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Get Acquainted Days 2005: "A Record Breaking Event"

by Jonathan Blankenship, Promotional Director

Southeastern Free Will Baptist College hosted its annual Get Acquainted Days on November 3-5, 2005. The weekend was packed



full of activities and events to allow High School students to become more acquainted with the college and in return challenge them to "Enroll in the Excitement!"

This year was a weekend never to forget. Over 200 high school students and 50 sponsors showed up to set an all time record attendance for Get Acquainted Days! There were 13 states represented coming from Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Mississippi, Virginia, South Carolina, California, Oklahoma, Alabama, Florida, and

Arkansas. Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, NC brought the largest group with 26 registered. It was also exciting to see 17 applications turned in for the fall 2006 semester.

It was thrilling to see the look of excitement on the faces of those who visited the campus. On Thursday evening the students were able to enjoy a time of laughter during the fun time which was followed by North Carolina's largest banana split party, a 40 foot banana split prepared for everyone.



High School students were also able to see an intense battle on the volleyball court as the men's society volleyball championship went down to the wire! On Friday,

students visited several classes, sat in on a choir rehearsal, and



heard passionate preaching from the Word of God. Pastor Scott Coghill, 2000 graduate serving in New Bern, North Carolina, delivered two powerful messages. Altars were filled with young people pouring their hearts out to God and making decisions to follow His will for their lives. High School students were also able to go along on an activity with our student body to Chapel Hill to watch the North Carolina Tarheel's opening basketball game.

The highlight of the weekend was seeing the purpose of Get Acquainted Days fulfilled, young people focusing their heart and life

on God's perfect will. One student from California said, "The preaching at Southeastern is filled with so much passion and conviction challenging me to make decisions for Christ in my life." One youth sponsor spoke of his teenagers by saying, "My young people are so pumped up about what God is doing



on this campus, and they cannot wait to be a part of it." Praise the Lord for providing such a fruitful weekend. Thank you to all the sponsors and youth workers who brought your young people to Southeastern College for Get Acquainted Days 2005!

Check out all the Get Acquainted Days pictures at www.sfwbc.edu.



**The 2005
Benefit
Golf Tournament
raised over
\$50,000**

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President's Pen



Three Decisions That Changed My Life

DR. LORENZA STOX

The year 1961 was a very strategic and life-changing time in my life. I made three decisions that set my life on a course that has led me where I am today. It was my senior year at Winterville High School. A few others and I had started a Bible Club at the beginning of the school year and were permitted to have devotions over the intercom each morning for the whole high school.

It was time for our spring prom. For the first time ever the meal and the dance were going to be in the same place at the same time. Since I did not believe Christians should participate in dancing in any shape, form or fashion—not even attend, I had a problem. I was president of our senior

class and the president was suppose to make a speech at the event (meal). I took my stand and told my home room teacher that Dolly and I would not be attending the prom and she'd have to get the vice-president to make the speech.

She didn't like it but she understood. We went to a revival service that night instead of going to the prom. That decision and stand (a stand against peers and administration) has helped me and guided me all these years to stand against all that is wrong. Others may not like it nor understand it, but they will respect you.

The second great decision I made that year was to ask Dolly to be my lifelong mate. I asked her to marry me and,

of course, she said yes. Next to my decision to receive Christ into my heart, that decision was the next most important one. She has proven to be the best pastor's wife a man could want. We've traveled many miles together and for forty-three years we've worked as a team in the various ministries in which He has led us. Who you marry is so vital to your life, your ministry, your effectiveness for the Lord.

The third decision I made that year which changed my life so drastically was my decision to attend a Christian college. I had to know God's will for

my life. It was a driving force within me. Since my father was dead and mom had to farm by herself, she wanted me to attend a college nearby. She finally gave in and helped me get to Bible College - 650 miles from home.

I had received a scholarship to attend

East Carolina College which was only six miles from home but I knew in my heart I could not attend there. When I told

my principal and teachers where I was going to college they were not happy. I've never regretted that decision because it changed my life forever. It was during that first year of college that God called me to preach.

