

Free Will Baptist Bible College... BULLETIN

Appeal Is Made For Volumes to Enlarge Library

An effort is being made to increase the number of volumes in the library of the Bible college, according to Mrs. J. P. Barrow, librarian.

In order to be eligible for accreditation about 5,000 more volumes are needed.

Mrs. Barrow believes there are enough good books on the shelves of friends of the Bible college that are never used to make a much larger library.

If among our readers there are some who have books they could donate to the library, write out a list of them and send it to the college. They will then let you know if the library needs the particular volumes you have.

Please do not send your books until you find out if the college can use what you have.

Bible Conference Is Set March 22-26

The Bible Conference, which ranks as one of the most popular meetings for many Free Will Baptists, is scheduled for March 22-26, Dr. L. C. Johnson, president, has announced.

There is a feeling that the conference this year will be the greatest ever. All sessions will be held in the auditorium, which has ample seating room.

Some sleeping room will be available in the dormitories, the president said. This space is usually reserved for prospective students, he said. Ministers and laymen are urged to make plans now to attend.

The complete program for the conference will be listed in the March BULLETIN.

Music Department Gets Faculty Member

Mrs. Nancy Hutton, graduate of Oberlin College, has been added to the faculty of Free Will Baptist Bible College to teach music.

Campaign Gifts Total \$16,600 Give Again, President Asks

Quartet Makes Brief Georgia Itinerary

The Gospeliers, along with Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Dean, made a week end itinerary in south Georgia recently. According to Mr. Lightsey the ministry of the quartet was enthusiastically received.

Besides the many intangible things, a total of \$1,281 in cash and gifts to be sent in monthly was given.

The churches visited were New Light, Morgan; Zion, Hilton; New Salem, Colquitt; Midway, Moultrie; and Pleasant Hill, Vienna. The young men also sang over Radio Station WGRA, Cairo, Georgia, Sunday morning and for the service celebrating the anniversary of Rev. K. V. Shutes' broadcasting from Cairo.

The Lost Envelope

Have you lost an envelope? One you received from Free Will Baptist Bible College last October? It was very attractive, purple and white; and no doubt you remember receiving it. It was specially made for you to use in sending your building fund gift to Free Will Baptist Bible College. Many of them have been returned to the College office already. But there are many that are still lost that we hope may be found and sent in.

Perhaps just a mention of a "purple envelope" is enough to remind you to look yours up and send it back to the College today, of course, with an offering.

Someone has said: "The Christian philosophy is a philosophy of self-denial, self-control, and self-restraint. The satanic philosophy is a philosophy of 'live as you please'; 'have what you want'; 'don't let anybody tell you what to do'; 'it's your life, and you have got a right to live it.'"

Officials Hope to Make Two Payments in April

Hardly a day has passed since October that one or more contributions to the \$65,000 campaign have not arrived in the mail.

None of these gifts have been very large, but there has been such a volume of them that up to February 1 a total of \$16,600 had been contributed to the campaign.

When the new property was purchased, \$21,000 was made as the initial payment. Of this amount, \$14,500 was taken from the general or operating fund of the college. Already \$6,000 of this loan to the building fund has been repaid.

Payment Due in April

Administrative officials hope that the general fund will be able to write the balance off as a gift to the building fund. "This all depends on the collection of student accounts and the gifts of our people for general expenses," President Johnson said.

On January 15 there was a balance of over \$5,000 in the building fund. The first payment of \$5,000 plus interest on the \$44,000 loan is due in April.

"We hope it will be possible to make two payments in April," Dr. Johnson said. "We must keep driving, however, for in order to do this we will have to receive into the building fund about \$6,000 during February and March."

Give Again, President Asks

The president called upon those who have already made contributions to make a sacrificial effort and give again.

"We are sure those who have given once are convinced that this campaign is worthy of sacrifice and that it must not be allowed to fall short of completion. I believe all of them will help swell the building fund with another contribution."

Dr. Johnson then voiced a special plea to those who have not yet made their gift to the campaign.

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From My Desk . . .

DR. L. C. JOHNSON, *President*

The natural thing to do at the beginning of a new year is to look at things in retrospect and prospect. This is what I want us to do over my desk today—look back over the road we have traveled and forward to some of our unrealized goals.

We have traveled ten and one-half years down the road of Bible College Education in our Free Will Baptist denomination. The days of uncertainty about whether a Bible college program could succeed in our denomination have passed. The Free Will Baptist Bible college has become an established part of our denominational life.

From a student body of less than a dozen, we now stand within sight of 200.

Financially the Bible college is in equally as good condition. The assets have grown to almost \$200,000, and in the last fifteen months the regular gifts to the Bible college have almost doubled.

Besides the increase in the regular gifts, our people have given nearly \$50,000 in the last two years for the construction of the Memorial auditorium and the purchase of the Richland Apartment Building.

But the value of the past ten and a half years cannot really be measured by the increase in the student. Neither is it shown on a balance sheet. The real value of these years in the field of Christian education can best be measured by what has transpired in the lives of young men and women who have come to learn and have gone out to serve.

Scores of well-trained young men from your Bible college are filling key pastorates and denominational positions. Half our missionary force on the foreign fields has been trained in our Bible college.

These things are our retrospective look. You have made this remarkable record possible. We look forward to a bright future. We are optimistic about it, because we have faith in you.

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Financial Report

This report covers December and January. December is usually a low month since Christmas takes much of what we would otherwise give to Christian causes. However, this December held up better than might have been expected. The total receipts for the two months were \$23,875.51. Of this amount \$7,978.92 were gifts sent in from seventeen states. The building fund received \$2,057.96 during the two months.

The disbursements for this period amounted to \$18,179.94.

Gifts by states were as follows:

Alabama	\$ 192.36
Arkansas	160.50
California	30.50
Florida	111.43
Georgia	1,227.79
Illinois	235.00
Michigan	459.00
Missouri	379.71
Mississippi	558.13
North Carolina	1,833.83
Ohio	67.50
Oklahoma	539.74
South Carolina	236.35
Tennessee	754.20
Texas	456.55
Virginia	542.51
West Virginia	93.74

Practical Work Department Expands

The first week in February marked the beginning of a new type of assignment for the Practical Work Department of the Bible College. Working in conjunction with the state and local directors of Child Evangelism Fellowship, this department has assigned eighteen students the task of teaching child evangelism classes in various sections of the city. The opportunity to work with Child Evangelism Fellowship is welcomed as one of our greatest opportunities to reach the children of Nashville with the gospel.

In addition to the child evangelism classes, another new assignment has been added this month. This assignment is a local nursing home, where there will be opportunity to give the gospel message to several aged and bed-ridden patients. At present there are approximately twenty assignments scheduled each week.

The following statistics reveal in part the practical Christian work done during the first semester of this school year:

Number of Messages Delivered	123
Number of Decisions for Christ	122
Number of Tracts Distributed	23,000
Number of Scripture Portions Distributed	32

For the decisions for Christ that have been made, we do thank God. We know that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:6)

Alumni Association

by Mrs. DAMON C. DODD, *Secretary*

Joseph Ange, '50, pastor of Edgemont Church in Durham, N. C., writes: "We are very happy in the work here. Our fall revival was from November 16-28. God richly blessed with approximately 60 decisions. We look to the future with great faith in our wonderful Lord." According to a late report, Joe will be with the Fellowship Church, Flat River, Mo., for a revival in March.

Homer E. Willis, '46, has written a tract, "Move that Letter." It is being published by the National Home Mission Board. Homer was in Nashville the latter part of January making transcriptions for the National Radio-TV Board.

Adam Scott, '51, has recently undergone a serious operation, but is reported to be recovering nicely.

Damon and Sylvia Dodd, '44, are the proud parents of a new daughter. She was born December 22 and has been named Barbara Ruth.

The Pocahontas, Ark., Church, under the leadership of their pastor, Reford Wilson, '48, will have a new church parsonage ready for occupancy about February 1.

A brief glance at the grads shows: Albert Halbrook, '45, is pastor of Mine La Motte, Missouri, Church plus teaching school near by. Wife, Christina, and son, Raymond, keeping the home fires burning.

George Ritter, '49, is pastor of a comparatively new church in Detroit, Mich.

Allen Bryan, '47, has resigned the Rocky Mount, N. C., church and is pastoring rural churches in that state.

George Ludwig, '48, has been recently named superintendent of the Adult department in the East Nashville Sunday school.

Bill Mishler, '48, is leading the Philadelphia church, Detroit, Mich., in plans to completely remodel or relocate on new site.

D. C. Dodd, '44, is spending January and February on a fund-raising campaign for a national headquarters building. Early in the campaign, Michigan and Southeast Missouri responded with more than \$2,000 in cash and pledges.

He will also visit Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia and Oklahoma. "H-Day" (Headquarters Day) is set for March 15.

Send your alumni news to the secretary, 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

Campaign Gifts

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December Gifts Were \$1,140

"We believe there are many who have intended to help assure the success of the campaign, but who have neglected to make their contribution," he said. "I urge that group to let us hear from them soon, for their help is needed now."

The December receipts for the campaign fell below both October and November. December contributions totalled \$1,139.96. Gifts above \$10 are listed below:

Richmond church, Calif.	\$ 90.00
E. J. Poe, Richmond, Calif.	10.00
Alumni Association of FWBCC	45.00
New Town church, Lake City, S. C.	65.00
Bethany church, Pamplico, S. C.	20.00
Freddie church, Bob White, W. Va.	14.00
Spring Hill church, Goldsboro, N. C.	47.00
Mrs. J. O. Fort, Lake Butler, Fla.	25.00
Missouri state association	39.52
Mt. Elon church, Pamplico, S. C.	19.10
Mrs. W. O. Fields, Selma, N. C.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Belue	12.00
Georgia state association	458.00
J. D. Little, Kirkland, Ga.	50.00
First church, Jacksonville, Fla.	23.93
Pat Welch, Newport, Ark.	25.00
New Gauley church, Calhoun City, Miss.	20.00
Walter H. Check, Mount Hope, W. Va.	12.00
Rev. O. L. Fields, Vernon, Ala.	10.00
Dawson Grove church and League, Enfield, N. C.	32.00
Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Talladega, Ala.	12.00
Ebenzer church, Glennville, Ga.	40.41
Glennville church, Ga.	83.00
Harmony association, Missouri	35.00
Rev. LaVerne Miley, Nashville, Tenn.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hobbs, Vienna, Ga.	75.00
Pleasant Hill church, Seville, Ga.	25.00
Viola Hobbs, Vienna, Ga.	25.00
Wolverine association, Mich.	100.00
C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.	100.00
Pine Level church, Alma, Ga.	62.00
Jimmie Barnes	20.00
Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo.	100.00
Mays Chapel church, Dudley, N. C.	50.00
George M. Franks, Texas	50.00
W. B. Baxter, Reidsville, Ga.	10.00
Progressive association quarterly conference, Alabama	10.00
Mrs. Martha Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.	50.00
Julius B. Vause, Turbeville, S. C.	25.00
Southeast Missouri League convention	25.00
Alton Hines, N. C.	10.00
East Tupelo Church, Miss.	124.00
LaVerne Miley, Tenn.	10.00

Seniors Give Choir Robes as Memorial

As their memorial, the senior class of 1953 has presented the Bible college with 54 choir robes.

Each year the senior class makes some practical gift to the school, and the choir robes have been a need that has long been recognized.

The robes are black with white stoles, and are worn by the College chorus and the choir which sings for the College church services on Sunday morning.

Bible College Represented At Educational Meeting

Two members of the faculty and staff attended a meeting of the North American Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges which recently met at Toccoa Falls Bible Institute, Toccoa, Georgia.

Some of the institutions having representatives at the meeting were: Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee; Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.; Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, Ala., and others which made a total of nine institutions represented.

This Association is made up of Christian institutions in the southeastern part of the United States.

Record Enrollment

Twelve new students from six states enrolled for the second semester, a record enrollment for any second semester during the eleven years of the existence of the Bible College. This is three more than the total number who registered at the opening of school the first year.

Those added this semester swells our enrollment to an all-time record of 170. From seventeen states and Cuba young men and women have come to receive at their own Bible College the kind of training they need to fill the place to which God has called them. After receiving the needed preparation for the task ahead, these young people will go out aflame for the Lord Jesus Christ to join the ranks of those who have already gone out to preach the Gospel.

In a previous issue of the Bulletin, it was pointed out that our program of training is of such nature that a student can fit into it at the beginning of any semester. The new students are showing how it can be done. They have adjusted to their new environment and are getting down to some good hard work, things necessary to being good students at the Bible College.

Those coming in for the second semester are:

Charles Bryant, North Carolina
Kenneth Dale Burden, Oklahoma
Harold Critcher, North Carolina
Kenneth P. Eagleton, Texas
Joyce L. Gore, Mississippi
Shirley Ann Hancock, South Carolina
Chesley Ray Hill, Missouri
Willie Johnson, South Carolina
Bobby M. Rogers, North Carolina
Mrs. Sterling Tucker, South Carolina
Carl Walter, Oklahoma
Geneva Winstead, North Carolina

Meet the Trustees



REV. MELVIN BINGHAM

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles designed to acquaint you with the men elected by the National Association to lead the Free Will Baptist Bible College.)

Rev. Melvin Bingham, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, is an original member of the Board having served continuously since the Board was formed.

But his work in the field of Christian education goes back even further than the founding of the Bible college, for he served a number of years during the late thirties on the Board of Education.

Mr. Bingham, now pastor of the Lewis Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla., is a native of Missouri and began his ministry there over thirty-six years ago.

During these years he has held pastorates at Flat River, Mo.; Oklahoma City, and for sixteen years served the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa.

Prior to his service on the college Board of Trustees, Mr. Bingham was a member of the Foreign Mission Board. His work with the National Association extends back to the merger of the Eastern and Western conferences, in which he was a leading figure.

He has served as moderator of his own state association for several terms and helped to organize the district association of which his church is a member. Assistance in the organization of several leading churches is also listed among his achievements.

The Correspondence Corner

Works to Make Offering

"Enclosed please find five dollars for our college. How I wish I could send more, but I am so glad I was able to do washings so I could send this.

". . . I have not been well, but I must find more time to pray. When Christmas is over I'll be alone (no, not alone, for I intend to be with the King all day), and as soon as I awake, which is four o'clock, I'll not bother with breakfast for I want my mind clear when I pray so I can get close to Him and know He is with me. He has done wonderful things for me."—Mrs. Goldie Elsea, Novinger, Missouri.

Helps Students

"We have just finished reading your two stories from the BULLETIN about Sarah and John. We are sending a donation for you to use on either or both of their accounts as you think best. Maybe someone else will help a little and they will be able to stay in school."—Mr. and Mrs. Lance Reese, Tupelo, Miss.

Would Like to Help More

"You will find \$3.00 enclosed, but I do wish I could help more for there is nothing I had rather do than help in the Lord's work. However, sickness keeps me from doing more. Pray for me and my family."—Mrs. Ethel Jackson, Houston, Texas.

"Gift from God"

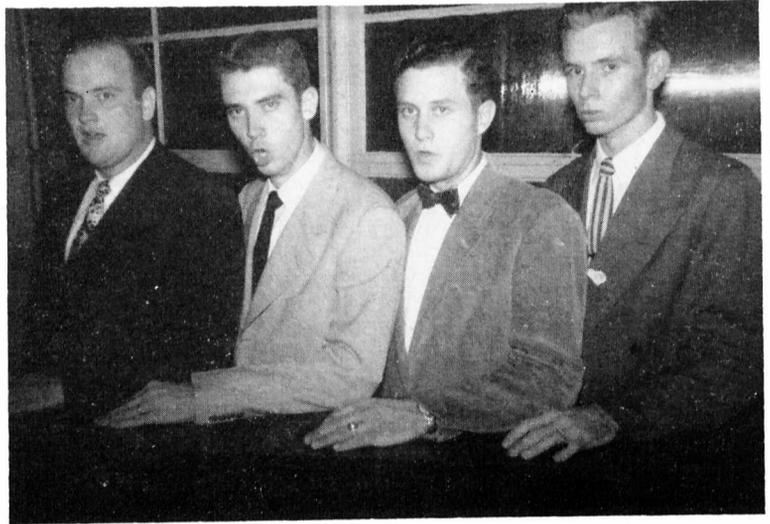
"Enclosed you will find my monthly offering . . . A number of students from the college have visited in our home and in our church, and they have been a real joy and blessing.

"I feel the college is a gift from God to we Free Will Baptists. I pray that I may live to see the day when our six-year-old son can enrol at the Bible College."—Mrs. Mack Sexton, Winfield, Ala.

Appreciates College More

"Enclosed you will find my January gift. May this small gift, in some way, help the growth of the college.

"Recently I have become acquainted with some of the graduates and also some of the students at the college. During the Christmas holidays I had the privilege of hearing one of my former classmates speak about the college. Now I know how to appreciate it even more. May the Lord bless all of you always."—Margie Tripp, Ahoskie, N. C.



The Evangeliers—Last month you were introduced to the Gospeliers, the original male quartet of the Free Will Baptist Bible college. This month we would like for you to meet the Evangeliers, a singing group organized last year. Along with the Gospeliers, these boys have visited many churches presenting the work of the Bible college. Members of the quartet are (left to right): Doyle Hawkins, sophomore, Brilliant, Ala.; G. C. Lee, Jr., junior, Calhoun City, Miss.; Carlton Lambert, junior, Florence, Ala.; and Bill McClintock, sophomore, Detroit, Michigan.

Something New in Chapel

Chapel has taken on new interest in the last few weeks since members of the Senior Class have been presenting their weekly panel. Important religious and denominational topics are discussed. Our Seniors have handled themselves well in these discussions which have been interesting and informative.

These panels are moderated by a member of the faculty, and the student body is permitted to direct questions to the members of the panel.

Freshmen Honor New Students

The freshman class entertained the student body at a social given in honor of the new students who registered for second semester.

An amateur hour was presented in which both faculty and students participated. It is debatable whether the much laughter was a result of the stunts of the amateurs or from the fact that semester exams were over. A good time was enjoyed by everyone.

"Free Will Baptist Hour" Produced in College Chapel

The music department of the Bible College furnished music for fourteen thirty-minute Gospel broadcasts for Free Will Baptist Hour produced under the direction of the Radio and Television Commission of the National Association.

Dr. Homer Willis of Paintsville, Kentucky, and Dr. Willard Day of Mountain Grove, Missouri, brought the messages for the broadcasts.

This is the second series of broadcasts the Bible College has assisted in producing.

Correspondence Course To Be Offered

Many people have written Free Will Baptist Bible College inquiring about correspondence work. College officials have long recognized this to be a great need. Work has already begun on courses that will be offered in the near future. Announcements will be made as soon as the courses are ready. Let us hear from you if you are interested in correspondence work.

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ONE HUNDRED TRAIN FOR MINISTRY



Your investments in Free Will Baptist Bible College are helping train approximately one hundred young men who have enrolled this year in the Bible College. Most of these young men plan to become pastors when their training is completed. A few feel called into the evangelistic field, while some plan to do mission work. Several ministerial students are pastoring churches in and around Nashville while they complete their training.

These young men come from sixteen states with North Carolina being represented with the greatest number.

A Ministerial Fellowship was recently organized by this group for the purpose of assisting in promoting the high ethical and moral standards of the Bible College and promoting Christian fellowship among the ministerial students.

From My Desk . . .

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

The development of an institution is much like the development of an individual. Certain personality traits are revealed at given periods of growth; yet there is the basic personality pattern which is invariable, and which makes individuals and institutions differ one from another. From time to time, we see these various manifestations which assure us of proper development.



For an institution to have a right to exist, it should have a distinctiveness all its own. I believe Free Will Baptist Bible College possesses this distinctiveness which sets it apart from other institutions.

One thing which sets this college apart and makes it different is that it is a Free Will Baptist institution. The National Association through its elected Board of trustees owns and controls its policies. Its primary purpose is to utilize to the maximum the life power within our church.

Another distinctive feature of our college is that it is not "a chip off the old block." There is no old block in this instance—which could be to our advantage. We mean by this that Free Will Baptist Bible College is not being fashioned from a second hand pattern handed down from other institutions, but is designing its own pattern befitting its particular need and purpose. It has not been blueprinted by any human master artist. The human agents who have and are moulding the pattern of this college have, from the outset, recognized many inadequacies, and therefore I believe, have sought the more earnestly, divine wisdom. We have good reason to believe this has been granted according to our needs.

There are two great essentials needed in order to properly direct a Christian institution. They are: consecrated vision and courage.

The term "consecrated vision" is used advisedly. It is possible to have a vision of an institution which would satisfy our pride but would not be in keeping with our particular needs. This would be the same principle which prompted Israel to ask for a king because the nations around her had kings. Israel should have borne in mind that God had a particular purpose for which

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Eighteen States Make Gifts in February

Receipts at the Bible College for the month of February amounted to \$7,203.46. This includes receipts from gifts and accounts.

Of the amount, \$3,251.34 came from eighteen states. The building fund received \$651.82 of this amount.

Gifts by states were as follows:

Alabama	\$ 53.50
Arkansas	24.50
California	30.00
Florida	20.00
Georgia	671.07
Illinois	80.90
Kentucky	143.75
Michigan	136.74
Mississippi	64.86
Missouri	272.48
North Carolina	960.28
Ohio	44.00
Oklahoma	285.90
South Carolina	6.00
Tennessee	204.50
Texas	156.26
Virginia	32.00
West Virginia	65.50

\$5000 Payment Due in April

The first semi-annual payment on the Richland Apartments is due April 7. The payment of \$5000 on the principal plus the interest will make the first payment \$6100.

At the present there is about \$100 more on hand in the Building Fund than is needed for this first payment. That is a small amount on the next \$5000 if two payments are made April 7. Yet we all know it can be done.

Let the Bible College hear from you with your gift before April 7. If you have given before but can give again, won't you do so? If you have not sent in your gift, let the College hear from you.

prohibited her adopting the same pattern of her neighboring nations.

Visions for our own college must not be dictated by what we see others doing, but rather by our own distinctive needs. By no means would I suggest that we become so independent in spirit that we would not be willing to accept the counsel and suggestions of others.

I use the word "courage" as another requisite in building an institution commensurate with the needs of the Free Will Baptist Church. We are pioneering and this always requires courage. There are the Sanballats and Tobiahs who are always on hand to discourage the workmen. Then there are the well-established tradition which run into conflict with the work of the pioneer. "Be strong and of good courage" is an admonition appropriate for us.

There are two witnesses that bear favorable testimony to the successful operation of the college over the past years; namely, our people and our students. The products of the Bible College have been well received by our people. We are thankful for the high type of students which we have had the privilege of training and sending out.

Alumni Association

by MRS. DAMON C. DODD, Secretary

Homer Willis, '46, was a feature speaker for the Missionary Conference in Oklahoma. Homer's church in Paintsville has recently given \$184 for Foreign Missions. The church also contracted time for next fourteen weeks on WSP to present the National Broadcast of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Wale Jernigan, '47, and wife are the proud parents of a girl. She was born January 8 and has been named Deborah Jean.

Wedding bells rang for Billy Morris, '52 and Donna Tipton, February 14. Rev. Charles Thigpen performed the double ring ceremony. Billy is pastoring in North Carolina.

Wesley Calvery, '51, and Aileen '52 have accepted the Huntsville, Texas, Church while waiting to go to the Foreign field.

