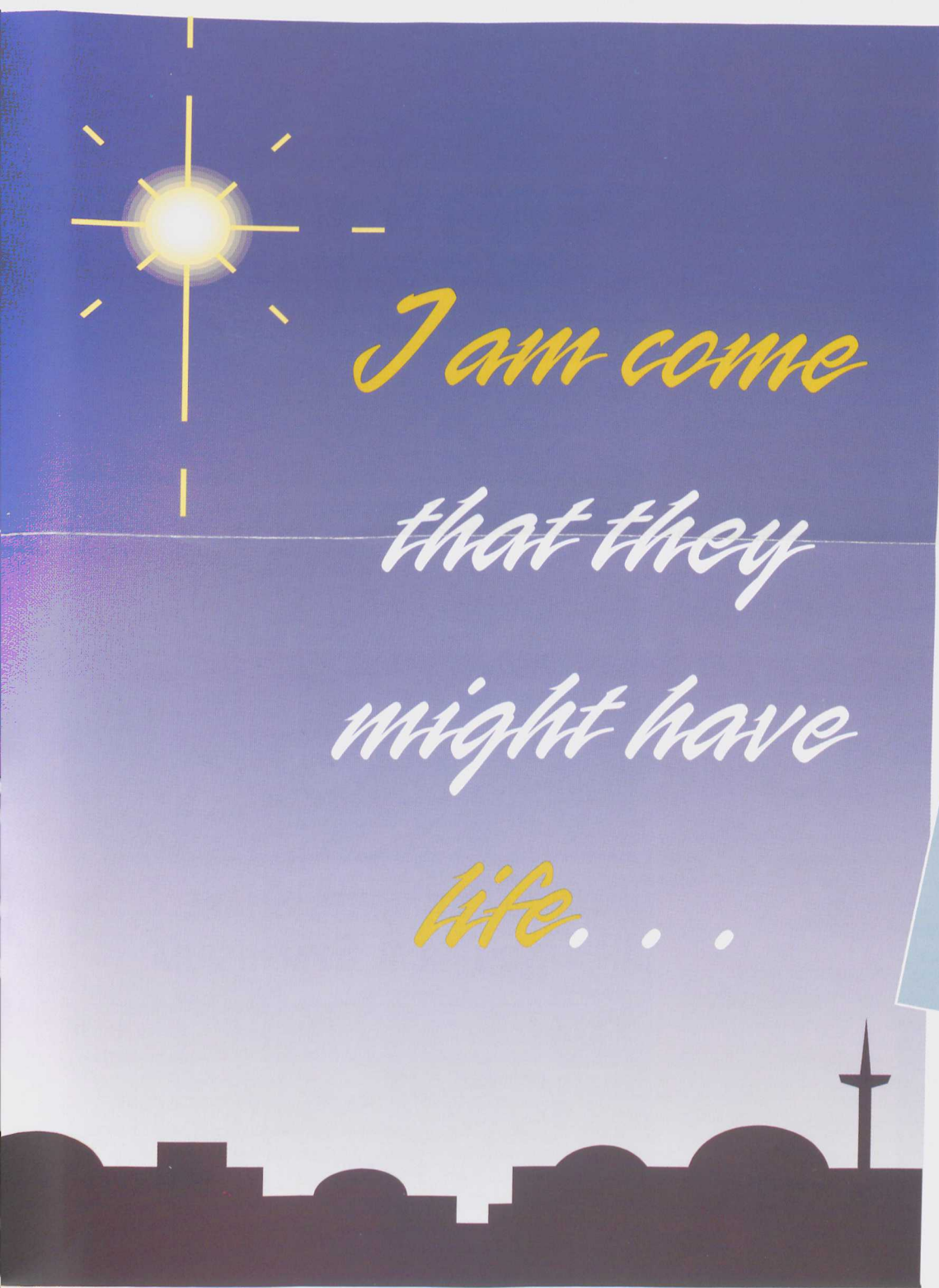
ALABAMA—*David Williford*, 11/6-8, State Ass'n, Dothan; *Evangels*, 11/17 (AM), Southpark FWB, Huntsville.  
ARKANSAS—*New Mercy*, 11/9-10, First FWB, Greenwood.  
KENTUCKY—*Bert Tippett*, 11/3 (AM), Trinity FWB, Bowling Green.  
MISSISSIPPI—*David Williford*, 11/1-2, State Ass'n, Pearl.  
SOUTH CAROLINA—*Rejoice*, 11/9-10, Mt. Elon FWB, Pamplico.  
TENNESSEE—*College Choir*, 11/3

(AM), Donelson FWB, Nashville; 12/8 (AM), Cross Timbers FWB, Nashville; 12/15 (AM), Woodbine FWB, Nashville; *David Williford*, 11/4, Northern Quarterly, Cumberland Ass'n, Springfield; *Evangels*, 11/8-9, Camp Cumberland, Clarksville, 11/10 (AM), Cofer's Chapel FWB, Nashville; 12/8 (PM), Cross Timbers FWB, Nashville; 12/15 (PM), Woodbine FWB, Nashville; *Bert Tippett/Judah*, 11/10 (AM), Berean FWB, Fairview; 11/17 (AM), Hendersonville FWB, Hendersonville; *Matt Pinson*, *David Williford*, 11/11-13, State Ass'n, First FWB, Church Hill; *New Mercy*, 11/17 (AM), Valley View FWB, Loudon; *Matt Pinson*, 11/22-23, Presbytery meeting, Camp Cumberland, Clarksville.  
TEXAS—*Milton Fields*, 12/6-10, Southern Ass'n of Colleges and Schools, San Antonio.

