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BIBLE COLLEGE HONORS DR. AND MRS. PICIRILLI

Free Will Baptist Bible College paid tribute to **Dr. and Mrs. Robert Picirilli** on May 5 with a chapel program and a reception in their honor. The Picirillis are retiring at the end of the 1998-99 school year.

The chapel program included some surprises. Most of the members of the Gospeliers Quartet were present for a reunion song. **June McVay**, missionary to Spain, came home to join her four Picirilli sisters in a moving tribute to their parents. Other speakers included **Rev. John Murray**, **Rev. James Earl Raper**, and **Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart**. In closing, FWBBC President **Tom Malone** summarized the devoted ministries of Dr. and Mrs. Picirilli.

FWBBC Public Relations Director **Bert Tippett** presided at a Picirilli roast following the reception. Speakers included two sons-in-law (**Clarence Lewis** and **Allen Pointer**), **Mrs. Violet Cox**, **Mrs. Eloise Brown**, **Rev. Eugene Waddell**, and **Dr. Charles Thigpen**.

Dr. and Mrs. Picirilli have given more than 70 years to FWBBC and the Free Will Baptist denomination. During his 44 years at the college, Dr. Picirilli served as teacher, registrar and academic dean. **Clara**, for some 27 years, served as dining hall hostess, worked in the treasurer's office, and assisted the Christian Service director. She also served for 12 years as president of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention (now Women Nationally Active for Christ).

Professor **Ralph Hampton** said this about Dr. Picirilli:

"No man in my acquaintance has labored more vigorously in the work of the Lord than Dr. Picirilli. Diligent and faithful in every task, his achievements are notable. His gifts are many. Though I have long admired him for his keen intellect and sound reasoning, I have come to value most the God-given, practical, spiritual wisdom which characterizes his life and leadership. Dr. Picirilli has never wavered in his commitment to the Lord, to his family, to his friends, to Free



Will Baptist Bible College, and to the Free Will Baptist denomination. He has not only left his mark on the lives of students and colleagues at Free Will Baptist Bible College, he has also done much to shape the institution itself. No man in his generation has served his denomination more faithfully or more effectively.

My life has been changed through Dr. Picirilli's teaching and preaching. What I treasure more, however, is the impact of his life upon mine. It has been both encouraging and challenging to see God creating His likeness in the life of His servant. For more than 40 years it has been my privilege to know Dr. Picirilli. He is a man without guile, devoted to truth and righteousness, tender-hearted, and compassionate. I count it one of the

great blessings of my life to know him as teacher, mentor, colleague, Dean, friend, and brother."

Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart said of Clara Picirilli:

"She is a very faithful friend—one that you could always depend on. No one could be more loyal to family and friends than Clara. I am amazed at her untiring patience. She is willing to stay in the background—and yet to also serve as president of WNAC, when called upon to do so."

Other statements that have been made about Mrs. Picirilli are the following:

"She is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother."

"She shares her husband's enthusiasm for music and for sports."

"Her home has always been open to others—both to friends as well as to family."

"You can always count on Clara Picirilli to be unselfish, kind, generous, and loving."

Brother John Murray said:

"Clara Picirilli's greatest assets are her faithfulness and her competence. She does everything in a very professional manner. She is such a giving person that I have said that she worked so that she could give things to others."

The Picirillis will continue their association with the college. Next year, Dr. Picirilli will teach on a part-time basis. Mrs. Picirilli will do volunteer work for the college wherever she is needed.

LETTER OF THANKS from Brother Raymond Riggs

To all of you who have given to the medical fund that was set up to help with the medical, hospital, and even the funeral expense of Winona, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your prayers and your generous gifts. I have not received all the hospital bills yet, but I am sure that the Lord will continue to supply every need!

I am overwhelmed at the response from every corner of the nation. Churches and individuals that Winona and I ministered to many years ago have sent funds and condolences. This has made me realize anew the love manifested at Calvary that has been circulated through the Body of Christ by the Blessed Holy Spirit, and an unworthy servant such as I has become the receiver of its benefits.

Our thanks go to the committee set up to administer the fund: **Bro. Sterl Paramore, Bro. Jack Taylor, Bro. Paul Taylor, and Bro. Harold Bilbrey.** May God richly bless all those who had a part in any way! My entire family joins me in saying thanks.

