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December 01, 2008 | Jerry Falwell Jr

Fall always seems to be the busiest time of year on Liberty Mountain. The air has turned cooler and we are surrounded by brightly colored leaves covering the Blue Ridge Mountains. Of course, fall also means football! The Liberty Flames Football team made the Sports Network's Top 25 poll for the first time in 10 years, and average attendance at home games has topped 14,000. More than 4,000 alumni joined us for Homecoming to witness the Flames achieve their second shutout of the season against Charleston Southern.

Homecoming is an exciting time at Liberty University because it allows alumni to "Come Home to Liberty" for Alumni Weekend and reconnect with friends and stay informed on new projects and plans to improve Liberty. We are extremely proud of our graduates who are making a difference in the world, and we want them to be equally proud of their alma mater. The alumni who attended Alumni Weekend expressed their solid support for Liberty's continuing commitment to train Champions for Christ and were thrilled to see the amazing improvements in facilities, programs and spiritual life. We were pleased and thankful to God to report to alumni that Liberty University's endowments and operating funds were safely invested in U.S. government-backed treasury notes in summer 2008 and escaped the losses that many schools suffered.

While so many of our alumni have gone on to achieve great success in their respective fields, our current students have also garnered national attention through their participation in Liberty's first-ever voter registration drive. It has often been said that young people are the future of our nation but, at Liberty in 2008, the future is now!

Our goal was to do everything possible to encourage our students to get involved. We began by inviting all of the candidates to visit campus and address the students. When new rules made it possible for students to register locally using dorm addresses, we launched the voter registration drive and cancelled classes on Election Day to make it as easy as possible for them to vote.

More than 4,000 Liberty students have been registered to vote through this process to join the hundreds who were already registered locally. They will now be able to vote in local elections that will have a direct impact on them as long as they call Liberty University home.

We are approaching the time of year when we all take an inventory of the blessings God has given us. When I consider what I am thankful for this year, the Liberty University students — both past and present — will be near the top of the list.

Sincerely,
Jerry Falwell, Jr.