The road has not always been easy, but it has been so rewarding. If I had to make these decisions again, I would not change a thing. No, they were not easy decisions, but they were the right decisions and God always honors doing right and standing for right.

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Mission Department Update

Dr. Danny Baer, Academic Dean

As many of you know, we have been without a Mission Department Chair this school year. Some may have wondered if the classes have been of quality or if the students have been getting adequate challenge and training for local and worldwide missions.

This semester our Pastoral Department Chairman, Brother Howard Gwartney, who spent many years building a church from scratch in Mesa, Arizona, is teaching the first semester of a course on "Church Planting." Also, veteran Pastor and the first President of Southeastern, Dr. Randy Cox is teaching a course on how to build a mission program in a local church.

We are also offering an independent study course where students read six missionary biographies (half of which must be concerning Free Will Baptists) and write a report that contains a summary of the work as well as practical applications and sermon or Bible lesson illustrations that they can use in their ministry. In this course they are also divided into groups which are putting together biographical sketches of various veteran Free Will Baptist missionaries such as Bill Reagan, and Joe Haas. Student Body President, Andrew Horne, has stated that this course has been one of the most inspiring he has taken

while at the college.

Next semester, in addition to Brother Gwartney teaching part two of his "Church Planting" course, he will be teaching the class "Family Life on the Mission Field." We are also pleased to announce that Southeastern Board Member, Brother Tim Rabon will be teaching a class on "Understanding Christian Missions." Brother Rabon is the Pastor of Beacon Baptist Church which is one of the largest Free Will Baptist Churches in our denomination which is a major supporter of both our college and worldwide missions.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance.

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"...lift up a standard for the people." (Isaiah 62:10)



Bible Certificates Awarded in Agra, India

This fall, Dr. Stox and his wife Dolly traveled to Agra, India to visit the mission work of Brother Hemant Patel. Traveling with him were 1996 Alumnus Greg Floars and wife Lee, Home Missionaries to Gwinn, Michigan.

While there Dr. Stox had the privilege to present a Bible Certificate to four students who are both attending an institute that Brother Hemant is conducting as well as being enrolled in the External Studies Department of Southeastern.

We would like to congratulate Jordon Robin, Greg Wayasa, Brian Ogila, and Owuor Dickson Odhiambo for completing the requirements for this course of study. May God bless them richly as they continue to serve Him in His vineyard.



Hemant Patel (left) and Dr. Lorenza Stox (third from right) with Biblical Certificate recipients.



The Dr. Roy Thomas Memorial Scholarship recipients Ben Gibson, Joshua Horton, Steve Lloyd, and Bryan Lamm with Mrs. Pat Thomas.

Who's Who Announced

The following 2006 graduates have been selected for the Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges:

Blaine Comer
 Karen Cousar
 Ben Gibson
 Patsy Gwartney
 Justin Harris
 Randy Herring
 Andrew Horne
 Stephen Kimbrell
 Melissa Moran
 Henry Parker
 April Thompson

Calendar of Events

December

Christmas Break Begins - 16th

January

Spring Registration - 10th

Spring Semester Begins - 11th

February

Principal's Conference - 7th

March

Spring Break - 6th-13th

Classes Resume - 14th

April

Camp Meeting - 10th-12th

The Coca-Cola Scholarship

has been awarded to the following students:

Travis Bennett
Joshua Horton
Bryan Lamm
Joshua Rager
Joel Scott

The Dr. Roy Thomas Memorial Scholarship

has been awarded to the following students:

Ben Gibson
Joshua Horton
Bryan Lamm
Steve Lloyd

The Hazel Goins Scholarship

has been awarded to the following students:

Felicia Boger
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Amy Porter
Maggie Spencer



Professors Visit Cuban Free Will Baptists

Rodney Holloman

It seems hard to believe that another Free Will Baptist school will celebrate its 20th year next summer. Yet, that is exactly what will occur at the Cedars of Lebanon seminary in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. The reason I am certain of this is because the Lord favored Brother Howard Gwartney and me to travel to Cuba and teach at this wonderful seminary over a two week period in the month of November.

