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

This has been an exciting semester for Southeastern Free Will Baptist College. Two months into our spring semester Brother Steve Berry joined our staff as the Director of Development. It did not take long for him to begin refining the vision of our college and begin targeting prospective students and traveling. They had not been on campus long before we began to see the benefits of their energy and vision. He and his wife Cindy were blessed, in a relatively short time, to find a house 5 minutes from the college and move in. I cannot begin to express how pleased all of us at Southeastern are to have Brother and Sister Berry with us.

By the time March arrived, our young people were looking forward to two events; spring break and Choir Tour 2016. As a number of our students traveled home, our choir members, along with President and Mrs. Marcum, Steve and Cindy Berry and Kevin and Susan Denton, loaded our travel bus and left for Choir Tour 2016. To say that this was one of the best choir tour experiences that I have had since coming to Southeastern, is an understatement. The spiritual energy level was strong at every service, and there were a couple of people saved along with others making varied decisions. It was a great week. One of the highlights of the tour was for the choir to be asked to sing at the Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, TN. It was a moving performance.

As we entered April, our sites were set on the Spring Conference. It is always a highlight of the year for fellowship, preaching and singing. Pastors, associates and alumni return to the campus and we have a great time worshipping our Savior together. Keynote speakers this year were Dr. David Gibbs, Jr., Rev. Jim McComas and Dr. Dann Patrick.

Following Spring Conference our choir had the privilege to go to Fayetteville, North Carolina and record a CD. This is the first choir recording that we have done in a number of years. We felt it was a necessity with the kind of spiritual energy and success that this group had on Choir Tour. The recording is now available both as a CD and through iTunes. You are going to want one of these in your possession.

The last event of the school year was our graduation service. This year we were blessed to graduate 13 of our young people. Six of them are preachers, and the others are in the field of Christian Education. We are thankful that all of our graduates have found a place to serve.

Last of all, I want to share with you an update regarding our accreditation process. We are thrilled to announce that we have completed the application process. We are very excited about moving forward with Dr. Danny Baer, Mr. Marc Holloman and Mrs. Vicky Morris leading the next process which is a self-study. You can pray with us as we press towards achieving Candidate Status for accreditation by April of 2017. This will be a major milestone.

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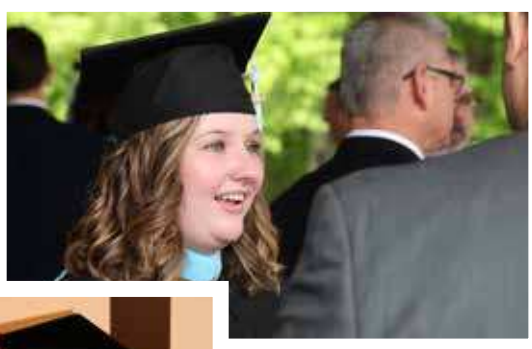
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Alumni News

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ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to Sarah Brett, Natalie Crumpler, Brandon Glaspie, Michael Grant, Jacob Haggard, Rudy Manriquez, Briana Phillips, Vadim Popovici, Allison Rager and Caleb Wilburn who each received a scholarship from the Alumni Association at the Spring Conference:



Don't be left out!
 Sign up at www.sfwbc.edu to receive email updates from the Alumni Association.



Alumni Personals

David ('93) and Cindy ('04) Austin are currently living in Waynesboro, Mississippi, where David serves at the Pastor of Corinth FWB Church and Cindy is an Interventionist at Clara School. The Austins have recently become first-time grandparents to Ramona Pearl Austin, born December 17, 2015 to son Daniel and his wife Amy. The Austins have one other son, David. Both sons live in Madison, Virginia.

Lucinda (Mimlitsch) Brooks ('98) and Michael Brooks welcomed a baby girl, Paisley Addison, on September 27, 2015. Lucinda works for Beacon Publications, the publishing arm of Beacon Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC.

Adam ('05) and Cassie (Riggs) ('07) Hinson have joined the staff of Parker's Chapel FWB Church in Greenville, NC, with Pastor Gene Williams.

Adrian Nottonson ('09) is the new pastor of Fayette First FWB Church in Fayette, Alabama. He and his wife, **Ashley (Jefferson) ('08)** have two daughters: Paisley Harper (2) and Lincoln Claire (1).

Josh ('11) and Juli (Moreno) ('11) Horne welcomed their second child, William Henry Horne, on December 17, 2015. Josh serves on staff at Parker's Chapel FWB Church in Greenville, NC.

