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South Carolina Firm Replaces Emergency Exit for FWBBC

NASHVILLE, TN—Three men from South Carolina arrived on the Free Will Baptist Bible College campus May 29, bringing with them a 2,500-pound metal emergency stairway exit to replace the aging stairs on Thigpen Building, according to Tom Sass, vice president for financial affairs.

“These men amaze me,” Sass said. “They drove eight hours one-way in a Ford F-250 pulling a trailer loaded with equipment and that big metal stair case. They worked 18 hours dismantling the old system and installing the new one. They provided the \$15,000 stairs, the work crew, and the equipment—all at no cost to the college.”

The project began some months earlier when A.C. Allen, a member of the FWBBC Board of Trustees, spoke with the Mac Atkinson, Sr., family about the college’s urgent need to replace the worn stairs.

Pastor Mac Atkinson, Jr., (Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham), point man for the work team, said, “My dad has always believed you can’t out-give God. He owns Commercial and Industrial Piping, Inc., in Effingham. When he learned of the need, he authorized his company to build the stairs at no cost to the college. It took about a week. We’re glad we can help.”

Pastor Atkinson was accompanied on the trip to FWBBC by Shane Atkinson and Jeff Crisp. Mr. Crisp works for another company and was on vacation when he volunteered to join the team.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION: Watch that last step!

(L) Mac Atkinson, Jeff Crisp, and Shane Atkinson take a break before attaching the last section to the new emergency exit steps on FWBBC’s Thigpen Building.