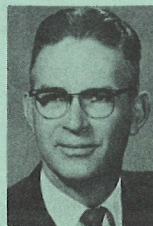


## The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



The Lord was punishing David for his sins. He had asked that God not put the punishment upon his people but upon him. God told him to offer a sacrifice to stop the plague that was sweeping the land, and he set out to do that very thing. When he came to the designated spot to offer the sacrifice, one of his subjects by the name of Araunah offered to furnish the oxen for the offering and the wood for the fire. But David declined cheap worship and service by saying, "Nay, but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (II Samuel 24:24).

Nothing worthwhile in life can be obtained cheaply. A good education can't be purchased at a cheap price by mail order.

It is when we try the easy way that we lose. Pearl Harbor represents to America a costly time of ease and unreadiness. Hannibal, one of the greatest generals of all time, lost his next crucial battle after letting his soldiers spend the winter in a place of ease.

The proclamation of the gospel to a lost world is a costly venture. It will take the sacrifice of many lives on the part of Christian people. Lives, which otherwise might be spent in ease and enjoyment of the material blessings of life, will necessarily be poured out on far flung mission fields.

Education too plays a vital role in the evangelization of the world, and it also comes with a price. Young men and women who endeavor to enter any phase of Christian service must pay the price to get a good education. Too long Free Will Baptists have relied on other institutions to educate their youth and have not provided adequate means of training for them. Now necessity is upon us. To maintain our heritage and to proclaim the faith we have, we must pay the price to support centers of education that will train our workers to go into all the world with the gospel of Christ. Every pastor should lead his congregation in giving to the Christian education program and every layman should feel responsible to contribute to this cause.

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## INCREASED NEEDS OF COLLEGE NECESSITATES SPRING OFFERING



**NEW SIGN---**Visitors to the Oklahoma Bible College should have no difficulty in locating the school with the recent installation of this large sign at the entrance of the campus. The two-way sign is clearly visible from Interstate Highway 35. The sign, which is valued at \$1200, was the project of the state Master's Men for the current year. Contributions toward the cost are still being accepted by the officers of that organization. Assisting with the placing of the sign are, left to right, Rev. Delbert Akin, Business Manager Dan Farmer, and Mr. Lowell Bates of the Norman Glass Company who constructed the sign. Mr. Bates is active in the Master's Men work.

The Special Spring Offering to be received on behalf of Oklahoma Bible College Sunday, May 7, 1967, comes at a time when schools around the nation are experiencing a noted pinch in their school budgets.

A story in The Wall Street Journal on April 13, 1967, reveals that public schools in several states face setbacks in their educational programs now in operation due to the lack of finances. Forced measures are being initiated by many schools because of an apparent "hardening of public attitudes towards increases in local education outlays." The article noted that in most states school taxes, unlike other levies, must be approved by a popular vote.

The pinch in the school budget is also being felt by Oklahoma Bible College but the cause of Christian education cannot be carried to the taxpayers for remedy. It must be alleviated by faithful friends of the College. Many individuals have given regularly to the College for a number of months. Yet even with this faithful support, the offerings for the first three months of 1967 have dropped sharply, and funds are needed immediately if the budget for the current year is to be met. There-

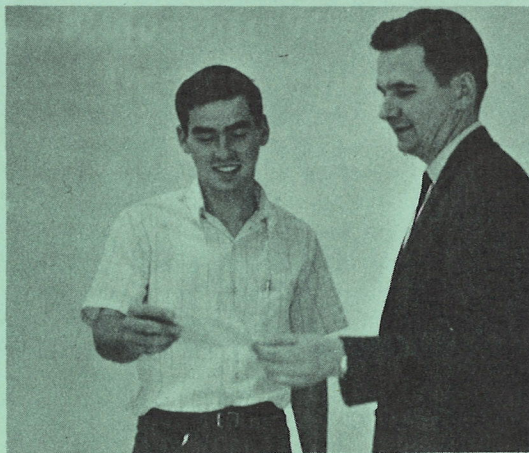
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# Three OBC Students Awarded Scholarships

Edwin Bowden, Oklahoma Bible College freshman from Booneville, Arkansas, was recently awarded a \$150 scholarship for religious training from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Arkansas. Bowden was awarded the scholarship on the basis of academic record, citizenship, character, and financial need.

