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Stevens Leads LifeWay Music Workshops at Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE, TN—Dr. James Stevens, chairman of the Music Department at Free Will Baptist Bible College, presented seven keyboard workshops June 2-5 during the LifeWay Worship Leadership Conference in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. More than 800 people registered for the four-day event that featured 49 faculty/staff members and a large number of participating musical groups.

“Ridgecrest offers a great opportunity for learning the latest in worship trends and music training,” Stevens said. “It’s a great place to make new friendships and renew old ones.”

The seven one-hour workshops were done with PowerPoint (Keynote, PDFs, Finale screens, and wireless internet) presentations using projector/screen, keyboard, and whiteboard. The classes averaged 50-60 in attendance.

Kathy Franz, music events strategist at LifeWay, said Dr. Stevens received “very high comments on the surveys turned in from last week’s workshops.”

The seven workshops presented by Stevens were titled:

1. Spice Up the Hymns
2. Modulations and Transitions
3. Playing by Ear
4. Begin and End Well
5. Playing from a Lead Sheet
6. Is Three a Crowd?
7. What’s New?

Dr. Stevens has chaired the FWBBC Music Department since 2004. He continues his summer music schedule July 14-18 as a presenter in Glorieta, New Mexico, at another LifeWay Worship Leadership Conference.