

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



Each member of the Free Will Baptist denomination is bound in a solemn covenant. All the words of that covenant should be sacred to the believer, and he should strive daily to live up to them. Among the words of that covenant is a phrase which reads, "To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education." These words are no less a privilege and obligation than the others in this covenant.

Statistics would probably show that around 200,000 members of the Free Will Baptist denomination average less than \$6.00 per member to all the programs of our national association combined. This is a sad commentary on the overall denominational giving. However, it overlooks one fact that should not be forgotten. This statistic is very deceptive. The true fact is that the denomination has many members who are giving sacrificially to world-wide outreach and that their gifts sometimes amounts to hundreds of dollars. At the same time there are many who give nothing to programs of world-wide outreach. To show how sad this is, note that if one member has a \$10 a month pledge

to some phase of the work, his annual gift is \$120. In comparing this with \$6 per year per member, it would mean for this one man who gave, there were 19 who gave nothing.

We are proud that we are Free Will Baptists. There is no wrong in pride of this nature as long as it represents a dedication to the will of the Lord. But when we stick out our chests and proclaim that we are Free Will Baptists, it should be on the basis that we are dedicated to the task of the church.

The denominational program of education greatly needs a new host of friends who will begin living up to this part of our covenant. There is a group of givers dedicated to this cause. Their gifts are generous and even sacrificially given, but maybe one out of twenty giving to the cause of education is not sufficient to accomplish the task which we have.

If you haven't read the church covenant lately, reread it. Determine definitely that you are truly a Free Will Baptist. When you do, I believe that you will "agree to labor for the promotion of education."

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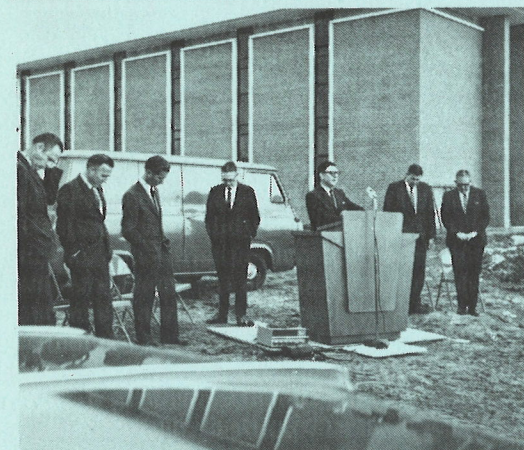
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MOVE TO NEW DORM A REALITY

An event anticipated by faculty and students occurred in early December when the men students of Oklahoma Bible College moved into the new dormitory facility. Although all phases of the inte-



DORMITORY DEDICATION--- The Reverend Ernest Harrison, Sr., a member of the OBC Board of Trustees, delivers the dedicatory prayer during the November 23 dedication of the new dormitory facility shown in the background. Other participants include, left to right, architect Loyal Furry; Oklahoma's Executive Secretary Homer Young; Board of Trustee chairman Jerry Rhoades; OBC President Dr. J. D. O'Donnell; Director of Promotions Lynn Wood; and Board of Trustee member James Murray.

rior work were not completed at that time, the finishing touches now have been completed and the contractors are expected to present the building officially to the College Board of Trustees in late January. The 56-student capacity dormitory was dedicated on November 23 at the conclusion of the annual Bible Conference.

College officials feel that it is not advisable to let the contract for the second dormitory right at the present time until there is further assurance that sufficient funds can be raised through Operation Participation and until sewage problems are solved. The College is faced with the added expense of enlarging the size of its present lagoon unless approval is granted to connect with the disposal system of a nearby city.

In a recent letter to the pastors, OBC President Dr. J. D. O'Donnell stated that the College has and continues to enjoy the blessings of the Lord. But he encouraged the continued support of this outreach for Christ through Christian education in four ways.

1. **THE GENERAL FUND:** The needs of the College are great at this time and only through consistent monthly giving by OBC supporters can the College expect to meet its monthly financial obligations.

2. **OPERATION PARTICIPATION:** This is the plan which was launched last summer to raise half of the needed finances
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PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR ASKS:

'Do You Know What The Saddest Word Is?'