Gaston Clary, '49 took over the Good Hope Church, near Henderson, Texas, December 1.

Zalene Lloyd, '48, who has been serving for the past few years as a missionary in India has returned home. Her address is 1101 Taylor Street, Durham, N. C.

Financial receipts for the past month include the following: 1953 Dues—Evelyn Felts, \$5 and Homer Willis, \$5. March 25 has been designated as Alumni Day. The Executive Committee hopes to present a pageant depicting the history and growth of the F.W.B.B.C. At five o'clock on the afternoon of the same day an informal luncheon will be held at the B & W Cafeteria. Make it a point to attend this most important meeting and help transact the business of the Alumni Association. The Executive Committee has an interesting program planned. This year each one who attends will be expected to buy his own meal (with exception of guests.)

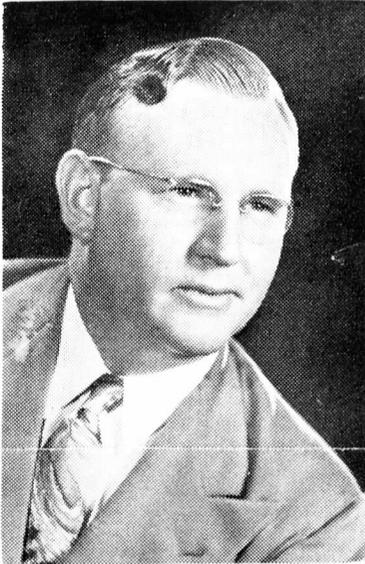
Gospeliers to Make South Carolina Itinerary

The Gospeliers, a widely-known male quartet from Free Will Baptist Bible College will make a brief tour in South Carolina in the interest of the Bible College, March 12-15. Churches to be visited on the tour will be:

Lebanon	March 12
Salem	March 13
Darlington	March 14
Horse Branch (Sunday 11:00 a.m.)	March 15
New Town (Sunday 3:00 p.m.)	March 15
Bethany (Sunday 7:30 p.m.)	March 15

Rev. Charles Thigpen, Registrar, will accompany the quartet. Mr. Thigpen is a native of South Carolina.

Meet the Trustees



REV. LUTHER GIBSON

(Editor's note: This is the Fourth in a series of articles designed to acquaint you with the men elected by the National Association to lead Free Will Baptist Bible College.)

The youngest member of the Board of Trustees and the first graduate of the institution to be elected to the Board, Rev. Luther Gibson is known as one of the most successful young ministers in the denomination.

A native of Mississippi and having attended Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rev. Gibson is now enjoying an unusually successful ministry as pastor of East Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church, East Tupelo, Miss. He has been at this pastorate for almost six years.

After completing his training at Free Will Baptist Bible College, he attended Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. During his stay in South Carolina he was pastor of Liberty church near Manning, S. C.

Besides his pastoral work and his position on the Board of Trustees, he is much in demand as an evangelist and youth speaker.

He married the former Elizabeth Madison who is also a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Students Make Plans For the Summer

A recent check among the students reveals that many of them have plans made to conduct revivals, Daily Vacation Bible Schools or to engage in other type of Christian service during the summer months.

In past years many people have written the Bible College to secure someone to conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools. The College is glad to assist you in this way if you so desire.

Highlights of Bible Conference Program

Speakers for the Conference will be from the members of the faculty this year. This should be of unusual interest to the visitors at the Conference since they have had little opportunity to know and hear the faculty in past Conferences.

Special prayer meetings are being conducted by various student groups in preparation for Bible Conference.

The opening service of the Conference will be at three o'clock, Sunday afternoon, when Rev. LaVerne Miley will conduct a consecration service. Special music will be a feature at each service.

The daily program will be as follows:

Sunday, March 22
Rev. LaVerne Miley 3:00

Monday, March 23
Dr. J. P. Barrow 8:45- 9:25
Rev. Charles Thigpen 9:25-10:15
Recess 10:15-10:50
Rev. Ralph Lightsey 10:50-12:00
Rev. LaVerne Miley 7:30- 9:00

Tuesday, March 24
Dr. J. P. Barrow 8:45- 9:25
Rev. Ralph Lightsey 9:25-10:15
Recess 10:15-10:50
Rev. Charles Thigpen 10:50-12:00
Rev. Ralph Lightsey 7:30- 9:00

Wednesday, March 25
Rev. LaVerne Miley 8:45- 9:25
Rev. Charles Thigpen 9:25-10:15
Recess 10:15-10:50
Alumni Hour 10:50-12:00
Vespers 7:30

Thursday, March 26
Dr. J. P. Barrow 8:45- 9:25
Rev. Ralph Lightsey 9:25-10:15
Recess 10:15-10:50
Rev. Charles Thigpen 10:50-12:00

The afternoons will be left free for Christian fellowship and sight-seeing in and around Nashville.

President Johnson Visits Several States

Dr. L. C. Johnson has recently returned from a tour in several eastern states. He reports that it is his opinion that in every area of our denomination Free Will Baptists are growing. In Kentucky he visited with Rev. Homer Willis, a graduate of the Bible College and now pastor of South Side Church in Paintsville. "We have some fine people in that area who are in a position to do great things for the cause of Christ and the denomination," he stated.

In West Virginia he spoke at a fellowship service where some thirty churches were represented. "It was a wonderful service and I was delighted to see the progress being made in West Virginia" he added.

The trip also included several services in North Carolina which were very responsive to the challenge of the Bible College. Dr. Johnson attended the Missionary Conference and reported that it was a great occasion for the cause of missions. He reported that the conference was well planned, well attended, and effectively carried out.

The Correspondence Corner

"Enclosed find \$2 for my . . . monthly pledge.

" . . . I'm praying for the success of the College and that the Lord will bless and help in all you undertake."—Mrs. J. T. Dyer, Northport, Alabama.

Thankful to Have a Part

"Please find enclosed \$10 for the College. We are much pleased with the growth of the College and humbly thank the Lord that He has made it possible for us to be a small part of it. . . ."—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cockrum and Family, Sesser, Illinois.

\$25 Gift

. . . "You will find enclosed a check for twenty-five dollars . . . Use it as you see fit.

"May God bless you and all the students."—Warren Moffit, Winigan, Mo.

Renews Monthly Gifts

"Please send us twelve envelopes. We will try to send \$5 each month for another year. We are proud of our College and want to do what we can to help you go forward in the good work. . . ."—Mr. and Mrs. James T. Anderson, Folkston, Georgia.

Enjoys Dr. Johnson's Visit

" . . . We are enjoying the privilege of having Dr. Johnson with us at this time. I think he is meeting with success in his work among us as well as receiving the support of our people as a whole."—Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, North Carolina.

Re Georgia Itinerary

"Enclosed you will please find money for two month's pledges to the College funds.

"My prayers are that your great works will continue to prosper as they have the past few years.

"The quartet is a wonderful specimen of what the Lord can do with His people."—Mrs. B. O. Brunson, Colquitt, Georgia.

Woman's Auxiliary Organized

A Woman's Auxiliary was recently organized on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The women of the student body and faculty with the wives of the students and faculty make up the membership.

The officers elected were: Mrs. LaVerne Miley, president; Miss Del Jean Hatcher, secretary; Mrs. Roger Reeds, treasurer; Miss Lissie Chaudoin, first vice president; Mary Francis Hess; second vice president; Miss Clara Mae Lee, third vice president; Miss Leah Nichols, fourth vice president; Mrs. George Branning, fifth vice president.

A Student's Day

How would you like to be a student again? I am Miss Average Student, and I shall be glad to have you go along with me through a typical day here at the Bible College. From the rising bell at 6:30 each morning until the time for lights out at 10:30 we have many varied activities—all valuable in our training for Christian service.

After breakfast at 7:10, the schedule is arranged so that we have ample time before classes start to have our private devotions and Bible study. Realizing that this is a most important part of the day, we let nothing interfere with this time of worship.

Classes begin at 8 o'clock, and after the second period the students and faculty members assemble in the auditorium for the chapel service—a message from the Word, usually by Dr. Johnson or a visiting speaker. However, one day each week is Student Day when various classes or campus organizations are responsible for the program. Twice a month the Missionary Prayer Band plans a program around the missionary theme.

During the fifteen-minute period immediately following chapel, the college post office is jammed with students eager to pick up that all-important mail from home.

Now it is time for classes to resume, and two more class periods are scheduled before lunch at 12:35.

The Missionary Prayer Band is divided into two groups for the boys and two for the girls. It is a blessing to us to meet for fifteen minutes just after lunch each day to pray for those of our church who have gone to the mission field and receive information about various countries so that we shall know more about those countries and how to pray more effectively for them.

Two more hours after this are scheduled for class work. Since there are many of us who have jobs either on the campus or nearby, it is time now to go to work. For others the afternoons are spent in study and preparation for special programs and activities of the various organizations.

Supper is served in the dining hall at 6 o'clock. The time from 7 to 9:30 is set aside as a study period for all dormitory students.

One night each week each student goes out on a Practical Work assignment. This is a regularly scheduled service at vocational schools, hospitals, industrial schools, kindergartens, or street meetings. This gives the student a chance to put into practice the knowledge he has gained in the classroom and affords an opportunity for personal soul-winning.

The last meeting of the day and perhaps the one each of us values most is the time when we meet in the small groups for prayer. Each group of twelve to fifteen has its own Prayer Captain

GEORGE WASHINGTON BANQUET



On the evening of February 20th the dining hall was transformed with long white tables, decorated with hatchets and cherry trees. Everyone was set for an evening of enjoyment, for the faculty was entertaining the student body with a formal banquet. It was a George Washington Banquet, built around a patriotic theme. The evening was made enjoyable by patriotic music on the piano by Mrs. Rufus Coffey, a lovely arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of Republic" by the Gospeliers, and a solo "America the Beautiful" by Doris. Miss Aigner gave a delightful humorous reading, "George Washington Slept Here." The highlight of the evening was an address by Dean Lightsey, reminding us of the qualities possessed by George Washington that we would do well to cultivate today. The group joined with Bobby Picirilli in singing "God Bless America."

From the opening invocation by Rev. Rufus Coffey to the benediction by Dr. J. P. Barrow, every minute was filled with enjoyment for every person who attended.

who directs the worship period. During this thirty minute period we sing choruses, have special music, give testimonies, and read Scripture. Then we give our prayer requests and thanksgivings and all pray together. Many times as I kneel in prayer with these friends, I look at each of them and think what a blessing it is to have Christian fellowship such as this. There are those who will soon be carrying the gospel to those in foreign countries who have never heard the wonderful story of Jesus and others who will be filling other places of service wherever the Lord leads them. And I am thankful for another full day that has brought me closer to the time when I, too, will be devoting all my time to the Master's work.

Quartet Summer Itinerary Being Planned

An itinerary is now being worked out for a quartet to go out this summer. For the past five years the Bible College has had a quartet on the field during the summer months. During these years quartets have visited practically every state where there is organized Free Will Baptist work.

Dean Lightsey stated that the purpose of sending the Quartet is threefold: "1. To present a gospel service that will exalt Christ. 2. To give first-hand information about the Bible College. 3. To present the needs of the Bible College and receive gifts which people wish to make."

Free Will Baptist Bible College... BULLETIN

BIBLE CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS

From every point of view the Bible Conference was a great success. The attendance was by far the largest ever. Our auditorium was comfortably filled in many of the day services and was jammed with all available space filled with extra chairs for the evening services. Visitors were here from twenty states. Those who have attended from year to year were impressed with the attendance this year.

The bulk of the attendance was made up of former students whom we are always glad to have come back to their alma mater. Along with them many brought their children, which is a rapidly growing family of grandchildren for the Bible College.

The spirit of the Conference was great. There seemed to be no "contrary winds" blowing during the entire session. Everyone seemed to rejoice in the Lord and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship. It is such fellowship that makes all of us look forward to the Bible Conference each year.

The messages delivered by the members of our own faculty were combinations of all the elements of great preaching; they were devotional, instructive, doctrinal, and deeply spiritual. They would have been a credit to any Bible Conference. Following are some comments made by our own students who listened to the men's messages who teach them in the classroom every day:

Conference

"This was the first Conference I have attended, and it truly was a blessing to me. I especially enjoyed and appreciated the messages by our faculty members. The uplifting services met our need for a spiritual awakening and refreshing."

BARBARA HANCOCK
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Freshman

"A time of feasting and refreshing in the Lord."

BOYCE WALLACE
Albertson, North Carolina
Sophomore

"The Conference was the best that I have ever attended. There were great blessings received from the Lord through the speakers. The faculty members brought stirring messages."

SAMMY WILKINSON
Glennville, Georgia
Junior

"The Bible Conference seemed to bring the students and faculty members closer together. I can't think how it could have been better."

KEITH BOYD
Durham, North Carolina
Freshman

"I received a great blessing from the Conference."

JANE SMITH
New Bern, North Carolina
Freshman

"It was a time of spiritual blessing and fellowship. The messages were inspiring."

BOBBY PICIRILLI
Pamplico, South Carolina
Senior

"It was a great inspiration to me."

GENEVA WINSTEAD
Rocky Mount, North Carolina
Sophomore

"This is my third time to attend the Bible Conference, and I enjoyed this one more than any before. The messages delivered by our faculty members were special blessings to us since we know from their everyday lives that they 'practice what they preach,' and that they always exalt Jesus."

LISSIE CHAUDOIN
Healdton, Oklahoma
Junior

"All of the messages were inspirational and educational."

C. C. LEE, JR.
Calhoun City, Mississippi
Junior

"I believe this was the best Conference I have attended. I enjoyed it very much, especially our faculty members' messages. It was truly an answer to our prayers and was just what we needed as a refresher for the remainder of our school year."

JANE KETTEMAN
Ewing, Illinois
Junior

"From the very first service I was deeply impressed with the quiet working of the Holy Spirit. Each message drew me into a deeper consecration because of the emphasis given to the person of Christ."

BONNIE HENSON
Hurricane, West Virginia
Junior

Statements from those who visited with us:

"May I express to you my personal appreciation for the Bible Conference. Along with others, I had some apprehension about the program when I arrived in Nashville, but that soon vanished. You have reason to be proud of every member of your faculty that appeared on program. . . ."

REV. FLOYD B. CHERRY, *Editor*
Free Will Baptist Press
Ayden, North Carolina

"I think the Bible Conference was one of the best if not the best one that I have attended. The messages were well planned and well delivered. I look forward, even now, to the one next year."

REV. JOSEPH G. ANGE, *Pastor*
Edgemont Free Will Baptist
Church
Durham, North Carolina

"We enjoyed the Bible Conference more this year than ever before."

REV. JAMES F. MILLER
Member Board of Trustees
Kinston, North Carolina

From My Desk . . .

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Never have we been more conscious of the truthfulness of these words than we were during our Bible Conference. It was thrilling to sit on the platform and see the great crowds that attended the Conference. Well do I remember the first Conference ten years ago when we met in an average size dining room of our only building at that time. In



ten years I have seen the Conferences grow until our new auditorium, which we supposed would be adequate for our future needs, is filled to capacity.

The return of our former students in great numbers was a welcome delight. Many of them

brought with them prospective students, a number of which made application for next year while they were here. Of course, many of them brought their children, which is a good guarantee that there will always be a Free Will Baptist Bible College. We were glad to see them—they were glad to see us—we all had a good time.

The wonderful spirit and the increased growth reflected in the Bible College and the Bible Conference is similar to that going on throughout our denomination. Our progress is literally driving us to undertake projects which we may not be prepared to undertake. Yet we cannot fail in the hour of our greatest opportunity. The hugeness of the task and the inadequacies of our human resources are a challenge to a deeper consecration and a greater unified effort.

South Carolina Itinerary

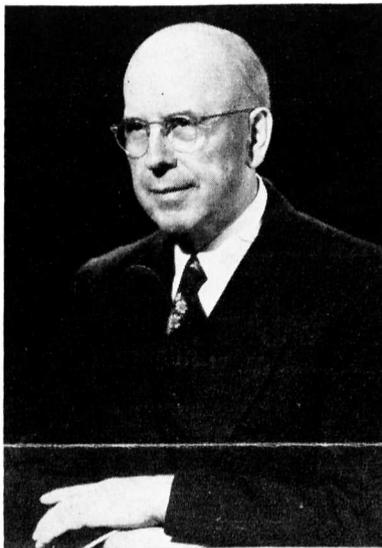
A brief itinerary conducted in South Carolina by Charles A. Thigpen, Registrar and the Gospeliers, was one of the most successful ever made. Mr. Thigpen and the quartet were very impressed with the warm reception given them.

A total of \$2330.00 was raised in cash and pledges.

The churches visited were: Lebanon, Salem, Tabernacle, Horse Branch, New Town and Bethany.

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Huffman Speaks At Chapel



Dr. Jasper A. Huffman, clergyman, educator, and author, was the guest speaker at Free Will Baptist Bible College April 5 through April 10. He spoke in the College Chapel at 9:50 each morning and at 7:30 each evening. Every session was open to the public.

Dr. Huffman for many years was Dean of Taylor University School of Religion. He also served on the faculty of Bluffton College, Wilmarsum Theological Seminary, Marion College and is now President of Winona Lake School of Theology, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Many books have flowed from the pen of Dr. Huffman. Among them are: *The Holy Spirit, Upper Room Messages, The Messianic Hope in Both Testaments*, and *Youth and the Christ way*.

The following is a list of the subjects on which Dr. Huffman spoke during this week of services: "The Meaning of Easter," "Youth and Religion," "Youth and Education," "Youth and Social Relations," "Youth and Personality," "Youth and Vocations," "The Meaning of God," "The Meaning of the Incarnation," "The Meaning of the Cross," "The Meaning of the New Birth," and "The Meaning of the Miracle."

Three Students Ordained

Bobby Picirilli, Elro Driggers and Willie Johnson, Bible College students from South Carolina, were ordained to the Gospel Ministry during spring holidays. After being examined by the Presbytery, each one was permitted to be ordained in his home church. All three services were very meaningful and impressive. We pray God's blessings on these young ministers.

Alumni Association

by MRS. DAMON C. DODD, Secretary

Dear Alumni Member:

After having enjoyed the Bible Conference and the Alumni Banquet, it seems that words are rather empty expressions as we write this news letter. Everyone is agreed on one thing—"this was the best Alumni meeting ever."

The Alumni hour during the Bible Conference featured a panel discussion on the organization, purpose, and plans of our Alumni group. Ronald Creech, '50, William Mishler-'48, and Robert Wilfong-'49 were Alumni representatives on the panel and Dr. Johnson was the College representative. Damon Dodd-'44, led the panel.

The feature of Alumni hour was the gathering of classes '44 through '52 on the platform and a special number by the classes of 1962-1975.

The banquet was held at B and W Cafeteria and was attended by 58 persons. Reverend La Verne Miley was feature speaker and the Evangeliers furnished the music. Greetings were given by Zalene Lloyd, '48, home from India on furlough, also Wilfongs from Cuba. Luther Gibson, '46 presided in absence of president, T. O. Terry, '51 and vice-president, Joe Ange, '50.

New officers include—Joe Ange, '50 president, Leroy Forlines, '52 Vice-president, Mrs. Damon Dodd, '44 Secretary-treasurer, Lee Whaley, '48 Executive Committee member.

Important resolution adopted makes ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP possible to anyone who has earned credit in F.W.B.C., regardless of whether a graduate. The fee for this Associate Membership is same as regular, \$5.00 per year.

The news of importance at this writing:

Sympathy to Marie, '51 and Carlisle Hanna, '52—Missionaries to India. They lost their baby, Shelia Marie. Continue to pray for them in their hour of sorrow.

Lee and Ethel Whaley, '48, report success in Jacksonville, N. C., church. They took up pastorate in '49 with 29 members—three year growth swells membership to 120. They begin their spring revival April 13. The Whaley's have two sons, Vernon and Rodney Dale.

Joe Ange, '50 closed a very successful revival in Fellowship church, Flat River, Missouri. Rolla Smith is pastor.

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March Income

General Gifts	\$2,022.03
Building Fund Gifts	636.59
Student Accounts	4,541.39
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Gifts by states:	
Alabama	\$ 47.50
Arkansas	43.00
California	10.00
Florida	10.00
Georgia	252.00
Illinois	117.87
Kentucky	7.50
Michigan	94.95
Mississippi	64.50
Missouri	173.09
North Carolina	319.26
Ohio	56.00
Oklahoma	245.98
South Carolina	509.09
Tennessee	203.00
Texas	172.94
Virginia	52.00
West Virginia	22.50
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Total	\$2,401.18

Board of Trustees Has Successful Meet

The Board of Trustees, meeting in the president's office, had one of its most profitable meetings. The reports presented by the College officials were well received with expressions of commendation.

The reports revealed the largest income in the history of the institution.

It also showed that in the last two years the school has had a more than sixty per cent increase in the student body.

Plans for next year call for a greatly increased budget with additions to the faculty and staff. These additions will be announced later.



Bobby Picirilli is seen above left, as he receives his certificate of Ordination to the Gospel Ministry. The ministers taking part in this service were Rev. Paul Ketteman, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen and Rev. Luther Sanders.

Alumni Were Here

It was a joy to have the alumni come home for a visit. If for no other reason, the Bible Conference would be profitable in that it affords an opportunity for former students to visit their Bible College and renew acquaintances with their roommates and school friends. This year an unusually large number were here for the Conference. It is easy to forget just how many have come and gone until we see them together and are reminded again of the fruitful, if short, ministry of the Bible College.

The Alumni Hour on Wednesday was one of the bright spots of the Bible Conference. A member from each graduating class was spokesman for his class and gave brief reports of those who were his classmates. One of the highlights of the Alumni Hour was the singing by representatives from the classes of 1962 to 1975. Of course, these were children of our former students. Free Will Baptist Bible College has a brighter future as it looks forward to their becoming its future students.

In Memoriam

The entire Bible College family was saddened recently when news reached us that little Sheila had passed away. Sheila was the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, two of our former students who recently went to India.

From news received from Dan and Trula Cronk, Sheila was sick only a few days before the Lord called her. Carlisle and Marie's testimony in this period of their great sorrow has made a mighty impact on those who know them in India, according to Dan and Trula's letter.

On the day we received the news at the College, we had a special service in the College Chapel that we might have had, had Sheila passed away here in the homeland. We know full well the Lord makes no mistakes. His name will be honored in some way through this sad experience, but let us not forget to pray for Carlisle and Marie.

The Correspondence Corner

Building Fund Gift

"Enclosed is a check for \$50 to apply on building fund. It is not so much, but I know Jesus can do miracles with our little.

"Give our regards to the boys who visited our church. They are really doing a wonderful work for the Lord."—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thompson, Poteau, Oklahoma.

"I am happy to enclose my March pledge on the purchase of the new building.

"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—Mrs. Charlotte M. Cox, Norfolk, Virginia.

86 Years Old

"It is with keenest regret that I'm unable to help much, for I'm past my eighty-six age mark . . . I do hope every-one lots of success and happiness who attend the College. We are enclosing \$5 to help a little."—Mrs. Mary Prescott, Anderson, Texas.

Glad to Have a Part

"Yes, I have lost the purple envelope, but I am mailing my small contribution for the College fund and am glad to have a little part in promoting Christian Education."—Mrs. R. T. Rhodes, La Grange, N. C.

