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Director of Public Relations

## ROCK BAND "SEVEN DAY JESUS" TO APPEAR AT METHODIST COLLEGE

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Student Activities Committee at Methodist College will present the Christian rock band Seven Day Jesus in concert Monday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m.

Slated for the Outdoor Entertainment Complex adjacent to the March F. Riddle Center, the concert is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 per person. Methodist College students and staff will be admitted free.

The members of Seven Day Jesus grew up in Huntington, West Virginia. The lead singer and song writer is Brian McSweeney. He is accompanied by bass player Russ Fox, guitarist Chris Beaty, and drummer Matt Sumpter. Their music is a combination of energetic rock with pop melodies.

"The name Seven Day Jesus is what we're all about," says Sweeney. "God wants to be with you everyday. Christianity is not just about the Church. We should seek and nurture a relationship with God as a friend who is with us all the time, not just on Sunday but seven days a week."

Seven Day Jesus recorded its first album, *The Hunger* (5 Minute Walk) in 1996. A second album, *Seven Day Jesus* (Forefront), was released eight months ago, with the tune "Butterfly" drawing the most accolades.

For ticket information about the Seven Day Jesus concert at Methodist College, contact Chris Ryan at (910) 630-4077.

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Bill Billings

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Director of Public Relations

## **METHODIST COLLEGE BEGINS 39TH YEAR**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College anticipates a fall enrollment of 1,750-1,800 students as the college begins its 39th academic year.

The Registrar's Office expects a day enrollment of 1,275-1,325, with another 450-500 evening and weekend students. If this projection holds, overall enrollment at Methodist will increase by 3-5 percent over last year.

The residence halls open to new students Saturday, August 22 and returning students Sunday, August 23. Students in the regular day program register Monday, August 24 and start classes Tuesday, August 25. Evening and weekend students started classes this week.

The Admissions Office is expecting about 600 new students, including a record 400 freshmen. The Student Life Office projects that 722 students will be living on campus.

"It's always exciting for us when students return to the campus for a new school year," said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, college president. "Our faculty and staff have been working hard to prepare for a reaffirmation visit for Southern Association accreditation and to ensure that our students have a successful and enjoyable school year."

Methodist's new and returning students will find two new buildings under construction—a library annex and a new academic building (Walter B. and Margaret T. Clark Hall). Other campus improvement projects completed this summer include the second nine holes of the college golf course, a campus computer network giving students in-room Internet access, and a new Writing Lab.