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Allen Pointer to Keynote FWBBC Convocation Week

NASHVILLE, TN—Reverend Allen Pointer, one of the denomination's leading youth pastors and a double graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, will speak five times August 24-27 during the college's fall convocation week, according to President Matt Pinson. Pointer, who has served 17 years as youth pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church (Russellville, AR), recently completed 12 years as director of the national Truth and Peace Conference.

Dr. Pinson said, "Each year during convocation, we look for a speaker who can identify with our students and challenge them to a life of commitment to Christ and servant leadership. Mr. Pointer is a servant-leader with an unsurpassed heart for Free Will Baptist youth. He's a serious student of the Word, an informed and engaging speaker, and a man of God who knows first-hand that real Christianity is best expressed in the community where people live."

Pointer answered the call to preach at age 14 while attending the Missouri Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, but understood early in his ministry that his would be a *different* road, that he would not serve as a senior pastor. The cry of America's youth compelled him to enter youth ministry and remain there these past 22 years in Virginia and Arkansas. He was ordained in 1987.

His ministry has been marked by multiple international mission trips to France, Spain, and Uruguay, as well as more than a dozen North American mission trips. He traveled to the Ural Mountain region of Russia for the first youth ministry workshop among Russian Baptists.

Allen's wife Jill (1985 FWBBC graduate) teaches fifth grade in Russellville. Daughters Christen (high school senior) and Catie (high school junior) both plan to enroll at FWBBC.

Convocation Week Schedule at FWBBC

Sunday, August 24—10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 24—7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 25—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 26—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 27—7:00 p.m.