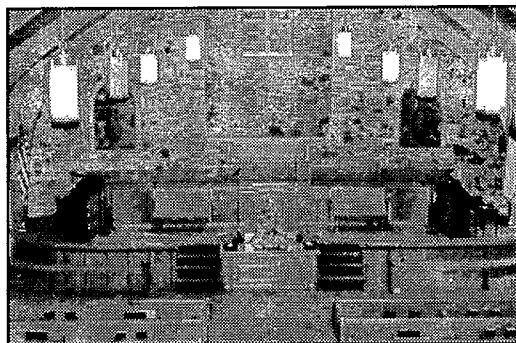
Winona certainly made her mark as we traveled across this nation, singing, preaching, praying, joking, and having fellowship with both young and old. We were especially blessed in seeing many come to accept Christ as their personal savior! Actually, you too had a part in our ministry, for you prayed for us, and many of you supported us when we served as pastor in your area. I am now drawing from my memory bank and remembering those days with great delight. However, I miss Winona so much, and I do need your prayers to help me with my grief.

Consolation cards are still coming in. I really appreciate them and am so blessed by the love and compassion that has been shown during her illness and funeral.

Thanks again, and pray for me that I may know and do the Lord's will in the days ahead.

(Editor's note: Brother Raymond Riggs' address is: P.O. Box 49334, Cookeville, TN 38506-0334. His telephone number is 931/537-9697.)

SPARTA FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH



There is no church building in Tennessee which has a more unusual display of rock mason artistry than **Sparta First Church.** The building was erected in 1989, under the pastoral ministry of **Brother Gary Lovitt.** The entire area in back of the choir, which includes the baptistry, is

made of hand-selected rock that is native to that general section of Tennessee. There are two beautiful openings—one on each side of the baptistry. In these openings, large specially made urns have been placed. In the center, above the baptistry, is a lovely alcove containing a very impressive stone cross. From the foot of the cross is a waterfall which flows into the baptistry.

The rock mason artist who diligently gathered the rocks, shaped them, and put them all together is a part of Sparta First Church, **Brother Loyce Mullican.** It would be well worth your while to visit the good people of Sparta First and see this outstanding work of art—which has been dedicated, together with the entire church facility, to our Dear Lord.

Sparta First Church was begun in 1945. The pastors who have led this church are the following:

Fred Bradshaw	1945-52	Carson Slagle (interim)	1986
J. T. Holman (assistant)	1946-48	Gary Lovitt	1986-92
David England	1952-64; 1968-74	Raymond Riggs	1992-94
Jerry Presley	1964-68	Robert Shepherd	1994-97
Carson Whiteaker	1974-86	Marvin Dan Horton	1998-present



TWAC SETS FALL RETREAT

"Passing the Torch" is the theme for the Tennessee Women Active for Christ fall retreat September 30-October 1, 1999, at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Gatlinburg. Thursday evenings's activities focus on a Mary Wisheart Roast given by **Dawn Sweeney** and **Debbie Mitchell**.

Friday morning breakaway groups will further enlarge the theme, focusing on passing the torch to family and children, through WNAC and missions, and to youth.

Saturday's buffet breakfast will conclude the retreat as **Mary Wisheart**, former WNAC executive secretary/treasurer, passes the torch to **Marjorie Workman**. Marjorie will conclude by speaking on her goals for WNAC's future.

The registration fee is \$25 and must be sent to **Gladys Gragg**, 294 Clovernook Drive, Nashville, TN 37210 before August 4, 1999. The room rate is \$75 per room per night (plus 11.5% tax) and one to four people may stay in a room. Send only the registration fee to Gladys. Hotel information will be sent after Gladys receives the registration fee.

