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### **150 Attend FWBBC Welcome Days**

NASHVILLE, TN—One hundred ten prospective students from 12 states and 36 local churches rallied on campus April 1-3 for three days of activities, information-gathering seminars, and special events during Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Welcome Days, according to Jeff Caudill, director of enrollment services. With accompanying parents and sponsors, the campus guests numbered more than 150. The group included 29 high school seniors, 31 juniors, 40 sophomores, five freshmen, as well as five recent graduates.

"It is exciting to have all the guest students on campus," Mr. Caudill said. "They bring such energy and enthusiasm. My hope is that while they were here their hearts were open to God's leading in choosing a college to attend."

The 74 young women and 36 young men who visited the campus attended a series of classes and chapel, interacted with current FWBBC students, enjoyed the Music of FWBBC and a Film Festival Thursday evening, and participated in a Friday afternoon campus-wide Egg Hunt. A financial aid seminar for sponsors and parents answered questions about tuition, financial aid options, and scholarship availability.

Visiting student Kelsi Caudill (Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville) said, "I've been to lots of Welcome Days, and this was the best one yet!"

President Matt Pinson hosted a Friday reception for high school seniors, recent graduates, parents, and sponsors on campus in Thigpen Theater.

One group of 10 students from Wise County Christian School (Virginia) not only attended Welcome Days but spent the entire week in Nashville doing service projects with Second Harvest, Nashville Rescue Mission, inner-city ministries, and a half-day at FWBBC washing windows, cutting

brush, and more. Rachel Jenkins, trip coordinator and director of development, described their time of ministry and service in a large city as an “an eye-opening experience for our students.”

More than 250 prospective students visited the FWBBC campus during the 2009-2010 academic year. The college will sponsor three Senior Days during the 2010-2011 academic year (November 4-6, 2010; January 20-22, 2011; February 10-12, 2011), as well as fall and spring Welcome Days (November 18-20, 2010; March 31-April 2, 2011).

PHOTO: Students crunch popsicles during Friday night’s Mosaic presentation. (L-R) Rachel Munsey, Patrick French, Emily Conner, Matt Caudill, Jack French.