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Attendance Jumps 80% at FWBBC Fall 2011 Welcome Days

NASHVILLE, TN—Seventy-seven prospective students from 15 states attended Fall 2011 Welcome Days November 10-12 at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to Rusty Campbell, director of enrollment services. This marks an almost 80% increase over the Fall 2010 when 43 students participated. Campbell also reported a 50% rise in the number of states represented, up from 10 a year ago.

The group included 17 students from Michigan, 12 from Tennessee, 11 from North Carolina, seven from Illinois, six from Arkansas, five from Ohio, four from South Carolina, three from Alabama, two each from Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Oklahoma, one from Florida and one from Missouri.

Mr. Campbell said, “Our Enrollment Management Team went all-out this summer and fall to make contact with students, parents, and pastors. They’re a great group to work with, and they’re committed to bringing more students on campus. When the prospective students arrived last week, we were ready with answers to their questions and three days of special events to give them a taste of what it means to be a student at FWBBC. We emphasized FWBBC’s high-quality academic programs as well as its deeply spiritual campus life. We hope many of the students decide to enroll here.”

Visitors enjoyed a full schedule that included two nights in the dormitories and a musical Thursday evening that featured “Front Porch Pickin’ and Games,” plus late-night Spiritual Life group meetings in the dormitories. They attended classes Friday and heard 2006 FWBBC graduate Craig Batts speak in chapel. The President’s Reception for seniors, parents, and sponsors met in Thigpen Theater after chapel.

A campus-wide tour Friday afternoon acquainted visitors with the 17 campus buildings. They then gathered in the Coffee House for a time of interaction with current FWBBC students, and later

some kick ball, dinner, and 90 minutes of *Camp Fire and Smores*, before the Flames Classic Basketball event closed out Friday night activities. Saturday morning the students shared a continental breakfast before packing up and returning home.

Exit evaluations completed by visiting students indicated that their preferred areas of study in college focused on education, English, history, business, biology, music, psychology, science, nursing, missions, and pastoral ministry—all areas in which FWBBC offers associate's or bachelor's degrees.

One student reflected, "I had a great time and enjoyed the time with my youth group. I really liked my host—she seemed nice."

Another visiting student said, "It was swell! Thanks for the fun weekend." A third student simply cheered, "Welcome Days was great!"

The Spring 2012 Welcome Days is scheduled April 19-21. For more information, contact the Enrollment Management Office at recruit@fwbbc.edu.