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### **Kevin Hester to Direct FWBBC's Institutional Planning**

NASHVILLE, TN—Dr. Kevin Hester has been appointed director of institutional planning and assessment at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to Provost Greg Ketteyman. He will continue as chairman of the Department of Theological Studies and the Accreditation Compliance Committee.

Dr. Ketteyman said, “Dr. Hester is an exceptional, multi-talented individual. Following his outstanding service as chairman of both the SACS and ABHE Compliance Committees, he is well prepared to step into this role. He will assume some responsibilities previously managed by Dr. Milton Fields who served as vice president for institutional planning who retired in May 2011. Because of Dr. Field’s foundational work and Dr. Hester’s proven leadership with accreditation compliance, FWBBC is now well-positioned for Dr. Hester’s continued guidance in this important area.”

The job description has been carefully tailored to allow Dr. Hester space to give appropriate attention to this area while maintaining his teaching and departmental roles. In addition to the modified job description, Dr. Hester will have a reduced teaching load and will increase his summer responsibilities in order to manage this new role.

Dr. Hester said, “This new position allows me to take much that I have learned over the past several years as chairman of the Compliance Committee under the careful tutelage of Dr. Fields and apply it to the broader educational enterprise at FWBBC. Thanks to his visionary leadership in institutional effectiveness, I will inherit a top-notch program of assessment. I’m also delighted to be

working with Mr. Wayne Spruill whose professionalism and tireless devotion have always been an inspiration to me.”

Due in large measure to Dr. Hester’s excellent leadership skills as chairman of the college’s Accreditation Compliance Committee, FWBBC received its 10-year accreditation reaffirmation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 2011.

A member of the college faculty since 2003, Dr. Hester is frequently published in professional journals and denominational publications. His 2010 pamphlet, *Free Will Baptists and the Priesthood of Believers*, was published by the Free Will Baptist Historical Commission. His first book was published by Paternoster in 2007, *Eschatology and Pain in St. Gregory the Great: The Christological Synthesis of Gregory’s Morals on the Book of Job*.

Hester is a 1993 FWBBC graduate. He completed the M.Div. degree at Covenant Theological Seminary in 1997 and his Ph.D. at Saint Louis University in 2002.