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### **Enrollment Climbs at Free Will Baptist Bible College**

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 290 students from 24 states and five foreign countries for the 2011 fall semester, according to Provost Greg Ketteman. This marks the first time since the onset of the recession that enrollment has increased at FWBBC. New students on campus jumped 17% from 62 to 73. Overall on-campus enrollment rose almost 4% from 206 to 213, while dormitory students increased 3.3% to 155. Enrollment statistics indicate a diverse student body with a wide range of academic interests.

Dr. Ketteman said, “We’re off to a great start this fall as students from across the United States and around the world enroll at FWBBC. What’s even more amazing is that even with a roller-coaster economy, parents by faith continue sending their sons and daughters to us for a Bible-based education. We thank God for the students He brings to our campus—it’s the next generation of pastors and church leaders, missionaries, psychologists, musicians, business entrepreneurs, and more. We’ve graduated almost 300 students in five years, and this group of young adults will soon join them.”

At press time September 20, the college reported 155 dormitory students, 58 commuter students, 17 Adult Degree Program students, and 60 Online/Lifetime Learning students. Officials set the fall semester 2011 full-time student equivalency at 224. One-third of the students are enrolled in ministry-related fields.

By classes, they include 57 seniors, 37 juniors, 67 sophomores, 80 freshmen, 48 non-degree/part-time students, and one special student. There are 134 women and 156 men in the student body. Enrollment personnel were pleased that in spite of a harsh economic climate,

dormitory students increased slightly and the number of graduating seniors rose almost 30 percent.

“Enrollment for our Online Degree and Adult Degree Programs will continue through mid-semester,” Dr. Ketteyman said. “We are still enrolling new students in both programs, since enrollment takes place throughout the fall term due to each program having multiple modules. We project a total enrollment of 300 students for the fall term.”

**By states, students number:**

Alabama	12
Arizona	1
Arkansas	16
California	3
Florida	7
Georgia	9
Illinois	6
Indiana	6
Kansas	2
Kentucky	10
Louisiana	1
Michigan	15
Mississippi	10
Missouri	12
North Carolina	13
Ohio	10
Oklahoma	3
South Carolina	4

South Dakota	1
Tennessee	95
Texas	1
Virginia	2
West Virginia	4
Wisconsin	1
International	46 (Canada, Cuba, France, Kazakhstan, Panama)

President Matt Pinson said, “This is such a special time of year for us as new students and upper classmen roll onto campus and make the college their home. We’re also excited about relocating the college as potential buyers inquire about purchasing our current campus, and the proposed name change vote to “Welch College” at the 2012 Free Will Baptist national convention draws nearer. Our expanding academic programs in pre-nursing and science, and our Online/Lifetime Learning outreach keep us focused on the educational needs of our denominational constituency.”

Here are three ways to contact Free Will Baptist Bible College for more information: Call 800-76-FWBBC, email [recruit@fwbbc.edu](mailto:recruit@fwbbc.edu), or visit the college’s website at [www.FWBBC.edu](http://www.FWBBC.edu).