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Simpson, Webb to Address FWBBC Graduates

NASHVILLE, TN—Two outstanding Free Will Baptist ministers, Barry Simpson (Tennessee) and Harold Webb (North Carolina), are scheduled to challenge the 2009 Free Will Baptist Bible College graduating class in May.

Reverend Barry Simpson, director of development with the Free Will Baptist International Missions Department since 2007, will address the graduates during 10:00 a.m. commencement exercises Friday, May 8. Simpson's wife Jena, an FWBBC alumna, serves as the college's Lifetime Learning/T.E. Associate.

North Carolina pastor Harold Webb (Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Marion) will bring the baccalaureate message Thursday evening, May 7, at 7:00 p.m.

President Matt Pinson said, "Commencement week is an important occasion for the entire college family, and especially for graduating seniors. This special time always brings us face-to-face with our mission as a college—to educate leaders to serve Christ, His Church, and His world through Biblical thought and life. We hope you will join us as we celebrate with our 2009 graduating class."

Kansas native Barry Simpson served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps before enrolling at FWBBC and graduating in 1986 with a bachelor's degree. He did graduate studies at Reformed Theological Seminary. Simpson served 22 years on the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church staff in Joelton, Tennessee, 16 years as senior pastor. His denominational experience includes a term as vice president of the Free Will Baptist Foundation Board, eight years on the board of Pleasant View Christian School, four years on the FWB Family Ministries Board (Greeneville, TN), 15 years with Cumberland Camp Board, and 17 years as treasurer of Cumberland Association's Northern Quarterly.

Harold Webb completed a bachelor's degree at FWBBC in 1989. He was called to preach at age 30 and arrived on campus in 1984 with his wife Linda and two children. Five years later, he graduated with a B.A. degree in Pastoral Training. He served three years (1989-1992) at Central Free Will Baptist Church (Michigan) as a pastoral apprentice with Dr. Milton Worthington. His signature work began in 1992 when he accepted a pastoral call to Liberty Free Will Baptist Church where he continues to lead the congregation. Reverend Webb is active in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Association and served two terms as moderator.