TWELVE TENNESSEANS GRADUATE FROM FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

We congratulate the twelve fellow Tennesseans who graduated on May 13, 1999, from Free Will Baptist Bible College. There was a total of 64 in the graduating class. Those from Tennessee are listed here:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Rusty Nathanael Hall	Knoxville	Business Administration
Melissa Rose Jones	Greenbrier	Psychology and Learning
Heather Leigh Moody	Charlotte	Psychology and Learning
Christopher S. Willhite	Pleasant View	Youth Ministry

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Aaron Michael Baker	Nashville	Missions
Jennifer Erin Bowen**	Nashville	English
Mary Elizabeth Cook	Cookeville	English
Timothy Allen Crowson**	Nashville	English
Katrina Diane Gailey	Greeneville	Psychology, Missions
Jennifer Erin Harter	Nashville	Missions
Stephen L. Phillips**	Lavinia	Pastoral Training
Diane Sargent*	Nashville	English

- * cum laude
 ** magna cum laude
 *** summa cum laude

TWAC Retreat Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Check # _____ Money Order # _____

Send ONLY Registration Fee to Gladys (no other money)

Tennessee Women Active for Christ Retreat

When: September 30 - October 1, 1999
Where: Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Gatlinburg (Phone 800/435-9201; Fax 423/436-7974)
Theme: Passing the Torch
Registration Fee: \$25 (includes Saturday Buffet Breakfast)
Room Rate: \$75 per room per night (plus 11.5% tax)
Send Registration To: Gladys Gragg
 294 Clovernook Drive
 Nashville, TN 37210
 615/885-3986
Registration Deadline: August 4, 1999 (non-refundable after this date)

TENNESSEE STATE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES GENEROUS CHECK

The Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists received a check for \$8,177 from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company. This is their gift back to the State Association for the many churches who insure their church facilities, parsonages, and church vehicles with them. If your church does not presently use Brotherhood Mutual for your insurance, please consider using this company.

When the present insurance policy on your church or parsonage nears the renewal date, please contact the agent named below for a bid from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company. This is a dependable company, over 70 years old, and is fully licensed to offer programs of coverage to you.

Brotherhood Mutual is not a stock company that seeks the best interest of the stockholders. It is a mutual company operating in the best interest of the policyholders.

Each church will receive an independent review of their insurance program. The insurance proposal will be specifically tailored to the needs of the local church. This review includes a property survey and building value insurance appraisal to help the church verify they are purchasing the right amount of building insurance. The appraisal does not apply to personal property within church buildings. Church leaders must maintain their own personal property inventories.

The Tennessee State Association has the potential for receiving a financial contribution from Brotherhood Mutual if our churches insured by them have a better-than-average claims experience. This company has established a retrospective premium rate grouping plan that could continue to benefit our state work.

For an estimate or further information, please call:

Art Giles

Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company
615/773-7190 or
800/422-3384 (ext. 240)

THE POWER PLANT

by Charles I. Barnard, Prayer Chairman for the Prayer Committee for the National

"And...they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God,...And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:24, 31 KJV).

In the April 1999 issue of *Contact*, Master's Men Director Tom Dooley asked the question: "Do You Have a Furnace Room?" In the article, he made reference to the source of C. H. Spurgeon's remarkable success in the ministry. It was the hundreds of people who met with regularity to pray for the services and pastor. Fervent, specific, and united prayer lies at the root of the power of the Church.

As chairman of the Prayer Committee for the upcoming National Convention in Atlanta, I have been searching for ways to ignite a renewed emphasis upon prayer throughout the state of Georgia and across our denomination. Following the lead of Daniel Phillips and last year's Oklahoma Prayer Committee, we have begun to hold **Concerts of Prayer** across the state. Prayer postcards designating convention personalities and reminding members of their personal prayer responsibilities are being distributed. However, much more needs to be done if we are to experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit such as is mentioned in the text printed above.

This year's meeting will have a designated place for people to spend time in fervent, effectual prayer for the speakers, officers, and meetings of our convention. Instead of milling around in the corridors during services, we are urging people to find their way to the **Power Plant**. The Power Plant will be located in a room just off the Civic Center stage on the orchestra level. Signs will clearly mark this room's designation and its purpose.

Some people might balk at spending time in the Power Plant during services or business meetings. Yet if I were a speaker or officer, I would rather have my friends on their knees in the Power Plant praying for God's anointing upon me than in the seats cheering me on.

The Power Plant will be open and available throughout the convention. Feel free to enter and pray as often as long as you like. In the end, whether or not we live up to this year's theme of "**All In Accord!**" will depend greatly upon the measure of the Spirit's anointing upon our lives.