Alumni Involvement in Cuba

Pastor Steve Berry, a 1989 graduate and pastor of First FWB Church in Melbourne, FL, helped organize the trip this year (along with Gary Curry) to visit the seminary and also to preach in many of our Free Will Baptist churches in Cuba. This is Steve's third trip to the island country where Mom and Pop Willey so lovingly spent their lives. Pastor Berry not only helped organize the trip, but he also taught in the seminary and preached in Spanish in the churches. Since his first trip to Mexico with the youth group from Cornerstone in Tulsa, OK, God has been placing a burden on his heart to reach the Spanish speaking world for Christ. Steve has been steadily honing his Spanish skills since Mexico and particularly in the last three years. As a pastor, he is helping fulfill the Great Commission as he preaches on witnessing and world missions and as he helps take the gospel to those in spiritual darkness outside the United States.

The Work of God in Cuba

Our guide in Cuba was Pastor Lionel, one of 9

members of the National Free Will Baptist board. He knew of our interest in the Willey's ministry, and arranged for us to preach in the first church he started over 60 years ago. Despite numerous setbacks, the church is still standing. The building is located several yards from the railroad tracks that brought the Willey family from Havana. It is a testimony to God's grace and the faithfulness of this dear couple to see how God has blessed His church under the oppression of Communism.

As we left the airport in Havana, several things became painfully obvious to me. The first was that this is a very poor land. The cars, despite being antiques, were obviously rusting and had seen better days. The lush tropical climate belied the fact that the infrastructure is crumbling rapidly. The average wage is around \$15 a month. Aside from the piece of bread, occasional meat, rice and black beans that the government provides, there is very little to eat unless you grow it yourself. Our first stop at a pastor's house and church we visited was constructed from old railroad cars that had been arranged and welded together to form a house and a "temple" for God. Their resourcefulness was only overshadowed by their lack of material goods. My second observation was that these people had a more severe need than finances and that was their need for the truth of God's Word. Over and over again we met people who had only been saved a short time and we heard their testimonies and their thankfulness to God. Again and again, we listened as

they were burdened for their neighborhoods and their families. As I attended a Cuban-American church in Miami before we left, the pastor and his people had a special prayer of blessing for the people of Cuba and our trip. Rarely have I ever felt so many people urgently praying for our ministry and thanking us for going to help "their country."

A Life Changing Experience

Everyone always says that going to visit a foreign country will change their worldview and hopefully change their life. Certainly that was true on this trip. Henry Blackaby once said that "we must find where God is working and there join in His work." I believe that God is working in Cuba. I believe it because of a seminary that has flourished under an oppressive anti-God government. I believe it because of one church in Pinar del Rio that has already started 14 other mission's works. I believe it because people are being regularly saved and baptized. I believe it when the seminary students wanted us to continue teaching and not break for lunch. I believe it because of the 700 Free Will Baptists who attended the annual music convention on the seminary campus. I believe it when I heard the leadership talk about their vision and goals for Cuba in the days ahead. I believe it after experiencing worship services where God was the focal point and not man.

I believe it did change our lives - we saw God at work in Cuba. We can hardly wait to go back in 2006 and see what else God is doing.





JAY & ANNETTE BAINES

Jay Baines ('87) and his wife Annette ('85-'86) are faithfully serving the Lord in Townsend, Delaware. Jay has served as the pastor of the Townsend FWB Church since 2000. Before going to Townsend, the Baines ministered in churches in Indiana, North Carolina, Alabama, and Delaware. In addition to being involved in the music and ladies ministries, Annette home-schools their three boys: Jonathan (15), Caleb (11), and Matthew (8). Jay recalls the most important lesson learned at SFWBC as the desire to preach the Word correctly and pastor people compassionately. He is thankful for the college's emphasis on faithful service, local church ministry, and winning lost souls for Christ. May the Lord continue to bless Jay and Annette as they serve the Savior.

