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### **Kathy Murphy Joins FWBBC Teacher Education Faculty**

NASHVILLE, TN—Mrs. Kathy B. Murphy, a professional educator with experience in both the private and public school arenas, will join the Free Will Baptist Bible College Teacher Education faculty for the fall 2006 semester, according to Dr. Milton Fields, vice president for institutional planning.

Dr. Fields said, “Kathy has a strong commitment to excellence in academics and evidences an equally strong commitment to a Christian philosophy of education. She will teach courses in educational strategies. She brings a reputation as a cooperative person with highly developed people skills.”

Mrs. Murphy completed her program of study at FWBBC in 1999 and subsequently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She completed a Master of Education degree in instructional effectiveness at Trevecca Nazarene University, and plans to pursue a doctorate in curriculum with an early childhood emphasis. She has a double teaching licensure with the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools.

Dr. Thurman Pate, chairman of FWBBC’s Teacher Education Department, said, “I was impressed with Kathy’s references from her fellow teachers, as well as comments from FWBBC students who observed in her classes, and from parents of her students. While she has a loving demeanor, she is a very strict teacher. Her students know what is expected of them.”

A Middle Tennessee native, Mrs. Murphy taught kindergarten at Lakeview Elementary School in Nashville where she successfully established classroom management for students with behavioral needs.

She served six years as an elementary teacher at Woodbine Christian Academy, and was named Teacher of the Year in 2005. While at Woodbine, she spearheaded a \$12,000 campaign to purchase recreational equipment, led teacher in-service sessions on classroom management, assisted with drama productions, and served as yearbook advisor.