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Psychology Program Coordinator, Jackie Rasar, Resigns From FWBBC Faculty

NASHVILLE, TN—Ms. Jacqueline D. (Jackie) Rasar, Psychology program coordinator, at Free Will Baptist Bible College, resigned to accept a position as admissions coordinator with The Renfrew Center, a women’s mental health facility specializing in eating disorders, according to Provost Greg Ketteiman. Ms. Rasar, a 2000 FWBBC graduate, joined the faculty in 2005.

One dimension of her new role will be working with a 12-session Christian therapy group track program that she designed for the Brentwood (TN) location of The Renfrew Center where she interned for 650 hours while pursuing doctoral studies. The Renfrew Centers are located in 10 states; the first was established in Philadelphia in 1986. She begins her new duties August 8.

Dr. Ketteiman said, “During her tenure at FWBBC, Ms. Rasar established a reputation as a respected, high quality teacher, a trusted colleague and friend, a woman of Christian integrity, and an outstanding employee. She made significant contributions that impacted the entire college community, and her sterling example influenced many lives. I’ve enjoyed working with her. Her can-do attitude is encouraging and inspiring. I am sad to see her closing this chapter of her life. She will be greatly missed.”

Ms. Rasar earned a Master of Divinity degree in 2004 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY) and began doctoral studies at Liberty University in 2007. She travels to Africa in July to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, and expects to complete her Ph.D. in August. She served two internships in Louisville at Kindred Hospital and LifeCare Counseling Center.

An Illinois native, Ms. Rasar encouraged mental and physical fitness among FWBBC students. She launched an annual Marriage Enrichment Weekend for students and championed a wide variety of aggressive exercise activities—including hikes, half-marathons, and other outreach measures. A gifted instrumentalist, she regularly joined campus musical performances, accompanying vocalists with her

bass. *ONE Magazine* printed her insightful article, "The Psychology of Discipleship," in the December 2009-January 2010 issue.

"The opportunity to minister at FWBBC these past six years changed my life," Ms. Rasar said. "The experience helped me grow personally and professionally, and made me a better person. I will take all those special growth experiences with me. Wherever I go and whatever I do, I'll always be a graduate of FWBBC. I love the college. It has impacted my entire adult life."