

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



"For this cause came I unto this hour" (John 12:27), were the solemn words of Jesus as He rejected the possibility that He turn from the purpose for which He had come into the world. With firm resolve He then set forth to endure unflinchingly that which was so necessary for Him to do.

Every man is born into life with a specific purpose. God has a will for each life. It is true that to some God gives a high and lofty purpose and so directs them that the accomplishments of their lives are beneficial to the lives of thousands of others. Some of us are called upon to fill rather sedate and ordinary places in life. Every man should recognize, however, that every purpose to which a man gives his life is important in God's overall plan.

Abraham was called to begin a nation of worshippers of the one true God. Moses was called to the purpose of leading that infant nation out of captivity to the Promised Land. Joshua was chosen to establish them in Canaan. To David was given the purpose of organizing them as a nation settled in the worship of God. To

Elijah was relegated the task of saving them from Baalism, while Jeremiah had the sad duty of pronouncing God's judgment upon them as they went astray.

Each believer should seek God's purpose for his life. There should be some area of Christian experience to which every believer dedicates the larger part of his energy. To some who cannot go to the mission field, it should be to support missions. To some who have not the call to the pulpit, personal soul winning should be the emphasis of their life. To many the prayer of intercession in behalf of others should be a calling.

Christian education is a vital part of every ministry of the church. Among Free Will Baptists it has never received wide support. However, in the critical years ahead, if our Lord taries, the colleges of our denomination are going to play a vital role in the broadening of our missions and evangelistic program. There should be those among Free Will Baptists who accept the challenge of supporting OBC in its ministry. Could this be a part of God's call for your life?

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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE SET

The second annual Missionary Conference to be hosted on the Oklahoma Bible College campus will begin with opening exercises Monday night March 18, and continue through Wednesday night, March 20. This Conference, which is designed to interest and stimulate students, pastors, and laymen alike, will feature both the Home and Foreign Missions departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

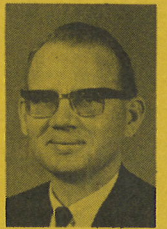
Scheduled to participate on the program during the three-day event are Mark Vandivort, Assistant to Director, National Home Missions Department; Robert Shockey, Field Secretary, National Home Missions Department; Johnny Postlewaite, Church Extension, Portland, Oregon; Earnie Deeds, missionary to Brazil; Lonnie Sparks, missionary to Africa; James Murray, Chairman, Oklahoma State Mission Board; Delbert Akin, Chairman, First Oklahoma Association Mission Board; and members of the Oklahoma



SHOCKEY



SPARKS



DEEDS

Bible College faculty.

All day services will be held on the campus with the evening services being held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Moore.

The program for the three-day conference is as follows:

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 18

7:00 Opening Exercises Vandivort
7:15 Field Report Sparks
8:00 Message Postlewaite

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 19

8:30 Mission Study-Field Report
Sparks, Shockey
9:30 Paper-Group Discussion
Vandivort, Deeds

10:30 Fellowship Time

11:00 Message Deeds

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Mission Prayer Band .. Postlewaite

1:45 Panel Farmer

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VANDIVORT



POSTLEWAITE

Brisk Start Of Bond Sales See February Slack

Bond sales started out very briskly in January but slackened somewhat in February, according to OBC President J. D. O'Donnell. To date around \$125,000 of the bonds have been sold or reserved for buyers. This is very good and a praiseworthy item since it took a full year to sell only \$140,000 worth in the previous bond program.

With approximately \$175,000 worth yet to sell, the bond salesmen need the help of every Free Will Baptist in making contacts. Sales have been made where pastors and other interested individuals have given us the names of those who were interested. This is a big task and demands the aid of everyone.

