

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



Several months ago our oldest son announced that God had called him to the ministry. To me this was a time of great rejoicing because I had always hoped that God would call at least one of my sons into the ministry of the Word. Even though I was well acquainted with the burdens and problems of the ministry, I was thrilled to hear a son of mine announce that he intended to respond to the call of God and devote his life's energies to witness for Christ.

Our second son received a different call to a different ministry. A little over a year ago God gave us a sign that he wanted him for a heavenly ministry. Through a malignant tumor it was indicated to us that his earthly life would be ended in a few months. God was gracious to us and gave him to us for almost a full year before his condition necessitated a serious operation. By God's grace we were allowed three more months with him after the operation before God called him on home to be with him.

It is most difficult for us who are left behind to understand God's ways. The

strong temptation was ever there for us to ask of God that he leave our son for some type of earthly ministry. Tears and the deepest sympathies of friends have failed to erase the gap that now exists in our lives. This will never be filled, but we must come to accept God's ways. From the Word we learn that God knows best and, even though in our human frame we cannot understand, we must accept the fact that God has called David to a higher ministry. In the words of a friend who wired, "David is a champion. He has won the prize."

I want to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds who have shared our loss with us. Cards, letters, flowers, gifts, and words have shown that you entered this experience with us. Our inability to thank all personally does not keep us from appreciating all that you have done. We feel that our loss will enable us to enter more deeply into similar experiences of others in the future. And although we count it a great loss, we know that with heavenly eyes we shall some day come to know that it was a blessing.

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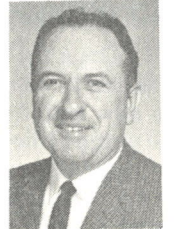
Speakers Named For Graduation Activities

The 1969 graduating class of Oklahoma Bible College will be addressed by a Tulsa pastor and a professor from Free Will Baptist Bible College during the week of graduation activities, May 25-30.

The Reverend J. B. Chism, pastor of the New Home Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, will be the speaker for the traditional Baccalaureate service on Sunday night, May 25. The service will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the College Chapel. Mr. Chism, a graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, came to New Home Church from a Virginia pastorate.



SIMPSON



CHISM

Dr. Douglas J. Simpson, a Free Will Baptist layman and a member of the faculty at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, will deliver the Commencement address on Friday night, May 30. The Commencement exercises will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Southern Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, 7201 South Santa Fe, Oklahoma City. Dr. Simpson, who edits a denominational publication, Teach And Train Magazine, is currently on leave of absence from his teaching position while completing doctoral work on a degree in the Philosophy of Education at Oklahoma University.

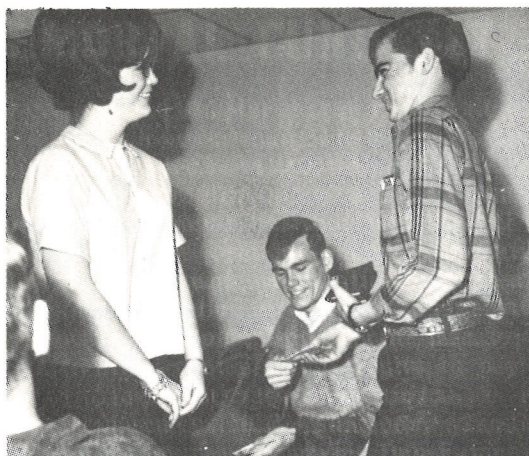
The faculty will honor the graduating sophomores of 1969 with the annual Faculty Breakfast on Friday morning, May 30.

The final examination period of May 23-28 will be climaxed on May 29 with an all-school outing involving the entire student body. On the evening of May 29, special services for all students will be held in the College Chapel.

Reach Halfway Mark

The Oklahoma State Master's Men organization has reached the halfway mark in their current project of purchasing draperies for the new dormitory on the Oklahoma Bible College campus, according to a report from Wyman Straughan, state president.

