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### **FWBBC Shuffles Bible Department Personnel**

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College made two major shifts within the Biblical and Ministry Studies Department this summer, according to President Matt Pinson. Old Testament professor Dr. Garnett Reid was named chair of the department, succeeding former chair Ralph Hampton who retired in May 2008. Dr. Kevin Hester was appointed program coordinator for Biblical Studies.

President Pinson said, "This is an important move for the college and for the Biblical and Ministry Studies Department. While we lost 50 years of leadership when Brother Hampton retired last spring, I'm thankful that we had well-prepared men in Dr. Reid and Dr. Hester ready to step up professionally and continue the excellent work in Bible and Ministry. Both men are FWBBC alumni, and they have more than 30 years of collegiate teaching experience between them. They have the respect of the entire college family."

Dr. Reid has taught at FWBBC since 1982, specializing in Old Testament. Dr. Hester joined the Bible faculty in 2003; he also teaches History courses. They are regular presenters at theological and educational forums.

Reid writes the "Intersect" Bible study column in *ONE Magazine*, the bimonthly denominational publication. Hester recently published his first book titled *Eschatology and Pain in St. Gregory the Great: The Christological Synthesis of Gregory's Morals on the Book of Job*.

Provost Greg Kettelman said, "Dr. Reid and Dr. Hester possess leadership qualities such as biblical scholarship, a commitment to holy living, outstanding classroom presentations, a demonstrated love for the students, and loyalty to Free Will Baptist doctrinal positions. The mantle has passed to these fine men with an educational vision and a drive to build on yesterday's strengths."

In his role as department chair, Dr. Reid will oversee administration of the department including planning, budgeting, advising, and supervision. In addition, he will provide information for public relations, represent the college as needed, and participate in professional groups.

Dr. Hester's duties as program coordinator for Biblical Studies include oversight of curriculum in the department. Biblical Studies is one of four major divisions in the department—the others being Pastoral Ministry, Missions, and Christian Education and Youth Ministry.