Dylan Persinger ('15) recently completed one year as Youth Pastor at Emmanuel FWB Church in Wabash, Indiana. He also recently got engaged to McKenzie Hinds, with a wedding date of September 17, 2016.

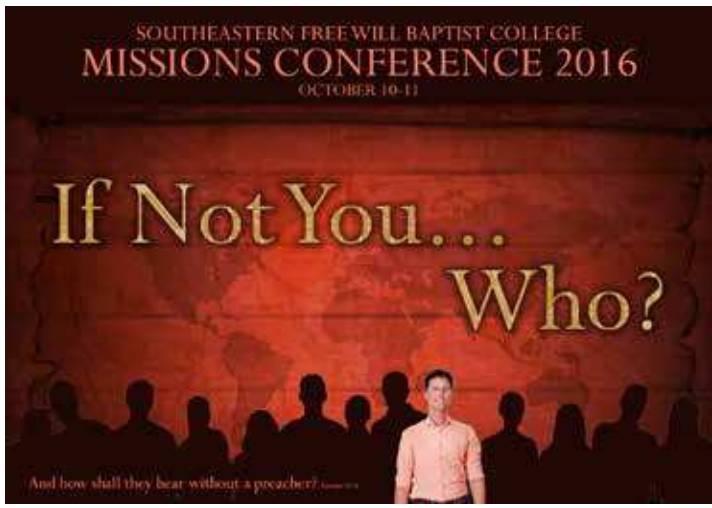
Jake ('14) and Dominique (Ward) ('15) Waldman are heading to Skokie, Illinois, as associate missionaries/church planters with Daniel and Melissa Mann at the Living Hope Church. The Waldmans also welcomed their first child, Kohen Jacob, on May 17, 2016.

May 12, 2016 marked five years since Logan and I boarded a plane with one-way tickets for Utah. As I watched the objects on the ground shrink below us, I was paralyzed with sadness and fear. I prayed He would take these feelings away; that He would take away the overwhelming loneliness that met us in Utah. I prayed for friends that would accept me despite our differing beliefs. I prayed for a job where I would find fulfilling work. I prayed that He would bless our faithfulness and send us hurting and desperate people who wanted more than religion. I was confident I was following God's will and I knew He would provide and take care of me.

These prayers weren't magical and these requests weren't met overnight. However, through these prayers God gave me peace. I was reminded daily of His faithfulness and of the blessings that come from following His purpose for my life. I knew He had plans for me beyond our small condo where I spent most days. Over the course of weeks and months, He regularly reminded me that I wasn't forgotten. I was soon blessed with friends that genuinely cared for me, as well as an incredible job. More laborers and encouragement arrived in Bryant and Maggie Rouse a year later and people gradually started attending our church services. The Lord allowed us to purchase our first home and we are excited to welcome our first child, a baby boy, in October. Fulfillment and purpose soon replaced the loneliness and fear.

I would never trade my life in Utah for anything and I am proud to call this place home.

Grayson Wolf (wife of 2008 Graduate, Logan Wolf)
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SPRING 2016 DEAN'S LIST

"A" HONOR ROLL (4.0)

FRESHMEN
PRESTON HARRIS
ARRON HOWARD

SOPHOMORES
KAYLA DAVIS
ABBY HARMON
TRAVIS RAGER

JUNIORS
REBEKAH CASH
MORGAN COOPER
MICHAEL COX
CONNER HARRIS
KEITH HOLMSTRAND
JENNIFER MARSHALL
DIANA NIETO

SENIORS
DESTANIE AYCOCK
JOSHUA FARLEY
ALLISON RAGER
CAM SPAIN
MATTHEW TILGHMAN
KENDAL TUTOR
ASHLEY WALLACE

"B" HONOR ROLL (3.0 & ABOVE)

FRESHMEN
BOBBY BERRY

SOPHOMORES
MOISES COLOP
AUSTEN EATON
MICHAEL GRANT

JUNIORS
KIMBERLIN
HONEYCUTT
CLARA MCFARLAND
DYLAN PATTERSON
APRIL VARNELL
CHRISTINA WEEKS

JUNIORS
HEATHER AMMONS
AARON BAILEY
MEREDITH HOWARD

JEREMY HUFF
RACHEL OST
VADIM POPOVICI
LEAH SMART

SENIORS
JOSHUA BUTLER
DEVIN COMINSKIE
KAYLA LILLY
RUDY MANRIQUEZ
BRIANA PHILLIPS

Congratulations to these students who have excelled in our academic programs

A Student Must be Taking at Least 12 Semester Hours With No Failures or Incompletes to Be Eligible for the Dean's List.