Pleased with College

"We are so pleased to know we have a Bible College there and doing such good work. I surely hope we can keep up the good work."—Mrs. John Latham, Pinetown, N. C.

Parent of Former Student

"We expect to be sending this amount each month for the school treasure. Wish it were possible for us to send more.

"When Wanda got up to read and gave her little sermonettes on the Bible, I realized how much the school means to our young people . . ."—Mrs. Thomas Conkey, Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Enjoy Bulletin

"Here is the dollar we promised to send in monthly to the Bible College.

"We received the College Bulletin and enjoyed reading it just a lot. Thanks for it."—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wyatt, Moultrie, Ga.

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Alumni Association

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Wesley, '51, and Aileen Calvery, '52, are in Cuba working with the Willeys while waiting for India visa.

Dan Merkh, '53, is pastor of new church in Norfolk, Virginia. At end of first month they report over 100 in Sunday School. Plans are in the making to purchase lot and build in near future!

Juanita Barrow, '48, is teaching in Winfield, Illinois. Juanita received her M.A. degree from Peabody in August of 1952.

Dorena Davis, '51, will receive her B.S. in Elementary Education from Peabody in June.

The lost has been found! You remember during the Alumni meeting it was made known that the Constitution and By-laws of the Alumni Association had been lost and a hunt for them was begun. Today your secretary had a letter from Adam and Nadyne Scott of Durham, N. C. They had found their copy and sent it on to the Alumni office. Our hearty thanks to them.

Financial receipts for this month include the following:

Dues	
Damon Dodd, '44	\$5.00
Sylvia Dodd, '44	5.00
Lee Whaley, '48	5.00
Ethel Whaley, '48	5.00
Lorene Miley, '47	5.00
Leroy Forlines, '52	5.00
George Ritter, '49	5.00
William Mishler, '48	5.00
Adam Scott, '51	5.00
Nadyne Scott, '48	5.00
Harold Dunlap, '47	5.00
Ruby Dunlap, '47	5.00
Harold Parsons, '49	5.00

Elizabeth Gibson, has the distinct honor of being the first Associate Member to join the Alumni Association. She paid \$5.00 Dues.

Gifts	
Lee and Ethel Whaley, '48	\$ 5.00
Harold Parsons, '49	10.00
George Ritter, '49	5.00

News for this column is made up from the news items you send in to the secretary. Please remember to keep them coming so we can keep in touch with our Alumni family—the best Alumni group in the world! Just send a card to MRS. DAMON DODD, 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville 9, Tennessee.

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Love Offering

"Glad of your work and will be praying God's richest of blessings upon you all.

"I myself am an evangelist and love the work dearly.

"Pray for me in the work of the Lord. You as a body are doing wonderful things for the Lord . . . A little love offering from a sister in Christ."—Mrs. Minnie Campbell, Ada, Oklahoma.

NEW PIANO



A surprise to all of us came on Wednesday evening. Dean Lightsey challenged the overflow congregation to buy the new Baldwin Grand piano which had been loaned to us by a piano company for the Bible Conference. The price of the piano, after the discount the company gave to the Bible College, is \$2100. The audience enthusiastically gave in cash and pledges more than \$2000 of this amount.

A great big "Thank you" goes to our friends, former students, and present students who took part in purchasing this needed grand piano for our auditorium.

The piano is pictured above with Keith Boyd, a student from Durham, North Carolina, seated at the keyboard.

Registrar's Office Reports

According to Registrar Charles A. Thigpen there are eight new applications already on file for next year. This is the greatest number of applications that has ever been on file this early. Inquiries are coming into his office daily. "The student prospect is brighter than it has ever been," Mr. Thigpen stated. He suggested that it would be wise for those who are considering coming to Free Will Baptist Bible College next year to get their applications in early.

Several New Books Received by the Library

Since last month's call for books for the library, we have received between 50 and 75 worthwhile additions, according to Mrs. Barrow, librarian. She states that we are still open to receive any profitable books that anyone might wish to give. The immediate need is for several thousand select volumes in order to bring our library up to standard.

Spring Vacation

Since Christmas every student at Free Will Baptist Bible College has looked forward to the days following Bible Conference. As soon as the last service was over, most of the students left books and studies behind and began the trip home. Spring vacation, too, is a time when students visit the home of a roommate or a friend. This year everyone especially enjoyed the five days of vacation. The days of freedom from studies and a fixed schedule were especially refreshing. Youth rallies, revivals, and special services were held in many different churches.

Not an unpleasant experience of spring vacation was the return to Nashville. In our absence spring has done her best to beautify the campus. The students who remained in Nashville welcomed the returning ones eagerly. For a few hours on Tuesday night, the dormitories were filled with excitement as everyone was greeted with news from home, reports of successful services, and new experiences. With a sigh of satisfaction everyone settled down to begin the work of the last weeks of school.

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F. W. B. B. C. Graduates Largest Class



The largest class in the history of Free Will Baptist Bible College will receive their degrees May 28.

Those receiving the B.A. Degree are from left to right: front row, Don Ellis, Cedar Hill, Tennessee; Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Lucy Wisheart, Myrtle, Missouri; N. R. Smith, Jr., Healdton, Oklahoma; W. B. Hughes, Hamilton, Alabama. Second row, Reedy Saverance, Timmonsville, South Carolina; Bobby Picirilli, Pamplico, South Carolina; Sterling Tucker, River Mines, Missouri. Back row, Roy O'Donnell, Ashville, Alabama; E. Bayless McDonald, Asheville, North Carolina; and Fred Kirby, Timmonsville, South Carolina. Not pictured, Durward

Long, Columbus, Georgia and Daniel Merkh, Lynnhaven, Virginia.

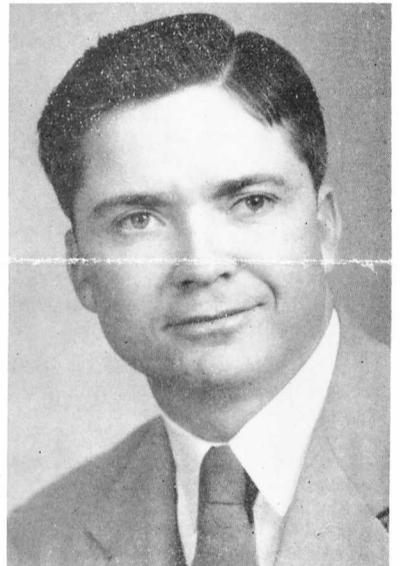
Others not listed in picture who will receive diplomas for having completed the three-year Bible Course are: Thomas Kenneth Carter, Darlington, South Carolina; Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr., Marion, North Carolina; Ruth Ella Floyd, Marion, North Carolina; James C. Lynn, Nashville, Tennessee; Novella Propst, Belmont, North Carolina; and Edward H. Corn, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Also there will be twenty-six Evangelical Teachers Training Association diplomas to be presented to students having completed the requirements for this award. This diploma qualifies them to conduct Teacher's Training Courses in Sunday School work.

Baccalaureate Speaker

Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on May 24, at 3:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Bowen is well known and appreciated by every member of the graduating class, and by his constant boosting of the Bible College has proved to be a real friend to the institution. He has led his church to become one of the most liberal supporters of the Bible College.

Extension Teacher Elected



Rev. Leroy Forlines, a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and now pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia, has been elected to the faculty of Free Will Baptist Bible College as extension teacher.

From My Desk . . .

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

“. . . this one thing I do. . .”—
Philippians 3:13

Have you ever wondered why the Apostle Paul was so great? I have. No doubt this clause “this one thing I do” tells us why he was successful. He had a definite, clear, pointed objective in life. It has been said that every great man at some time has come under the domination of some great truth. Paul had done this. He had found in Christ and his cause a challenge so great that he was willing to lay aside every other goal and purpose in life, and dedicate himself to Christ and His work. He expresses it so clearly in Philippians 3:7, “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.” The great apostle had dedicated his whole life to the one purpose of knowing Christ.



As ministers and Christian workers it is necessary to constantly remind ourselves of our goals and objectives. There are so many things that need to be done until we are in constant danger of being sidetracked on some side issue and lose sight of “this one thing.” The wider space a given amount of water has through which to flow, the less force it has. Narrow the space and your force increases correspondingly. If you and I keep our lives concentrated and consecrated to “this one thing” of knowing Christ and making him known, we will carry a mightier impact for God.

This principle applies to Free Will Baptist Bible College. The “one thing” for the Bible College is to train Christian young men and women for Christian service. It is difficult to stay with this single purpose when there are many worth-while things to do in the field of education. It would be unwise for Free Will Baptist Bible College to generalize its original purpose by attempting to do everything that is at-

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Financial Facts

You will be interested in the following financial facts:

1. Average monthly income over the past twelve months excluding gifts to Building Fund \$ 7,900.00
2. Average monthly expenses 7,600.00
3. Received on purchase of new dormitory building 18,203.28
4. Paid on purchase of new property 28,000.00
5. Total interest paid on indebtedness of new property 1,275.00
6. Balance due on new dormitory 39,000.00
7. Every \$1.50 the student pays must be matched with a \$1.00 gift from a friend. Your gifts are needed.
8. Receipts for April:
 - General Receipts . . . \$3,390.83
 - Building Fund Gifts . . . 327.03
 - Student Accounts 4,677.07

Gifts by states:

Alabama	150.54
Arkansas	29.00
California	60.00
Florida	147.75
Georgia	497.26
Illinois	149.58
Kentucky	17.50
Michigan	210.00
Mississippi	165.60
Missouri	301.14
North Carolina	563.97
Ohio	49.00
Oklahoma	289.98
South Carolina	51.00
Tennessee	467.25
Texas	273.71
Virginia	84.00
West Virginia	51.02

\$3,558.30

tractive in the field of education. Our church is in such need of trained workmen that all our resources can well be dedicated to supplying this need. The Board of Trustees and the administration are not blind to the many other worthy fields of Christian education. But the success of the Bible College over the past eleven years has been due to adherence strictly to the one task of training Christian young men and women. No attempt has been made to enter the field of general education except as it contributes “to this one thing”—training Christian workers.

Alumni Association

by MRS. DAMON C. DODD, Secretary

Among the more than 350 former students of Free Will Baptist Bible College are several who have made denominational news this past month and we pass some of this news to you.

Ronald Creech, '52, writes—“I was in a meeting at the Pleasant Plain Church near Selma, N. C., and can truthfully say that it was one of the most successful meetings that I was ever privileged to conduct. I am told that the meeting still is living on. The Sunday School Superintendent told me that on Sunday after the meeting closed on Friday night that he extended an invitation for salvation and that eight were saved.” Ronald was in a revival at Saints Delight Church near Louisville, N. C., April 20-25.

Homer Willis, '46, writes—“I will be in the following revivals: April 27-May 8, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, May 24, Hull Road, Snow Hill, N. C., and June 31, Lucama, N. C. I will be preaching the baccalaureate sermons for the Meade Memorial High School on April 26 and the Paintsville High School May 17.”

Lee and Ethel Whaley, '48, write that their church has one student in F.W.B.B.C. this year and that they hope to have at least four or five next year!

Joe Ange, '50, pastor of Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C., was in a revival at Union Grove Church, Durham County, N. C., April 29 through May 10.

T. O. Terry, '51, pastor of Warden's Grove Church, Lowland, N. C., was in a revival in his church May 4 through May 15.

Wade Jernigan, '47, began a revival at Wetumka, Oklahoma, on April 13 and the organization of a church is planned following the two weeks' meeting.

Leroy Forlines, '52, has resigned his church at Newport News, Virginia. He has been employed by the College to do extension work.

Joe Ange, '50, reports that his church has just closed a very successful revival with 160 conversions.

Adam Scott, '51, has had Rev. Chas.

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Meet the Trustees



Rev. James F. Miller

Free Will Baptist Bible College is fortunate to have on its board of Trustees men with long and fruitful ministries. Such is Rev. James F. Miller who at the present time is pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Kings-ton, North Carolina.

Brother Miller is a native of Mis-souri where most all his ministry has been. Called to preach when a young man of nineteen, he was ordained by the South East Missouri yearly meeting in the year 1915. After his ordination he attended Will Mayfield Bible Col-lege, Marble Hill, Missouri.

Besides having served some of the outstanding Free Will Baptist Churches in Missouri, he has also been very ac-tive in denominational work. He served for four years as moderator of the North East Missouri Association and for eleven years was moderator of the Missouri State Association. Brother Miller received the highest honor that his denomination had to confer when elected moderator of the National As-sociation of Free Will Baptists in 1937. He held this office from 1937 to 1944 which is the longest tenure of office in the history of the National Association. In the year 1944 Brother Miller was elected to the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and he has served very capably in this capacity.

Brother Miller's family consists of his wife and two daughters and two sons. His two sons are in the teaching profession.

Official of Temple College and Southeastern Seminary to Deliver Commencement Address

Dr. John Herrmann, Vice-President of Temple College and Southeastern Seminary in Chattanooga, Tennessee, will deliver the Commencement address at Free Will Baptist Bible College on May 28. Dr. Herrmann is known as one of the prominent theologians of our day. He is noted for his outstanding work with young people and is an authority in the field of counseling and psychiatry.

Commissioning Service To Be Held for Miss Wischart

Lucy Wischart will be commissioned for missionary work to Cuba at East Nashville Church, Tuesday evening, May 12. Miss Wischart will graduate from the Bible College with a B.A. degree May 28. After spending some time in itinerary work, she will join the missionary workers in Cuba. Miss Wischart has spent four years at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and will be the first unmarried lady to graduate with a B.A. degree.

The Foreign Missions Board will be in charge of the commissioning service, and Dr. L. C. Johnson will bring the commissioning message.

Guest Speaker Great Blessing to Students

Rev. Del Fehsenfeld, well known evangelist from Kansas City, Missouri, was, recently, guest speaker at Free Will Baptist Bible College. His mes-sages were well adapted to the needs of the students and faculty, and they brought great blessings to the campus.

It is the policy of the administration to bring as many outstanding speakers to the chapel platform as possible.

The Correspondence Corner

\$50 Gift

"Please find enclosed check for \$50. I am sorry it will not be there in time to help on the payment due April 7.

"We enjoy the BULLETIN and are glad to learn of the advancement of the work there."—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Hartfield, Los Angeles, Calif.

Enjoys College Quartet

"Please find enclosed \$1 which I pledged to pay. I certainly did enjoy the boys' quartet when they were down. They certainly are doing a wonderful work."—Mrs. J. W. Clower, Arlington, Ga.

Shares Bulletin

"Enclosed find \$1, my pledge for April . . . I appreciate the BULLETIN very much and am glad to pass on the main features to others . . ."—Mrs. Alice Lupton, New Bern, N. C.

Sees Importance of College

"Received your most welcome letter today, and it made me think how im-portant our College is. This gift is a little late. It was for October. . . I am sending you a small donation for the College, praying that God will stretch it so our College can keep up the good work."—Robert Poore, Bol-White, West Virginia.

Finds Pleasure in Giving

"Please find enclosed my gift for March and April.

"It is a pleasure giving this small amount to the College. Only I wish I could give more.

"The Lord bless each of you is my prayer."—Margie Tripp, Ahsokie, N. C.

Notes Improvement

"Just a line to say here's my April offering.

"We're enjoying the bulletins very much and look forward to the time when the boys' quartet will be in our midst again.

"It gives me great joy to note th

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Extension Department Organized

At its recent session the Board of Trustees authorized the organization of an Extension Department of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Christian Workers Institutes which were formerly carried on by the Promotional Department of the National Association will, in the future, be carried on by the Extension Department of the Bible College. This transfer has been authorized by the National Association.

The Extension Department of the Bible College will conduct Extension Schools whenever a local church or group of churches so desires. The same type of instruction that is offered at Free Will Baptist Bible College will be offered in these schools. A certain amount of credit under certain conditions will be honored by the Bible College toward a degree or diploma granted by the institution. The details concerning the honoring of credits will be set forth in a pamphlet which will be printed in the near future. The Extension Department is now ready to receive requests for a school in your church. It is hoped there will be a great demand for this type of training.

College Quartet Visits Five States

Outstanding results have been realized in the last few weeks from services conducted by two quartets from the Bible College. Week end services have been conducted in five states: Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tennessee. Rev. M. H. Millette, Hilton, Georgia, arranged one of these week end itineraries for southwest Georgia and southeast Alabama. Rev. Homer Willis, Paintsville, Kentucky, arranged another such itinerary in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Churches visited in Tennessee were near Nashville. Approximately \$10,000 has been raised this school year by the week end itineraries of these quartets.

The College administration appreciates the work of the young men who have gone out on these itineraries, and the people who have so graciously received them.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare. Psalm 75:1

Alumni Association

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Thigpen with him and his church in Durham, N. C., for a revival.

Luther Gibson, '46, has been in a revival at Shady Grove Church, Durham County, N. C. Joe Haas, '49, is the pastor.

Wesley, '51, and Aileen Calvary, '52, have returned to the states and plan to enroll at Peabody College for some additional work.

William Mishler, '48, is attending a Board meeting of the National Sunday School Board, of which he is Chairman. His church has recently begun a radio broadcast over WEXL, Royal Oak, Michigan. He has just closed a very successful revival with the Breckenridge, Michigan, church.

George Ritter, '49, pastor of Crusader Free Will Baptist Church in West Detroit, Michigan, now has between 90 and 132 in Sunday school. The church was organized three years ago.

Damon Dodd, '44, at the time of this writing is in Richmond, Virginia, in a revival at the First Free Will Baptist Church.

Reford Wilson, '48, and Rolla Smith, former student, attended the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 12-14.

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improvement that's been made in the College the past few years."—Mrs. B. O. Brunson, Colquitt, Ga.

Former Student

"I am happy again to have some of the Lord's money which I would like to use for a wonderful cause. Here is ten dollars which I want you to use to pay on the debt on the new building. May the Lord bless you and the gift for His honor and glory.

"I am happy to give."—Henry Lital, Prestonburg, Ky.

Wants Son to Attend College

". . . I am enclosing \$5 of my tithes . . . If I can be of help to help others carry the Gospel, I'm ready to do my part as the Lord blesses us . . . We have a son age seventeen finishing the tenth grade, and I would really be proud if he could be able to attend College there some day."—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Anderson and son, Ashford, Alabama.

College Office Employs Full-Time Secretary



Miss Olena Filkins of Kirksville, Missouri, has been employed as a full-time secretary in the College office. Miss Filkins attended college at Hannibal-LaGrange, Hannibal, Missouri, and had been employed by the Bank of Kirksville, Missouri, before coming to the Bible College.

Miss Filkins is a member of Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church and her pastor, Rev. Wayne Parsons, is a former student of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Building Fund Needs Your Gift

On the 7th of April the first semi-annual payment of \$5,000 was made on the new girls' dormitory. At present there is \$1,059.79 balance in this fund. With the cooperation of everyone, two, and perhaps three, payments can be made on this indebtedness at our next payment.

Have you sent your gift to the Building Fund? If not, why not share some of the Lord's money with this worthy cause? There are other buildings needed now, but this must be paid for before they can be bought or built. You who have given before may be in a position to give again.

Your gift sent in right away will indicate how many payments we can look forward to making next time. The College officials appreciate the splendid way you have responded to this need.

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College Quartet to Visit Several States



Pictured above are the members of the College quartet who are all smiles as they prepare to start on this summer's itinerary in the new Dodge station wagon: Carroll Alexander, North Carolina; Carlton Lambert, Alabama; G. C. Lee, Jr., Mississippi; and Marvis Lee, Tennessee.

For the past four years the Bible College has sent out a young men's quartet to visit churches in almost every state where there are Free Will Baptist people. Usually these visits have been made during the summer vacation period, but occasional short trips have been made during the school term.

The quartet this summer will visit churches in North Carolina through most of June with some visits in Virginia the latter part of June; after this visits will be made in West Virginia, Illinois, and Missouri during July and August. While in Illinois, the members of the quartet will attend the National Association.

The purpose of the College in sending out the quartet is fourfold: (1) To acquaint our people with the College, its work, and its needs; (2) To appeal to Free Will Baptist youth to consider the Bible College in planning their Christian training; (3) To seek the support of our people in assuring

the financial success of the College; and (4) To present a program of gospel songs, testimonies, and a message from God's Word with the prayer that His blessings will be upon the service to the end that souls may be saved and that Christians may be revived.

This ministry of the College quartet has been very successful in supplementing the income of the College as hundreds of people volunteer to support its work of training our young men and women for full-time Christian work. Another distinct benefit of the quartet's visits is the attracting of many Free Will Baptist young people to the College, for in the young men of the

Dean's List

Students who make an average of B or better are placed on the Dean's List. They remain there as long as they maintain that average.

Congratulations to the following who made the Dean's List for the second semester of this school year:

Ben Barrus
Kenneth Eagleton
Johnnie Floyd
Ruth Floyd
Bonnie Lou Henson
Eloise Hoyt
W. B. Hughes
Bobby Jackson
Betty Anne Kirk
Clara Mae Lee
Bayless McDonald
Bobby Picirilli
Charles Sapp
N. R. Smith
Lonnie Sparks
Eugene Waddell
Boyce Wallace
Tommy Willey
Mary Ruth Wischart

quartet is seen the Christian training and character they themselves want.

The churches that have been visited previously by the quartet are enthusiastic in receiving them again. Of course, it has been impossible to visit all our Free Will Baptist churches; but through this medium, the College is becoming acquainted with more and more of our people.

Not only have the churches been visited, but the young men are usually entertained in the homes of the church members. Here they have been treated like kings as they share in Christian fellowship and the comforts of home life. These visits in the homes give opportunity to talk with young people who are interested in coming to the Bible College as well as affording opportunity of dealing with those who have never been Christians. Several conversions have been reported in the services, and many young people have testified to decisions of consecration.

We know that the churches visited this year will enjoy the quartet and that the Lord will bless with wonderful services.

From My Desk...

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

"And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty and some an hundred." Mark 4:20.

This Scripture refers to the good seed sown on good ground. In the parable we have other seeds which fell on stony ground and some by the wayside and some among thorns. Only the seed that fell on good ground brought forth fruit. Notice that the seeds sown on



good ground brought forth a definite yield. "Some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."

I am thinking of this passage in connection with the students from Free Will Baptist Bible College that have just gone home

for the summer. Some time some sower, which could have been the pastor of their local church, the Sunday school teacher, or their father or mother, planted the seed of eternal life in their hearts and they received it and it is bringing forth fruit.

Perhaps I am biased, but in my opinion we have had some of the finest young people here at Free Will Baptist Bible College that you will find anywhere. Most of them will be engaged in some type of Christian work this summer. Some of their lives will produce thirtyfold and some even a hundred fold, but we believe that most of them will be giving their testimonies and working for Christ to the best of their abilities.

Here at the Bible College we continue to sow the seeds in the hearts and lives of our students, and it is encouraging to us to see it fall on good ground and produce fruit.

Notice in the parable that it was Satan that came immediately and took the seed away. He is always near by to destroy the work of God in our lives. He is the opposer of Christians and of the church and seeks at all times to hinder the work of the Lord. All of us should beware lest the seed sown in our hearts be uprooted and snatched away and there grow up in its stead the thorns and thistles of worldly care.