SCOTT & KRISTIE COGHILL

Scott Coghill ('00) and his wife Kristie ('97-'00) are continuing in a great work for the Lord at Pleasant Acres FWB Church in New Bern, North Carolina. Before going to Pleasant Acres in September of 2002, Scott served as Associate Pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church in Amory, MS. Scott has been the Pastor of Pleasant Acres FWB Church since November of 2003. Kristie faithfully serves by his side fulfilling many roles as the pastor's wife. The church is growing and nearing the commencement of a new building project. He claims "a passion for ministry" as the greatest lesson taken from Southeastern. Scott and Kristie have two beautiful daughters: Mackenzie (4) and Kelsie (1). Please pray as God's work moves forward in New Bern through this dedicated family and church.



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The Alumni Association established an annual scholarship fund on May 17, 2005. Four scholarships will be awarded to four deserving students, one from each of the following departments: Pastoral, Mission, Music and Education. The scholarships will be funded by the annual dues that are paid by the members of the Alumni Association.

These can easily be done through a \$10 checkless checkbook.

\$30 out of the \$120 goes directly to the Alumni Association and the other \$90 goes to the college.

Of the \$30 received by the Alumni Association, \$15 will go directly for the scholarship and \$15 will be used for various alumni expenses (mail outs, postage, annual dinner at Camp Meeting, special gift packets to graduating seniors, etc.).

Get involved and make a financial difference in the lives of the students and the college we love and serve!



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2005 Benefit Golf Tournament

By Jonathan Blankenship, Promotional Director



Aaron Pendergraft lines up his putt while teammates Kevin Denton, Christian Powell, and Bobby Floars watch.



Student workers, Mark Loguidice and Josh Simpson



Professors Russ Moots and Danny Baer team up with Josh Baer and Harold Blankenship.



Dr. Lorenza Stox, College President and Pastor of Parker's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church



The golfers warm up on the putting green



Board Member, Harold Blankenship enjoys a day of golf.



Walter Sloan, Brent Patrick, Jerry Hall, Blake Nance tee off.



Student workers, Ashley Pullen and Sarah Ange



Parkers Bar B Que catered a great meal for everyone



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT ON OCTOBER 3RD!

A Memorable Day

On October 4th golfers met together on River Ridge Golf Course in Raleigh, NC, for a day of memorable golf. Comments about the day included, "This is absolutely the best golf tournament I play in," "The gifts and door prizes are incredible," "You couldn't ask for better course conditions," and "I definitely will be back next year."

A Notable Cause

The purpose of the Benefit Golf Tournament is to raise money for scholarship funds to help needy students. Praise the Lord that when all of the pledged money is received, Southeastern will have raised over \$50,000 toward the scholarship fund! This money makes it possible for students to attend Southeastern and in return make an impact in the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support and donations to this notable cause.

The Champions:

Congratulations to Chris Harris, Billy Parker, Darrin Heath, and Stephen Pugh who shot the lowest score in the tournament to be our 2005 Golf Tournament Champions. Their round of 58 (-14) was one shot better giving them the victory. The winning team was rewarded with \$200 gift cards to Dick's Sporting Goods.



A Special Thank You to Our Sponsors

On behalf of the college, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to each golfer for their time and effort to raise support for this tournament. In addition, Southeastern would like to thank the many businesses, churches, and individuals who gave of themselves to make this event successful.

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Embracing the heartbeat of God was the focus of the 2005 Missions Conference. Dr. Joe Haas, Rev. Jeff Jones, and Rev. Paul McKissick delivered several powerful messages that resulted in many lives surrendering to the call of God to the regions beyond. Student testimonies were given to challenge others on the importance of being involved in cross-cultural missions. The audience was moved on Friday night when a special video presentation was shown of Southeastern alumni serving across the world on home and foreign fields. It is the prayer of Southeastern Free Will Baptist College that many souls will be saved throughout this world as a result of God's calling on the lives of our students.