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IMPORTANT DATES

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

AUG	22	NEW STUDENTS ARRIVE
	24	FALL SEMESTER BEGINS
SEPT	12-14	CAMPUS REVIVAL
OCT	4	GOLF TOURNAMENT
	10-11 ..	MISSIONS CONFERENCE
	13-14	MISSIONS RETREAT
NOV	3-5	ALL ACCESS DAYS
	7-8	BOARD MEETING
	17-19 ...	TIP OFF TOURNAMENT
DEC	8	LAST DAY OF SEMESTER
JAN	10 ...	SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS
	19-21	GRAD DAYS
	27-28	MUSIC CONFERENCE
FEB	7	PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE
MAR	6-13	SPRING BREAK
APR	10-12	SPRING CONFERENCE
	11	COOP BOARD MEETING
	13	BUSINESS APPRECIATION DAY
MAY	5	COMMENCEMENT

Join us for Chapel on These Special Days

September 8

HERITAGE DAY

**HONORING THE PAST
SHARING THE FUTURE**

Bring your "Senior Saints" for an inspiring chapel and a free lunch.

The morning begins with your arrival at 9:30 a.m. and ends with lunch at 11:00.

Reservations are required.

September 21

WILLIAM FEDERER

HISTORIAN, AUTHOR,
TELEVISION PERSONALITY

Join us at 9:50 a.m. to hear a challenging message regarding our country and our Christian heritage.

You can view videos of Dr. Federer at www.tct.tv. Search for "Faith in History."

Spring Conference 2016

SEARCH ME
O GOD

PSALM 139:23

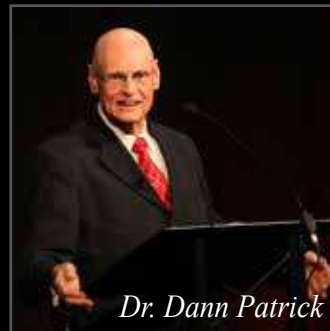
Jim Marcum



Alumni Choir



Jim McComas



Dr. Dann Patrick



Dr. David Gibbs, Jr.



Steve Berry

Spring Conference has always been a great time of sweet fellowship, powerful preaching and inspiring singing. Our conference this year featured the preaching of Jim McComas, Director of Church Revitalization of the Free Will Baptist North American Ministries. We also heard from former Board Chair, Dann Patrick, our new Director of Development, Steve Berry, and conference favorite, Dr. David Gibbs, Jr., President of Christian Law Association.



Dr. Mike Paramore

We offered some "Breakout Sessions" that dealt with current topics and provided practical advice. As always, on Wednesday morning four of our students preached sermons that were short on time, but not short on power.

Please mark you calendar for April 10-12 for our Spring Conference 2017!



Aaron Bailey



Josh Butler

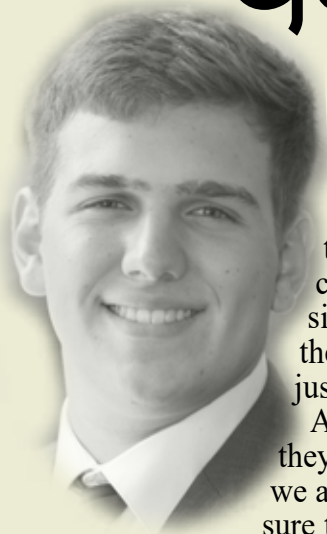


Matt Tilghman



Devin Cominskie

"God Had a Bigger Plan!"



We thought we had a plan. My son had decided to go to a college about forty-five minutes from home. He was to major in psychology and get an apartment off campus to start getting the independence he needed to grow as a young man. We believed a well thought out plan was a great way to start this phase of his life. God had another plan. My son had struggled with his faith for the last several years, questioning all the things he had been raised to know the truth about God and his faith. Being raised in church, my son went to all the bible schools, church camps, and youth activities. Being a single mother I had to work some crazy hours and our Christian walk suffered because of the wear and tear of a very hectic schedule juggling life, work and school activities. This just wasn't the best foundation for good godly decisions.

As a parent, we want only the best for our children. We want them to have all the tools they need to not only make it in this world but to make a difference and find the happiness we are all looking for. Our plan was set into motion for college. My son just wasn't 100% sure that this path was right for him, but we were going forward and hoping the rest would fall into place.