Financial Facts

You will be interested in the following financial facts:

1. Average monthly income over the past twelve months excluding gifts to Building Fund \$ 7,900.00
2. Average monthly expenses 7,600.00
3. Received on purchase of new dormitory building . . . 18,240.23
4. Paid on purchase of new property 23,000.00
5. Total interest paid on indebtedness of new property . . . 1,275.00
6. Balance due on new dormitory 39,000.00
7. Every \$1.50 the student pays must be matched with a \$1.00 gift from a friend. Your gifts are needed.
8. Receipts for May:

General Receipts	\$ 2,751.83
Building Fund Gifts	37.00
Student Accounts	8,691.78
W. N. A. C.	48.38

Gifts by states:

Alabama	63.00
Arkansas	14.00
California	10.00
Florida	10.00
Georgia	252.57
Illinois	78.90
Kentucky	298.72
Michigan	6.00
Mississippi	267.62
Missouri	293.56
North Carolina	419.72
Ohio	59.00
Oklahoma	211.61
South Carolina	95.00
Tennessee	399.75
Texas	120.16
Virginia	67.00
West Virginia	72.77

\$ 2,739.38

Correspondence Courses Ready

A short time ago, an announcement was made that we would soon have some Correspondence courses ready for those who wish to take them. The courses are now available.

Those who are interested in more information about the Correspondence work should write to:

Correspondence Department

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Alumni Association

by MRS. DAMON C. DODD, Secretary

That the busy summer season has begun is evident from the lack of news this month for the Alumni column. However, the scarcity does not minimize the importance of that which we have.

Opal Hilted'idal, '45, is planning to teach in the Illinois Youth Camp.

W. B. Hughes, '53, is to become the pastor of our church at Chipley, Florida. He and Mrs. Hughes and their two children, Blaine and Deborah, plan to move right away. Mr. Hughes was assistant pastor of Loyal Chapel, Columbia, Tennessee.

Wade Jernigan, '47, becomes the pastor of the church at Modesto, California, June 15. He is leaving his pastorate in Norman, Oklahoma.

Lucy Wischart, '53, has served as secretary at East Nashville Church for the past four years. She will leave for the Cuban mission field soon.

Gaston Clary, '49, pastor of Good Hope Church, Henderson, Texas, begins a revival and Daily Vacation Bible School in his church, June 10.

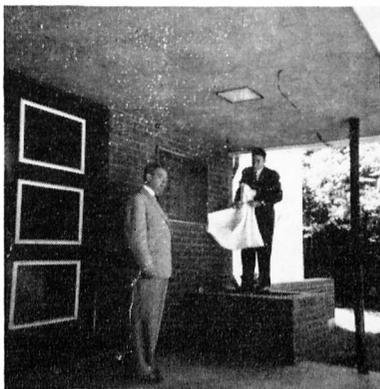
Bayless McDonald, '53, pastor of Trinity Church in Nashville, will continue to work with the College for the coming year.

During the Alumni Meeting which was held in 1952 the following resolution was adopted: "That the Alumni Association set a goal of \$250 for the National Headquarters Building with the understanding that it shall have office space in the building." A committee was appointed to raise this amount. Here is the proposal they made: "We propose that each member contribute \$5 with the exception of couples who are both members and that they together contribute \$7.50."

The National Association bought the Headquarters Building on May 20. So far only \$25 of the Alumni Association's part has come in. Let's make July Headquarters Month for the Alumni Association and do our very best to reach our goal of \$250. Send your contribution to your treasurer at 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville.

Financial receipts for the month are: Lester Jones, '50, \$10 on Student Loan Fund; Damon and Sylvia Dodd, '44, \$8 on Headquarters Building.

Memorial Auditorium Plaque Is Unveiled



The last regular chapel period of the school year was appropriately climaxed by an impressive ceremony on Thursday morning, May 28. The occasion was the unveiling of the bronze plaque commemorating those who gave \$100 or more toward the construction of Memorial Auditorium which was completed in 1951. Dr. L. C. Johnson reminded us that at the beginning of the 1950-51 school year the student body and faculty as a group asked the Lord for this needed place of worship. He graciously answered through the gifts of Free Will Baptists all over the denomination, and commencement exercises were held in the building at the end of that year. Tribute was paid to each person who made the construction of this building possible—those whose names are listed on the plaque and those who made contributions in any other amount. Then the beautiful tablet was unveiled by Dr. Johnson and Dean Ralph Lightsey. Dean Lightsey offered a prayer of dedication of the building and thanksgiving for each one who had made it possible.

The memorial plaque, 30" x 40" in size, is mounted on the outside front of the auditorium and bears this inscription:

"This auditorium is dedicated to the glory of God and the training of Christian Youth and in honor of the following who with their gifts made possible its construction.

\$1,000 Donors

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCoy, Jr., Cove City, North Carolina; Southside Church, Paintsville, Kentucky, by B. H. Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Howard, Richmond, Virginia; North Carolina State Board of Education.

\$500 Donors

Rev. S. M. Crow, Nashville, Tennes-

see, by C. M. Crow; Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan; Cofers Chapel Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Alumni Association of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

\$100 Donors

Alabama

Loyal Chapel Church, Howard Franks.

Florida

Hickory Chapel Church.

Georgia

State Association, Greenwood Church, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Ozias Church, Blakely Church, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King, Midway Association, Marietta Church, Satilla Church, Pine Level Church.

Illinois

Franklin County Quarterly Meeting, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Osborne.

Kentucky

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ratliff

Michigan

Wolverine Association, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dishman, Gordon A. Brown, Hazel Park Church, Highland Park Junior S. S. Class.

Mississippi

Pearce Chapel, East Tupelo Church, Columbus First Church

Missouri

State Association, Hazel Creek Church, Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Miley

North Carolina

Core Creek Church, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Morris, W. L. Worthington, Free Will Baptist Press, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Howard, Cecil Howard, H. E. Phillips, Union Grove Church, Beulaville Church, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sasser, Wilson Church, Spring Branch Church, Friendship Church, Pearsalls Chapel, Kings Cross Road Church, Sherron Acres Church, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brame by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hunt, Sweet Gum Grove Church, Deep Run Church, Bethany Church, Little Rock Church, Pleasant Grove Church, Bethel Church, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Barnes, Albermarle Union Meeting, Shady Grove Church of Cape Fear, Edgemont Church, "Faithful Laymen" Second Union Meeting of Eastern Conference, Revs. W. B. Everett, M. C. Prescott, and L. H. Worthington of

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The Correspondence Corner

The letters we receive are an inspiration to us. It makes us want to work just a little bit harder when we know the people are pleased with what we are doing and are backing us up with their prayers and gifts. These are just a few of the letters we have received this month.

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Appreciates Quartet

"You will find an enclosure of fifteen dollars to be used in whatever manner the College needs it most.

"I am a member of Belk Free Will Baptist Church, Belk, Alabama; but as I am not living there at the present time, I am sending this contribution directly to the College.

"It was our happy privilege to have two of your fine young men in our home when the quartet came to our home church.

"I praise God that the Free Will Baptists are awakening to the great need of Christian education."—Mrs. Houston B. Ham, West Point, Mississippi

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"I really did enjoy having the Gospeliers at our church. They proved what the College is doing for our youth. I want to help because I have one little boy (12) who some day I hope and pray will be just like them. They had a big influence on his intentions for the future."—Mrs. T. M. Mock, Colquitt, Georgia

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"It gives us great pleasure to give to the Bible College, and we are praying that we will some day be able to give more than we are giving now.

"We want to tell you that we sure did enjoy having the Gospeliers at White Pond Church and hope they can come back again soon. They are sure a fine group of boys; wish we had more like them today. They are really doing a fine job.

"Pray for us that we may be able to follow in Jesus' footsteps always."—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cleveland, Damascus, Georgia

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Enjoys Bulletin

"Enclosed find \$1, my pledge for May.

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Memorial Plaque

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Fifth Union Meeting of Eastern Conference, Carteret County Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton by St. Mary's Church, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hill, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Barrow, Marsh Swamp Church, George W. Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis, J. M. Strickland by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Stroud, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Rev. J. C. Griffin of Fifth Union Meeting of Eastern Conference, Floyd A. Morris.

National Organizations

National Association, Free Will Baptist League Board, Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Ohio

Harrison Church.

Oklahoma

First Church of Tulsa, Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Lewis Avenue Church of Tulsa, Pretty Water Church, Mrs. Opal Bingham by First Mission Auxiliary Convention, Rev. W. E. Dearmore by First Oklahoma Association, Ladies Bible Class of Tulsa First Church, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Norwood, Central Avenue Church, First Mission Association.

South Carolina

Horse Branch Church, Salem Church, Beulah Church, First Church of Darlington, Bay Branch Church, Liberty Church, Bethany Church, Woman's Auxiliary.

Tennessee

Mr. J. B. Reding, Union Association, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lee, East Nashville Church, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Briley, Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, Truth Seekers Class of Cofers Chapel, Mrs. Mary A. Welch by Truth Seekers Class, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Parker, Bethlehem Church, Ashland City Church, Harris Memorial Church, Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Thigpen, Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey.

Texas

Bryan Church, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. John Moody, Central Texas Quarterly Meeting, Mrs. Ethel Carmichael, Friendship Church, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Cole.

Virginia

Fairmount Park Church, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Ange, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.

West Virginia

Kilsyth Church, Sheffie Pettry."

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"Often times I can't give as much money as I'd like to for the cause of Christ, but certainly I can give my time in prayer.

"I enjoyed the BULLETIN very much.

"May God bless and prosper the Bible College."—Mrs. Marjorie Compton, Paintsville, Kentucky

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"Enclosed you will find \$2 for the College.

"We are very proud of our College and thank God for being able to help in a small way.

"We enjoy the College BULLETIN very much and look forward to receiving it each month.

"May God supply all your needs according to His riches."—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert R. Cox, Washington, North Carolina

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Praying for College

"Janice and I have been praying for the College, for we know that all can pray.

"We are grateful to the Lord that He has blessed us so that we can present this small amount to the College. May God always bless the work there is our prayer."—Janice and C. H. Overman—Columbia, N. C.

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"I am sending you a money order for \$2.50. This is my pledge for April.

"Glad to hear the College is growing so rapidly. I pray that it will continue to grow and the needs will be supplied also.

"May the Lord bless all of you."—Alice Webster, Pinetown, North Carolina

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Young People Increase Gift

"As you will find on the monthly gift card, I signed one as president of the Racoon Free Will Baptist Young People's meeting for one dollar. Then at our meeting they decided to send the second Sunday evening offering, whatever it may be. Although we are few in number here is \$3.15 for the first month.

"Then here is a card from another member of our church for \$1 a month, I think I will have another one or two a little later."—Anna Lee Snoddy, Greenup, Kentucky

Eleventh Session Closes

Thursday night, May 28, marked the close of the eleventh school year at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Our minds naturally go back to the time school opened in September 1942, with nine students. From then until now, the College has had a remarkable growth, the enrollment reaching 170 this year. This has been a great year. The Lord has blessed wonderfully.

In addition to the largest enrollment of all time, two other new records have been made. As was shown in last month's BULLETIN, this year's graduating class was the largest in the history of the College. The other record is the increasing interest of our people. This has been shown in many ways, but I suppose the thing on which we can place our fingers most easily is the increase in gifts to the College this year. You will be able to see the figures when the annual report is made.

These things say two things to us. We believe it is God's way of letting us know He has put His stamp of approval on the College. We also think it is a challenge to us to do more in the future than ever before.

Join us in prayer that we shall be able to operate the College in the way that our Lord can continue His blessings upon it.

Supports Christian Education

"Enclosed is five dollars for the month of May, as my pledge for the school. I am glad I am able to give this small amount for the support of Christian education."—Mrs. N. C. Gibbons—Turbeville, S. C.

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Wants College to Go Forward

"You will find enclosed \$2, our gifts for May. We love our College. It is dear to our hearts and we want it to go forward for the Lord. May God bless it and everyone there. Please pray for us, for we need your prayers."—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sparks, Sulphur, Okla.

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McDonald Elected Treasurer

E. Bayless McDonald, a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, has been elected treasurer of the Bible College. Mr. McDonald received his B.A. degree with the class of 1953. He graduated *cum laude*.



Since coming to Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1948, he has been employed in the College office as bookkeeper on a part-time basis. While attending Bible College he has also served as pastor of churches in and around Nashville.

Before coming to Free Will Baptist Bible College, Mr. McDonald was for six years office manager-bookkeeper for Reed & Abee, Inc., a contracting firm in Asheville, North Carolina. He received his business training at Cecil's Business College, Asheville, North Carolina.

Mr. McDonald has a family of three boys and wife and has his home in Nashville.

An Open Letter

Dear Friends:

Free Will Baptist Bible College closed its eleventh year on May 28. Everybody connected with the College agrees that this year was the greatest in its history.

For one thing, our enrollment set an all-time high with 170 students. In the last two years there has been a 70% increase in the student body. Most schools throughout the country have had from 10 to 30% decreases in enrollment over the same period.

Another record set this year was in the income. For the first time this went past the \$100,000 mark. Including gifts to the building fund, the total income was more than \$120,000. Of this amount about \$60,000 was sent in as gifts, the balance was student receipts. With your gifts and your prayers you have had a part in the success of the Bible College this year.

We now owe \$39,000 on the property bought last year. This indebtedness needs to be cleared out so we can do other things that must be done.

Thirty-nine thousand dollars is not much for Free Will Baptist Bible College to owe, but it is enough to block us in starting new projects that must be started soon if Free Will Baptist Bible College is to grow in the future as it has in the past.

I appeal to you earnestly to join hands with us in raising this \$39,000 by October 7, at which time the next \$5,000 payment is due. If you have given or led your church to give, give again. Any amount, large or small, will help.

If we get busy now, the entire note of \$39,000 can be paid off on October 7.

Thank you for being so faithful to the needs of your church of which Free Will Baptist Bible College is a part.

May God bless you.

Yours truly,

L. C. JOHNSON

Highlights of Past Year

In summary form the highlights of the past year are given to show the progress made at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Each year carries its particular outstanding events and achievements, and we have tried to recall them and pass them on to you.

- Registration reached all-time high—170.
- New building purchased with down payment of \$21,000 made. Another \$5,000 has been paid.
- Largest class in history of school graduated.
- Correspondence Department opened.
- Extension School set up.
- Woman's Auxiliary purchased organ for Bible College.
- Visitors to Bible Conference join with students and faculty in purchasing grand piano for College auditorium.
- Five graduates commissioned for foreign mission service during year.
- Regular income for operating purposes pass \$100,000 mark for first time.
- Outstanding Missionary and Bible Conferences held during year.
- Practical Work Department added Child Evangelism work to its program.

Many Student Applications Already in

It is interesting to read the new student applications as they are received in the College office. They give a bit of preview of what school will be like the coming year.

More new applications have been received than in any previous year up to this time. This morning's mail brought three new ones. It will not take but a small increase to face the College with a housing problem. The College officials and the Board of Trustees are willing to meet the challenge if the needs demand it.

From My Desk . . .

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

"And ye are complete in him . . ."
Colossians 2:10

Poets have tried to write the perfect or complete poem. Artists have striven to paint the complete or perfect picture. Singers have sought to produce perfect tones. Politicians have tried to pass laws complete and perfect. Statesmen have looked for perfect programs to bring complete justice and prosperity to mankind. All these with the common man on the street have joined hands in



their effort to find a way of life that would be fully satisfying and complete.

Man's unrest within himself and his agitated struggles with the world about him is his effort to throw off the shackles of incompleteness and failure, and become

the full grown completed being he feels capable of becoming.

The Greeks in Paul's day were still searching for the perfect—complete man. All their culture had not brought them the completeness their lives desired.

Is it not strange that in our day when we have so much of everything that so many lives are empty, meaningless, and incomplete?

The apostle Paul gave the answer to the whole problem when he said "and ye are complete in Him . . ." When our finiteness is united with the infiniteness of God, we become the complete person we were intended to be.

In Christ we are complete in that sin has no more dominion over us. We are complete in that the purpose of living (Christ and others) is sufficient to challenge and merit our complete consecration. Men of the world are consecrated to themselves and can find no greater object of living than self. But "in Christ" the spirit of man is released from the confines of the small world of self.

Instead of trying to make the world complete through governmental aids offered to restless nations throughout the world, should not the church of Jesus Christ accept the responsibility of taking the only message that can make life complete to the hungry and needy of the world. The greatest need is not for the bread that perisheth, but for that which came down from heaven.

Financial Facts

The figures in this report are taken from the audit report prepared by McIntyre and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, Nashville, Tennessee.

You will note the report covers only an eleven and half months' period since at the last meeting of the National Association it was voted to end the fiscal year on June 15 instead of July 1.

Income to general fund for operating expenses was \$101,042.19. Of this amount \$36,734.40 was gifts. This does not include gifts to the building fund.

Total expenditures for current operations were \$85,451.81. This leaves an excess of income over expenditures of \$15,590.38.

This made it possible to take \$10,500.00 out of the general fund for the building fund. Out of the balance in the general fund the College was able to purchase a new Dodge station wagon and other fixed assets in the amount of \$7,333.55 making a total of expenditures from the general fund of \$103,285.36.

Counting the \$18,352.28 income to the building fund and the \$44,000.00 loan from the First American National Bank, the total expenditures for the year was \$159,490.19.

The assets of the Bible College were shown to be \$185,212.18. The report also showed a bank balance as of June 15 of \$11,766.77. \$1,198.79 of this was in the building fund.

Redecorating and Maintenance Work Keeps Crews Busy

"Your College certainly keeps its property looking attractive and in first class condition," said a neighbor lady to a member of the administration the other day as she saw painters, carpenters, and redecorators at work. This neighbor further said that it was good advertisement for the Bible College and the neighborhood appreciated the attractiveness of the lawns and buildings.

The Bible College appreciates such compliments from its neighbors. Does not Christianity suggest cleanliness and attractiveness?

Most of the work is being done by students who are staying in Nashville for the summer.

The College tries to keep its property like you keep your home. The gifts you send help do it.

Alumni Association

by MRS. DAMON C. DODD, Secretary

Since everybody is engaged in summer activity the Alumni news is scarcer than ever before. We gladly present herewith that which we have been able to glean from various sources with the promise that there will be more next month.

Robert Wilfong, '49, will be League evangelist for the Illinois Youth Camp, July 29 through August 7.

Wedding bells rang for Bobby Picirilli, '53, and Clara Mae Lee. They were married June 14 at Sand Hill. Congratulations!

Lester Jones, '50, has led his church in Cordova, Alabama, in a building program. Last reports are that the new brick edifice is practically finished and ready for services.

Ronald and Mary Belle Creech, '52, are the parents of a daughter born June 20. She has been named Laura Ruth.

Reedy Saverance, '53, writes that he conducted a D. V. B. School in Darlington, S. C. Reedy also reports twelve conversions at a Youth Meeting at which he preached.

Billy Melvin, '49, at the time of this writing is engaged in a revival at the Free Will Baptist church in Stacy, N. C.

John M. Rich, '46, has accepted Bonifay, Florida, church full time.

Charles Sapp, '53, tentatively plans to attend Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Lucy Wisehart, '53, is now in Cuba and is enjoying her new work for the Lord.

Lee and Ethel Whaley, '48, have just closed a very successful D. V. B. School in their church in Jacksonville, N. C.

Financial receipts for the month: Reedy Saverance, \$5 dues.

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Meet the Trustees

Free Will Baptist Bible College is fortunate to have as one of its members of the Board of Trustees a man who has been greatly used of the Lord as a gospel minister and who has also rendered a great service in the denominational program of his church.



Rev. Floyd Cherry entered the gospel ministry in 1932. He has pastored some of the outstanding churches in his native state of Alabama as well as churches in Georgia and North Carolina. He has been widely used throughout his denomination as an evangelist and guest speaker for special occasions.

Brother Cherry has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College since its incorporation in 1945. At the present time he is assistant chairman of the Board and is a member of its executive committee.

In 1948 he was elected moderator of the National Association. Preferring to remain on the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College, he declined re-election to the office of moderator when the ruling prohibiting general officers of the National Association from serving as members of boards went into effect.

He graduated from high school in Dothan, Alabama, attended Zion Bible School, Blakely, Georgia, the University of Florida, and Duke University.

At the present time, Mr. Cherry is Editor-in-Chief of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina.

News from the Quartet Itinerary

The College Quartet, consisting of Carlton Lambert, G. C. Lee, Jr., Carroll Alexander, and Marvis Lee began its summer itinerary at the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church, Swannanoa, North Carolina, on May 31, and completed the visits in North Carolina at Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, on June 27. The total gifts of cash and pledges were \$6,517.17.

Following the North Carolina work, the quartet next went into Virginia for three services in which gifts of cash and pledges amounted to \$1230.75.

Thirty-three services have been held up through June 28 with the total of cash and pledges being \$7,747.92. This has been a good response to the quartet services. Many people have written about the good work the quartet is doing.

The quartet will visit the churches in the Beckley, West Virginia, area June 30-July 7; in Ohio July 8-13; in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, at the National Association July 14-15; in Northeast Missouri July 16-19; in Illinois July 20-26; and in Missouri July 27-August 9.

After completing the visits in Missouri a trip to Georgia is planned.

Extension School Opens in Fall

The Extension Department of Free Will Baptist Bible College will open in the early fall. Any church or group of churches that wishes to bring Bible College training to their local area may do so.

The courses taught through the Department are the same as those taught in the Bible College. The Extension teacher employed received his training in the Bible College and is well qualified to teach the courses being offered. All records of the work taken in the Extension School will be kept in the registrar's office at the Bible College, and up to twelve semester hours can be credited on any award granted by the Bible College.

This is a wonderful opportunity for those who cannot attend Free Will Baptist Bible College to get the same caliber of training at home. Inquiries for a school in your area should be addressed to Extension Department, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

The Correspondence Corner

"Enclosed you will find money order to cover my pledge for June to the College.

"We enjoy the monthly Bulletin. We like to know what our College is doing and what we are helping support." . . .

W. R. DUNLAP
Moultrie, Georgia

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"Enclosed please find our \$1 pledge to the Bible College. Wish we were able to give more, but we feel this is better than nothing at all. Glad to hear of the good the College is doing, the quartet which visited our church here was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed them. It's wonderful to be able to have the spirit of God along with education."

REV. AND MRS. RALPH DEAN
Huntington, West Virginia

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"This is my last envelope. I wish you all God's speed and maybe I can send some more some time. Send me a few more envelopes and I will send a dollar as I can." . . .

MRS. JOHN LATHAM
Pinetown, North Carolina

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"Enclosed find \$1. My pledge for June. I can't give as much money as I'd like to for the cause of Christ, but I am proud of our College and thank God for being able to help in a small way." . . .

MRS. J. W. KEECH
Pinetown, North Carolina

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". . . We surely enjoy the College Bulletin. Hope we don't have to miss a copy of it. Pray for us. Our prayers and best wishes are for the College staff and students."

MRS. MACK SEXTON
Winfield, Alabama

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"Some time ago I pledged to give \$60 to the Bible College during the coming year. I am sending \$10 at this time as a part of this pledge. I hope with Christ's blessings to be able to keep my pledge in full."

"May God bless everyone at the College as you work for Him."

MRS. E. L. PURVIS
Coward, South Carolina

"One year ago I made a pledge to the College to send \$1 per month. This dollar completes my pledge, although it's been little. I would like for it to have been more. I have sent it with joy month after month even though the amount was small. Little is much if God is in it." . . .