Six Master's Men chapters representing four associations have contributed \$440.00 toward the \$800.00 project. The state group voted to purchase the drapes as its project for the 1968-69 year at its state meeting last October. Contributions may be sent to the State Master's Men treasurer or to the OBC Business Office.



SLAVE FOR A DAY--OBC student Deborah Gary doesn't seem too unhappy about her lot as she watches "master" Dave Duke pay the price of her purchase. Ken Sluder, center, serves as leader of the Missionary Prayer Band which recently sponsored the slave auction in an effort to raise money for the Missionary Scholarship Fund which the prayer groups adopted last fall as their project of the year. The scholarship will be awarded to a missionary's child or to a worthy missionary candidate. Each girl was released by her "master" after completing several menial tasks of his choosing.

Offerings Being Totaled

Notification of contributions to OBC's Support Our School (SOS) Drive, which was observed by many churches on Sunday, May 4, continue to be received according to Director of Promotions Lynn Wood. Mr. Wood urges those churches who have not reported the amount received through their Sunday School offerings for the support of OBC's General Fund to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Wood stated that if a local church was unable to observe SOS Sunday on May 4, it may choose another acceptable date and receive an SOS offering.

Library Seeking Back Issues Of Publications

Librarian Eddie Altis is appealing to Free Will Baptists in an effort to obtain several back issues of two denominational publications needed to complete the library's files for binding. If anyone has copies of the following issues of Contact or The Promoter please contact the library staff.

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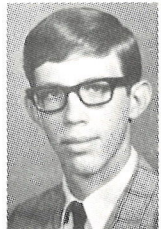
1955--January	1962--The entire year, January - December.
1957--October	1965--The entire year except November and December.
1960--January	
March	
May	

THE PROMOTER

1956--October	1963--March
December	July
	August
1957--January	September
February	October
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July	1965--May
September	July
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	1966--February
1958--February	May
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	1967--January
1960--January	February
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1962--February	
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DAVID O'DONNELL MEMORIAL FUND SET UP

A Joel David O'Donnell Memorial Fund has been established at the Oklahoma Bible College in remembrance of the 15 year old son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell who departed this life April 19, 1969, following a gallant battle against cancer. Gifts received for this Memorial Fund will be invested in bonds and the interest used to provide a yearly scholarship for a needy and worthy student of Oklahoma Bible College where Dr. O'Donnell serves as president.



David O'Donnell

Young O'Donnell was a student at Norman High School where he lettered as manager of the football team in 1968. He was a member of the Norman Future Farmers of

America and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Norman, where memorial services were held April 21.

David's life left a marked impression upon members of the OBC student body and faculty who watched as he patiently bore that which God allowed to be a part of his load in this life. Classes at OBC were dismissed for the memorial services to allow students and faculty to pay their final respects. The Reverend O. T. Dixon officiated at the services, assisted by OBC Business Manager Dan Farmer and Mr. Doyle Edge, Vocational Agriculture instructor at Norman High School. Burial was in Gadsden, Alabama.

Memo To OBC Prospects

OBC-bound students who have not yet participated in the American College Testing program are urged by Registrar Eugene Workman to do so at the July 19 testing period. This will be the last nationally administered test before the 1969 fall semester begins. In order to participate, one must register by June 16. Registration forms and information concerning testing sites should be available from high school counselors or can be obtained from OBC's Office of Admissions.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education requires that all students attending any college within the state must participate in the ACT program. In addition to participating in the ACT program prospective students for the 1969-70 school year at OBC should submit an application and a health record on forms provided by the College. They should also ask their high school to forward a transcript of their credits to OBC.

The Registrar's office reports that applications for the fall term are already being received.



ACTION ON STAGE--Lorraine Schreiner, left, listens intently as Pat Beck verbally lashes David Laird during the presentation of "Take Any Street," a one-act drama which launched Junior-Senior Days April 25-26. The two-day event attracted the largest number of junior and seniors since its inception three years ago, drawing prospective students from Texas, Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma.