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### **FWBBC Promotes Craig Mahler to Chief Financial Officer**

NASHVILLE, TN—Reverend Craig Mahler, comptroller at Free Will Baptist Bible College since 2006, has been named vice president for financial affairs, according to President Matt Pinson. He succeeds Tom Sass who is transitioning to a part-time role as vice president and senior financial counsel. Both changes take effect January 1, 2012.

President Pinson said, “Craig Mahler is resilient, has great financial insight and wisdom, as well as a quiet strength that’s wrapped in a humble spirit. We have been delighted with his professional work in the Business Office and his cutting-edge technological skills. He has a broad understanding of both personnel and financial matters. We have found Mr. Mahler equal to whatever task comes his way.”

Reverend Mahler, an ordained Free Will Baptist minister, is youth minister at Carthage Free Will Baptist Church in Tennessee. The 2004 honors graduate at Tennessee Technological University (B.S. degree in Business Administration) brings a variety of experiences to the position, including several years in TTU’s Internal Audit Division and specialized management training at DeKalb Community Bank in Smithville.

“Five years ago when FWBBC invited me to join the Business Office staff, I thought it would be a great place to serve for the rest of my life in ministry. I still do,” Mr. Mahler said. “I believe this is what God wants for me. I’ve never regretted my decision to leave a banking career and serve at FWBBC. This broader responsibility will demand my best effort. I look forward to the challenge and the blessing.”

Mr. Mahler has served as comptroller at FWBCC since August 2006. He oversees cashier and data processing, general ledger entry and financial statement preparation, student account maintenance and billing, monthly payroll for college employees, special projects, and other budget matters.

Tom Sass said, "I believe that Craig Mahler is the best man for this job, and he has my total support and endorsement. The Lord has been preparing Craig and FWBCC for this transition. After working together more than five years, I have frequently observed his business skills, his spiritual depth, and his unique discernment. He's the whole package—a rare mix of hard work ethic and a warm Christian spirit."