"Send me twelve more envelopes."

MRS. RUTH HARDISON

Deep Run, North Carolina

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"We at Hickory Chapel are receiving many blessings through the wonderful leadership of our pastor, Rev. Ronald Creech and his wife. We truly love them.

"The program put on in our church by the Gospeliers was the best ever. We eagerly looked forward to their coming."

MRS. O. E. WILLOUGHBY

Ahoskie, North Carolina

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". . . I'm in the Navy and living the life is certainly a hard job but I think that Phil. 4:13 applies here very well. I've been getting a blessing from Col. 1:10 this week.

"May God bless you all as we strive to make Christ known to all."

EUGENE E. KRONJAEGER, JR.

U. S. Naval Air Station

Norfolk, Virginia

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"Enclosed you will find check for a part of my pledge for '53. Wish I were able to make it more. Would like to say I enjoyed having the boys with us some time ago. The singing was fine, but I was filled with joy when I heard their testimony. My prayer to God is He will use everyone of them to the building of His kingdom."

C. L. BRYAN

Morgan, Georgia

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"I have really enjoyed sending my pledge to the Bible College for the past twelve months.

"Enclosed you will find a money order for seven dollars and fifty cents which will cover the months of April, May and June. I'm sorry that I was unable to send the money at the month it was due, but I have recently had a job; so I'm sending it now.

"If it is the Lord's will I will be entering Free Will Baptist Bible College in September, 1954. Pray for me that I will ever be in the Lord's service."

PEGGY MILLS

Greenville, North Carolina

Lucy Wisheart Arrives in Cuba

June 20 was a big day for Lucy Wisheart. This was the day when she arrived in Cuba to begin her work as the newest Free Will Baptist missionary on the field. Lucy received her B.A. degree in May and at the graduation service was presented an award as the best-all-around girl of 1952-53. She is a capable speaker and inspires her listeners with her ringing testimony and missionary zeal.

Lucy writes that she arrived during the rainy season but is already getting settled and started in her new work.

Remember to continue to support Lucy with your prayers, and of course she will be glad to hear from all her friends. Her address is:

Miss Lucy Wisheart

Apartado 27

Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Widespread Response to Correspondence Courses

The Correspondence Department has several courses now ready and has already been receiving applications for some of these courses.

There has been wide-spread response to this department of work and it is believed it will be a great help to many people.

The work is of high caliber and will require diligence on the part of those who take the courses.

This is another service your Bible College is offering for the benefit of those who desire to better prepare themselves for Christian work.

Bible College Students Active in Summer Work

Many reports have come in from students of the Bible College telling of successful revivals and Daily Vacation Bible Schools being conducted. As a result of the work of these students, the College is receiving an unusual number of inquiries from prospective students. It could well be that our entire denomination is receiving the impact of the Christian testimony of Free Will Baptist Bible College students.

What About Those Checkbooks?

The Bible College has sent renewal checkbooks to all those whose present checkbooks have run out. Only a few of the renewals have come back to the College office. What happened to the others?

Perhaps many of you laid them aside thinking you would send them back in a few days. You kept waiting until you let it completely slip your mind. If that is the way you did it, why not get the book of checks out and rush them back to the College?

Your systematic support to the College is needed. If you have rested for awhile from supporting regularly, decide now to renew your support immediately. If you are actively supporting the Bible College now, plan to keep it going. When you receive a request to renew your support, bear in mind the College is depending on you and keep on sending in your gifts.

Mr. Lightsey to Make California Itinerary

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Dean of the College, will visit churches in California during the month of August in interest of the school. This will be the first time an itinerary has been made in California by a representative of the Bible College.

The schedule calls for visits to the following churches:

August 13, Huntington Park Church

August 14, Bell Gardens Church

August 15, Santa Paula Church

August 16, 11:00 a.m., Arvin Church

August 16, 7:30 p.m., Bakersfield Church

August 17, Porterville Church

August 18, Tulare Church

August 19, Selma Church

August 20, Calma Church

August 21, Kerman Church

August 22, Firebaugh Church

August 23, 11:00 a.m., Turlock Church

August 23, 7:30 p.m., Modesto Church

August 24, Concord Church

August 25, Richmond Church

August 26, Salinas Church

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EXPANSION NECESSARY, COLLEGE OFFICIALS SAY

College Quartet Completes Summer Itinerary

After visiting many churches in six states, the College Quartet completed its summer itinerary on August 9 at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri. The quartet (Carlton Lambert, G. C. Lee, Jr., Carroll Alexander, and Marvis Lee) was well satisfied with the reception they received at the churches and in the people's homes. They were also pleased with the performance and ease of riding in the new Dodge station wagon, which made the heavy schedule more comfortable.

The report by states of cash and pledges given to the College is as follows:

North Carolina	
30 services held	\$ 6,517.17
Virginia	
4 services held	1,298.25
West Virginia	
9 services held	1,037.11
Ohio	
8 services held	1,826.55
Northeast Missouri	
5 services held	932.32
Illinois	
8 services held	1,228.23
Missouri	
16 services held	1,853.68
Total	\$14,693.31

Since approximately \$400 must be raised each year from gifts for every student who receives training here, it is necessary for the College to contact our churches and Free Will Baptist people. Each summer the quartet is able to cover a good portion of our constituency, but this is inadequate to fully take care of the cost of training for one hundred fifty to two hundred students, which would make an approximate total of \$60,000 to be given from the field.

The gifts of cash and pledges from
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New Faculty Member



Rev. Wendell Babcock of Flint, Michigan, will teach piano, organ, and some Bible courses at the Bible College this coming year. Mr. Babcock comes to the College from Timmons-ville, South Carolina, where he has been pastor of the Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church for the past two years.

He has attended Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina. He has taught private piano and has traveled with a Youth for Christ organization and quartets in the northern states and Canada.

School Opens Sept. 8
There Is Still Time To Enroll

The Board of Trustees and the administration of Free Will Baptist Bible College face the inevitable task of an Expansion Program for the Bible College. The rapid growth of the past two years makes such a program necessary.

The Bible College now owns five buildings. One of these is used as a home for the president. The first building, purchased in 1942, was a twelve-room residence which is used to house twenty-six boys on the second and third floors (one room is reserved for the dormitory supervisor). The first floor is used for the dining hall and kitchen.

The second building, purchased in 1945, was a nine-room residence; the second floor of which is used to room from twenty-six to thirty young men. The first floor of this building is used for classrooms and two small teachers' offices.

The apartment building, purchased in 1952, is used as a women's dormitory, library, administrative offices, and social rooms. The matron of women also has an apartment in this building.

The Memorial Auditorium, built in 1951, is the only building that has been specifically built for school purposes. All the other buildings have had to be adapted to the needs of the Bible College. These buildings have been used very satisfactorily, but the time has come when they will not meet the needs of the institution.

The immediate needs of the Bible College are these: 1. A men's dormitory that will accommodate one hundred men. 2. Dining hall and kitchen for three hundred people. 3. Classroom building with adequate room for teachers' offices. 4. A library building. 5. A gymnasium where students can have supervised recreation.

The above listed needs do not include any luxuries, but bare necessities if our Bible College is to perform its job.

There is an indebtedness of \$44,000.00
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From My Desk . . .

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

"... lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;" Isaiah 54:2

The above verse of Scripture is still ringing in the ears of many people. This is the passage that furnished the theme for the recent session of the National Association which met in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. What better theme could have been used for such a meeting? All the reports of our various



boards showed definitely that Free Will Baptists are lengthening their cords. If one might have gone back ten years and sat through a session of our National Association and then have sat through a recent session, he could not have imagined being in the midst

of the same group or that it was the same organization. The cords have certainly been lengthened in the past ten years.

At this point let me emphasize a truth that should not be overlooked. In the progress Free Will Baptists are making ("lengthening cords") let us not forget the importance of strengthening the stakes lest the wobbly stakes jeopardize the extended cords. Did you ever fly a kite? Was it not thrilling after the kite had been hoisted into the air to let out the cord and see it soar higher and higher? As the kite soared higher, could you not feel an increasing tug which demanded more strength as the kite went ever higher? So it is with our denominational life. Our convictions and beliefs must grow deeper and stronger as we extend ourselves through the various enterprises of our denominational organizations. Even though extending cords is more interesting and glamorous, let us pay equally as much attention to keeping the stakes of fundamental Bible doctrine and Free Will Baptist beliefs ever steadfast and strong.

Expansion

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on the present College property that must be erased before starting on these other necessities. The College officials are asking for individuals and churches to send in their gifts to pay off the present indebtedness so that plans for these other needs can be set in motion.



Reverend Eskle Baker of Sparta, Tennessee, has been added to the faculty this year. He will head the English department and will also teach psychology and sociology.

Mr. Baker is a Free Will Baptist minister and has been doing pastoral and home mission work the past fourteen years. He has attended William Jennings Bryan University and the University of Chattanooga. He received his B.S. degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and his M.A. degree from George Peabody College. He has taught for three years.

Mrs. Baker, who holds her B.S. degree, will also be on the staff as College dietician.

Checkbooks Being Renewed

In the past few weeks there has been a good response in the renewal of the checkbooks which have been mailed to many friends of the College who have been supporting the school by this handy method. If you have failed as yet to sign and return your checkbook, do that at once so you will not skip a month in your gifts.

It is also time for the renewal of gift cards by those who send a cash offering to the College each month. New gift cards have been mailed to many of you, and doubtless you plan to send them in soon. Decide the monthly gift you will endeavor to make this year by God's help, and send the card back to the College as soon as possible.

This regular monthly income from checkbooks and gift cards forms the largest financial support of the College.

Alumni Association

by Mrs. DAMON C. DODD, Secretary

F.W.B.B.C. Alumni have been busy during the summer months. News from over the field spotlights many of them in leading roles as evangelists, pastors, singers and teachers. That the Lord is pleased with these efforts has been evidenced in many ways. Not only has their work magnified their Christian testimony but it has also done much toward endearing our beloved F.W.B.B.C. to our Free Will Baptist people. It is with pleasure that I present the Alumni news for this month.

Joseph Ange, '50, and Hazel have a boy born May 12. He has been named Phillip Jonathon.

Alvin and Francis Halbrook, '45, are the parents of a baby boy born June 17. His name is Timothy Morris.

Edward Corn, '53, reports a very successful revival in Richton, Mississippi with the Lovewell church. There were twelve conversions and three dedicated their lives for full-time Christian work.

Jean Wilson, '48, is teaching piano in Pocahontas, Arkansas. She recently presented her pupils in a recital.

Homer Willis, '46, has had Dr. R. B. Lakin of Cadle Tabernacle, with him for a revival.

Everett Hellard, '43, recently conducted a revival at Dirgin, Texas. Noah Tuttle, a former student is pastor. Everett reports that their new church in Houston is nearing completion. They have added twelve members and increased the Sunday School substantially over the past three months.

Roy O'Donnell, '53, has accepted the church in Eufala, Alabama. He plans to attend school at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

Fred Kirby, '53, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First church in Flat River, Missouri.

The following F.W.B.B.C. Alumni have been employed by the National Sunday School Board to write Sunday School lessons:

Maureen Edwards Lee, '50, Cradle Roll and Nursery.

Sylvia Dodd, '44, Beginner.

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Dorena Davis, '51, Primary.
 Paul J. Ketteman, '45, Intermediate.
 Herbert Richards, '48, is now pastoring churches in Huntsville and Cross, Texas.

Gaston Clary, '49, is pastor of Good Hope church near Henderson, Texas.

Dorena Davis, '51, will be first grade teacher at Berry school, near Nashville. She was in charge of the Primary Department work-shop at the recent National Sunday School Convention in Columbia, Tennessee.

One of the features of Hyde Park church in Norfolk, Virginia is the soul-winning class conducted by the pastor, Daniel Merkh, '53. Dan and his church also conduct services at the Marine Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Durward Long, '53, recently received his B.S. degree from Troy State Teachers College. He has been offered a position as instructor at Arkansas University, in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Several Alumni were elected to positions in the National Association at the July session in Mount Vernon, Illinois. Among them were: George Waggoner, '44, Okwaville, Illinois, clerk; T. G. Hamilton, '47, Glennville, Georgia, assistant clerk.

Damon C. Dodd, '44, was employed by the National Home Mission Board to serve as Promotional Secretary.

Financial receipts for the month:

Marie Hyatt, '44, \$5 for dues, \$5 for Headquarters Fund.

Mr. Miley Appointed Acting Dean-Registrar

Rev. LaVerne D. Miley, who has been with the College for the past three years as head of the Greek department, has been appointed as acting dean and registrar due to the vacancies in those offices.

Mr. Miley is well acquainted with the policies of the institution having been a student and instructor in the institution.

College Quartet

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the quartet itinerary this summer are almost \$15,000. Added to this the regular monthly gifts from other churches and individuals will raise this income to perhaps \$25,000. This then leaves about 50% of our needed income to yet be raised.

The College office will be contacting you through the mail about a gift in support of the school's operation this year. You may expect to hear from the College especially if you have not renewed your gifts for another year.

Financial Facts

1. Average monthly income over the past twelve months excluding gifts to Building Fund	\$ 7,900.00
2. Average monthly expenses	7,600.00
3. Received on purchase of new dormitory building ..	18,509.59
4. Paid on purchase of new property	29,000.00
5. Total interest paid on indebtedness of new property	1,425.00
6. Balance due on new dormitory	39,000.00
7. Every \$1.50 the student pays must be matched with a \$1.00 gift from a friend. Your gifts are needed.	

8. Receipts for July:	
General Receipts	4,558.33
Building Fund Gifts	147.41
W.N.A.C.	78.26
Gifts on Piano	301.00

GIFTS BY STATES:	
Alabama	41.50
Arkansas	35.26
California	15.00
Florida	66.35
Georgia	179.88
Illinois	465.30
Kentucky	71.00
Maryland	1.00
Michigan	210.00
Mississippi	168.15
Missouri	667.98
North Carolina	1,007.80
Ohio	405.55
Oklahoma	134.69
South Carolina	32.00
Tennessee	403.50
Texas	352.29
Virginia	225.25
West Virginia	221.24
Wisconsin	2.00

Many Visitors During Summer Months

The summer has been enlivened for those who have stayed at the College during the summer by the visits of former students and friends. Several parties have gone out of their way on vacation trips so they could visit the school.

Visitors have come from Michigan, West Virginia, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, California, South Carolina, and Oklahoma.

The Correspondence Corner

Pleased with Work of College

"Enclosed you will find \$3 on my pledge. I thank God for the wonderful work our College is doing."

MRS W. E. THRASHER
 Florence, Alabama

Greater Desire to Give

"Enclosed is \$5, my August offering. Sorry I don't get to write more often. I really do enjoy reading the BULLETIN and it thrills my soul to see young men and women step out for the Lord. I think it does more for our College for these young men to come into our Free Will Baptist Churches and prove what is being done in College. . .

"I never thought too much about it until the Gospeliers came to Prospect Free Will Baptist Church at Dothan, Alabama. I did believe we should help but I didn't have the desire I have now."

MRS. C. A. ANDERSON
 Ashford, Alabama

Appreciates Quartet

"We are sending our pledges for April, May, June and July, which we have failed to send until now.

"The College quartet was at the Ina Free Will Baptist Church Tuesday, July 21. It is so wonderful to know that young people such as these boys are willing to give up everything to follow Christ."

MR. and MRS. EUGENE WEBB
 Ewing, Illinois

The Lord Provides

"When the Bible College quartet came to the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church, I said I would give \$5 a month for the College. I want to tell you that all of us got a real blessing out of their singing and preaching. At the time I was just out of school on vacation and my parents were giving me \$3 a week. I was going to take \$5 a month out of that. The next week I was asked to take a job in a store in the city. It proves the Lord provides if you want to do something in His work."

MISS BARBARA SULLIVAN
 Norfolk 2, Virginia

Receives Blessing from Giving

"Enclosed is a money order for \$2.50 which I am paying for the month of July. It gives me a great blessing to know that I might help to promote the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. My

prayers are that some day I too might be able to attend the Bible College. May God bless the Bible College is also my prayer."

DELORES KIRK

Huntington, West Virginia

Feels Indebted to College

"In June the Lord laid on my heart to do something for Free Will Baptist Bible College. My little contribution is so small but it's all for the glory of God. It thrills my heart to be able to help further the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I personally think the Bible College is definitely a work of God and is doing a wonderful job of preparing the youth as well as the adults for the second coming.

"I definitely feel indebted to the College for its splendid work because it was one of the students. . . who had the blessed privilege of leading me to the Lord. Our entire community has been stirred by the truths of the gospel as preached by these fine Christian young folk. I, a young teenager, have found great joy in serving the Lord and living my testimony. . . ."

BOBBIE SUE BOWEN

Ayden, North Carolina

Wishes More Could See College

"Enclosed find \$3 on my pledge for three months' period. I feel like the Lord is pleased for the ones trusting Him to support a cause like this. I think both young and old are doing a wonderful work at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. I just wish more of our church folks would go and see for themselves and I think they would be more anxious to do their part, and if we all would do what we call our part we could see lots more being accomplished for the Lord."

MRS. C. F. HEATH

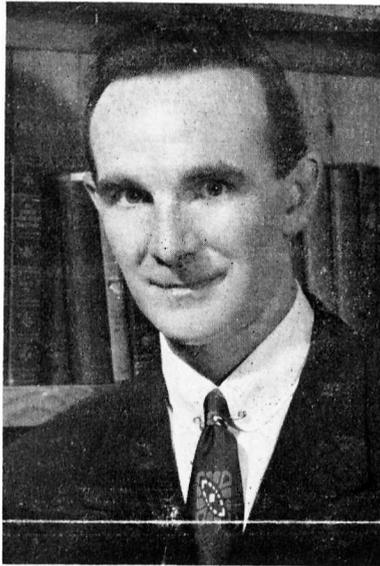
Cove City, North Carolina

Young People Give

"You will find in this envelope our young people's pledge for the month of June. We are happy to be able to feel we are doing a little to help such a worthy cause. We hope in the near future to be able to increase our gift to the College for we feel that before long some of our own group will be entering College there. Our group has only been organized about four months, but we are already doing a good work for the Lord and have about half of the group already Christians. . . ."

MADGE FRAZIER

Catlettsburg, Kentucky



Mr. Ross Dowden, Nashville, will teach voice in our enlarged music department this year. His experience and training in this field make him well qualified for this position.

Mr. Dowden received both his B.S. and M.A. degrees from George Peabody College, and has taught music and voice for the past fifteen years. He began his professional singing career in 1933 when he went on one of the local radio stations singing hymns for the devotional program. Since that time he has been active in church, concert, and radio singing. For the past fifteen years he has been connected with radio station WSM as soloist, and as a member of a male quartet.

Mr. Dowden is leaving the field of commercial radio to devote his time to religious music. He said, "I started singing in church at an early age, and the music of the church is now, as it was then, the most satisfying, and important, of all my musical endeavors."

Mr. Dowden is married and has two daughters ages 6½ years and 15 months.

Mr. Lightsey on Leave Of Absence

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, dean of the Bible College for the past two years, has been granted a year's leave of absence. The Nashville climate did not seem to be good for Mr. Lightsey's health. It is hoped that in a year's time he will be able to return to Nashville and Free Will Baptist Bible College. In the meantime he will further his education and do pastoral work.

Music Department Expanded

Free Will Baptist Bible College now offers a minor in music. The College is aware of the need in this field in the Free Will Baptist Church, and it has sought to build a music department that will meet this need.

The teachers will be Mr. Ross Dowden, Nashville, Tennessee, and Mr. Wendell Babcock, Timmonsville, South Carolina. Both of these men are well trained and experienced and will be able to offer the students the kind of training they need to fill the place the Lord wants them to fill.

October Payment Due

Another payment of \$5,000, plus interest, is due October 7 on the apartment building purchased a year ago. The administration is still hopeful of making a substantial payment in October. This, of course, depends on the gifts that come in.

It is estimated that at least 25,000 people read the BULLETIN each month. "If each one who reads this BULLETIN would do his best to send an offering by October 7, the balance of \$39,000 could be paid at that time," Dr. Johnson said.

The administration is hoping that this indebtedness can be liquidated in order that other pressing needs can be taken care of.

Mr. Thigpen Accepts Call to Church

Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, registrar of the College, has accepted the call of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church as their new pastor. His duties were to have started the second Sunday in August.

Mr. Thigpen leaves the College after five years as instructor in Bible, Christian Education, and other courses.

With him of course will go Mrs. Thigpen who has taught in the English and Speech departments of the school.

California Itinerary Brings Good Response

The churches of California visited by Rev. Ralph Lightsey in the interest of the Bible College responded liberally. The College appreciates its many friends of the far west.

Free Will Baptist Bible College . . . **BULLETIN**



Sixty New Students at Free Will Baptist Bible College

PICTURED ABOVE are most of the new students who are attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. This is a fine group and they have shown an excellent spirit during the opening days of school. Every indication is that this will be one of the best years the Bible College has ever known.

Eighteen states and Cuba are represented in the student body. As usual North Carolina heads the list with more students than any other state. The enrollment by states is as follows:

North Carolina	52	Alabama	9	Texas	5	Cuba	2
Michigan	11	Georgia	9	Virginia	4	Arkansas	1
Tennessee	11	West Virginia	7	Mississippi	3	California	1
Oklahoma	10	Illinois	5	Kentucky	2	Ohio	1
Missouri	10	South Carolina	5	Florida	2		

Renewed Strength

LAVERNE D. MILEY

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength. . ."—Isaiah 40:31

Perhaps at no other period in the history of mankind have people been so busy as we who live in the twentieth century. People in nearly every walk of life seem to have more to do than they can accomplish—goals they can never reach. Many grow weary of life's race and fall by the way while others rush madly onward.

In the field of Christian work the lateness of the hour and the urgency of the task are keenly felt, too. The signs of the times would indicate that we must hasten the work of the Lord. Yet, there is a danger that we will hasten too rapidly in our own strength and fail to have sufficient strength for the task at hand.

The prophet Isaiah recognized the secret of strength and endurance—waiting upon the Lord. In the midst of our activity for the Lord we must take time simply to wait upon Him in prayer in order that our strength may be renewed.

Definite promises of victory are given to those who wait upon the Lord. They shall "mount up with wings as eagles." They shall be borne up beyond the clouds into the purer atmosphere of communion with God. There they shall be able to see that God causes all things to work together for good to them that love and serve Him.

If the demand is for strenuous exertion in the work of the Lord, those that wait upon Him "shall run, and not be weary." If instead, the demand is simply for patient endurance in the time of difficulty, they "shall walk, and not faint." But whatever the demand, sufficient strength shall be given to those that wait upon the Lord.

Here at the College the demands upon some are greater than ever before. This is true for many engaged in other phases of our denominational work, too. Perhaps it is true in your own life. But let us remember that "they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength." If we wait upon Him, we are assured of strength to accomplish the task and gain the victory.

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Joining our faculty this year is Miss Fay Gilbert of Cordova, Alabama. She will teach English and American literature, science, ancient history, and English.

Miss Gilbert received her B.S. degree from Florence State Teachers College, Florence, Alabama. She has taught for one year in public schools.



Mrs. J. B. Hall, Jr., of Cottonwood, Alabama, is teaching beginners' English, Daily Vacation Bible School, and Child Evangelism at the College this year.