According to a well-known dictionary publisher, the following is a list of the seven most expressive words:

1. The most reverent is "mother."
2. The most beautiful is "love."
3. The most tragic is "death."
4. The warmest is "friendship."
5. The coldest is "no."
6. The most bitter is "alone."
7. The saddest is "forgotten"--

and that's where we come in. It is evident that many of our friends have forgotten Operation Participation.

We are grateful for those who have enlisted in this worthy and needed endeavor; but we have only scratched the surface of our goal.

Did you know that there are almost 20,000 Free Will Baptists listed in Okla. alone? That means that with our goal of 2,000 people who will give \$100 each, we will need ten per cent of Oklahoma's membership to adopt Operation Participation. This can be done only as the pastor

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for the construction of additional dormitory space. The Reverend Lynn Wood, Director of Promotions for OBC, will be glad to arrange a special day in any church to help enlist the 2,000 participants needed in this drive. He may be contacted at the College.

3. **BOND INVESTMENTS:** The latest report of bond sales released shows that bonds totaling \$212,500 have been placed. This means that \$87,500 of the total \$300,000 bond program remains to be placed at this time. Write or call the College for further information.

4. **PRAYER:** Prayer for the College should be a part of every church service and included on the prayer list of individual members.

and the layman share with us in helping our people to see this need.

Some churches have already enlisted as high as twenty-five per cent of their membership while other churches have not enlisted any participants. This is a program that needs to be sold to all congregations, whether small or large in number. Will you share in enlisting the membership of your local church? Let's see which church can enlist the greater percentage of its membership in the shortest period of time.

Coming Events At OBC

The annual OBC Talent Contest will be held on February 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the College Chapel. The event, which will feature members of the student body, is one of the year's highlights. The Student Council, who sponsors the competition, will present trophies to the top three entrants. The public is invited to attend.

Yearbook Staff Extends Advertising Deadline

Miss Pat Beck and Mr. Thomas Marberry, co-editors of the 1969 Harvest yearbook, report that advertisements for the publication will be accepted until February 10. The extension of the deadline was necessitated because many of the churches and associations which were contacted by letter last fall have apparently let the deadline unknowingly slip by.

The cost is as follows: full page-\$40 and you receive a free copy of the yearbook; one-half page-\$25; one-fourth page-\$15; and one-eighth page-\$10.



GETTING ACQUAINTED --- Little Bobby Sanders, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders, missionaries to Hawaii, gets acquainted with some Oklahomans during a visit to the OBC campus in early January. From left to right are the Rev. J. B. Chism, Tulsa pastor; Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, OBC President; and the boy's father. Brother Sanders addressed the students twice during his campus visit.

OBC In Top Category

Oklahoma Bible College has the highest percentage of first-time freshmen among the state and private colleges of Oklahoma in the American College Testing Program's Composite Standard Score category of 26-36. The 26-36 category is the highest score possible.

According to the recent report released by the Oklahoma State Regents For Higher Education, 33 percent of OBC's first-time freshmen were in the 26-36 category. Oklahoma University was second with 22 percent and Phillips University followed with 21 percent of its students in the same category.

Participation in the ACT program is a requirement for every person who desires to attend college in the state of Oklahoma.

Dean Of Women Cited As "Outstanding Woman"

Mrs. Marjorie Workman, Counselor of Women at Oklahoma Bible College, was recently chosen as one of the outstanding young women in America for 1968 and will appear in the annual biographical compilation, "Outstanding Young Women of America."

Each year over 5,000 young women are nominated as outstanding young women of America by leading women's organizations and college alumnae associations across America. The women are selected because of their outstanding accomplishments in community service, religious and political activities and professional endeavors.

Mrs. Workman, who was nominated for this honor by her alma mater, Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, joined the faculty of OBC with her husband Eugene in August, 1966. They have a four-month-old daughter Regena. Mrs. Workman is an active member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Moore.

NEWS BRIEFS

After considerable negotiations, the College has been approved by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service for the attendance of foreign non-immigrant students. This approval was made official December 11, 1968, according to Academic Dean Clarence Hearn.

David O'Donnell, 15 year old son of OBC President Dr. and Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell, is recovering from major surgery performed on January 13. He is presently at his home and is expected to resume studies with his sophomore class in mid-February.