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FWBBC Students Preach in 12 South Georgia Churches

NASHVILLE, TN—Two vans loaded with 11 Free Will Baptist Bible College student preachers and the five-member Rejoice Ministry Team singing group left campus at 4:00 a.m. Saturday, January 14 in frigid, 20-degree weather for a two-day, thousand-mile round-trip to southeast Georgia where they led a Saturday night youth rally at Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church (Glennville) before dispersing to 12 local churches for Sunday morning services. Christian Service Director John Murray coordinated the busy weekend. The students ministered to almost 1,000 people, received over \$2,600 in offerings for the college, plus six churches plan to send additional financial gifts to FWBBC.

Sophomore ministerial student Richie Kyburz delivered a stirring message to the well-attended South Georgia Association youth rally as young people and adults from area churches filled Ebenezer Church. The entire group was treated to an old-fashioned Southern cookout following the service, after which participating pastors took the student-preachers home with them.

Mr. Murray spoke at Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church (Folkston) where Pastor Parnell Aldridge leads the congregation. Pastor Eric Brown and Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church (Alma) welcomed the singing Rejoice Ministry Team.

“It was so encouraging to hear the pastors praise our student-preachers,” Murray said. “The students were just as energetic in their praise for the Georgia pastors and churches. The churches opened their doors wide to us. We had a great weekend.”

Several FWBBC students made timely observations about the preaching trip:

Tim Hutchinson (Sophomore): “Preaching trips are one of my favorite things about Bible College. I’m thankful for a college that gives us a chance to preach, for a denomination that believes in young preachers, and for the God Who put it all together.”

Jordan Looney (Senior): “ The reason I enjoy preaching trips so much is because I get to meet the Free Will Baptist people and share with them what God has done for me”

Greg Smith (Senior): “It’s always a great moment to meet pastors with so much experience in the ministry.”

Karissa Brown (Freshman singer with Rejoice Ministry Team): “The Pine Level congregation was so supportive and made us feel at home. It was a wonderful worship experience.”

Cody Balfour (Sophomore): “I loved this trip! The church (Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Baxley) was gracious and perceptive, and Sunday School was educational.”

Derreck Lute (Freshman): The people of South Georgia are so loving. God really moved in His house today (Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Bristol).”

Judson Phenicie (Senior): “I enjoyed my time with Pastor Tim Horne and New Hope Free Will Baptist Church (Jesup). It’s amazing how God works making it possible to travel across the country and minister in our churches.”

The Preaching Team plans three more trips this spring: January 28-29 in Ohio; February 18-19 in Florida; March 24-25 in Tennessee.