She has been a student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College the past four years.

Alumni Association

by MRS. DAMON C. DODD, Secretary

Zalene Lloyd, '48, writes, "I have been in Jacksonville, North Carolina, about three weeks and am working in connection with the church here. My main duty is visitation which gives me great opportunity for personal soul-winning. I do praise the Lord for opening this door of service for me."

Charles Craddock, '50, was an instructor in Bible at Cragmont during the Woman's Auxiliary Week. He reports that the church in Ayden will have the new parsonage ready for occupancy before the first of the year.

J. C. Lynn, '53, former pastor of New Hope church, near Nashville, is now pastor of the Arapahoe church in Arapahoe, North Carolina.

Wedding bells rang for Don Ellis, '53, and Emma Johnson. They were married September 4, 1953. Don has been called to pastor the church in Berkeley City, Missouri.

Ronald Creech, '50, has accepted a call to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Warwick City in Newport News, Virginia.

Walter Reynolds, '52, is pastoring Hickory Chapel church in Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Derald West, '49, was married to Evelyn Hackerd on June 13. Derald is a student at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan.

T. G. Hamilton, '47, recently closed a very successful revival at Waycross, Georgia.

Billy Melvin, '49, and Darlene have a girl born September 13. She has been named Deborah Ruth. Billy has resigned his church at Newport, Tennessee, and has accepted the church in Richmond, Virginia. He plans to enter Union Seminary there.

Charles Sapp, '53, has accepted the church in Bryan, Texas.

Lester Jones, '50, has resigned the Cordova, Alabama, church. At the time of this writing he is in Cairo, Georgia, in a revival.

Bobby Picirilli, '53, has entered Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Harold Wayne Parsons, '49, and Oleta are the parents of a girl born September 21.

N. R. Smith, '53, has gone to Bristow, Oklahoma, to pastor the church.

Reedy Saverance, '53, is pastoring a church near Effingham, South Carolina.

Homer Willis, '46, writes, "I closed a revival at Greasy Creek, Kentucky, on September 12. I will be at Fredericktown, Missouri, for a revival October 6-15."

Edward H. Corn, '53, has gone to northwest Missouri and is pastoring Mount Zion and Union Third Fork churches.

Hazel Cook Barton, '47, is teaching school in Cordova, Alabama.

Send your news items to the secretary, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Special Activities Mark Opening Week of School

On Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m., a service in Memorial Auditorium formally opened the twelfth year of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The first week was full of activities for the students.

On Wednesday morning Dr. Johnson gave the first orientation lecture, "Living in a Christian Institution." The following lectures were given throughout the week: "How to Study," by Mr. Baker; and "The Student's Spiritual Life," by Mr. Babcock.

Thursday morning the Free Will Baptist pastors of the city participated in the opening convocation services. Then on Thursday evening the Christian film, "Out of the Night," filmed by Pacific Garden Mission, was shown. This film presented a challenge to everyone to consecrate himself more fully to Christ and to witness more for Him.

Classes began on Friday morning and the week of activities ended Friday evening with a faculty reception on the lawn.

Monday morning, September 14, all the students were ready to begin the regular routine of school work that they might "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

Is Your Address Correct?

Does the envelope in which this issue came have your correct name and address? If not, please help us get it correct on our mailing list by sending us a card stating how it should be. If you are getting two copies each month, write us the correct name and address.



This year Mrs. Arthur Weeks of Nashville has been added to the Free Will Baptist Bible college faculty as a part-time instructor. Mrs. Weeks took her A. B. degree at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama; and her M. A. degree at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She has done further graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania; Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; and the University of Havana, Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Weeks has taught at Howard College and at Cumberland University. She teaches first and second year Spanish at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and is also teaching Spanish at Belmont Baptist College here in the city.

She is the mother of a boy, ten years of age, and a girl, six. Her husband is Dean of the Law School at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee.

Missionary Conference Soon

"... Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35b.

This will be the theme of the fourth annual Missionary Conference, which will be held at Free Will Baptist Bible College October 13 to 15.

Featured on the program will be Miss Kathaleen Manley, who has served fifteen years in Africa as a missionary nurse. Several of the college students who are preparing for the foreign field, and some former students who have already served on the field, will also have a part on the program.

Financial Facts

1. Average monthly income over the past twelve months excluding gifts to Building Fund	\$ 7,900.00
2. Average monthly expenses	7,600.00
3. Received on purchase of new dormitory building ...	18,661.69
4. Paid on purchase of new property	29,000.00
5. Total interest paid on indebtedness of new property	1,425.00
6. Balance due on new dormitory	39,000.00
7. Every \$1.50 the student pays must be matched with a \$1.00 gift from a friend. Your gifts are needed.	
8. Receipts for August:	
General Receipts	3,157.35
Building Fund Gifts	152.00
Gifts on Piano	195.00

Gifts by States:

Alabama	\$ 90.50
Arkansas	33.42
California	210.37
Florida	10.00
Georgia	184.88
Illinois	126.07
Kentucky	65.75
Maryland	1.00
Michigan	9.50
Mississippi	106.57
Missouri	874.23
New Mexico	1.00
North Carolina	509.83
Ohio	150.00
Oklahoma	167.60
South Carolina	20.00
Tennessee	519.52
Texas	112.61
Virginia	56.00
West Virginia	60.50

College Auxiliary Begins Third Year

The young women of the college have begun their third year in their Woman's Auxiliary. This auxiliary was organized to train our young women in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary so that they might be of greater service to their home churches after they finish college.

The auxiliary consists of thirty-four members, twenty old members and fourteen new members. The membership is made up of students, students' wives, faculty members, and wives of the faculty members.

The officers for the following year are:

Mrs. LaVerne Miley	President
Juanita Dunn	First Vice-President
Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr. ....	.....
.....	Second Vice-President
Eula Mae Martin	Third Vice-President
Ruby Griffin	Fourth Vice-President
Geraldine Gay	Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. Bobby Jackson	Secretary
Olena Filkins	Treasurer

One Hundred Fifty Register as College Begins Twelfth Year

The seniors, with a registration of 25, have set a new record for the graduating class. This doubles the number of last year's seniors.

Again, the freshmen have the largest class with 65 members, which is a few short of last year's record class. The sophomores have 32 enrolled and the juniors have 21.

The students are listed below with their classification and home towns.

FRESHMEN

Joan Allen, Blackshear, Georgia
 Bobby Aycock, Fremont, North Carolina
 L. Beverly Ballard, New Bern, North Carolina
 Joyce Barrus, Norfolk, Virginia
 Elyse Bennett, Alma, Georgia
 Theodore Berberich, Flint, Michigan
 Norma Jane Berry, Houston, Texas
 J. E. Blanton, Surrency, Georgia
 L. V. Borden, Detroit, Michigan
 Shirley Ann Boyd, Durham, North Carolina
 George Branning, Jacksonville, North Carolina
 Gardline Bryan, Belmont, North Carolina
 Janie Belle Cagle, Pochontas, Arkansas
 Charles L. Clark, Cordele, Georgia
 Edna Davoult, Moore, Oklahoma
 Kenneth Eagleton, Fort Worth, Texas
 Kenneth Faison, Hartsfield, Georgia
 June Goode, Carthage, Texas
 Joyce Gore, East Tupelo, Mississippi
 Shirley Ann Graves, Snow Hill, North Carolina
 Claude A. Hampleman, Tamaroa, Illinois
 Shirley Hancock, Eflingham, South Carolina
 Odell Harris, Pell City, Alabama
 Gordon Hart, Ayden, North Carolina
 Aca Beth Hickman, Bladenboro, North Carolina
 Chesley Ray Hill, Lemay, Missouri
 Robert C. Hill, St. Louis, Missouri
 William J. Hill, Lemay, Missouri
 Billy Gray Jackson, Ernul, North Carolina
 Anita Kaminsky, Edwardsburg, Michigan
 Paul Kilgore, Detroit, Michigan
 Joyce Lane, LaGrange, North Carolina
 Wyndell Long, Surrency, Georgia
 Joyce McClintock, Detroit, Michigan
 Mary Lee McClintock, Detroit, Michigan
 Zetta Belle McFarland, Desloge, Missouri
 John Bill Martin, Holdenville, Oklahoma
 Redford Meadows, Paintsville, Kentucky
 Leola Minor, Sesser, Illinois
 Ray Moye, Snow Hill, North Carolina
 Arthur Eugene Norris, Benton, Illinois
 Shirley Ann O'Neal, Knightdale, North Carolina
 Billy Gene Outland, Lucama, North Carolina
 James Robert Owen, Chipley, Florida
 Julia Ann Pate, Bridgeton, North Carolina
 Jo Ann Piercey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Janice Pittman, Wilson, North Carolina
 Bobby Rogers, Durham, North Carolina
 Albert Rollins, Pikeville, North Carolina
 Leslie Rowe, Jr., Bridgeton, North Carolina
 Ruth Scott, Detroit, Michigan
 Anna Lee Snoddy, Greenup, Kentucky
 Donnie Strickland, Durham, North Carolina
 Jerry Thompson, St. Louis, Missouri
 Joyce Thompson, Detroit, Michigan
 Henry VanKluyve, Norfolk, Virginia
 Virginia VanKluyve, Norfolk, Virginia
 Billy B. Walker, Pleasant View, Tennessee
 Mary Jo Wall, Mount Hope, West Virginia
 Jessie B. White, Detroit, Michigan
 Larry Eugene Williams, Ideal, Georgia
 Sara Willoughby, Ahoskie, North Carolina
 Willis Wilson, Stokes, North Carolina
 Ronald Winkle, Richmond, California
 Arnold Woodlief, Marianna, Florida

SOPHOMORES

Marvis Anderson, Henderson, Texas
 Janet Blackburn, Bradley, West Virginia
 Keith Boyd, Durham, North Carolina
 Herbert Bryan, Beulaville, North Carolina

Dale Burden, Weleetka, Oklahoma
 Harold Critcher, Durham, North Carolina
 Bobby Joe Davis, Anderson, Texas
 Juanita Dunn, Kenansville, North Carolina
 Lorena Edwards, Mountain Grove, Missouri
 Dave Franks, Guin, Alabama
 Ira C. Gow, Red Bay, Alabama
 Rubye Griffin, Calhoun City, Mississippi
 Barbara Hancock, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Alton Hines, Bridgeton, North Carolina
 Charles Hollingshead, Cordova, Alabama
 Lucille Howard, Mount Olive, North Carolina
 David E. Hutchinson, Pamplico, South Carolina
 Willie Johnson, Alcolo, South Carolina
 Eula Mac Martin, Benson, North Carolina
 Kathryn Anne Newton, Goldsboro, North Carolina
 Stanley Pentecost, Pleasant View, Tennessee
 Doris Raper, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Eustace Riggs, Kenova, West Virginia
 Nadine Shadrake, Nashville, Tennessee
 Jane Smith, New Bern, North Carolina
 Ilean Stultz, Springfield, Ohio
 Garland Teasley, Durham, North Carolina
 Roger Tripp, Ayden, North Carolina
 Donald Upright, Kannapolis, North Carolina
 Herbert Waid, Highland Park, Michigan
 Carey D. Watkins, Jr., Cary, North Carolina
 Barbara Willey, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

JUNIORS

Carroll G. Alexander, Bethel, North Carolina
 Wilburn Beasley, Winfield, Alabama
 James O. Brown, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee
 Everette Bryan, Parkersburg, North Carolina
 Clarence H. Burton, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri
 Galen Dunbar, Bradley, West Virginia
 Elro Driggers, Coward, South Carolina
 Geraldine Gay, Goldsboro, North Carolina
 Betty Jo Ingie, Birmingham, Alabama
 Wanda Jones, Cordova, Alabama
 Marvis Lee, Nashville, Tennessee
 George Ludwig, Nashville, Tennessee
 Lester J. Maynard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Bill McClintock, Detroit, Michigan
 Leah Nichols, Fremont, North Carolina
 Olin Phillips, Cramerton, North Carolina
 Roger Reeds, Lemay, Missouri
 Rachel Rollins, Pikeville, North Carolina
 Boyce Wallace, Albertson, North Carolina
 Tom Willey, Jr., Pinar del Rio, Cuba
 Mary Ruth Wischart, Myrtle, Missouri

SENIORS

Ben Barrus, Norfolk, Virginia
 Lonnie Davoult, Moore, Oklahoma
 Robert L. Edwards, Beulaville, North Carolina
 Johnnie Floyd, Marion, North Carolina
 Ruth Floyd, Marion, North Carolina
 James B. Hall, Jr., Cottonwood, Alabama
 Bonnie Lou Henson, Hurricane, West Virginia
 Mary Hess, Mount Hope, West Virginia
 Christine Hooks, Kenly, North Carolina
 Bobby Jackson, Eureka, North Carolina
 Jane Jackson, Ewing, Illinois
 Betty Jean Lambert, Mount Hope, West Virginia
 Carlton Lambert, Florence, Alabama
 Evelyn Lawrence, Hoopston, Illinois
 G. C. Lee, Jr., Calhoun City, Mississippi
 Leah McGlohon, Winterville, North Carolina
 Eloise Phillips, Cramerton, North Carolina
 James Earl Raper, Snow Hill, North Carolina
 June Rivenbark, Durham, North Carolina
 Lonnie Sparks, Sulphur, Oklahoma
 Lissie Turnage, Healdton, Oklahoma
 Ray Turnage, Florence, South Carolina
 Eugene Waddell, Kenly, North Carolina
 Sammy Wilkinson, Glennville, Georgia
 Paul D. Wood, Nashville, Tennessee

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Macie C. Berberich, Flint, Michigan
 Margaret Bryan, Beulaville, North Carolina
 Sylvester Crawford, Belmont, North Carolina
 Olena Filkins, Kirksville, Missouri
 Argent Stedley, Alma, Georgia
 Robert Wilfong, Cedar Hill, Tennessee
 Jerry Wendell Williams, Nashville, Tennessee

The Correspondence Corner

Former Student Rejoices with Us

"My copy of the BULLETIN came this week and, as usual, I read it from cover to cover before laying it aside. With another year getting underway, I was particularly interested in who was returning and who was new; and I'm glad for the opportunity to rejoice with you in the way the Lord has sent the ones of His choice to fill vacancies. I never cease to marvel at the way the Lord has put His stamp of approval on the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Bible College."

MISS GERTRUDE BOWE
 Chicago, Illinois

Hopes to Be Student

"This is my third contribution to the Bible College out of the twelve I promised. I truly receive a blessing out of this. I hope to go to the college some day. I am about 16 now and have two more years of school."

MR. WILLIE JUSTICE
 Jacksonville, North Carolina

Quartet an Inspiration

"... We want you to know we enjoyed the quartet very much. They were an inspiration to our church.

"We will be praying that God will continue to bless our young people and that our people will wake up to the fact that we need to stand behind our Bible College.

"May God bless you all in the wonderful work."

MRS. BRAXINE EVANS
 Springfield, Missouri

Father of Former Students Thankful for College

"As we are not represented there this year it seems to bring sadness, but joys of the past give us a rejoicing heart. The college to me is beyond recommending. I truly thank you for Christian characters that are being molded there. If there is another that has been blessed more than I, happy is he. My pledge you will find enclosed."

MR. SHEFFIE PETRY
 Dry Creek, West Virginia

Prays for College

"Enclosed you will find my pledge for this month; only wish it could be more.

"I am so thankful for the college, where our young men and women can receive the training to go out and carry the gospel message.

"I pray that God will richly bless the college and the faculty as well as the students."

MRS. HELEN SPARKS
 Sciotoville, Ohio

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STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

PICTURED ABOVE are the Student Body Officers for the present school term. Standing on the left is Sammy Wilkinson, President, a senior from Glennville, Georgia; on the right is Carroll Alexander, Vice-President, a junior from Bethel, North Carolina. Seated on the left is June Goode, Secretary, a freshman from Carthage, Texas; on the right is Juanita Dunn, Treasurer, a sophomore from Kenansville, North Carolina.

As President of the Student Body, Sammy Wilkinson has charge of student body meetings and works with the College Administration and Faculty on projects and activities that concern the student body. Carroll Alexander in his duties of Vice-President, has charge of chapel services on Student Day each Tuesday. Miss Dunn and Miss Goode have charge of those duties involved in their offices.

An Open Letter

Dear Friends:

Your response to the appeal for our Building Fund was wonderful. I personally want you to know how much it means to us at the Bible College for you to stand with us in the work. The burdens are greater and without your splendid cooperation we simply could not carry on.

You gave almost enough to meet this need even though the appeal was late in going out. I believe others who have not sent in their gifts will send in enough before the gifts cease coming in to take care of the need. We had to take very little out of our General Fund. I want to ask you to do one other thing for the Bible College that is more important than your gifts: put us on your prayer list that God will give us physical strength and spiritual strength to carry on. There is a great job to be done and with God's help it can be.

Yours truly,

L. C. JOHNSON
President

Wallace Head of *Lumen* Staff

The staff for *The Lumen*, the College yearbook, has been selected for the 1953-54 year. Boyce Wallace is Editor; Mary Ruth Wischart, Associate Editor; and Clarence Burton, Business Manager. Miss Fay Gilbert will be the Faculty Sponsor.

New Equipment

Two new fully automatic washers have been purchased by the College for the dormitory students. One has been installed in the Richland Apartments building for the girls, and the other at the Tirrill building for the boys. This service is very helpful to the students in meeting their laundry needs.

From My Desk...

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him . . ." Proverbs 3:6

Every institution must have a definite goal or objective to steer it. Free Will Baptist Bible College has such goals, and I should like to discuss them with you. They can be discussed under two headings: spiritual and scholastic.

In any institution that is operated for the glory of God, the spiritual must



always be the first consideration. If there should ever be a time when Free Will Baptist Bible College puts scholastic or academic goals above the spiritual, it would cease to be pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ.

From the very beginning of this institution, we have felt that if we could have the right kind of spiritual atmosphere in which the future leaders of our denomination could study, that we could somehow take care of the scholastic and academic needs. I am certain if we had a record of the time spent in planning the curriculum and growth of the Bible College, we would find equally as much consideration given to the spiritual needs, if not more, than any other. All decisions affecting the institution are made in the light of their spiritual effect. Anything that we have felt would detract from the spiritual life of the institution has been ruled out. The work of Free Will Baptist Bible College has been acceptable because the young men and women who have gone out from the institution have been known for their deep consecration and their desire to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. The verse at the heading of this article expresses the main goal of this institution.

The scholastic objective of Free Will Baptist Bible College is that we will have as high scholastic standards as any institution. A student who goes through Free Will Baptist Bible College and earns a degree, in our opinion could have earned a similar degree in any institution in America. There has been

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opportunity to check this in the past few years. Students who have transferred from Free Will Baptist Bible College to other institutions have always been able to do the work of those institutions, and in most cases the work has not been as demanding as it was in our school. We believe that if an institution puts Christ first, the scholastic standards will be improved instead of lowered.

Free Will Baptist Bible College is going a long way towards meeting the requirements for approval by the University of Tennessee. There are two main handicaps in reaching this goal that are rapidly being eliminated. One is an inadequate library. We are making good progress in building a good library, but it takes time and much money. The other obstacle is that we have had too high a percentage of non-high school students to permit approval by the state university. We are meeting this problem by building a curriculum especially adapted for the non-high school group. As we do this it necessarily increases our faculty and therefore our expenses. This year we have the lowest percentage of non-high school students in the history of the institution. However, we always have some fine students in this classification, and we do not wish to discourage their coming.

Even without accreditation or approval by the state university, we are able to transfer our students to some of the best institutions in the country. The caliber of work the college is doing is respected by other institutions who know Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The two things then that always enter into every decision made at Free Will Baptist Bible College are these: will it honor the Lord Jesus Christ, and will it help improve the scholastic and academic standards of the institution? Pray for your Bible College that it will always keep these goals in proper balance in order that we may have an institution that will honor the Lord and have the respect of the academic world.

Missionary Prayer Band Elects New Officers

The Missionary Prayer Band meets each day at 1:00 p.m. in the interest of world-wide missions. It is divided into four groups, and the globe is divided into four sections with each group praying for one section.

Officers for the coming year are:
Eugene Waddell President
Kenneth Eagleton Vice-President

Kathryn Newton Recording Secretary
Barbara Hancock
Corresponding Secretary
Garland Teasley Treasurer
Jane Berry Pianist
Carroll Alexander Song Leader
Mary Ruth Wischart Letter Editor

GROUP CAPTAINS

Leah McGlohon Gene Norris
Betty Ingle Donald Upright

There are a number of people out on the field who are members of the Prayer Band. Anyone who desires to join in prayer at this hour may send his name and address, and he will be listed as a member and be put on the mailing list for the Prayer Band News Letter.

Alumni Association

Lester Jones, '50, has accepted the newly organized church in Kirksville, Missouri.

Luther Gibson, '46, at the time of this writing is in a revival at Turbeville, South Carolina. On the 18th he will begin a revival with the Fairmount Park Church in Norfolk, Virginia.

Joe Ange, '50, is planning for a great Missionary Conference in his church at Durham, North Carolina. The speakers will include Mrs. Thomas Willey, Rev. Raymond Riggs, and Dr. Clyde Taylor. The Conference dates are November 22 to 25.

Maurine Edwards Lee, '52, is serving as receptionist in the National Headquarters Building.

George Ritter, '49, and his new church have bought time on WEXL Radio Station in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Novella Propst, '53, is working as dietician at the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Robert Wilfong, '49, is conducting programs over station WDBL in Springfield, Tennessee, during this month.

The Wayne Parsonses have named their new baby Waynelle Sue. Wayne, '49, is pastor of the Hazel Creek Church near Kirksville, Missouri.

Reba Edwards, '49, is working with the Sunday School Alliance. She is also helping raise funds for new dormitories for the Youth Camp in Illinois.

Lucy Wischart, '53, is teaching piano to several Cuban girls.

Adam Scott, '51, is conducting a revival at Saint's Delight Church, near Louisburg, North Carolina.

Luther Sanders, '48, will conduct a revival at Calvary Church, Durham, North Carolina. Adam Scott is pastor.

Alene Gower, '45, is now employed by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. She is editor of the YPA Year Book and the GTA Year Book.

Benito, '50, and Mrs. Rodriguez have a new baby boy.

Those of the Alumni Association who appeared on the Missionary Conference program are: Wesley Calvery, '49, Robert Wilfong, '49, Reford Wilson, '48, and Damon Dodd, '44.

Financial receipts for the month:

N. R. Smith, '53	.....	\$5 Dues
Catherine Smith, '51	.....	\$5 Dues
Novella Propst, '53	.....	\$5 Dues
Ronald Creech, '52	.....	\$5 Dues
Mary Belle Creech, '52	.....	\$5 Dues
Ronald and Mary Belle Creech	.....
.....		\$7.50 on Headquarters Building
Bertie Mishler, Associate Member	.....
.....		\$5 Dues

Correction: In the August Bulletin the Alumni news stated that Mrs. Maurine Lee and Miss Dorena Davis were writing Sunday school lessons. I had understood that all those taking part on the National Sunday School Convention program were writers. This assumption was wrong; they were only departmental leaders.