The time you spend in the Power Plant will have a distinct and direct impact upon the success and spirit of this year's convention! Together, in one accord, we can experience the shaking, filling, and boldness that God intends for His Church to know.

I'll see you in Atlanta. Until then, in the words of Rev. Dooley, "Let's take a stand where we can stand tallest, on our knees."

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 18-22	National Association of Free Will Baptists, Atlanta, GA
Sept. 18	Walk-A-Thon for Foreign Missions
Nov. 8-10	Tennessee State Association, Greeneville, TN

TENNESSEE WINNERS STATE CTS COMPETITION

All of us in Tennessee congratulate these winners. Let us pray for each of them as they compete in Atlanta in July.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

- 1st Grade 1. **Brianna Kelly** - Oak Grove/Greeneville
2. **Matthew Burleson** - Grace/Johnson City
- 2nd Grade 1. **Nicole Shelton** - First/Newport
2. **Allison McCurry** - First/Johnson City
3. **Zachary St. Lawrence** - Cross Timbers/Nashville
- 3rd Grade 1. **Jessie Jacobs** - First/Newport
2. **Rachel Trimble** - Oak Grove/Greeneville
3. **Whitney Osborne** - Valley View/Loudon

BIBLE SWORD DRILL

- 4th Grade 1. **Brittney Grindstaff** - First/Johnson City
2. **Nathan Trimble** - Oak Grove/Greeneville
3. **Bradley Weeks** - Sylvan Park/Nashville
- 5th Grade 1. **Kim Poore** - Limestone/Limestone
2. **Ashley Hill** - Berea/Johnson City
3. **Andrew Heath** - Valley View/Loudon
- 6th Grade 1. **Amanda Evans** - New Hope/Joelton
2. **Daniel Harris** - Cookeville/Cookeville
3. **Matthew Slemp** - Grace/Johnson City

BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

- 1st Place **Limestone/Limestone**
2nd Place **Cookeville/Cookeville**
3rd Place **Grace/Johnson City**

BIBLE BOWL

- 1st Place **Limestone/Limestone**
2nd Place **Berea/Johnson City**

A = Grades 1-3 C = Grades 7-9
B = Grades 4-6 D = Grades 10-12

VOCAL SOLO

- A **Lydia Carraway** - Donelson/Nashville
B **Matthew Slemp** - Grace/Johnson City
C (Male) **Nick Skaggs** - New Hope/Joelton
C (Female) **Amy Lawrence** - Donelson/Nashville
D (Male) **Joshua Riggs** - New Hope/Joelton
D (Female) **Carrie Stewart** - Donelson/Nashville

VOCAL ENSEMBLES

- Duets/Trios/Quartets*
- A **Kilgore/Trimble** - Oak Grove/Greeneville
B **Heavenly Tunes Quartet** - Cross Timbers/Nashville
C **Teens for Christ** - Berea/Johnson City
D **Cross Timbers Trio** - Cross Timbers/Nashville

Ensembles (5-12 members)

- A **Melody Makers** - Donelson/Nashville
B **Joyful Praise** - Cross Timbers/Nashville
D **Sylvan Park Quintet** - Sylvan Park/Nashville

Ensembles (13+ members)

- B **Patch the Pirate Choir** - Good Springs/Pleasant View
D **Lifeguards for Christ** - Good Springs/Pleasant View

KEYBOARD SOLO

- A **Jessie Jacobs** - First/Johnson City
B **Matthew Slemp** - Grace/Johnson City
C **Ashley Carter** - Cross Timbers/Nashville
D **Bracken Mayo** - Donelson/Nashville

INSTRUMENTAL

- String Solo*
- B **Nathan Poynter** - Good Springs/Pleasant View
C **Nick Skaggs** - New Hope/Joelton

Wind Solo

- B **Benjamin Lee** - Shady Grove/Whitesburg

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

- D **Fletcher/Ketteman** - Cross Timbers/Nashville

RECORDED PUPPETRY

- A **Kids for Christ** - First/Newport
C **Pals** - First/Newport
D **Puppets with Purpose** - Cookeville/Cookeville

