

1935

Organizational meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists appoints Educational Committee naming John L. Welch National Secretary of Education.



1941



Davidson Hall is purchased from T. O. Tirrill for \$15,000 on September 24, 1941.

1942



L. C. Johnson opens school for classes on September 15, 1942.

1944



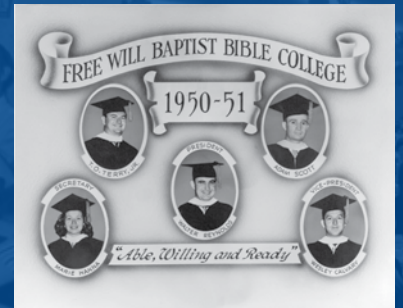
Johnson resigns from the college in 1944. L. R. Ennis serves as president from 1944 to 1947.

1947 & 1948

Johnson returns in 1947 and hires Charles and Laura Thigpen in 1948.



1951



The college confers its first four-year degrees on May 25, 1951 in the newly constructed Memorial Auditorium.

1953

F. Leroy Forlines is hired to head the extension department.



1955



Robert E. Picirilli is hired to teach Greek and New Testament courses.

1958

The college receives accreditation through Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges in October.



1990

C. Thomas Malone is named the college's fourth president.



2012

Free Will Baptist Bible College changes name to Welch College.



1965



Welch Library (Grizzard Building) is purchased for \$75,000.

1966

Academic Building is constructed at a cost of \$450,000.



1979



Charles A. Thigpen is named the college's third president.

1996



The college receives regional accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

2001



J. Matthew Pinson is named the college's fifth president.

2017

Welch College relocates from Nashville to Gallatin, Tennessee.



2017



Welch College confers the National Association's first regionally accredited graduate degrees on May 19, 2017.