



FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK NAMES TWO NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

COLUMBIA, Tenn. Mar. 14, 2006 – Lacy Upchurch and David Weathers have joined the First Farmers & Merchants Bank Advisory Board of Directors, bank officials announced today.

Lacy Upchurch, who will serve in Maury County, is the seventh president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, the nation’s largest state Farm Bureau, and a full-time farmer. In addition to being one of Cumberland County’s major beef producers, Upchurch has served as chairman of the Tennessee Pork Producers and on the Board of the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association, the Governor’s Economic Development Board, various committees for the University of Tennessee and numerous Farm Bureau committees at the state level. A Fentress County native, Upchurch received his undergraduate and master’s degrees from the University of Tennessee. Upchurch and his wife Kay have three children.

“Lacy has spent years serving on various boards to improve many different communities throughout Tennessee,” said T. Randy Stevens, F&M chairman and chief executive officer. “I’m confident that his commitment to service and experience at both county and state levels will greatly benefit F&M as well as Maury County.”

David Weathers, who will serve in Lawrence County, is a professional baseball player with the Cincinnati Reds. Weathers graduated from Loretto High School in 1987, where he was all-state his senior year and played baseball at Motlow State Community College. He was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays baseball club in 1988, made his major league debut in 1991, and has played 12 years in the major leagues with nine different teams,

including the 1992 World Championship Toronto Blue Jays and the 1996 World Championship New York Yankees. In 2004, he started David Weathers Charities Inc., which helps fund local playgrounds, scholarships and other youth activities, and has raised more than \$100,000 for the cause. Weathers and his wife Kelli serve as youth leaders at Liberty Grove Baptist Church and have two children.

“David has shown great compassion and integrity both on and off the field and is one of Lawrence County’s most respected citizens,” said Tim E. Pettus, F&M vice chairman and regional president. “These are the characteristics we look for when choosing our advisory board members.”

Founded in 1909, First Farmers & Merchants Bank (Member FDIC) is one of the largest independent banks in Tennessee, with total assets over \$800 million and an additional \$2.4 billion in assets held by its Trust and Financial Management Department.

Headquartered in Columbia, the bank operates more than 20 offices in a seven-county area that includes Maury, Lawrence, Marshall, Hickman, Dickson, Giles and Williamson counties. It is distinguished by its commitment to traditional, personal banking relationships that incorporate state-of-the-art technology to provide the highest possible level of service.

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