COMMUNICATION ARTS

- Speech*
- C **Laura Ham** - Cofer's Chapel/Nashville

Individual Drama

- B **Nolen Balch** - Good Springs/Pleasant View
D **Erin Williams** - Donelson/Nashville

Interpretive Reading of Scripture

- C **Valerie France** - Berea/Johnson City
D **Erin Williams** - Donelson/Nashville

Group Drama

- B **Scott/Civils** - Portland/Portland
C **Carpenter/Conway** - Portland/Portland
D **Peake/Carter** - Cross Timbers/Nashville

CREATIVE ARTS

- Painting*
- A **Jesse Jacobs** - First/Johnson City
B **Brittney Grindstaff** - First/Johnson City
C **Chad Mackie** - Cookeville/Cookeville

Graphics

- A **Caleb Davis** - Richland/Nashville
B **Cody Escue** - Portland/Portland
C **David Rich** - Cookeville/Cookeville

Three Dimensional Art

- A **Craig Sheets** - First/Johnson City
C **Josh Owens** - Sylvan Park/Nashville

Promotional Graphic Art

- C **Ashley Vandivort** - Sylvan Park/Nashville

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD



Greetings From Jim and Karen Cowart Missionaries to Brazil

We have good news and bad news. The good news is:

- Fourteen people have made salvation decisions since our

last newsletter. Please pray for these new converts and the church as they continue on into this next year without us to lead them.

- Our church bought new pews. Now we have more seating capacity and our building is looking more like a place of worship.

- Seminary classes began on March 1. The number of students has increased in both full- and part-time students. We are both teaching this semester. Jim's teaching time was interrupted with a trip stateside in April for the Field Chairmen's meeting.

- The construction has been completed for the two new classrooms.

- Three new ministries have been established with Brazilian leaders: Evangelism, Discipleship and Prayer.

- The Ipiranga congregation has elected a Brazilian church president, a position traditionally held by the missionary/pastor. This is a positive indication of the church maturing in the direction of becoming an indigenous church. In an overall view of the work since we began ministering here in October 1997, the Lords has blessed our ministry with 27 people saved and an increase in the worship service attendance from 15 to 65-75.

- Eight of our young men have begun Homiletics class.

Our bad news to you is that our account is going deeper and deeper in the red. All the good news we have shared with you happened because God's people pray and give. Our stateside assignment is quickly approaching (July 1999). Our hearts are saddened when are forced to realize that our time to raise support in the States will be lengthened dramatically if we go home in the red.

We are so thankful to those of you who are doing all you can for the spreading of the Gospel. Please join us in prayer for God's provisions to keep us in the place He is using us, ministering here in Brazil.

(Let us all join together in welcoming the Cowarts home. Please schedule them for a service, by contacting **Brother Fred Warner** at 615/731-6812. —Editor)



Greetings From Verlin and Debbie Anderson Missionaries appointed to Cote d'Ivoire

Hello from Quebec City! We just enjoyed our one-week reprieve from our university French studies following mid-

term exams. Our French learning activities usually take between 40 and 60 hours a week. This is a wonderful place to be learning French in preparation for our first term in Cote d'Ivoire. Every month when we receive our financial statement and many days in between, we are reminded of your faithfulness that has gotten us to this point. Thank you so much. It is a privilege to be partners with you sharing the gospel here while we are in training. We are looking forward to the day when we can witness and preach easily in French among the Africans.

Cason (age 11) and **Cara** (age 9) cried the first two weeks of school from hearing French all day long. Now they have nothing but praise for the Christian school that they walk to. We attribute their coping ability to all the prayers people have made on their behalf. **Corbin** (age 3) loves his babysitter. Though he cries some days when we drop him off, he always says "I had fun at Madame Lucy's" when we pick him up.

Verlin is making good progress in French. His tutor who comes on Wednesday afternoons is impressed with how much more he can understand and communicate after each seven days. Most missionaries find that using a tutor in addition to the 20 hours in class at the university speeds up the learning process. The biggest prayer request for him is for stamina. His classes will continue throughout the summer and the fall without much of a break. **Debbie** enjoys classes, but finds them challenging and time consuming. She placed high in the program since she can read and understand French fairly well. She grew up in Cote d'Ivoire. However, she has never done any serious French grammar study. While she is ahead of most of her class in reading and speaking, they are very much ahead of her in writing and grammar. Pray for us both to know when to say "enough!" to studying, and for wisdom to balance time between family and school.

