

The President's Paragraphs

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This past month the world was permitted to see a spectacle that is unparalleled in history. Two men from earth walked on the moon while a third circled the moon in a space ship which would take them back to earth. This feat is a demonstration of the potential which God has placed in man.

The walk on the moon was not an isolated nor unrelated event. Behind that accomplishment lay years of research, training, and planning. Literally billions of dollars have been expended as well as years of man-hours to make that walk possible.

The accomplishments of other men in this field should inspire believers in their task of evangelizing the world. This is a task given to the church over nineteen centuries ago. But we have not yet "reached the moon" in our accomplishments. The earth filled with lost men is yet to be evangelized.

The attainment of the goal which Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:18-20 can only be reached when believers fully dedicate themselves to the task as our astronauts have been dedicated to reaching the moon.

Preparation for the attainment of our goal must come through the development of a strong education program. Just as our scientists have sold young men on the project of reaching the moon, we need an educational program that will inspire our youth to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. A training program that teaches them that they "can do all things through Christ" will give the church a vigor which it has not known in years. Let us pray that OBC will develop such a program.

Library Notes

A welcomed addition to the OBC Library was the recent donation of \$325.00 worth of books by the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Norwood, Missouri.

The following numbers of CONTACT, the official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, are still needed to complete OBC's files for binding: 1955-January and August; 1956-May; 1960-January, March, and May.

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Special Services To Open New College Year

The 1969-70 student body of Oklahoma Bible College will hear the Reverend Edward Cook, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Holdenville, Oklahoma, speak during the special services planned for the first three nights of the new school year. Mr. Cook, who formerly pastored in Florida, will bring a series of three messages beginning Monday night, August 25, at 8:00 p.m. and continuing nightly through August 27. The services will be held in the College chapel.

The calendar of activities will commence officially Monday, August 25, at 2:00 p.m. when the dormitories will open for all students who will be residing on campus.

President To Share In Evangelism Meeting

OBC President Dr. J. D. O'Donnell will be among the special speakers scheduled to participate in the Conference on Church Evangelism which will be conducted September 15-17 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 4001 Armour Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The conference, which is expected to attract many Oklahoma pastors and lay workers, is being sponsored by the National Home Mission Department of Evangelism. Special services for the pastors' wives are also being arranged for all day Tuesday, September 16.

The orientation and registration periods for day students will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27. All new and returning students, whether residing on campus or off campus, will be expected to be present for all orientation and registration sessions. Prior to the opening of school, students will be provided a schedule of activities for these two days and other information pertaining to the new semester.

EVENING SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The evening classes will continue to meet each Monday at 6:45 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. However, all students who wish to enroll for night courses should note that registration will be held on Tuesday evening, August 26, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:30 p.m. This will allow faculty members and those night students who wish to do so to participate in the evening services scheduled in the College chapel.

Night classes will begin on Monday, September 1; however, the first class sessions will be abbreviated to allow evening students to participate in the required Bible test. The altered schedule for the opening session of evening classes calls for the first class to meet at the regular 6:45 p.m. hour and conclude by 8:00 p.m. at which time the Bible test will

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

****The Oklahoma Bible College Board of Trustees met in an official two-day session July 24-25 on the College campus. Joining the seven-man board for this meeting were James McAlester, Dale Underwood, and Alton Lovelace from Missouri; Leroy Cutler and Rashie Kennedy, Sr., representing Texas; and Grover Terry, Trymon Messer, and Robert Sharry from Kansas.**

****A new Baldwin organ has been placed in the College chapel. The basic cost of the organ was underwritten by the Oklahoma State Woman's Auxiliary as their project for the year 1967-68.**

****Bill and Joy Jones, former missionaries to Ivory Coast, South Africa, are now residing on campus. Mr. Jones will be serving as Counselor of Men and teaching in the field of missions. Mrs. Jones will join the library staff.**

****All incoming students will be introduced formerly to the OBC faculty during the annual Faculty Reception scheduled Friday, August 29, at 8:00 p.m.**

News Of Alumni

Mrs. Sandra Davenport Scroggins, a 1967 OBC graduate, was graduated August 8 from East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma.

Janie Hill (68-69) and Craig Wood (68-69) were married July 18 in Atkins, Arkansas.

Karen Rhoades ('69) and David Parish ('69) were wed July 19 in Tulsa.

Dan O'Donnell (68-69) was married to Janie Reed August 9 in Oklahoma City.

Nora Mae Jernigan ('69) and Tom Hampton (68-69) exchanged wedding vows August 16 in Norman.

David Sutton ('69) and Kathleen became parents of a boy, Faron Kyle, August 12, 1969.

