

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



Harvest Day has stood out in the lives of all people. Most nations have had commemorative feasts to celebrate some phase of the harvest. Related to harvest is the sustenance of life, because the continuation of life does depend upon daily bread.

The Jews had a Festival of Ingathering (Exodus 23:16) or feast of harvest. This was the most well known of the three great Jewish feasts. It was held after the ingathering of the harvest and fruits. This great feast, being the most outstanding, was also referred to as "the feast of the Lord."

This feast was to be a time of great joy in Israel as they gathered in the labor of the field (Exodus 23:16), the grain from the threshing floor, the wine of the wine press (Deuteronomy 16:13), and the fruit of the earth (Leviticus 23:39). At this time of joy they dwelled in specially built booths or tabernacles to remind them of the fatherly care and protection of the Lord as He brought them from Egypt to the promised land. All the males of the people were expected to appear before the

Lord with an offering at the time of this feast.

Believers in Christ do not celebrate such an occasion anymore. However, among Free Will Baptists in the Oklahoma Bible College area, an annual occasion is the Harvest Day Offering. This is an annual affair in which the College expects a basic underwriting of its budget for the coming year. In years gone by, this offering has been very meaningful to the College. The offering given by our people and our churches has supplemented the regular monthly giving and made it sufficient to meet the needs of the College.

Although this is not a feast to the Lord, it is an occasion for you to share in the vital ministry of Christian education. It should be a time of rejoicing among Free Will Baptists as they see the needs of the College met through this means.

It is hoped that everyone receiving this NEWSLETTER will share in Harvest Day through his offering. Remember, too, that your gift can be doubled or tripled as you encourage others to share in the support of Oklahoma Bible College.

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HARVEST DAY DRIVE SEEKS TO UNDERWRITE CURRENT BUDGET

Employing the theme, "Keep the LIGHT shining forth," Oklahoma Bible College is again attempting to underwrite the yearly budget through the annual Harvest Day Drive. Sunday, October 20, has been designated as the 1968 Harvest Day in keeping with the tradition that the drive be climaxed on the Sunday prior to the opening of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists.

OBC President Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, in a recent letter to over three hundred pastors urging their full support of this annual drive, noted that Harvest Day has been one of the keys to the basic support of the College. During the 1967 drive, \$4,222.34 was received for the underwriting of the budget. Many churches are realizing the need to contribute systematically to the financial success of the College and are including OBC in their regular

church budget. This action has been most gratifying to members of the OBC administration. However, the unifying effort of Harvest Day is expected to continue to play an important role in raising funds for the general budget.

According to Business Manager Dan Farmer, the current drive is an attempt to underwrite in cash gifts or pledges the \$138,800.00 budget approved by the State Association in their 1967 meeting. The Business Manager emphasized that without the assistance of the pastors in presenting the needs and the goals of OBC to their congregations, the people would not respond as readily. Pastors have been mailed posters for display in their churches. Gift and pledge envelopes also have been sent to the pastors for distribution to their people since members of the local congregations are not being sent individual Harvest Day letters this year. It is hoped that many will find the pledge envelopes a desirable way to give systematically to OBC for a period of one year.

Pastors or key personnel of the churches are asked to report the amount of their Harvest Day offering to the College booth at the state meeting when it convenes with the Southern Oaks Church in Oklahoma City October 22.

76 Per Cent Increase

The final registration figures for the fall semester at Oklahoma Bible College show that the full-time enrollment increased seventy-six per cent over the previous fall semester. Registrar Eugene Workman stated that although
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Student Body Increases

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the actual head count of students enrolled now stands at eighty-six, only a seven per cent increase over last year's head count, the large increase in full-time students can be attributed to the fact that almost all of the students enrolled are carrying a full academic load. This is in keeping with the enrollment predictions of last summer; however, the number of part-time students was not as great as expected.

The students are listed by states with hometowns and class ranks as follows.

ARKANSAS

Dennis Davis, Jr., Sp..... Fort Smith
Martha Hill, Fr..... Atkins
Nora Jernigan, So..... Fort Smith
Andrew Percy, Fr..... Hackett

CALIFORNIA

Karen McCook, Fr..... Stockton
Kenneth Sluder, Fr..... Garden Grove
Craig Wood, Fr..... Richmond

COLORADO

David Duke, Fr..... Arvada
Deborah Gary, Fr..... Denver
Sharon Hartley, Fr..... Lakewood
Lorraine Schreiner, Fr..... Denver

KANSAS

Kathy Barclift, Fr..... Kansas City
Michael Harris, Fr..... Liberal
Larry Messer, Fr..... Salina
Sid Nichols, Sp..... Wellington
Robert Olson, Fr..... Salina

MISSOURI

Robert Colby, Fr..... St. Ann
Roger DePriest, Fr..... St. John
Coy Donakey, Fr..... Polo
Tom Hampton, Fr..... Springfield
Richard Terry, So..... Lee's Summit

