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2012 Bible Conference/FORUM12 to Focus on Church Revitalization

NASHVILLE, TN—The four-day Bible Conference/FORUM 12 set March 4-7 at Free Will Baptist Bible College is expected to bring together hundreds of pastors, youth workers, and church leaders, along with FWBBC students and faculty, as high profile speakers unfold the 2012 conference theme, “Revitalizing the Church.” Dr. Harry Reeder III, senior pastor at Briarwood Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Birmingham, Alabama, will lead three plenary sessions on revitalization. Dr. Reeder previously addressed the issue of revitalization and outreach during FWBBC’s 2009 Bible Conference.

He will be joined on the program by two rising voices in the church revitalization movement, Dr. Russell Moore, vice president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, Kentucky), and Pastor Mike McKinley who leads Guilford Baptist Church in Sterling, Virginia. Both McKinley and Moore will expand the conference revitalization theme.

Dr. Moore is highly regarded for his vital ministry as a theologian, educator, and journalist as senior editor of *Touchstone Magazine*. Seven years ago, Pastor McKinley was asked to lead a church that was founded in 1857 but had dwindled to a few faithful members. His unique leadership style renewed the church, produced a steady membership growth, launched two Spanish ministries, and resulted in the recent opening of a food pantry.

“We are so excited to have these warm-hearted, specially-gifted men of God on campus,” President Pinson said. “We invite our pastors, church leaders, and all interested laity to join us in March for four days of spiritual challenges and vision.”

Arkansas youth pastor Joey Postlewaite (Sutton Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas) will also address attendees during the conference. A 2000 FWBBC graduate, Postlewaite brings the energy and creativity of the next generation of Free Will Baptist leaders to the platform.

Two FWBBC faculty members, Dr. Kevin Hester and Reverend Terry Forrest, will speak on the 2012 revitalization theme and bring a campus perspective to these important issues. Dr. Hester chairs the Theological Studies Department, while Reverend Terry Forrest serves as program coordinator for Pastoral Ministry.

The Bible Conference/FORUM12 schedule includes a number of workshops and break-out sessions on a variety of subjects. The music of FWBBC will be featured during the conference.

The FWBBC Alumni Association invites all alumni to attend conference events. The classes of 1962 (50 years), 1987 (25 years) and 2002 (10 years) will be honored.

Bible Conference/FORUM12 is free, with no charge to attend plenary sessions or workshops. Pre-Register at www.FWBBC.edu/forum12 for a chance to win a Kindle Fire with digital downloads of speakers' books.