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McAffees Return to FWBBC in Key Roles

NASHVILLE, TN—Reverend Matthew McAfee and his wife Anna will return to Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall to assume key campus roles in both classroom and campus ministry outreach, according to Provost Greg Kettelman. McAfee has been on leave of absence pursuing doctoral studies in Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago. He has served as part-time FWBBC faculty since 2003, on campus from 2003 to 2006, and after that working with distance-learning students.

Dr. Kettelman said, "It is with great joy that we welcome Matthew McAfee back to FWBBC where he will step into a dual role as instructor with the Biblical and Ministry Studies Department and serve as campus pastor, an area where he excels and where his heart is. Even while completing doctoral studies in Chicago, he remained involved with the college as he evaluated Lifetime Learning assignments and tests. He has served as an FWBBC Online instructor since 2008. We are pleased to have this outstanding scholar rejoin the faculty, this time on a full-time basis."

Mrs. Anna McAfee, a Magna Cum Laude FWBBC Business Administration graduate in 2000, has been named women's resident director and will provide leadership for young women. The mother of two children is the granddaughter of FWBBC founding president, Dr. L.C. Johnson, and the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Terry Beck (Hyde Park Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia). She holds an MBA degree from Trevecca Nazarene University.

"She's an answer to prayer," Dean of Women Susan Forlines said of Anna McAfee's appointment as women's resident director. "Mrs. McAfee brings the practical experiences of a pastor's wife and mother to the position. She has the academic credentials and warm people-skills necessary to communicate with single young women in the dormitory, many of whom are living away from home for the first time."

Matthew McAfee is the son of a Canadian pastor—his father, Reverend Oral McAfee, pastors Bristol Free Will Baptist Church in New Brunswick. Matthew graduated from FWBBC in 1999 with a B.A. degree, completed the M.Div. degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2002, completed an M.A. degree in Northwest Semitics at the University of Chicago in 2008, and will complete coursework for his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago this spring. He served four years as interim pastor at Free Will Baptist churches in New Brunswick and Tennessee, and senior pastor at a Tennessee church. While in Chicago, he has served with Pastor David Potete at Northwest Free Will Baptist Church.

President Matt Pinson expressed appreciation for the McAfee's timely return to the college: "Matthew and Anna McAfee represent the finest in scholarship and commitment to Christian ministry, an appreciation for the long-held academic and spiritual values at FWBBC, and personal holiness that is lived out in the home and community. Their pivotal roles will influence our students in the dormitories, in a maturing campus spiritual life, and in the rigor of academic demands. Matthew is a scholar, a writer, and a magnificent preacher with a servant's attitude."