Monthly Gifts

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| Oklahoma Cooperative Giving. | \$521.45 |
| Designated Giving by Associations | |
| Canadian..... | 37.00 |
| Center..... | 478.89 |
| Dibble..... | 89.63 |
| Eureka..... | 448.00 |
| First Mission..... | 911.17 |
| First Oklahoma..... | 1,583.27 |
| Gaines Creek..... | 93.03 |
| Hopewell #1..... | 5.00 |
| Hopewell #2..... | 176.49 |
| Progressive..... | 646.81 |
| Roberts McGee..... | 11.25 |
| Southeast..... | 55.88 |
| South Grand River..... | 450.52 |
| Union..... | 415.60 |
| Other states..... | 463.65 |
| Total Giving for June '69.. | \$6,387.64 |
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| Gift budget for 1968-69 | |
| fiscal year..... | 89,000.00 |
| Total gifts rec'd. for year.. | 81,932.79 |
| Deficit in gifts for year..... | 7,067.21 |

182 Decisions Reported

A total of 182 persons were won to the Lord through the Christian Service Department of OBC during the 1968-69 college year, according to a report by Director Eugene Workman. These decisions were witnessed by students as they engaged in various phases of the Christian Service Department as reported for the first eight months of the school year.

A total of 2,933 tracts were distributed by students during this period. They also delivered a total of 864 messages, lessons and songs while engaged in their Christian Service assignment or in regular worship services.

The practical aspect of applying that which is obtained in the classroom is a distinctive feature of a Bible college education.

SEVEN CHURCHES SET PACE IN GIVING

Seven Oklahoma churches have consistently supported Oklahoma Bible College with an average monthly designated gift of one hundred or more dollars during the 1968-69 fiscal year, according to information released by Director of Promotions Lynn Wood. Mr. Wood stated that these monthly gifts included special giving to such campaigns as Operation Participation, Harvest Day and S.O.S.

Leading all churches in designated giving for the fiscal year just ended was First Church, Ada, which gave \$300.00 or more per month. The other six churches gave as follows:

\$200.00 to \$250.00 per month: Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City; First Church, Norman.

\$150.00 to \$175.00 per month: New Home Church, Tulsa.

\$125.00 to \$150.00 per month: First Church, Poteau.

\$100.00 to \$125.00 per month: First Church, Moore; Lewis Avenue, Tulsa.

These figures do not include Cooperative giving but simply give the totals for designated giving. Many churches within the state of Oklahoma choose only to support OBC through the Cooperative Plan.

Ten churches gave \$50.00 or more in monthly designated support of the Christian education ministry of OBC. They were as follows:

\$75.00 to \$100.00 per month: Sunnyside, Oklahoma City; First, Bixby; First, Purcell.

\$50.00 to \$75.00 per month: First, Pryor; Prairie Bell, Putnam; Northwest, Oklahoma City; First, Bristow; Cedar Grove, Francis; Christian Grove, Pocola; Webb Church, Webb.

Other designated giving is as follows:

\$25.00 to \$50.00 per month: Southern Oaks, Oklahoma City; Spencer Road, Oklahoma City; Airport, Tulsa; Center Point, Antlers; First, Checotah; First,

Owasso; Pleasant Valley, Arapaho; Pleasant Mound, Bellevue, Texas; First, Tecumseh; West Tulsa, Tulsa; Wilson, Ada; First, Locust Grove; and Non, Calvin.

\$15.00 to \$25.00 per month: First, Duncan; Pleasant Hill, Norman; Mineral Springs, Muldrow; Lawnwood, Tulsa; First, Cushing; First, Collinsville; Southeast, Tulsa; Central, Kansas City, Missouri; First, Odessa, Texas; First, Sayre; German, Butler; Gaar Corner, Stratford; First, Stuart; First, Stigler; First, Spavinaw; Shellenbarger, Bixby; and Shahan, Coweta.

\$5.00 to \$15.00 per month: Trinity, Cushing; Allen, Sapulpa; Bethany, Tulsa; First, Chickasha; First, Clinton; First, Drumright; First, Guymon; Zion Hill, Oologah; Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Arkansas; Easley Chapel, Commanche, Texas; First, Dallas, Texas; First, Denison, Texas; Little Rock, Locust Grove; Wolf, Maud; First, Stratford; First, Stonewall; First, Calvin; Greenbriar, Adair; Hall, Antlers; First, Lexington; Lowery, Kansas; New Hope, McAlester; Oakman, Ada; and First, Pensacola.

This list could not include gifts from many churches that lose their identity in the district office. Also, thirty-five other churches gave some amount this year but did not give regularly each month. Others have begun regular giving during the past year and their total will be shown this coming year.

Fall Semester (Continued)

be administered to all evening students who have not previously participated. At 9:00 p.m. the second period class will meet.

Offerings for the evening courses for the fall semester are as follows: 6:45-8:25 p.m. - Pentateuch, O'Donnell; Minor Prophets, Farmer; 8:30-10:10 p.m. Total Church Program, Hearron.