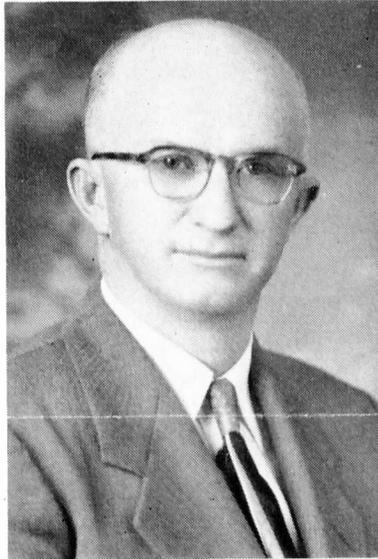
The bulk of the news for this column is made up from the news items you send to the secretary. Please remember to keep them coming so we can keep in touch with our Alumni family—the best Alumni group in the world! Send your news items to Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Watkins and Walker Ordained

On October 15 two of the College students were ordained to the work of the full gospel ministry. They were Carey Watkins, Jr., pastor of Mt. Zion Church, and Billy Walker, pastor of Oakwood Church.

The service was held at Shady Grove Church during the regular session of the Cumberland Association. The Scripture was read by Rev. E. A. Craft, the charge was given by Rev. J. L. Welch, the Bible was presented by Rev. J. B. Parsons, and the ordaining prayer was prayed by Rev. C. F. Bowen.

Meet the Trustees



REV. K. V. SHUTES

(Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of articles designed to acquaint you with the men elected by the National Association to lead Free Will Baptist Bible College.)

A member of the Board of Trustees since it was formed is Rev. K. V. Shutes, one of the denomination's busiest pastors, having been preaching for thirty years.

Brother Shutes, who was born and reared in Florida, was converted in 1922. He attended Free Will Baptist Seminary in Ayden, North Carolina, where he completed his training in 1928.

He became active in church work, pastoring churches in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Texas; and serving as state evangelist for Florida and Alabama. The Georgia state association was organized under his leadership, and he was moderator for some time. He has helped organize eight new churches. In the midst of his church duties he has conducted radio programs in Georgia and Alabama.

His first outstanding work in the cause of education was the organization of Zion Bible School in Blakely, Georgia, which was in operation until 1942 when the Bible College opened.

For the denomination, Brother Shutes has served on the Board of Publications and Literature and on the General Board of the National Association in addition to his work on the Bible College Board of Trustees.

A preacher with boundless energy

Practical Work Department Reports 414 Decisions for Christ

Students under the direction of the College Practical Work Department reported 414 decisions for Christ during the past school year.

Rev. LaVerne Miley, who directed Practical Work last year, stated there were twenty assignments each week, which held services on the streets, in juvenile homes, in schools, in convalescent homes, in hospitals, at the bus depot, and in home classes. The department this year is under the direction of Rev. Leroy Forlines, one of the new Faculty members.

The year's complete report is as follows:

Messages, Lessons, etc.	409
Public Testimonies	391
Special Musical Numbers	133
Personal Work Calls	60
Decisions for Christ	414
Literature Distributed:	
Tracts	28,322
Scripture Portions	46

The tract "The 3 R's of Salvation" is still available at forty cents a hundred or \$3 a thousand. Address your correspondence to the Practical Work Department, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Oklahoma Auxiliary Buys Book a Month for College Library

The library of Free Will Baptist Bible College is beginning to grow because a number of books have been donated within the past few months.

Women's auxiliaries and leagues are making the library needs a special project. One auxiliary in Oklahoma is buying a book a month. As these books are received, a nameplate with the donor's name is placed in the front of the book. This nameplate will be a constant reminder to those who use the book of your gift and kindness.

If your league, auxiliary, or Sunday school class would like to have part in enlarging the College library, write for a list of the needed books.

and devotion to his Lord, Brother Shutes has the respectful admiration of many for his enthusiasm and zeal.

At present he is located in Cairo, Georgia.

The Correspondence Corner

New Church Sends Gift

"In response to your letter, we are glad to have a part in the responsibility of our Bible College.

"Inclosed you will find a check for ten dollars from the Grace Free Will Baptist Church. This is a new work, just three months old, and our treasury is very small; therefore, we were not able to give more at this time. We are looking forward to the time when our church shall become regular in supporting the College."

DANIEL THOMAS
Royal Oak, Michigan

League Helps on Richland Apartments

"Your recent letter to us was brought before the League tonight. We want to help pay for the Richland Apartments. Our treasury does not permit us to give as much as we desire to give. We sincerely hope the ten dollars (\$10.00) enclosed will be of some help. With this offering goes our prayers that God will continue to bless our College."

ARLYN WHITE, Sec. & Treas.
Core Creek League
Cove City, North Carolina

Building Fund Gift

"Enclosed you will find ten dollars to help on the Building Fund. I am sorry that I did not send it sooner, but I know it can still be used. Wish I had more to send to help out because I love the school and what it teaches. It has meant so much to our young people."

MRS. NELSON T. SIMPSON, SR.
Bridgeton, North Carolina

Would Like to Have More to Give

"In times like the present when you are so much in need of extra funds for the expansion of our educational facilities, I really would like to have more of this world's goods, then I could ease the burdens of some of our people, especially of those who are laboring so untiringly and faithfully to promote the educational part of our Religious program.

"This little gift is the best I can do at present, but I hope you can find a place to use it for the Master, for He is able to magnify it to His glory and for the good of others."

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
New Bern, North Carolina

Re-reads Bulletin

"We have been receiving the College Bulletin regularly and I enjoy reading every word in it and then I re-read it.

"I am happy to know that our Free Will Baptist Bible College has a Christian atmosphere on the campus. I am

so thrilled every time I read the paragraph which tells about the faculty and student body on their knees, asking God to provide an auditorium."

MR. AND MRS. R. G. TURNAGE
Snow Hill, North Carolina

Building Fund Gift

"Am sending check for \$100.00 for indebtedness of the College. The more I see of the boys from the College the more I think of it."

JOHN MOODY
Anderson, Texas

Financial Facts

1. Average monthly income over the past twelve months excluding gifts to Building Fund	\$ 7,900.00
2. Average monthly expenses	7,600.00
3. Received on purchase of new dormitory building	19,985.69
4. Paid on purchase of new property	29,000.00
5. Total interest paid on indebtedness of new property	1,425.00
6. Balance due on new dormitory	39,000.00
7. Every \$1.50 the student pays must be matched with a \$1.00 gift from a friend. Your gifts are needed.	
8. Receipts for September:	
General Receipts	3,591.85
Building Fund Gifts	1,324.00
Gifts on Piano	115.00
Gifts by States:	
Alabama	\$ 166.88
Arkansas	61.50
California	182.00
Florida	18.00
Georgia	642.56
Illinois	154.85
Kentucky	206.35
Maryland	1.00
Michigan	295.50
Mississippi	79.20
Missouri	329.71
Nebraska	3.00
North Carolina	1,267.24
Ohio	150.00
Oklahoma	189.92
South Carolina	313.10
Tennessee	410.50
Texas	184.72
Virginia	57.00
West Virginia	109.73
Response to recent Building Fund appeal	4,080.55

Foreign Mission Fellowship

In 1952 the students who were preparing for foreign missionary service at Free Will Baptist Bible College organized a Foreign Mission Fellowship and made application for membership in the national organization. The application was approved and the charter was received last spring.

The purpose of this organization is: (1) To spread the knowledge of the foreign field in educational institutions and to stir the student world, and

through it the Christian church to the primary obligation to make Christ known to all the world in our generation. (2) To call out students who have purposed to go to the foreign field and to help students who are praying about the missionary call to know God's will for them. (3) To study to know mission fields and their needs. (4) To promote the close association of Christian students who are looking forward to the foreign field for fellowship, prayer for missions, spiritual strength, and service. (5) To cooperate with all other Christian youth activities on the campus which honor Christ and His Word.

The membership consists of two classes—full membership for those preparing for missionary service, and associate membership for those interested in missionary work.

The officers for this year are:

Marvis Lee President
June Rivenbark Vice-President
Mary Hess Secretary-Treasurer

This organization meets weekly and the programs consist of lectures by returned missionaries and films of different countries showing missionary work done there as well as the customs and standards of living.

Missionary Conference Meets at College

Free Will Baptist Bible College was privileged to have the fourth annual missionary conference meet on the campus for the three days of services October 13-15. These days of fellowship and inspirational services have come to be a highlight of the school year. Classes were dismissed for these days so that all students could attend. Several missionary candidates now preparing at the College for foreign service were featured on the program.

The distant heathen seemed much more individual as several returned missionaries told of some of the people who had heard about Christ for the first time as they witnessed to them. The horrors of pagan idol worship as described by these speakers made each hearer more conscious than ever of the hopeless condition of those living without Christ or Christian influences.

The separation of foreign and home mission work was gradually dissolved as it became evident that "the world is the field," and that the great commission charges the Christian with the responsibility of witnessing for Christ to "every creature" with whom he comes in contact.

As classes were resumed each student felt a greater need of preparing himself to be better equipped to meet the great responsibility of Christians.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON ANNOUNCES \$40,000 CAMPAIGN TO CLEAR INDEBTEDNESS ON COLLEGE PROPERTIES

McDonald Attends Chicago Meeting

Always alert in keeping abreast with evangelical education, Free Will Baptist Bible College was represented at the recent Chicago meeting of the Friends of Christian Higher Education October 26-28.

E. B. McDonald, College treasurer, expressed appreciation for the program of helpful ideas and methods of administration. The program featured lectures and forums by outstanding leaders from some of the foremost evangelical Christian colleges in America.

"The operational costs per student at Free Will Baptist Bible College compare favorably with the best among similar institutions," Mr. McDonald declared. According to him, Christian colleges are expecting their enrollments to be doubled during the next five years.

Representatives from about one hundred Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges from Toronto, Canada, to Texas and from California to Delaware attended the three-day conference.

New Books Donated to College Library

On October 25 the Adult League at Trinity Church, Nashville, made a special offering to purchase books for the College library. The Woman's Auxiliary added their gift to make possible the purchase of seven new books.

Other church groups in the Nashville area have expressed their desire to follow this example, according to Mrs. J. P. Barrow, librarian.

The Edgemont Church, Durham, North Carolina, recently gave three new books to help in the library drive.

Those interested in donating books to the College should write Mrs. Barrow for a list of needed books.

Faced with an indebtedness of nearly \$40,000, President L. C. Johnson has announced plans to begin an all-out campaign to clear this indebtedness by Bible Conference, April 1, 1954.

Rev. J. L. Welch, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented this challenge to the Cumberland Association in its recent session with churches, pastors, and individuals pledging \$1324. At the annual session of the Tennessee State Association more pledges were made, and as of now more than \$3000 has been pledged.

When Dr. Johnson presented the challenge to the student body of the Bible College, it was voted by them to make a gift of \$1000 to this campaign. The members of the College Faculty supplemented this to make the total gift from students and faculty more than \$1500.

Here is the plan we would like you to help promote: April 1, which is

College to Conduct First Extension School in Ala.

The Extension Department of Free Will Baptist Bible College will conduct its first extension school at Eldridge, Alabama, November 16-27. Rev. Leroy Forlines will be in charge.

Classes will be conducted in the Educational Building of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Rev. W. H. Ryland, superintendent of the home, has been directing the advertising in the surrounding area. A large enrollment is expected from the churches located near Eldridge.

The extension school is designed to make training available to any one who wishes it, especially to those who cannot enroll for resident credit in the College. Ministers and workers in the Sunday School, League, and Woman's Auxiliary are especially urged to attend.

Thursday of our Bible Conference, we expect enough gifts to be presented to the Bible College at the 11:00 o'clock service to put Free Will Baptist College entirely out of debt. We are asking every church in the denomination to have a special gift on hand at this service for this purpose. There surely must be at least a half dozen churches in the denomination which will be able to make \$1,000 gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College. Then there must be another half dozen individuals who will make similar gifts. There are no doubt several churches and individuals who can make \$500 gifts. Most any church which will go to work on this project in time will be able to have a \$100 gift on hand April 1, 1954, at the 11:00 o'clock service.

Where it is possible it is requested that every church making a gift have a representative on hand to present the gift on behalf of the church. Where this is not possible, someone at the Bible College will present your gift in the name of your church. A huge blackboard will be erected and as the gifts are announced they will be tabulated under your state's name in full view of all present. It is expected that when these gifts are all announced that the total will be at least \$38,000. If so, we can stamp "Paid in Full" on everything under the name of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

"I realize it is a big undertaking and that much hard work must be put into it, but I am willing to do all I can to eliminate this indebtedness and cease the waste of interest money being paid to our creditors," said President Johnson. "But every pastor in our denomination and every interested layman will have to join hands with us in a campaign of hard work and sacrificial giving," he further stated.

It is not too early to begin talking this in your church now. Begin laying your plans and let the Bible College know what to expect from your church on April 1.

From My Desk...

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare." Psalms 75:1

It is hard to say anything new at Thanksgiving. The blessings we talk about are so common to us all. We meet on the street and talk about the beautiful day we are having.—It's our way of saying we are glad to be alive and are thankful. A neighbor down



the road has his house to burn; we go through our attic and pantry and share the things we have with him. This is our way of saying to the unfortunate neighbor, we feel it our duty to help, and we are glad we can. A friend is ill,

we drop by to cheer him up; this is a definite "thank you Lord" for our health.

On we could go talking about our common blessings and the many ways we express our thanks for them, but I want to tell you of something that has been a great blessing to me as I have thought about it. It is in connection with my salvation and the joy of the Lord. Does the thought that your Saviour is *all powerful* bring joy to your heart? There is nothing He cannot do. He had power to feed Elijah by the brook. He had power to keep Daniel and give him a night of peaceful rest in a den of lions. He had power to deliver Paul and Silas from prison. Possibly a greater show of His power in this connection was his power to make Paul and Silas sing while in prison with bloody backs.

Not only are we glad our Saviour has "all power in heaven and earth," but he knows how to use that power. Does it not make us thankful to know a Saviour who understands us and knows our needs? He knows the sparrow's fall and takes note of the lily that is born for a day; will He not take note of you and me who are made in the image of God!

He knows our weaknesses and fortifies us.

He knows our sorrows and strengthens us.

He knows our material needs and sends the raven.

Music Department Presents Concert

One of the significant phases of this school year is the outstanding music department under the direction of Mr. Wendell Babcock and Mr. Ross Dowden.

The Speech and Music departments were very proud to present these gentlemen in a program of religious music Friday night, November 6. The auditorium with its baskets of fall flowers and palms and new musical instruments was a fitting background for the beautiful music.

The program was composed of vocal music by Mr. Dowden, tenor soloist, and piano and organ selections by Mr. Babcock. Many friends of the school attended and were delighted with the inspirational program.

An arrangement of "The Lord Is My Sheperd" composed by Mr. Babcock and sung by Mr. Dowden was a highlight of the program.

This was the first in a series of musical programs to be presented during the year.

Immediately after the concert, the chorus and private music students expressed their thanks for a delightful evening by honoring Mr. Babcock and Mr. Dowden and their wives with a reception in the College dining hall.

Study at Home

What do you know about the Old Testament? Would you like to know more? Then why not enroll for the Old Testament Introduction course offered by the College Correspondence Department.

Send your inquiries to the Correspondence Department at the Bible College address.

What a wonderful Saviour!

Add to the truth that our heavenly Father knows our needs and has power to meet them, the fact that He loves us, and we have a truth so thrilling until everyone of us who name His name can join with the poet in saying:

*"O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace."*

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Alumni Association

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
3801 RICHLAND AVENUE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

The *Alumni News* this month is coming to you from our office in the Headquarters Building at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham agreed to let the Alumni Association have office space for the small sum of \$5 per month, so we are officially located at the above address.

Have you seen a copy of our new denominational publication—CONTACT? If you have, I'm sure you are proud of it. The Alumni Association in co-operation with the editor of CONTACT has made arrangements for our missionaries to get this paper. They are given complimentary subscriptions by CONTACT'S editor, and the Alumni Association is mailing the paper air mail each month. In this way the paper is still "fresh news" even when it gets to far-away India.

Charles Craddock, '51 writes, "We have just closed out one of the most successful years in the history of the Ayden church. Spiritually, the church is at a new high, and God has given us 55 new members this year To Him we give all glory and praise."

The LaVerne Mileys have a new boy. He was born October 25, and has been named Larry David. Larry's mother, Lorene, '47, is a member of the Executive Board of the Alumni Association.

Several Alumni were elected to positions in the Texas State Association which was held recently. Among them were:

Gaston Clary, '49, Moderator
Everett Hellard, '48, Assistant Moderator

Herbert Richards, '49, Clerk
Charles Sapp, '53, Treasurer
Noah Tuttle, Publicity Director.
Alvin Hallbrook, '45, Parliamentarian
Huey Gower, '45, elected to the Orphanage Board

Lucy Wischart, '53 writes, "I have finished my first Spanish book and Sunday night, for the first time, gave my testimony in Spanish I am certainly thankful for the blessings of the Lord and for the way He provides. Pray that I shall learn well the many things He has to teach me in these

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Students Attend Local Sunday Morning Church Services

For some years it has been the custom to have regular Sunday morning services in the College chapel. This order has been changed, and students now attend Sunday school and morning worship at one of the five local churches. They are finding many places of service as well as practical training. The pastors and members have sincerely welcomed the students, who enjoy the fellowship of the local congregations. Two of the churches charter a bus each Sunday morning to transport the students to and from the services. Other churches have made different arrangements for transportation.

A worship service is conducted in the chapel each Sunday evening with a member of the faculty or a ministerial student bringing the messages. The school has a standard league which meets at this time. Students have the choice of attending services either on the campus or at a local church, although they are expected to attend consistently at the place of their choice.

Student Body Enjoys October Social

October's bright blue weather was made more enjoyable at Free Will Baptist Bible College by an outing at McCabe Park, October 30. In the afternoon a group of students and faculty members walked the short distance to the park. Here faculty, staff, and students joined in games planned by the Student Body officers.

Later the briskness of the autumn air made roasting wieners over an open fire very delightful.

After the meal the group returned to the College auditorium. Here the evening's activities were crowned by joining together in a singing and devotional period.

On Friday nights at the College, study hours are suspended, and the time is free for social activities. Campus organizations, such as Woman's Auxiliary, Wedded Belles, and Ministerial Fellowship, hold their monthly meetings. The students and faculty join together in planning and enjoying these moments of relaxation and fellowship.

Twenty States Give in October

General Gifts	\$4,777.72
Building Fund Gifts	3,049.55
Gifts on Piano	115.00
Gifts by states:	
Alabama	225.00
Arkansas	82.34
California	255.38
Florida	132.00
Georgia	388.50
Illinois	413.02
Kentucky	181.00
Louisiana	1.00
Maryland	1.00
Michigan	289.96
Mississippi	256.49
Missouri	378.01
North Carolina	2,170.44
New Mexico	25.00
Ohio	233.27
Oklahoma	239.00
South Carolina	475.10
Tennessee	1,446.90
Texas	335.62
Virginia	120.00
West Virginia	108.00

Wilkinson Ordained in Georgia

Sammy Wilkinson, Bible College senior, was ordained October 24 to the work of the full gospel ministry. The service was held at his home church, Ebenezer, near Glennville, Georgia, at the annual meeting of the South Georgia Association.

Rev. J. C. Pitts read the Scripture and presented the Bible. The charge was given by Rev. Joe Fort, and the ordination prayer was offered by Rev. E. B. Joiner.

Mr. Wilkinson worked with the newly organized church in Savannah, Georgia, this past summer.

Two Additions to College Family

The College family is happy to announce two new members.

Larry David Miley, new son of Rev. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley, was born October 28. Mr. Miley is serving in the capacity of College dean-registrar and is also head of the Greek department. The Mileys have two other children.

Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Babcock are the happy parents of their first child, Timothy Keith Babcock. He was born November 11 and weighed 8 pounds, 10½ ounces. Mr. Babcock teaches in the Bible and music departments.

The Correspondence Corner

"Find enclosed our offering for the month of November. We are glad and thankful that we can be a part of the school. Our children are all grown and out on their own. Don't suppose any of ours will ever attend the school, but we hope we can be of help to some one else.

"Workers are needed so bad today in God's vineyard. We are nearing our 74th and 68th year. We want to work till Jesus comes. Pray for us."

MR. AND MRS. J. B. BARNETT
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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"This \$1.00 I send for God's work is so small. Wish it was \$10.00 or more.

"I am a widow, mother of seven daughters which God has blessed me with and I still have three at home.

"God has been so good to us. He gives me good health, courage, and strength to carry on when the way gets rough, which it does when you are trying to live a good Christian life.

"I just want the prayers of you, that each day I can walk a closer life with Him, and always be the mother that God would want me to be."

MRS. FAYE PAREGLEN
Santa Paula, California

* * *

"I received your papers, glad to get them. I think they are wonderful. I am praying for our College.

"I am sending you my offering I pledged, and pray there will be many souls find the Lord through my little mite. I would love to give more, but as you know, I am 81½ years old. Pray for me that the Lord will keep me in health and mind. I love the Lord and expect to serve him."

MRS. WILLIAM FANNIN
Ashland, Kentucky

Advertisers to Receive Free Lumen

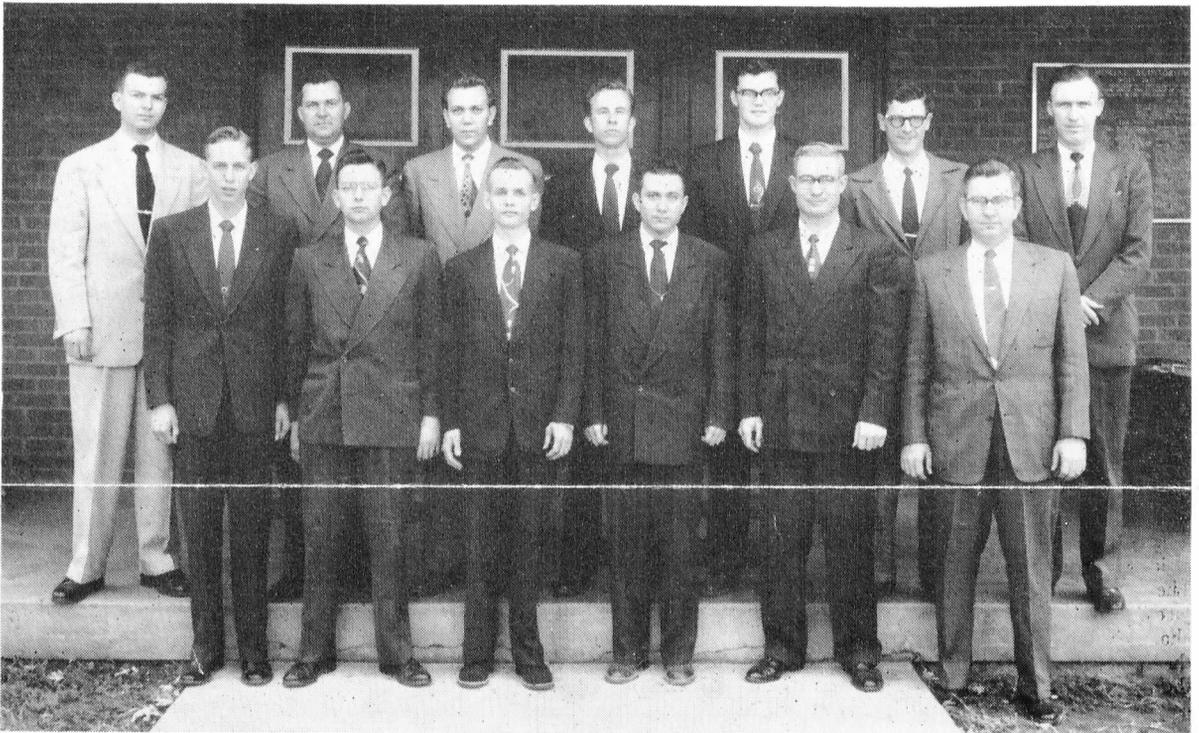
Clarence Burton, Jr., business manager for the College yearbook, stated today that free copies of the *Lumen* would be given for all half-page or full-page advertisements.