Bonds of each denomination (\$250, \$500,



STATE HOME MISSIONS CHAIRMAN James Murray, center, discusses home mission efforts in Oklahoma with Floyd Wolfenbarger, left, a second semester student from Springfield, Ohio. The Rev. Murray, who will participate in the upcoming OBC Missionary Conference, had served as a special speaker for the daily Missionary Prayer Band service. At the right is Registrar Eugene Workman.

and \$1,000) yet remain. Friends of the school have invested amounts as high as \$20,000. All of these are appreciated. However, it is hoped that everyone who can make any type investment will do so. Bonds may be purchased on credit with a payment of ten percent down and a stipulated amount each month. This is a good savings plan for buyers, and the money becomes available immediately for the College.

CONFERENCE (Con't. from page 1)

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 19
7:00 Opening Exercises..... Workman
7:15 State Field Report..... Murray
8:00 Message..... Sparks

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 20
8:30 Mission Bible Study-Paper..... Postlewaite, Deeds
9:30 Paper-Group Discussion..... Sparks, Vandivort
10:30 Fellowship time
11:00 Message..... O'Donnell
12:00 Lunch
1:15 Mission Prayer Band..... Sparks
1:45 Open Forum..... O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 20
7:00 Missionary film
7:45 Opening Exercises Akin
8:00 Field Report..... Deeds
8:30 Message..... Shockey

Recent Chapel Speakers

Recent chapel speakers have included the State Promotional Secretary N. R. Smith who spoke on the relationship of churches to their denominational program, and the Rev. Teddy Wilbanks, pastor of the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina.

Attention All Seniors!

Saturday, April 6, has been designated as Senior Day on the campus of Oklahoma Bible College. The event, which was inaugurated last year as an annual event, is expected to attract high school seniors from across the Midwest. The day is planned to better acquaint these honored guests with the College, its curriculum, faculty, students, and facilities, and to emphasize the value and need for education based upon Biblical principles and obtained in a Christian atmosphere.

Plans are presently being formulated to include a special speaker with a message of timely interest to young people, a period of entertainment and fellowship, a question and answer session, and tours of the present campus facilities and the construction site of the new men's dormitory which is scheduled to be underway at that time. OBC students will be assisting with the events of the day.

Last year's response was gratifying and it is hoped that the pastors and youth leaders will again urge their graduating seniors to attend this day planned in their honor.

Full-Time Enrollment Shows 37 Per Cent Gain

Full-time enrollment for the spring semester at Oklahoma Bible College shows a gain of 37 per cent over the 1967 spring total of full-time students, according to Registrar Eugene Workman.

Enrollment for the 1968 spring semester now stands at 78 with a full-time-equivalent enrollment of 61 compared with last spring's head count of 60 and full-time-equivalent enrollment of 38.

The campus total includes 47 men and 31 women. Enrollment by classes is 45 freshmen, 21 sophomores, and 12 special students.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE ADDED TO OBC STAFF

The Rev. Lynn Wood, moderator of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, has been added to the staff of Oklahoma Bible College in the position of Field Representative. The Rev. Wood, who will fulfill this capacity on a part-time basis, will represent the College at both quarterly and associational meetings. He is also an authorized agent of the College for the sale of bonds in the current investment program.

The official approval of the Rev. Wood's appointment to this position was made by the College Board of Trustees in their January meeting. He will continue to serve as the minister of the Ada Free Will Baptist Church.

Honor Roll Released

Two students maintained straight "A" averages throughout the first semester of classwork at Oklahoma Bible College and have thus earned the right to be admitted to the President's List.

Eleven other students maintained a 3.0 grade average and have been placed on the Dean's List.

PRESIDENT'S LIST:
Gayle Gardner, So..... Purcell
Nora Mae Jernigan, F... Ft. Smith, Ark.

DEAN'S LIST:
Edwin Bowden, So..... Booneville, Ark.
Donald Bryan, So..... Tulsa
Mary Jane Ponsler, So.... Oklahoma City
Dale Smith, So..... McAlester
Donna Faught, F..... Coweta
Clyde Gillentine, F..... Dallas, Tex.
Sue Ann Hinesley..... Tulsa
Kandice O'Hern, F..... Hennessey
David Parish, F..... Ardmore
Karen Rhoades, F..... Tulsa
Gary Terrell, F..... Joplin, Mo.