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***U.S. News & World Report* Ranks FWBBC Among Nation's Top Colleges**

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College was notified in mid-August that the institution is ranked 54<sup>th</sup> in the Top Tier among “Best Regional Colleges” (South Region) in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2011 edition of *America's Best Colleges* guidebook, according to President Matt Pinson. Highlights of the college rankings will be published in the August 31, 2010, issue of *U.S. News*.

President Pinson said, “How gratifying it is to see FWBBC ranked again among America's best colleges in this prestigious national study. We are delighted that the college's academic programs are recognized not only by our supporters but also by those beyond the institution. This recognition reassures prospective students and their parents that FWBBC remains a top quality institution of higher learning that delivers on their educational investment.”

The “Best Regional Colleges” category where FWBBC is ranked includes 319 institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts, and in professional fields such as business, nursing, and education. The colleges in this category are ranked within four geographic regions: North, South, Midwest, and West.

The *U.S. News* rankings offer the opportunity to judge the relative quality of institutions based on widely accepted indicators of excellence: peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and more.

Mr. Wayne Spruill, director of institutional research at FWBBC, said, “Once again, *U.S. News* lets us tell the broader community what a great school we have, plus it gives prospective students an opportunity to make sound decisions about enrolling here. I find it rewarding that one of the numerous annual surveys and questionnaires we prepare has placed FWBBC in this highly regarded national publication.”

FWBBC received particularly high marks in four strategic areas—percent of classes with under 20 students (88%), student/faculty ratio (9/1), freshman retention rate (65%), and graduation rate (49%).

Provost Greg Kettelman said, “This marks the third time that FWBBC has been included in *U.S. News*’ list of best colleges. What a testimony this is to the hard work our faculty and staff pour into the college. They prepare themselves to teach in a rigorous collegiate academic setting or serve in administrative or other vital support roles. We have a great team at FWBBC. They make it easy for me to say that I believe every Free Will Baptist student should look at FWBBC first when considering a college.”

More information is available about the rankings and methodology in the annual *America’s Best Colleges* guidebook at: [www.usnews.com/collegemeth](http://www.usnews.com/collegemeth).