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Kathy Murphy Resigns from FWBBC Faculty

NASHVILLE, TN—Mrs. Kathy Murphy, a full-time member of the Teacher Education faculty at Free Will Baptist Bible College since 2006, informed college officials that she is resigning at the end of the current academic year, according to Provost Greg Ketteman. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. Murphy served as faculty secretary, early childhood program coordinator, and on several committees.

Dr. Ketteman said, “After the birth of their fourth child, Kathy and her husband Jamie determined that she needed to devote more time at home. While we applaud the decision to focus on Christian parenting, we will miss her godly leadership and capable teaching in the Teacher Education Department. We have already initiated a search for Mrs. Murphy’s successor.”

Mrs. Murphy, a 2000 FWBBC graduate, completed the M.Ed. degree at Trevecca Nazarene University in 2002. Prior to joining the FWBBC faculty, she taught six years at Woodbine Christian Academy. *ONE Magazine* published two of her family-oriented articles: “An Unintended Journey” (August-September 2010) and “Operation Family” (August-September 2009).

Dr. Thurman Pate, chairman of the Teacher Education Department, said, “Mrs. Murphy has been outstanding in the classroom and in her relationships with students, other faculty, and the administration. Perhaps her greatest contributions have been on the personal level as she received praise from her advisees and her work with them. Always the strong professional, her winning smile and pleasant, positive attitude endeared her to all of us. She will be greatly missed.”

A Middle Tennessee native, Mrs. Murphy taught kindergarten at Lakeview Elementary School in Nashville where she successfully established classroom management for students with behavioral needs. While employed at Woodbine Christian Academy, Kathy was named Teacher of the Year, and

she and her mother co-spearheaded projects to purchase recreational equipment. The Murphy family lives in Smyrna, Tennessee.

“I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the FWBBC ministry,” Mrs. Murphy said. “The opportunity to serve in the Teacher Education Department has been a privilege and a blessing. I appreciated relationships with faculty, staff, and especially the students. I hope to one day return to the class room, but right now my teaching career is on hold as I invest my time and energies in our four children.”