Debbie's carpal tunnel syndrome in her right hand has improved recently. Several weeks ago it was so painful that it was hard to sleep, pick up Corbin, or even carry a grocery bag. Verlin carries her backpack at the university (as if we are high school sweethearts!) and the children help open cans in the kitchen. These are two activities that aggravate

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FROM A WOMAN'S HEART

by Laura Thigpen

The world seems confused about who we are as women. I am very thankful that the Bible makes it clear that we are created in God's image, equal to but different from men. Peter reminds husbands that even though wives are the weaker vessel, they are "heirs together of the grace of life" (1 Peter 3:7). As women, we too can have the joy of forgiveness of our sins through Christ's redemptive work on the cross. We have the hope and assurance of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, we have been given our rightful place as daughters of our Heavenly King.

We women spend a lot of time and money making our outward appearance as attractive as possible. Peter also admonishes women to give more attention to adorning the "hidden person of the heart" (1 Peter 3:4). He says the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit will never fade, and furthermore, is precious in God's eyes. If we have a hunger and thirst for the things of the Spirit, a desire for a growing and meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, we must remember the promise, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8). To have a closer walk with our Lord, we must spend time with Him each day—worshiping Him, studying His Word, listening to His voice, pouring out our hearts to Him in prayer and praise. As we spend time in His presence day after day, we will become more like Jesus. As we look into the mirror of God's Word, He will conform us more and more to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). God will cultivate in us beauty of the soul—a Christ-like spirit, a radiant faith, an inner peace and a genuine love and compassion for others. Our friends, our families, our husbands, our children will see Christ living in us and God will be glorified.

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the problem. Please pray that the pain will continue to be manageable so she will not have to have repetitive testing or surgery while in Canada, as this would slow our studies.

Quebec City is a mission field! Many people here have left Catholicism and seem to have made French nationalism their new religion. In all the busyness of learning French, we ask the Lord to give us ways to share Christ. Thank you again for your prayers and support that make it possible for us to serve here while training our tongues for Africa.

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FROM MY HEART

by Charles A. Thigpen

Pastors, Sunday School teachers, CTS leaders, and especially parents should encourage the Free Will Baptist young people of Tennessee to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College. It does make a difference where one goes to college.

There are many reasons for choosing to attend FWBBC. Here are just a few:

- **To discover God's will for your life.**

It is in a Christian college where many young people face reality about God's will. It was during my first month in a Christian college that I fully yielded my life to do whatever God wanted me to do. Shortly thereafter, God made it clear to me that I was to be a minister of the Gospel.

This is not uncommon. Many young people never face and settle the matter of finding God's will for their lives until the college years. A school where faculty, staff, administration, and other students are in God's family is a mighty good place to discover God's will for your life.

- **To become "fully equipped" for God.**

A call to service brings with it a call to preparation. God does not want everyone to preach or to go to the mission field. But whatever He wants you to do, you should become equipped to do it! A Christian college is one of the best places on earth for that to happen. How wonderful it is to be trained to fulfill God's will for your life.

- **To study under a Godly faculty.**

One of the truly great opportunities of life is to go to class and be taught by men and women of God! It is an inspiring privilege to see God at work in the hearts and lives of those who teach us. This is the daily experience of students at FWBBC.

- **To get to know other students.**

Lifelong friendships are formed at college. One is studying with and getting to know those who will lead the denomination, the various departments, and the college in years to come. Pastors, home and foreign missionaries, musicians, youth pastors, school teachers, business men and women—and many others—are being trained alongside of you every day. And if you have not found God's mate for your life, this is a great place to do that!

May God help every pastor and every church to encourage their young people to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College. There is yet time to get an application to the college for the fall semester—which begins on August 23. Get up a load and bring your young people to "Welcome Days." The first one is November 11-13, 1999. The second one is March 23-25, 2000.

All of us should do more to get our young people to attend FWBBC. The dividends are truly outstanding!



