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Dr. Leland Ryken to Lead 2008 Forlines Lectures

NASHVILLE, TN—Dr. Leland Ryken, one of evangelicalism’s foremost scholars and literary stylist for the *English Standard Version* of the Bible, will speak four times at Free Will Baptist Bible College during the 2008 Leroy Forlines Lectures on February 5-6, according to President Matt Pinson. Dr. Ryken has authored, co-authored, or edited more than 25 books, including his most recent work, *The English Standard Version Literary Study Bible*.

“We are delighted to welcome such a distinguished Christian scholar to our campus,” Pinson said. “Dr. Ryken has written extensively in the areas of literary study of the Bible and Bible translations. His presentations will be a source of challenge and confirmation to our students and faculty. We welcome the broader community of believers to gather with us for these important lectures.”

Dr. Ryken serves as Clyde S. Kilby Professor of English at Wheaton College where he has taught since 1968. His extensive research includes Bible translation theory and practice, English Puritanism, Puritan context of Milton’s poetry, Bible as literature, and intersections of literature and Christianity.

The scope of his recent publications range from *How to Read the Bible as Literature* and *The Literature of the Bible* to *The Apocalyptic Vision in Paradise Lost* and *Windows to the World: Literature in Christian Perspective*.

Ryken will speak twice daily February 5-6 (Tuesday and Wednesday), 10:00 a.m. until noon, in FWBBC’s Memorial Auditorium on Richland Avenue.

The Leroy Forlines Lectures bring well known speakers to the campus to address issues related to theology, philosophy, world views, global evangelism, and other topics.