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### **FWBBC Golf Tournaments Raise \$50,000**

NASHVILLE, TN—Three golf tournaments in three states in a 10-day period raised more than \$50,000 for Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to David Williford, vice president for institutional advancement. The golf tournaments were played in Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

“This was a first for us,” Williford said about the sponsored tournament play. “But thanks to the good turnout and the positive results, we’re planning more tournaments during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. If you missed this round of play, you can join us later this fall or next spring.”

Twenty-eight golfers participated in Missouri’s tournament on May 14 in Lebanon. Executive Director Gary Fry and Raytown pastor and FWBBC Board of Trustees’ member Ken Simpson led the group down the fairway.

Seven days later, Greenville pastor Ed Cook headed up the North Carolina tournament as 11 men hit the links in Ayden. Twenty Tennessee golfers joined David Williford on the Hermitage Golf Course near Nashville on May 24.

Each player was responsible for contacting individuals and corporate sponsors to underwrite the fundraising effort. Along with three other local businesses, FWBBC’s primary financial institution, Pinnacle National Bank, sponsored a hole in the Tennessee tournament. Pinnacle is the largest Nashville-based bank in the Greater Nashville area and does business as Pinnacle Financial Partners.

Mr. Williford said, “We spent some quality time with about 60 men in three states. We laughed and enjoyed wonderful fellowship, played a lot of golf, and had more fun than you can imagine while raising money for the college.”

Not all the participants walked the greenways. Wayne Spruill, FWBBC's director of institutional research, brought his putter and joined the Tennessee golfers in his motorized wheel chair. He sank his first two shots—the first gave his team a birdie, the second a par.