



# SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

One of the unique features of Free Will Baptist Bible College is the interest its people have in all areas of each student's life. Of special importance is our concern for the spiritual welfare of every student, as manifested in the general objectives defined in the Statement of Institutional Purpose (page 7). The College plans its entire program so that it affords every student the opportunity to mature spiritually.

## **Bible Study**

Students are encouraged to study the Bible for their personal development in addition to the study required for classes. Dormitory and student lounge discussions of Biblical and theological issues are common. Chapel services suggest practical applications of the Bible to daily life. The College's library is a rich repository of Bible study aids.

## **Chapel**

Four days each week, Tuesday through Friday, the College family assembles for chapel, worshipping in song and prayer and hearing the Word preached by College personnel, representatives of other denominational offices, and special guest speakers.

## **Prayer**

Prayer is an expression of our need for God and an important part of life at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Each day begins with a time for personal devotions. Classes are begun with prayer. Evening group prayer meetings close each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Global Missions Fellowship meets daily to pray for missions. There are even special days set aside for prayer.

## **Christian Service**

While the College exists to train Christians to live and work for Christ, Christian service should not be put off until graduation. Every student chooses an area of Christian work each year—when possible in the area of service for which the student is training. Students are required to engage in one Christian Service activity each semester until a total of eight semesters have been achieved. As noted in the Statement of Institutional Purpose (page 7), this is one of the distinctive emphases of the College.

Benefits are many, including skill and confidence in communicating the gospel. Area churches profit from the assistance of scores of capable workers. Students witness to thousands of people each year, and hundreds respond by making decisions for Christ.

Students may also volunteer to participate in mission trips and humanitarian relief efforts that may take place during the academic year. Each year teams of students are selected by Missions faculty or Enrollment Management personnel to travel on evangelistic, service trips to cities like New York, Chicago, Havana, and Nantes. Student teams have also been as-

sembled by the Christian Service Department to travel to assist churches and communities following natural disasters.

## **Conferences and Special Services**

The College provides many special services and programs during the school year to benefit students spiritually. These include:

A World Missions Conference is held in the fall of every odd year. Speakers present to the College family and visitors the challenge of evangelism and missionary service. To accomplish the mission of the College requires that we promote missions-mindedness.

The annual Bible Conference each March is a spiritual highlight for the College and the denomination. Alumni and friends from across the denomination join the College family to hear Bible preaching by Free Will Baptists and guests from outside the denomination.

The Leroy Forlines Lectures bring well known speakers to the campus to address challenging issues related to theology, philosophy, world views, global evangelism, and other topics. The following are some past guest lecturers:

- Dr. Norman Geisler, Dean, Southern Evangelical Seminary
  - Dr. Edward Panosian, Church History Professor, Bob Jones University
  - Dr. Ronald Nash, Professor of Systematic Theology, Reformed Theological Seminary
  - Dr. Robertson McQuilkin, President Emeritus, Columbia International University
  - Dr. Steven Ashby, Dean of the Faculty, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College
  - Dr. Gerald Mattingly, Professor of Biblical Studies, Johnson Bible College
  - Dr. Donald Carson, New Testament Professor, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
  - Dr. Ronald Allen, Professor of Bible Exposition, Dallas Theological Seminary
  - Dr. Gary Habermas, Professor of Apologetics, Liberty University
  - Dr. Daniel I. Block, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Dr. Leland Ryken, Clyde S. Kilby Professor of English, Wheaton College
- Other conferences are sponsored from time to time.

## **Missionary-in-Residence**

The Missionary-in-Residence (MIR) program brings a missionary to the College who has current experience on the mission field. The MIR comes to teach and promote missions among the students. The goal is to help students develop a vision for and accept the challenge of global evangelism. The MIR program is operated in cooperation with the Free Will Baptist International Missions Department.

Generally, the MIR serves a one-year term before returning to the field. The MIR lives in the Laura Belle Barnard House on campus and is available to counsel students.

## **Christian Education and Youth Minister-in-Residence**

The Christian Educator and Youth Minister-in-Residence program was begun in the spring of 2000. Normally once each semester, a current professional in the field is invited to campus to bring fresh field experience to the classroom. They speak in each of the classes usually taught by Christian Education and Youth Ministry faculty, creating an opportunity for our students to develop relationships with experienced practitioners.