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North Carolina Youth Group Works at FWBBC

NASHVILLE, TN—Eight members of a Clayton, North Carolina, youth group spent their first mission trip working at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to Ernie Thompson, cleaning operations supervisor. The energetic volunteers from Tippett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church traveled 13 hours in a van to Middle Tennessee where they served in a wide array of campus projects July 7-9.

Mr. Thompson said, "We're so pleased to have them on campus. They stepped right up to the work and never looked back. They worked inside with paint projects in the Administration Building. They moved furniture. They worked outside trimming shrubbery, raking limbs, and cleaning the tennis court. They worked wherever we had a need. I hope they come back next summer."

Led by 2002 FWBBC graduate Bryan Hughes, now in his eighth year as music and youth pastor at Tippett's Chapel, the group included Hughes' wife Michaellynn and their three children, as well as eighth-grader Mackenzie Moody, tenth-grader Jacy Congleton, and Colton Ayscue, who is completing an associate's degree in turf management at North Carolina State University.

FWBBC librarian Carol Reid praised the group's cheerful attitudes and work ethic. "They hauled and stamped and organized. They moved periodicals as needed, shifted books that are being withdrawn from circulation, and organized the *Lumen* (college yearbook) collection for us. We were very thankful for them."

Mr. Hughes said he hopes to extend future mission trips to 10 days and include activities with Free Will Baptist children's homes as well as out-of-country excursions as circumstances permit. The youth group funds its mission trips through special events in the community.

Dr. Eddie Moody, 1989 FWBBC graduate, is in his ninth year as pastor at Tippett's Chapel FWB Church.