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# Bulletin

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2002



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that they  
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FROM ALL OF US AT  
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BIBLE COLLEGE:

*May Christ be  
glorified by  
His people  
during this  
Christmas  
Season.*

# BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

We hope you will attend a **Flames and Lady Flames** game whenever possible. Help us "Fan the Flames!"



## Flames Basketball

Jan. 11, 4:00	Cincinnati Bible	Home
Jan. 13, 7:00	Pensacola Christian	Home
Jan. 17, 7:30	Circleville Bible	Home
Jan. 18, 3:00	Tennessee Temple	Chattanooga, TN
Jan. 20, 7:00	Johnson Bible	Knoxville, TN
Jan. 24, 7:30	Kentucky Christian	Grayson, KY
Jan. 25, 4:00	Appalachian Bible	Bradley, WV
Jan. 28, 7:00	Crown College	Powell, TN
Jan. 31, 8:00	Appalachian Bible	Home
Feb. 1, 6:00	Temple Baptist	Cincinnati, OH
Feb. 4, 6:30	Johnson Bible	Home
Feb. 8, 4:00	Cincinnati Bible	Cincinnati, OH
Feb. 11, 7:00	Crown College	Home
Feb. 14, 7:00	Circleville Bible	Circleville, OH
Feb. 15, 4:00	Shawnee Baptist	Louisville, KY
Feb. 21, 7:30	Kentucky Christian	Home
Feb. 22, 4:00	Temple Baptist	Home
Feb. 27-March 3	Regional Tournament	Cincinnati, OH

## Lady Flames Basketball

Jan. 11, 2:00	Cincinnati Bible	Home
Jan. 16, 7:00	Clearwater Christian	Home
Jan. 17, 5:30	Circleville Bible	Home
Jan. 18, 1:00	Tennessee Temple	Chattanooga, TN
Jan. 20, 5:00	Johnson Bible	Knoxville, TN
Jan. 24, 5:30	Kentucky Christian	Grayson, KY
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Note: Schedules are subject to change. Check with the College for late adjustments.



## "WHOS WHO" SENIORS PICKED



The Free Will Baptist Bible College faculty has selected 19 seniors to be included in the 2003 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Criteria considered in the selection included such traits as responsibility, academic achievement, spiritual maturity, and promise of future usefulness.

The College is please to announce these honored seniors:

1. Heather Diane Adams—Northport, AL
2. Amy Jo Brewer—Topeka, KS
3. Sabrina Shea Brummitt—Elizabethton, TN
4. Roy Rustin Carney—Thompsonville, IL
5. Charles David Cook—Cookeville, TN
6. Mitchell Gene Cooper—Oklahoma City, OK
7. Natalie Marie Crowson—Nashville, TN
8. Misti Beem Jenkins—Joelton, TN
9. Amy Diane Lankford—Dickson, TN
10. David Anthony Lytle—Antioch, TN
11. Andrea Marie Maines—Centreville, VA
12. Stacey Elaine McVay—Pleasant View, TN
13. Laura Kathryn Meadows—Lexington, KY
14. Mark E. Ousley—Banner, KY
15. Joni M. Pettis—Ozark, AL
16. Bridget Lavinia Riley—Batesville, AR
17. Joel K. Riley, Jr.—Tuckerman, AR
18. Amanda Dale Springs—Lake City, SC
19. Emily DeAnn White—Van Buren, AR



## ALUMNI, STUDENTS SHARE IN THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM



The college was the site for the Free Will Baptist Theological Symposium, November 2-3. The Symposium is sponsored by the Commission For Theological Integrity of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

A number of presenters, including several alumni, read papers on theological topics. Among the presenters were two students, Neil Morgan and Brandon Shipp. Neil's paper was on "A Critical Evaluation of the Hindu View of the Transmigration of Souls." Brandon's topic was "Influences Which Have Shaped the Modern Conception of Hell."

Rev. Leroy Forlines, FWBBC professor of theology, is chairman of the Commission.

It was a privilege to host the Symposium.



## DR. PICIRILLI HOLDS SERIES ON CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM

**D**r. Robert Picirilli was the 2002 speaker for the Leroy Forlines Lectures on campus. His topic, Calvinism and Arminianism, was presented during chapel services November 19-22.

His series was largely based on his book, *Grace, Faith and Free Will*, published by Randall House, and dealt with the differences between Calvinism and Arminianism.

The Lectures were instituted in 1992 to provide a forum for the highest quality of evangelical scholarship. Professor Leroy Forlines, longtime teacher of Systematic Theology at the college, embodies the spirit in which the lectures were founded and are presented. Other speakers in the Forlines Lectures have included Dr. Norman Geisler, Dr. Robertson McQuilkin, Dr. Gerald Mattingly and Dr. Gary Habermas.