OHIO

Floyd Wolfenbarger, So..... Springfield

OKLAHOMA

Judith Akin, Fr..... Ada
Linda Bagwell, Sp..... Chickasha
Gary Barentine, Fr..... Oklahoma City
Diann Barnard, Fr..... Moore
Patricia Beck, So..... Ninnekah
Rebecca Borden, Fr..... Oklahoma City
Doug Brown, So..... Tulsa
Jeraldine Carroll, Fr..... Moore
Joe Ed Conn, Fr..... Lexington
Archie Cooksey, So..... Graham
Gwen Coughran, Fr..... Checotah
Mary Craig, Fr..... Moore
Dwight Croom, Fr..... Norman
Gerald Davis, Fr..... Oklahoma City
Alvin Easton, Fr..... Lexington
Charles Gann, So..... Tulsa
Sandra Godfrey, Fr..... Stigler
Thelma Haws, Fr..... Tulsa
William Haynes, Fr..... Tulsa
Judy Hearron, Sp..... Moore
Sue Ann Hinesley, So..... Tulsa
Leroy Holman, Sp..... Ada
Lewis Howell, So..... Lone Grove
Artie Hudson, Fr..... Spencer
David Laird, Fr..... Tulsa
Eunice Lunsford, Fr..... Del City
Miles Lunsford, Fr..... Del City
Albert McDonald, So..... Weatherford
Orville McDougall, Sp..... Midwest City
Sandra Mackey, Sp..... Chickasha
Barbara Martin, Fr..... Oklahoma City
Shirley Martin, Sp..... Oklahoma City
Randall Miller, Sp..... Ada
J. C. Morgan, Fr..... Chickasha
Sue Mullins, Fr..... Alma
LaBeth Myers, Sp..... Oklahoma City
Marjorie Odle, So..... McAlester
Dan O'Donnell, Fr..... Norman
David Parish, So..... Ardmore
Earl Perry, Fr..... Oklahoma City
Mary Jane Ponsler, Sp... Oklahoma City
Steven Randall, Sp..... Midwest City
Karen Rhoades, So..... Tulsa
Vickie Ross, Fr..... Oklahoma City

SPEAKERS FOR BIBLE CONFERENCE NAMED

Two well-known Free Will Baptist ministers will be the keynote speakers at the annual Bible Conference to be hosted by the Oklahoma Bible College November 20-23. They are the Reverend Dean Moore and the Reverend Wade Jernigan.

Reverend Moore is currently pastoring the First Church in Richmond, California. He has long been active in the work of Free Will Baptists in that state having served four years as president of the California Bible Institute at Fresno. The Reverend Jernigan, who helped guide Oklahoma Bible College in its earlier days, is now serving as pastor of the Cavanaugh Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He has been widely used as an evangelist and also served as a home missionary to Jerome, Idaho, under the auspices of the National Home Missions Department.



JERNIGAN



MOORE

The opening service of the Conference will be Wednesday evening, November 20, with the closing services to be Saturday morning, November 23. One of the highlights of Saturday morning will be the dedication of the new dormitory now in its final stages of construction. Tours of the new facility will be scheduled following the dedication.

All daytime services will be held in the chapel of the College with the night services being held at the Southern Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, 7201 South Santa Fe, Oklahoma City. Meals will be available in the College dining hall.

Special music will be provided by the OBC Music Department throughout the Conference. Complete program details will be found in the November issue of the NEWSLETTER.

NEWS BRIEFS

The latest arrival on the Oklahoma Bible College campus made her appearance on September 23, 1968. She is Regina Raylene Workman, the daughter of faculty members, the Reverend and Mrs. Eugene Workman. The seven pound one ounce girl is their first child.

Recent Chapel speakers have included Mrs. Shirley Wisner, world traveler and author of several tracts, who is associated with International Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Mich., and the Rev. Van Dale Hudson, a full time Free Will Baptist evangelist of Amory, Miss.

STUDENT BODY (Continued)

Jeri Rutledge, Fr..... Tulsa
Robert Scroggins, So..... Ada
Gerold Steele, Fr..... Del City
Linda Stewart, Fr..... Owasso
David Sutton, So..... Oklahoma City
Billy Thomas, Fr..... Moore
Emery Vanover, Fr..... Oklahoma City
Glen Walters, So..... Oklahoma City
Milburn Wilson, So..... Edmond
Arilla Wode, So..... Collinsville
Allen Wood, Fr..... Ada
Harold Young, So..... Norman

TEXAS

Gloria Followwill, Fr..... Arlington
Clyde Gillentine, So..... Dallas
Jerry Johnson, Fr..... Houston
Thomas Marberry, So..... Bryan
Paul Meyer, Fr..... Corpus Christi
Patricia Parr, Fr..... Bowie
James Rainey, Fr..... Grapevine

WASHINGTON

Kenneth Sheppard, Fr..... Yakima