Bowden is also one of three students who has recently been awarded scholarships available to deserving students through the Oklahoma Bible College. These are awarded by a committee of the College on the basis of academic merit and financial need. Bowden received the Jake Gage Ministerial Scholarship of \$150 with \$75 being applied to his account each semester. Robert Grider, a sophomore from Fort Worth, Texas, received the \$50 W. L. Jernigan Memorial Scholarship.



**RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP** --- Freshman Edwin Bowden, left, Booneville, Arkansas, accepts from OBC Business Manager Dan Farmer the \$150 scholarship he was awarded by the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Arkansas. The presentation was made during a recent chapel period.

Sophomore Dennis Teague, Ardmore, Oklahoma, was recipient of the \$75 scholarship from the Hopewell Number Two Association. This is limited to students from their association.

## Mid-Semester Honor Roll

The names of six students were placed on the mid-semester Honor Rolls of Oklahoma Bible College. They are as follows:

### PRESIDENT'S LIST:

Gayle Gardner.....Purcell, Okla.

### DEAN'S LIST:

Edwin Bowden.....Booneville, Ark.

Sandy Davenport.....Countyline, Okla.

Charlyne Hinesley.....Tulsa, Okla.

Charles Murphy.....Ada, Okla.

Mary Jane Ponsler.Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Spring Offering (Con't. from p.1)

fore the appeal of a Special Spring Offering is being issued to all friends of the College.

Materials relative to the Special Spring Offering will soon be received by Free Will Baptist pastors for distribution to each member of their congregation. If a church feels a date other than May 7 would better fit into their program, the change can successfully be made. Individuals may send their contributions earmarked Special Spring Offering directly to the College.

The cost of services is increasing regularly. Supplies, including foodstuff, are constantly on the rise. The current expansion of volumes to the OBC Library has exceeded the money being received for that project. The operating needs of the College continually have to be met. Therefore, an offering above that which is regularly given to the College through the Co-operative Plan and designated gifts is needed during these crucial spring months.

# Senior Day Attracts Wide Representation



**SENIOR DAY VISITORS**---OBC students Mary Jane Ponsler, right, and Joel Kircher talk with senior Nita Maltix, left, of Tulsa, and Gloria Salyer, a junior from Tulsa. The girls were among the 77 persons who registered for Senior Day, April 8. Both visitors attend Central Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa.

A total of 77 persons registered for the first annual Senior Day held Saturday, April 8, on the new campus of the Oklahoma Bible College. The highlight of the activities came with the committal service at the end of the day when two seniors publicly dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord.

During the day's program, seniors heard members of the faculty discuss the value of a Christian education, explain the courses of study available at OBC, and relate the cost of such an education. Several OBC students launched the activities of the day with a period of entertainment while other students presented different aspects of campus life during the conference session. The activities were concluded with the showing of two gospel films.

## Students Win 21 To Christ Through Christian Service

A total of 21 persons were won to the Lord through the Christian Service Department of OBC during the month of March, according to a report from Director Eugene Workman. These decisions were witnessed by students as they engaged in various phases of the Christian Service Department. OBC students were also influential in the decisions of 14 other persons who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour during regular church services.

A total of 216 people were contacted by students while on their Christian Service assignments. They also distributed 224 tracts during the month.

The practical aspect of applying that which is obtained in the classroom is an important phase of a Bible College education. Each student is assigned to a group in which they participate on a regular basis.

## Coming Events At OBC

April 28

First Oklahoma CTS Eliminations  
7:30 p. m.

May 5

Faculty Night.....7:30 p. m.

May 6

State CTS Eliminations.....7:30 p. m.

May 21

Baccalaurette service.....7:30 p. m.

May 22-25

Final Semester Examinations

May 26

Faculty Breakfast for 1967 class

8:00 a. m.

All-School Outing.....9:30 a. m.

Commencement Exercises 8:00 p. m.