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### **FWBBC Graduates 33 in Commencement Exercises**

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College conferred degrees on 33 students from 12 states in commencement exercises at Memorial Auditorium on Friday, May 6, according to President Matt Pinson. Students completed degrees in multiple programs ranging from two-year associate's degrees to four-year bachelor's degrees. Forty-two percent of the class graduated with honors.

Dr. Eddie Moody, pastor at Tippett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton, North Carolina, challenged graduates to "Do the Hard Thing," as he spoke from Psalm 15. "Hard things pay off," he said. "We have a heritage and this college because somebody did the hard thing." He urged hearers to honor those who do right, to use tact and wisdom when handling truth, to embrace loyalty in the church and home and community. Moody is a 1989 FWBBC graduate and an associate professor and department chair at North Carolina Central University. Randall House published his book, *First Aid for Emotional Hurts* and a booklet series titled *First Aid for Your Emotional Hurts*.

Free Will Baptist Executive Secretary Keith Burden delivered an 18-minute Thursday evening baccalaureate message from 1 Chronicles 22, emphasizing *preparation, people, and principles*. He reminded the graduates that God was worthy of their best and that it was time to "get up and go to work." Burden pastored 27 years in Oklahoma and California, and served 22 years as an officer of the National Association of Free Will Baptists before being elected executive secretary in 2002. The Oklahoma native is editor-in-chief of *ONE Magazine* and a graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

Kathy Murphy, a member of the teacher education faculty, was named Academic Advisor of the Year. President Pinson presented plaques to retiring vice president for institutional planning Milton Fields, citing his 17 years as an academic leader and visionary, and to Tom Sass, the college's vice president for financial affairs, for 25 years as chief financial officer.

The college commends to you and to the work of the Lord the members of the 2011 graduating class.



**2011 Graduates with Majors and Honors Free Will Baptist Bible College**

**Associate of Science in Biology Degree**

Deborah Lynn Creech  
Macon, GA

**Associate of Science in Business Degree**

Valerie Louise Conner  
Madison Heights, MI

**Associate of Science in Ministry Degrees**

Michael Adam Holloway  
Soddy Daisy, TN

Steven Nicholas Robeson  
Jerome, ID

Jena Lorraine Simpson  
Joelton, TN

Jeremy Shane Suggs  
Colquitt, GA

Brian Michael Vitoritt  
Virginia Beach, VA

**Bachelor of Science Degrees**

Cason Earl Anderson \*\*\*  
Nashville, TN  
Youth Ministry

Rachel Dawn Bequette \*  
Marquand, MO

Business Administration  
International Emphasis

Desirae Hope Clark  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Biblical and Ministry Studies  
Missions

Joshua Miles Coker \*  
Iuka, MS  
Psychology

Mary Elizabeth Eller  
LaVergne, TN  
Child Development and Learning  
Licensure K-6

Rachael Michelle Fawver \*  
Knoxville, TN  
Early Childhood  
Licensure PreK-3

Rodney Adam Garrett  
Desoto, MO  
Music Performance

Samantha Kaye Hajek \*  
St. Charles, MO  
Child Development and Learning  
Licensure K-6

Robert Shane Huey  
Tupelo, MS  
Church Music

Lauren Holt Jolly \*\*  
Glasgow, KY  
Psychology

Christopher Lynn Kernan  
Desloge, MO  
Christian Education

Michael Anthony Oliver \*  
Nashville, TN  
General Christian Ministries

David Anthony Pool \*  
Aulander, NC

History  
Licensure 7-12

Misty Rose Waldrop  
Clarksville, TN  
Early Childhood

Kurston Shea Ward \*\*\*  
Van Buren, AR  
English  
Licensure 7-12

Robert Owen Wilkerson  
Belleville, MI  
General Christian Ministries

**Bachelor of Arts Degrees**

Miriam Hardin Bishop \*\*  
Greenville, NC  
English

Nathan Robert Franks \*\*\*  
Mount Olive, AL  
Biblical and Ministry Studies  
Missions

Christa Colleen Hill \*\*\*  
Norton, VA  
English

Michael Dale Isom  
Keller, TX  
English

William Thomas Holloway  
Albany, GA  
Biblical and Ministry Studies  
Pastoral Ministry

Sara Nicole McAllister \*  
North Little Rock, AR  
English

Juliana Joy Munsey \*\*  
Newport, TN  
Biblical Studies  
Missions and Business

Kevin Lee Murray  
Gastonia, NC  
History

Jordan Nathaniel Osborn  
Cordova, TN  
Biblical and Ministry Studies  
Pastoral Ministry

Sara-Ann Ellen Stokes  
Nashville, TN  
Biblical Studies  
Psychology

\*\*\* *Magna Cum Laude*

\*\* *Summa Cum Laude*

\* *Cum Laude*