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WHY FWBBC IS DIFFERENT!

At Free Will Baptist Bible College:

- Every graduate is required to have a major in Bible, in addition to any other major.
- Every student is required to perform regular Christian service as part of his or her training. Each semester, the Christian Service Director assigns every student an area of Christian work. FWBBC believes that Christian service is not only a vital part of the student's training, but it is each Christian's responsibility.
- Every course is taught from a Christian perspective. Our goal is to formulate in each student a Christian worldview. The Bible is not only the final authority concerning truth, it is the basis upon which all subjects are taught.
- Our primary focus is to prepare Christians to serve Christ regardless of their vocation.
- Students are required to be Christians to attend.

In Secular Colleges:

- Many students find their Christian beliefs under attack and are sometimes coerced to, at least outwardly, conform to secular beliefs.
- The educational framework is usually based on a humanistic or postmodern philosophy that is designed to influence the students' way of thinking (worldview).
- There is little concern about moral behavior.
- The primary focus of a secular education is vocational. They prepare students to make a living.

In Christian Liberal Arts Colleges:

- Students may be required to take only a minimal number of Bible courses.
- Christian service may or may not be required.
- Students may or may not be required to be Christians.

FWBBC and Our Denomination:

In the Free Will Baptist denomination, FWBBC has seen as its first task the preparation of preachers, pastors, missionaries and other Christian workers.

- 82% of our foreign missionaries were trained at FWBBC
- 35% of our home missionaries were trained at FWBBC.
- 75% of our chaplains were trained at FWBBC.
- 42% of state moderators, clerks and promotional men were trained at FWBBC.
- Nearly 1,000 of our current preachers were trained at FWBBC.
- Of some 7,000 people who have been educated at the college, 83% have been lay workers.

We Do It Well

FWBBC is a fully accredited college with dual accreditation. Both the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (the largest regional accrediting agency in America) accredit us. We have the same accreditation as major colleges and universities. *Our educational credentials are comparable to any and our credits will transfer to other accredited colleges.*

All of our faculty have master's degrees. Many of them have doctorates. They are well trained in their areas of study. More importantly, our faculty, staff, and administration are committed Christians with a heart to lead men and women to serve God. They are examples!

Our Commitment To You

Because we believe that the training of Christian workers was the historical intent of our denomination in bringing FWBBC into existence...

Because the need for such training is even more critical than when we began...

Because we believe that our Free Will Baptist people want our youth exposed to as much Bible truth as possible...

Because the administration, faculty, and staff of FWBBC are committed to make the best of Bible college education available to you and future generations...

...WE ARE STAYING TRUE TO OUR CHARGE!

**TENNESSEE STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH-MAY 1999**

Income	
Appalachian Assn.	
Appalachian Assn.	\$ 53.85
Grace	193.48
Johnson City First	300.00
Keensburg	75.00
Cumberland Assn.	
Ashland City	476.48
Bethel	154.80
Bethlehem	180.00
Brandon's Chapel	616.28
Calvary	229.12
Corner Stone	426.00
Cross Timbers	65.00
Cumberland Assn.	378.06
Donelson	1,093.00
Donbar Chapel	75.00
East Nashville	75.00
Fellowship	689.31
Friendship	30.00
Good Springs	430.96
Harper Road	20.00
Heads	166.56
Hendersonville	200.00
New Hope	150.00
Oakwood	100.00
Richland	86.14
Trinity	171.38
Waverly First	75.00
Woodbine	150.00
Liberty Assn.	
Cookeville	180.00
Liberty Assn.	99.12
Northeast Assn.	
Watauga Valley	330.00
Union Assn.	
Bethany	40.00
Church Hill First	600.00
Community Chapel	150.00
Fellowship	150.00
Forest Grove	75.00
Harris Memorial	89.00
Limestone	75.00
Loudon	25.00
Ministers Conference - Union Assn.	25.00
Oak Ridge	214.66
Shady Grove	150.00
Unico	75.00
Wooddale	177.82
West Greene	75.00
Toe River Assn.	
Berea	100.00
Valley Forge	1,110.68
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Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co.	8,171.00
Total Income	\$18,922.70
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