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**Mike Phillips, FWBBC Instructor, Completes Doctorate**

NASHVILLE, TN—Mike Phillips, Exercise Science Program Director and Athletic Director at Free Will Baptist Bible College, completed requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree at Middle Tennessee State University in October 2007. The degree will be awarded during graduation ceremonies December 15.

Provost Greg Ketteyman said, "We are so pleased for Dr. Phillips and his family. He has worked hard to complete his doctoral studies, while at the same time maintaining his teaching duties at FWBBC, his home responsibilities, and his local church involvement. Mike is such an encouragement and example to our students."

Dr. Phillips' degree is in Health and Human Performance with concentrations in Physical Education and Sport Management. The 60-hour Ph.D. degree program included a dissertation titled "Student-Athletes' Perception of Head Men's Basketball Coaching Competencies at 15 Selected NCCAA Division II Christian Colleges."

Mike has been part of the FWBBC faculty since 2002. He is a member of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville where he serves on the Global Outreach Committee.

"My major concern now," Dr. Phillips said, "will be oversight of the Exercise Science Department at FWBBC and strengthening athletics in general at the college."