A summary of Dr. Picirilli's lectures may be viewed online at [www.fwbcc.edu](http://www.fwbcc.edu). His book may be ordered at [www.randallhouse.com](http://www.randallhouse.com).

## COLLEGE OFFERS UNIQUE COURSE

**A** special course for 5 to 12 students featuring backpacking, wilderness skills, small group decision-making, Scripture study, map and compass skills, and more will be offered as part of the college's summer program.

The two-hour course, *A Wilderness Journey*, will be led by youth/CE teacher James H. Evans, May 20-27. It will feature a week at Big South Fork Recreation Area, in central Tennessee, of challenging exploration of leadership styles. The cost is \$748 for credit; \$500 for non credit.

For an informational flier, email Mr. Evans at [james@fwbcc.edu](mailto:james@fwbcc.edu) or phone him at 1-800-76-FWBBC.

# CAMPUS Events

## January/February

*Jan. 7*  
Registration, 8:45 a.m.

*Jan. 8*  
Classes begin

*Feb. 19*  
Day of Prayer

*Feb. 23*  
Northern Quarterly Rally



December is the time for the annual Paul Ketteiman Memorial Christmas drive for Free Will Baptist Bible College! Here are ways in which you can participate:

- Encourage your church to receive a special offering for the college.
- Involve your Sunday school class in the drive.
- Invite a FWBBC student to speak during Christmas break.

Of course, you can always send your own gift, designated for the drive. We hope you will!

Remember, what you do for the Christmas Drive will help the college keep tuition low and a Christian education affordable. Many of the denomination's future leaders are at FWBBC today. Please, make an investment in them.

### KETTEMAN MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

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## STATEN SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

**T**he children of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Staten have established a scholarship at FWBBC in memory of their parents.

Rev. Staten preached in Free Will Baptist churches for more than 50 years. He was active in denominational work and held numerous offices on the local, state, and national levels. He was one of the original framers of the 1935 Treatise. Although largely self taught, he was widely respected for his knowledge of the Bible and doctrinal discernment. Brother and Sister Staten passed away in 1997 and 1977, respectively.

The scholarship will provide financial assistance to students studying pastoral ministry, music, missions, teacher education or business. Preference will be given to children of pastors or missionaries and to those from Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama and Oklahoma (states where Bro. Staten pastored). Recipients must maintain a 2.5 gpa or higher.

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Randall House General Director Ron Hunter and Creative Director Keith Fletcher present the first copy of her book to Emily White.

## FORMER EMPLOYEE WITH THE LORD



Burl Halliburton,  
1916-2002



Burl Halliburton, who was maintenance director at the college for nine years (1972-81) passed away in Pleasant View, Tennessee, October 31, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Mary and their five children: Nancy Butler, Betty Plunkett, Jane Randlett, Margie Patton and Jeff Halliburton.

Mr. Halliburton was a quiet, congenial man, who loved God and did his work well. The world would be better if we had more men like him. Our prayers are extended to his fine family.

## STUDENT PUBLISHES IDEA BOOK FOR YOUTH WORKERS

To order *Hot Links*,  
call Randall House at  
1-800-877-7030,  
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Emily White, a senior English major from Van Buren, Arkansas, has

had her first book published by Randall House. *Hot Links* is designed for youth pastors to help spark discussions and activities for young people. The first copy was presented to Emily in November by Ron Hunter, General Director of Randall House, as a surprise during a regular chapel service.

Ron says, "I am excited about both the book, *Hot Links*, and the author. Emily has a exciting future ahead of her and I am sure that her hand will be in many wonderful projects in the years to come. I am glad that we able to share in her first major work."

Congratulations, Emily.

## OUT AND About

January, February 2003

FLORIDA—Tina Tolbert, 1/24-25, State Retreat, Bonifay; Matt Pinson/Milton Fields, 2/13-15, Accrediting Ass'n of Bible Colleges, Orlando.  
MISSOURI—James Evans/Matt Markins, 2/7-9, Student/ Children Workers Conf., Branson.  
MISSISSIPPI—David Williford, 1/12, Cross Creek FWB, Olive Branch; 2/9, Little Brown FWB, New Site.

NORTH CAROLINA—Bert Tippet, 1/31-2/1, Couples Retreat, Salter Path; 2/2 (AM), Immanuel FWB, Durham.  
OKLAHOMA—David Williford, 1/26, New Home FWB, Tulsa.  
SOUTH CAROLINA—Matt Pinson/David Williford, 2/27-28, State Ass'n, Florence; Matt Pinson, 2/28-3/2, Black River FWB, Andrews.  
TENNESSEE—College Choir, 2/9 (PM), Fellowship FWB, Antioch, 2/23 (AM), Good Springs FWB, Pleasant View; James Evans/Matt Markins, 2/21-23, Student/ Children Workers Conf., Monteagle; David Williford, 2/23 (AM), Bethel FWB, Ashland City; Bert Tippet, 2/23 (AM), Covenant FWB, Southside.