



**BARRY B. WHITE TO HEAD FIRST FARMERS TRUST DEPARTMENT;
BARBARA CAPPS TO OVERSEE MARSHALL COUNTY F&M BANKS**

COLUMBIA, Tenn. (July 6, 2009) – Barry B. White, First Farmers & Merchants Bank Marshall County President, has been named senior trust officer and will lead the bank’s Trust and Financial Management Department, it was announced today.

White will head a 16-member team whose focus is to support and maximize the trust, pension, profit-sharing and investment-related needs of the bank’s individual and business customers. Leaders on that team include Kim A. Boone, senior personal trust officer, Stephen K. Hughes, senior trust administration officer, William L. Massey, Jr., senior trust administration officer, and Roseann G. Williams, senior benefits trust officer.

Launched in 1969 and currently managing more than \$2.7 billion in assets, the First Farmers Trust and Financial Management Department was the first bank-run trust operation in a rural middle Tennessee county.

“Barry brings a unique perspective to the Trust Department, having been a practicing lawyer for a number of years and, most recently, president over several branch offices in Marshall County,” said N. Houston Parks, general counsel and chairman of the bank’s Trust Committee. “The department has been performing admirably and we believe Barry will help us build on that foundation and further expand our services for customers. He’s certainly done a fine job managing our Marshall County operations and will continue as chairman of our Marshall County Advisory Board.”

White joined First Farmers in 2003 as Marshall County President. Prior to that he was Assistant District Attorney General for five years in Marshall, Bedford, Lincoln and Moore counties and later maintained a private law practice for twenty-two years in Lewisburg specializing in litigation, corporate and real estate law. Among other civic support, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Marshall Medical Center, the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, the Marshall County Child Development Center and serves as an ambassador to the Foundation Board of Columbia State Community College. He has served two terms on the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce and, along with his wife, Cherry, has two sons and two granddaughters.

Stepping into White's shoes will be Barbara Capps, retail relationship manager at the First Farmers branch office in Lewisburg, who will become Marshall County Senior Banking Executive.

Capps has been a Marshall County banker since 1974. During her career, she's also held teller, comptroller, customer service representative, business banker, branch manager and county manager positions. She joined the Lewisburg office of First Farmers in 2004 as retail relationship manager.

As Senior Banking Executive, she will be responsible for a team of 15 employees and oversee all branch activity for the county's two First Farmers branch offices in Lewisburg and Chapel Hill.

"Barbara is a fine employee and leader and will do well as senior banking executive," White said. "She knows the people and First Farmers Bank inside and out and will bring that knowledge to her new position. She'll certainly help ensure that we continue providing outstanding customer service to the people of Marshall County."

Capps is a Marshall County native and life-long resident of Cornersville. She is married to Fred Capps, a real estate agent for Buddy Tankersley, Century 21. They have two married daughters.

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About First Farmers & Merchants Bank

Founded in 1909, First Farmers & Merchants Bank (Member FDIC) is one of the most successful independent banks in Tennessee, with total assets of approximately \$917 million and deposits in excess of \$758 million. An additional \$2.7 billion in assets is held by its Trust & Financial Management Department. Headquartered in Columbia, Tenn., the bank operates 17 offices in a seven county area in Middle Tennessee that includes Maury, Lawrence, Marshall, Hickman, Giles, Dickson 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. For additional information, visit www.fandmbank.com or call the main office at 931.388.3145.