Then It Happened. The last year of church camp came, and my son went as usual, not really having his heart in it. While there, our lives were being set on a new path all worked out by God. During the week of camp, a group from Southeastern College always comes to share and recruit for the following year. God worked in my son's heart and that week he completely gave himself over to the will of God. He felt like Southeastern was the place for him. With short notice after camp before the school year was to start, we made our new plan for Southeastern. All the paperwork fell into place and my son was so excited that he did all of the legwork himself to get enrolled. It seemed crazy that our well thought out plan for college was now this last minute switch of states, majors and plan. I'm so thankful are so caught up in is still gently guiding should go. When faith, the outcome mind.

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My son has just finished his freshman year at Southeastern and the man that came home this summer is not the boy that left for school last August. He is still very normal and has dirty laundry and a messy room, but he trusts God with all his heart. He has a purpose. He no longer questions his plan. He now only seeks God's plan for his life. I have watched in amazement at the transformation in how he thinks, how he dresses and the music he is constantly singing.

I had the blessed experience to watch the choir perform on tour this year. This was not just a come see what your son has been doing event. This was a full on meeting with God. Worship times 10. God's presence was so strong that I was overwhelmed. There are no words to express the joy I felt in knowing my son is a part of such a powerful tool God is working through. It is humbling and life changing. Our Southeastern experience has been one of an incredible group, loving my son and making us feel special. What a crazy idea for college. A student is not just a number or one face in a lecture hall of hundreds of faces. My son was chosen by God; brought to this place; and loved by the incredible staff. These staff members are surely hand picked by God to groom these men and women to be the extraordinary Christian examples.

My son went to Southeastern to go to college, but God had a bigger plan. Through the outpouring of God's love and grace, I have been blessed as well. All the loose ends in my Christian walk have been brought together. We all need to further ourselves and continue to grow. I am so proud to have a son that is doing that completely in God's will, knowing that God's hand is guiding him and holding him through the tough life choices and bumps. I am so very thankful that God has placed Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College in our lives. I am not just promoting this beautiful godly place. I am living it every day.

Very thankful and Blessed,
Heather Vest (Mother of Southeastern Sophomore, Wyatt Brown)

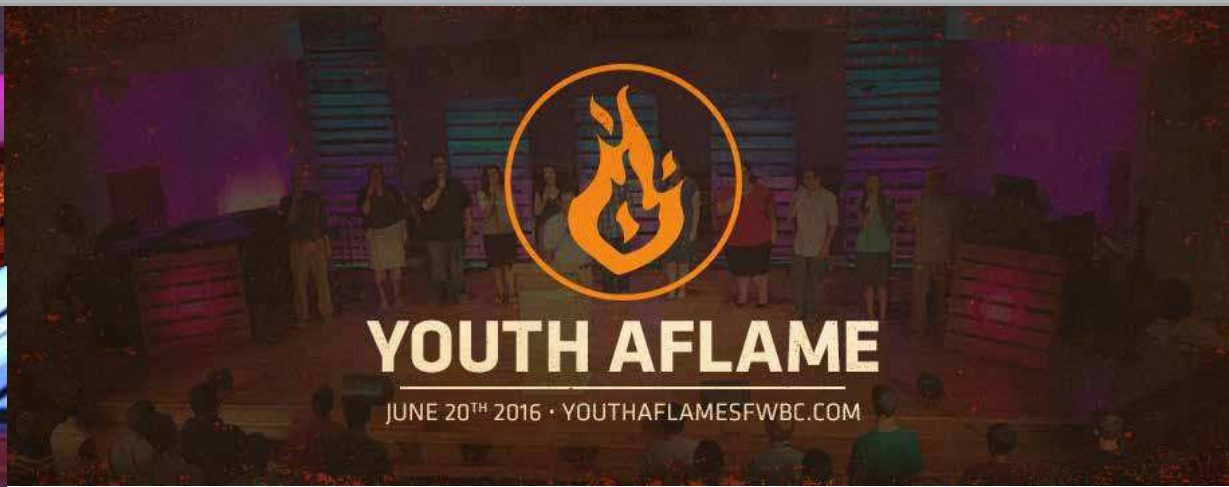
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24 churches attended from 9 states (AL, CA, FL, NC, NY, SC, TN, TX and VA).
There were 20 decisions for salvation almost 200 teens answered a call to full time Christian service.**

