



**HARVEY CHURCH JOINS F&M
AS SENIOR PRIVATE BANKING EXECUTIVE**

Will Head New Client Services Department

COLUMBIA, Tenn. Dec. 21, 2006 – First Farmers & Merchants Bank announced today that Harvey Church will join the bank as a senior private banking executive. Church will head F&M’s newly established Client Services Department, which will focus on three general areas: personal banking, financial planning, and trust and estate needs.

“We are very excited to have Harvey join our team,” said F&M President John P. Tomlinson III. “His banking experience and market knowledge will be instrumental in the success of our new Client Services Department.”

Church has almost 20 years of local banking experience. Prior to his new position with F&M, he served as city president of Regions Bank, formerly AmSouth Bank, for the past 10 years. In this position, he was responsible for all banking services and lines of business in Maury, Dickson, Cheatham, Bedford and Lincoln counties. He also has worked as a branch manager and loan officer with other local banks.

“We’ve been looking to create the Client Services Department for some time. Having Harvey available to help was great timing,” said Tomlinson.

“This new line of business will utilize the many strengths of F&M,” said Church. “I’m looking forward to developing this new department that will provide a variety of product offerings, such as trust, lending and financial management, all under one roof.”

Church earned a bachelor's degree in economics and finance from Union University in Jackson. He is a graduate of Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia and the Owen School of Business at Vanderbilt University. Church is a Maury County native and is a member of many community organizations, including the Maury Alliance Board of Directors, Maury Regional Hospital Advisory Board, Boys and Girls Club and Kiwanis Club of Columbia. He also serves as district chairman for the Duck River Boy Scouts of America. Church is married with two children and attends Zion Presbyterian Church.

Founded in 1909, First Farmers & Merchants Bank (Member FDIC) is one of the most successful independent banks in Tennessee, with total assets approximately \$800 million and an additional \$2.5 billion in assets held by its Trust & Financial Management Department. Headquartered in Columbia, the bank operates 19 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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