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**West Virginia Native, Jeff Bennett, Named FWBBC Business Associate**

NASHVILLE, TN—Mr. Jeff Bennett, a fourth generation West Virginia Free Will Baptist, has accepted a full-time business associate position at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to Tom Sass, vice president for financial affairs. The 30-year-old Mount Hope resident begins his duties August 29.

“Jeff Bennett is a great fit for the college,” Mr. Sass said. “Not only is he skilled in the specific office and accounting procedures we need, but he has been active in local and state Free Will Baptist activities in West Virginia, and has a strong reputation in his home church. We welcome this warm, business professional to the college family and look forward to his interaction with FWBBC staff and students.”

Mr. Bennett brings a broad range of experience from the business community where he served 10 years with the West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority—five years as procurement officer and accountant (2006-2011) and five years as master control operator (2001-2006). He previously served three years in data processing with Appalachian Laboratories, Inc. His FWBBC responsibilities will include general ledger account reconciliation, preparation and distribution of monthly financial reports, accounting data entry, assisting with monthly payroll processing, preparing reports to external agencies, student-related projects, and other duties as necessary.

Mr. Sass said, “This is an important hire for the college at this time. Jeff Bennett is coming on board with multiple skill levels, which means that we can now move forward with reorganizing the Business Office after a number of staffing adjustments the past two years due to retirements and a down economy.”

The son of a Free Will Baptist minister, Jeff was converted at age 11. He serves as youth director, outreach coordinator, and Teen Sunday School teacher at Kilsyth Free Will Baptist Church (Mount

Hope). Well known for his leadership in state youth work and journalism, he also serves as interim design editor and publisher for *The Messenger*, quarterly publication of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, and administrator for the state association website. He is an advisory council board member with The Hanna Project and affiliated with Hospice of Southern West Virginia.

He graduated *cum laude* from Concord University in 2007 with the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree.

“Growing up as a Free Will Baptist, I remember being awestruck when missionaries visited our church,” Jeff said, “thinking how amazing it would be to serve the Lord around the world and lead others to Christ. I’m eager to join the FWBBC college family and help send Free Will Baptist laborers into the harvest. I look forward to ministering alongside the college’s professional staff, and I can see the hand of God in this invitation.”

Mr. Bennett plans to live in nearby Cheatham County and become part of the Ashland City Free Will Baptist Church.