The advertising from the Free Will Baptist churches over the denomination is the main support of the yearbook.

A full page advertisement is \$35.00 and a half page is \$20.00. A picture of

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STUDENT PASTORS SERVE 14 LOCAL CHURCHES



From row from left to right, Bitly Walker, Pleasant View, Tennessee; Carey D. Watkins, Jr., Cary, North Carolina; Johnnie E. Floyd, Marion, North Carolina; Bill Hill, Lemay, Missouri; Lonnie Davoult, Moore, Oklahoma; and Robert Edwards, Beulaville, North Carolina. Second row, Ben Barrus, Norfolk, Virginia; Wilburn Beasley, Winfield, Alabama; Bob Hill, St. Louis, Missouri; Clarence Burton, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri; Joyce Gore, East Tupelo, Mississippi; Robert Wilfong, Flat River, Missouri; and Ira C. Gow, Red Bay, Alabama. Roger Reeds, Lemay, Missouri, was not present for the picture.

Fourteen ministerial students at F. W.B.B.C. travel 2500 miles each week in ministering to a combined membership of more than 2000 Free Will Baptist people.

Twelve of the churches are located in Tennessee in the Nashville area, one is in Alabama, and one is in Mississippi. Twelve of these congregations are rural and two are urban.

A spirit of progress has been brought to many of these churches through the leadership of the College students. Some of them have gone from quarter-time to full-time services. Only two are not having services each Sunday, and these are planned in the future. Building programs have been launched, Sunday school and leagues have been established, and a greater interest in the denominational program has been developed.

Not only have the churches profited from this ministry, but the students themselves have gained much practical experience that is invaluable. Some of the student pastors had pastoral experience before coming to the Bible College; some, however, are having

their first experiences in the ministry. To be a student and a pastor demands sacrificial service, but the good they are doing for their churches and the good this rugged work is doing for the students far outweighs the difficulties.

Each of these student pastors appreciates the training he is receiving at the Bible College and is grateful for the opportunity of serving his Lord and his church at the same time. Within a few years some of our Free Will Baptist churches will be fortunate in having as their leaders these young men who have had fundamental Bible training as well as good church experience.

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your church may be included in these ads. Smaller space may be obtained for \$12.50 and \$7.50, but a picture of the church cannot be included in the smaller space.

Orders for advertisements must be in by February 1, 1954, Mr. Burton said.

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first months and years."

Lee Whaley, '48, has recently led his church in a very successful revival effort. Charles Craddock, '51, was the evangelist.

Opal Hiltibidal, '45, has recently been appointed Director for Foreign Missions in Illinois.

Sterling Tucker, '53, has recently been called to pastor Bay Branch Church, in South Carolina.

Bobby Picirilli, '53 a student at Bob Jones University, recently visited the Free Will Baptist College.

Elizabeth Gibson, is an officer in the W.N.A.C. and is now helping to prepare manuscript for the Auxiliary page of CONTACT.

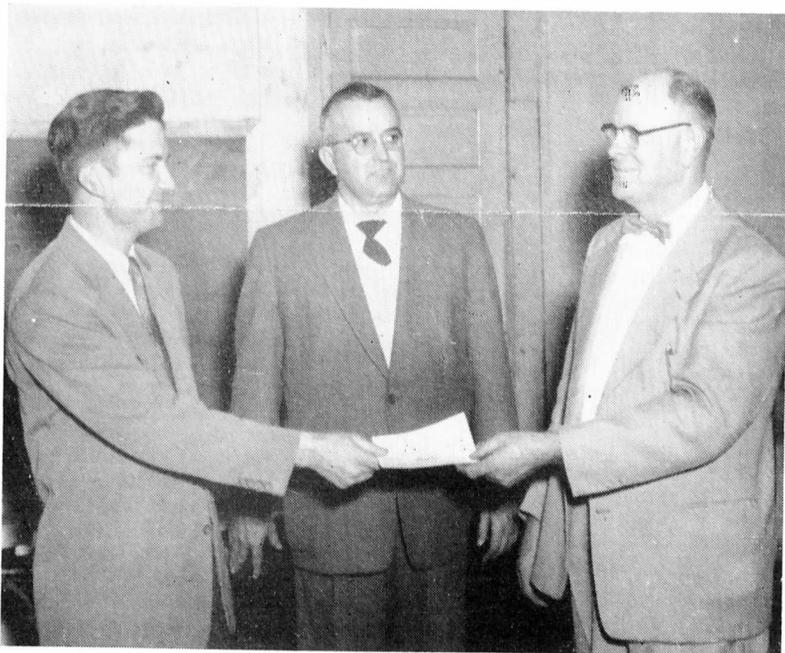
Financial receipts for the month include the following:

Homer Willis, '46, \$5 Dues
Charles Craddock, '51 \$5 Dues
Lucy Wischart, '53, \$5 on Headquarters Fund.

Let me urge you to send all news items, which would be of interest to the Alumni Association, to the secretary at 3801 Richland Avenue.

Free Will Baptist Bible College . . . BULLETIN

ELEVEN RECEIVE CERTIFICATES IN FIRST EXTENSION SCHOOL



Leroy Forlines, left, presents Rev. W. H. Ryland, right, with certificate as Dr. L. C. Johnson looks on.

The first College Extension School certificates ever to be awarded were presented to eleven students in an impressive commencement exercise on Friday evening, November 27. Dr. Johnson travelled from Nashville to Eldridge, Alabama, to deliver the commencement address.

The Children's Home at Eldridge was host to the Extension School. Twelve registered for credit and others attended the sessions as auditors. Some attending drove a distance of 40 to 50 miles daily.

Mr. Leroy Forlines, Extension teacher, was high in his praise of the work done in this first school, and is of the opinion the Extension School is the answer to our denomination's on-the-field training program. Every student was highly impressed with the school and asked for another session as soon as possible.

One semester hour each was earned in *The Church and Its Auxiliaries* and *Free Will Baptist Doctrine*.

Illinois and Oklahoma to Have Extension Schools

The Extension School idea is meeting with gratifying response. Illinois and Oklahoma will be hosts to a school in their respective states.

The Illinois Extension School will be conducted in the Benton area January 18 to 29. The site of the Oklahoma school has not yet been definitely established. It will be conducted the first two weeks in May, 1954.

Those sponsoring the extension schools hope that all ministers and Christian workers in the respective areas will attend these schools. It is an opportunity to receive Bible College training and sleep in your own bed every night.

Write to the Extension Department for further information or to Mrs. Paul Pursell, 1111 E. 11th Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma or Rev. George Waggoner, Okawville, Illinois.

300 Churches Asked to Give \$100 to Retire Indebtedness

Three hundred churches in the denomination are being asked to give \$100 each by April 1, 1954, to retire the indebtedness of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Some churches have already accepted the challenge and have theirs raised; others are working on it. Several churches are raising more than \$100. This, of course, will be necessary if the goal of \$40,000 is reached. It is felt that the gifts from the churches giving more than \$100 and those giving less than that amount will make up \$10,000 needed after 300 churches have subscribed the \$30,000 in \$100 gifts.

This campaign is being worked through the pastors of the denomination. The success of it depends on them. The Board of Trustees of the Bible College and the College officials have great confidence the pastors of the denomination will put this before their churches. Our Free Will Baptist people have proved they will respond when informed.

Brother Pastor, let the Bible College hear from you and your church right away.

Dean's List

The following students made an average of B or better for the first nine weeks of the fall semester.

Marvis Anderson	Christine Hooks
Bobby Aycock	*Bobby Jackson
*Ben Barrus	*Leah McGlohon
Joyce Barrus	Eula Mae Martin
Macie Berberich	John Bill Martin
Jane Berry	Kathryn Newton
Keith Boyd	Jo Ann Piercy
Dale Burden	Doris Raper
Margaret Bryan	Ruth Scott
Edna DaVoult	Lonnie Sparks
Elro Driggers	Jerry Thompson
Juanita Dunn	Donald Upright
Ken Eagleton	Henry VanKluyve
Olena Filkins	Virginia VanKluyve
Johnnie Floyd	Eugene Waddell
Ruth Floyd	Boyce Wallace
J. B. Hall	Bob Wilfong
Barbara Hancock	Barbara Willey
Bonnie Henson	Sara Willoughby
Ada Beth Hickman	Ronald Winkle
Buddy Hill	Mary Ruth Wischart
William Hill	**"A" Honor Roll

From My Desk...

L. C. JOHNSON, L.H.D.

"... And On Earth Peace ..."

Almost 2000 years have gone and still peace has not come on earth in the sense that international turmoil has ceased. Well might we ask: Why has the herald message of the angels not been realized? We know these were not empty words born out of overpowering excitement. Through the ages men have read these words . . . "on earth peace . . ." and have longed for and expected peace to come on earth.

Let no one imagine this was an angelic declaration with no intended prospect of realization. On the contrary, God did send peace on earth when He gave to earth Him who is called "the prince of peace." Had the world received Him whom Paul called "our peace", "on earth peace" would long ago have come. But as long as men reject God's gift of eternal life in His Son, there can be no peace. Isaiah well has said "there is no peace saith my God to the wicked."

Upon His departure Jesus commissioned twelve men to propagate a peace movement in the world. From this nucleus this commission was enlarged to embrace the entire church. At first the church worked eagerly at its task as if trying to complete it in the shortest possible time. Then for various reasons which history makes clear, the church relaxed in its campaign to preach Him who is peace. As a result we are told there are more people in the twentieth century who have not heard the message of peace, which is the message of Christ, than there were in the first century.

Let us who make up His church become active in preaching peace, for He—Christ—is our peace, and can be peace to all men. As Christians we should be aware that we have an antidote for the ills of men's lives. Let us be bold in declaring that all men on earth can have peace in Christ. "He is our Peace"—let us have done with stressing

Our little schemes that shape that world to be,
Scorning all plans that dare not ask His blessings,

Owning no rule save His can set men free!"



Quartet Makes Appearances in Several States

During the fall semester the College Quartet has made week-end itineraries in Tennessee, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, and Mississippi.

With the ending of the summer vacation, the quartet members have been busy in their college studies. On week ends, however, they have visited near-by churches to present a devotional program of music and gospel songs followed by a message from the Bible.

Free Will Baptist people always enjoy these services, and their appreciation for the College is expressed by offerings and personal gifts to support its operation. Week by week more people are learning what God is doing through the Bible College in training Christian young people.

The first itinerary after the opening of school was made in Georgia where services were held with the Christian Hill Church, Rochelle; Alabama Church, Blackshear; Pine Level Church, Alma; Glennville Church, Glennville; Oak Grove Church, Surrency; and Satilla Church, Waycross.

Later a week-end trip was made to the Cookeville, Tennessee, area where visits were made with Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Union, Pleasant Ridge, and Gentry's Chapel churches.

On the week end of October 25 the following churches were visited in Illinois: Hazel Dell, Oak Valley, Nason, Rescue, and Mt. Zion. The quartet also appeared at the Illinois Sunday School Alliance.

The Highland Park and Philadelphia churches in Detroit were hosts to the quartet services Sunday, November 1.

On November 8, a service was held with the Loyal Chapel Church, Columbia, Tennessee.

Visits were made over the week end of November 15 in five Mississippi churches: New Lebanon, Pearce's Chapel, Amory, Fawn Grove, and Antioch. A visit was also made to the New Gaudy Church community.

During Thanksgiving week, the quartet held services in fifteen North Carolina churches and special meetings, appeared on three radio stations, and visited one East Tennessee church. This one itinerary received a response of \$1000 in cash gifts and \$1700 additional in pledges. Twelve conversions were reported in the Services.

Services were held at: Valley View (Tennessee), Union Grove, Reedy Branch, Union Chapel, Antioch, Marlboro, Hugo, Elm Grove, Maury, Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Sweet Gum

Grove, Rose of Sharron, Albemarle Union, 2nd and 4th Unions of Central Conference, Black Jack, and New Bern, Greenville, and Wilson radio stations.

The members of the College Quartet this year are G. C. Lee, Jr., Calhoun City, Mississippi; Eugene Waddell, Kenly, N. C.; Bobby Jackson, Fremont, N. C.; and James Earl Raper, Snow Hill, N. C. All are seniors.

Alumni Association

By MRS. DAMON C. DODD, *Secretary*

Although it seems quite impossible, it is true; Christmas is upon us again.

Perhaps you're asking yourself the same question that everyone else is asking, "Where has the time gone?" Let's hope that we haven't wasted any of it, or deliberately thrown it away. God's time is valuable and must be used wisely.

Christmas always brings new hopes and joys. The year's problems are all behind and a bright day is ahead. The lights and gifts of Christmas always remind us of God's gift to us in sending Christ the Light. The beautiful decorations remind us of how beautiful Christ can make the life of a regenerated individual. And the Christmas bells, pealing out their notes, challenge us to ring out the message of salvation through the Christ of Christmas to all the world.

Let's really make this Christ's Christmas by remembering Him on His Day.

We're happy to send the news you way this month and sincerely hope that you enjoy it. You can always make it better, you know, by contributing your bit of news each month! Send it to your Alumni Association, 3801 Richmond Avenue.

Gertrude Bowe, '46—The following information appeared in SCRIPTURE PRESS' weekly news sheet: "Effective November 2, Gertrude Bowe becomes Secretarial Assistant to Laurin J. Zorn, head of the Wholesale-Book Publishing Department. Her new responsibilities will entail some supervisory work, proof-reading, and other details in connection with the book publishing end of the business." Gertrude writes that she is enrolled in Northwestern University Evening School for several subjects.

Harold Dunlap, '47, pastor of Friendship Church, near Ashland City, Tennessee, has led his people in building an addition onto the church which

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College Chorus Active This Year

Under the direction of Mr. Ross Dowden, voice instructor, the College chorus has become one of the most active organizations on the campus.

They have presented a Thanksgiving program at the College, and a Christmas program is planned just before the Christmas holidays. A Thanksgiving program was also given at the Tennessee State Prison and the Tennessee Industrial High School. Programs are scheduled in several of the Nashville churches for the near future.

The chorus is composed of about 45 student voices. The group makes a striking picture dressed in the choir robes that were presented to the College by last year's senior class.

The newly organized male chorus made its first appearance Friday evening, December 4, at the College banquet.

Thanksgiving Day Activities

Candies, cookies, and other attractions greeted students as Open House was observed in traditional Thanksgiving Day activities. Long and tedious hours of work had been put into making the rooms attractive for this special occasion. Students, faculty, and visitors went through each college building from attic to basement.

At noon a turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served in the dining hall.

Different points of interest were visited in the afternoon, including Fort Nashborough, the State Capitol, the Parthenon, and James K. Polk's home.

The day's activities were concluded by a Thanksgiving pageant presented in the auditorium.

Day of Prayer Brings Great Blessings

Friday, November 20, the Bible College observed a day of prayer. Classes were dismissed and the entire day was given over to prayer, praise, and meditation.

After a stimulating chapel service to begin the day, prayer groups of seven or eight were formed by students and faculty. Following later class prayer meetings, they regathered in the chapel, and many voiced praises to God for His blessings and testified that it was a day of inspiration and spiritual refreshing.

The college emphasizes the need for spiritual growth, and several times each year a day is devoted to prayer.

November Receipts

General Gifts	\$4,226.58
Building Fund Gifts	319.00
Gifts on Piano	60.00
Gifts by States:	
Alabama	74.56
Arkansas	6.43
California	221.50
Florida	1.00
Georgia	239.50
Illinois	213.42
Kansas	13.00
Kentucky	66.25
Maryland	1.00
Michigan	139.84
Mississippi	394.79
Missouri	469.83
North Carolina	1,675.56
Ohio	87.50
Oklahoma	232.82
South Carolina	163.22
Tennessee	271.10
Texas	151.44
Virginia	35.00
West Virginia	49.00

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more than doubles the size of the building.

Dean and Mary Moore, students in 1950, are the parents of a boy. He was born November 20 and has been named David Tyrell. Dean is pastor of the church in Richmond, California.

A new choir loft and two Sunday School rooms are the results of a building program recently completed by the Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church, near Tupelo, Mississippi. Pastor *Luther D. Gibson*, '46, led in this program.

Homer E. Willis, '46, has been elected President of the Ministerial Alliance in Paintsville, Kentucky.

T. G. Hamilton Jr., '47, was elected Moderator of the Georgia State Association in their recent meeting.

The church in Vernon, Alabama, called *Malone Cobb* for their pastor.

William Mishler, '48, and *LaVerne Miley* attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees in Ayden, North Carolina, as representatives of the National Sunday School Board.

Everett Hellard, '48, is leading the First Church of Houston, Texas, in a building program.

Herbert Richards, '49, is pastor of two half-time churches near Bryan, Texas. Both churches are making progress under his leadership.

W. C. Clearman, appeared on the program of Home Missions and Evangelism in Elizabethton, Tennessee. He is pastor of the Shady Grove Church, near Clarksville, Tennessee.

Eleven Certificates were awarded by

Leroy Forlines, '52, at the close of an Extension School he recently conducted in Eldridge, Alabama.

Joseph Ange, '52, recently closed a very successful revival at the Hyde Park Church in Norfolk, Virginia. *Dan Merkh*, '53, is the pastor.

Fred Kirby, '53, and *Rolla Smith*, both appeared on the Union Thanksgiving program sponsored by Flat River, Missouri, Ministerial Alliance. They are pastors of First and Fellowship Free Will Baptist Churches, respectively.

The Correspondence Corner

Wishes to Correspond with Christian Young People

"Thank you for the catalog and Bulletins which you recently sent me. I would like to receive the Bulletins regularly, if possible. I admire the young people who have the courage to follow God in whatever He leads them to do.

"I would like to correspond with other young people that believe as I do. I am sixteen years old and a junior in high school. I have been a Christian since June 26, 1953. If you know of any that would like to correspond with me, please give them my name and address.

"I am praying that God will supply your needs at college."

MISS MARGIE HODGES
Route 4
Graceville, Florida

Praying for \$40,000 Campaign

"Enclosed is my November gift of \$2.50. I am sorry it is late. I received the College Bulletin yesterday. I enjoyed reading it. I will be praying especially for the drive to clear the Bible College debt to be successful. I think it is a wonderful plan."

MRS. WILMA DEAN MCCARTHY
Modesto, California

Likes to Give by Checkbook Plan

"Enclosed find checkbook signed, sorry about being late. If we had just 1000 families in Texas that would, and they can, use one of these checkbooks it would mean so much to the college. Surely they can give \$1.00 or more a month for Christ, He gave so much for you.

"May God bless the college and
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The Perfect Gift

We worship Thee, O Son of God,
On this most holy day,
Who came to earth a little Babe
And in a manger lay;
Thou who didst leave Thy heavenly
home
To break earth's chains of night
Whose advent brought a world new
hope,
Changed darkness into light.

The angel of the Lord appeared
As shepherds vigil kept,
Proclaimed good tidings of great joy
To man, which 'round them slept.
The heavenly host sang praise to God
And peace, good will on earth;
The shepherds sought the Christ-child's
bed
And marveled at His birth.

As Wise Men traveled from the East,
Led by that gleaming star,
And brought their precious gifts to
Thee
From their own lands afar;
So we to Thee would homage bring
And sing that heavenly strain
Of peace on earth, good will to men
The world so needs again.

At this glad time we too would bring
Our greatest gift to Thee;
Lord, first ourselves, then all we have,
Our perfect gift would be.
Wilt Thou through us shine forth to
men
Who need Thy night so clear;
Use us, our money, talents, time,
In Thy sweet service here.

—Julia Benson Parker

Now

**NEW STUDENTS MAY
ENROLL FOR SECOND
SEMESTER**

REGISTRATION DATE

January 26, 1954

Write Registrar

Dr. Johnson Honored at Banquet

President L. C. Johnson received a very pleasant surprise Friday evening, December 4. He attended a formal banquet held in the college dining hall and discovered upon looking at his program sheet that it was in his honor.



The theme of the banquet was, "The Highway." A highway of crepe paper with appropriate signs and scenery along the sides was in the center of the tables. Floats depicting different phases of Dr. Johnson's life, from the time he was born until 1953, formed the table centerpieces. They represented him as a schoolboy, as a farm boy, as a filling station attendant, as a college student, his marriage, his pastoral work, and his days at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The striking picture presented by the girls all dressed in colorful formals added to the beauty of the scene.

During the program Rev. Damon Dodd, from the first graduating class, told of the early days at the college. Rev. J. L. Welch, chairman of the Board of Trustees, told how Doctor Johnson had answered the need of the hour in 1942 when Free Will Baptists needed someone to head the college. LaVerne Miley, acting dean, related the story of Dr. Johnson's life. Several numbers by the music department were sprinkled throughout the program; and Mr. Eskle Baker, of the college faculty, spiced the program with humor.

The students, under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Simpson, dean of women, contributed much time and work to make the banquet a success. The menu consisted of baked ham, pineapple salad with cheese blossom, stuffed potatoes, turnip cup with peas, baked apples, pecan pie and coffee.

At the Monday chapel service following the banquet, Dr. L. C. Johnson was presented with a 16 x 20 portrait of himself. Rev. J. L. Welch made the presentation in behalf of the college faculty and staff members, stating the picture is to hang in the reception hall of the college.

In his remarks, Brother Welch said: "The poet has said, 'Many a flower is born to blush unseen and waste its fragrance on the desert air.' Many a life is born to live in obscurity and waste its usefulness. This is not so with our President Johnson. Under the leadership of the Lord and by His grace, he has been brought to the place where the beauty of his life may be seen and appreciated.

"This picture will remind many in the years to come of the inspirational life he has lived. And even if he should go into other Christian service, this picture will continue to serve as a reminder of him and his service. Or, if he should be removed by death, this portrait of Dr. Johnson will show that 'he being dead yet speaketh.'"

Christmas Holidays Begin December 18

School will be dismissed at noon, Friday, December 18. As soon as possible thereafter most of the students from 18 different states will start home for the Christmas holidays. They will return on January 5 to resume studies. A few who have work will remain in Nashville.

Many students have planned revivals, youth rallies, and other activities during this time. The testimonies these fine Christian young people will present during the holidays will be an inspiration to many people in the home churches.

Correspondence

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faculty richly with grace, knowledge, love, and financially."

REV. and MRS. C. J. TURRENTINE
Fort Worth, Texas

College Students an Inspiration

"Enclosed you will find my gift for the month of November, and along with it comes my prayers that God will continue to bless the college even more in the future than in the past.

" . . . I will pray every day for the college. It is truly an inspiration to hear any of the young people that come from the college preach, pray or testify and sing. Somehow you can pick them out every time. . ."

MRS. GLADYS BURNS
Lucasville, Ohio

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**