

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



An article appeared in a recent journal which attempted to make the revolutionary ideals sweeping the country and the world synonymous with the Christian spirit through the centuries. There is one thought in this relation that might be true. Christianity has always been revolutionary. At Ephesus they were accused of turning the world upside down. The Reformation is linked with efforts which brought recovery to the world from the dark ages. The Methodist revival in religion brought resurgence to England in a critical moment.

There is a chief difference that needs to be noted between the revolutionary attitudes of today and Christianity. Christianity through the ages has always been revolution leading men to God and the way of godliness. Even though it may have been disruptive of the status quo, it has never served to tear down that which was good for society but to bring what was better. The revolutionary forces active in the world today are anti-God. They aim toward anarchy in government and immorality as a way of life.

We would like to impart true revolutionary ideals to our students at Oklahoma Bible College. In some way we would like for them to become possessed by that power that captured the eleven men who set out to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The world needs a revolution, but it needs a revolution in men which will cause them to say, "I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me." We want our students to help change the world, but to change it in the only way that is lasting--from a world sold out to the material into a world seeking spiritual values.

Bible Conference Set

The 1969 Bible Conference, annually hosted by Oklahoma Bible College, will begin Wednesday evening October 22 and conclude Friday evening October 24. The speakers will be OBC faculty members Dan Farmer and Bill Jones, and the Reverend William J. Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan.

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FALL FUND RAISING EXPANDED TO FIFTEEN-WEEK CAMPAIGN

The annual Oklahoma Bible College Harvest Day fund-raising campaign will be expanded this fall from the usual one-day intensified effort to a fifteen-week period designated as Harvest Days, according to Promotional Director Lynn Wood. By

using this new approach to raise the gift budget of OBC, Mr. Wood noted that there would be a greater possibility of having a representative of the College present on the date chosen by the local church to observe the annual Harvest Day drive. The presence of a representative will serve as an additional means of linking a church and its young people to OBC.

OBC's gift budget for the current year is \$92,995.00. During each of the Harvest Day services, an opportunity will be given for those who desire to assist in underwriting the gift budget to place their cash gift or pledge for the coming year in the specially-prepared Harvest Day envelopes which will be distributed at each service. The pledges would be in addition to or an extension of the support which is presently being given and would be given through the local church. The use of the pledge card system will enable the individual churches to plan their church budget for giving to Christian Education.

Any church desiring to have a special Harvest Day service, with a representative of OBC serving as the guest speaker, should contact Mr. Wood immediately so that a date may be confirmed. An itinerary of services is being scheduled at the present time.

Student Enrollment Stands At Seventy

The 1969 Student Body at Oklahoma Bible College numbers seventy students according to a report from the office of Registrar Eugene Workman. The report shows that sixty-one of these students are registered for day classes with the remaining nine enrolled in the evening school. The enrollment figures show there are fifty-two students who are carrying a full load of twelve or more hours.

A breakdown of the total enrollment finds the freshmen class with forty-two members, the sophomore class with sixteen members, and the remaining twelve students classified as special students. Of this enrollment, there are thirty-nine

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Experiences At OBC Related By Two Graduates

"What OBC Means To Me"

By David Sutton

I accepted the call to the ministry in April, 1965. It was shortly thereafter that God began speaking to me about getting a Christian education. It seems that He pointed my thoughts toward Oklahoma Bible College.

I had a good job and was somewhat hesitant about quitting it to start to school, but God kept speaking to my heart. He left no doubt in my mind that it was His will that I attend OBC, so I resigned my job and moved to the Oklahoma City area. The cut in salary was rough for a few weeks but God was so gracious to supply all my needs.

The three years at OBC were wonderful years. It was great to attend classes that began with prayer and to have instructors that loved the Lord and were interested in my Christian life.

Now I can see that the Lord knew best for my life. I wouldn't trade, even if I could, the years at Oklahoma Bible College.

It is my prayer that God will speak to many more young people about a Christian education.

"How OBC Influenced Me"

By Karen Rhoades Parish

Perhaps the most important thing that OBC did for me was to help me see and grasp the true meaning of God. I discovered that I had only a storybook conception of the Father and "baby Jesus" instead of a mature understanding of a true and living God. However, as I listened in class, I began to realize that God was a living, moving force that had molded and directed the nations of the world. He was not active only during Bible times, but also during the various risings and fallings of the em-

pires of the world. He is active in our world today for those who take time to look for Him.

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" At OBC, I began to realize just how small I really am. I saw for the first time the magnitude of God in His grand creations. I also saw how that these grand creations needed little of His attention, for they operated just as He created them to do. However, His least creation, myself, required much attention and much sacrifice. What a blessing it was when I realize that when I was saved, ALL of God came into my heart. I did not receive a portion of God, I received all of HIM! The song writer conveys my sentiments:

Oh, how I love Him/ How I adore Him-
My life, my Master/ My All in All
The great Creator/ Became my Savior
And all Salvation/ Cometh from Him.

At OBC I found God as a true and personal friend. What more could a college do for a young person?

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Editor's Note: Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Parish were members of the 1969 graduating class of OBC. Mr. Sutton has recently accepted the pastorate of the Northeast FWB Church in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Parish is currently employed in Tulsa.

Fall Term (Continued)

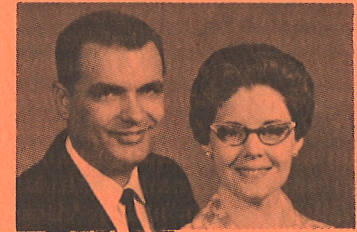
men students and thirty-one women students. Twenty-six of the young men are enrolled as ministerial students. Represented on the campus are the states of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Washington, and Oklahoma.

Additions Named For OBC Faculty-Staff Positions

Five new members have joined the Oklahoma Bible College faculty and staff for the 1969-70 college year according to an announcement by President J. D. O'Donnell.

Teaching in the field of missions is Reverend Bill Jones who with his wife Joy served eight years as Free Will Baptist missionaries to Ivory Coast, West Africa. Mr. Jones, a native of Bryan, Texas, is also serving as Counselor of Men. Mrs. Jones, the former Joy Arnold, joined the library staff.

Both of the Joneses attended Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee; Alliance Francaise in Paris, France; and the Wycliff Translators'



BILL and JOY JONES

Institute of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Jones also attended Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, and is currently doing further graduate work at Oklahoma City University.

The Joneses recently adopted a son Steven Marion. He weighed eight pounds and seven ounces at birth August 10, 1969.

Mrs. Judy Fletcher Clenney has been employed to teach in OBC's Music Department. Mrs. Clenney, whose husband Larry is a native of Holdenville, Oklahoma, studied at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; and Tulsa University, Tulsa. She is presently pursuing her education at the University of Oklahoma.

Mrs. David Willis has joined the faculty as an instructor of Speech. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, she has taught in the public school system for several years.

Mrs. Darlene Miller, a member of the Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, has joined the College staff as Food Service Manager.



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Monthly Gifts

Okla. Cooperative Giving	\$655.24
Designated Giving by Associations	
Canadian	10.00
Center	283.00
Dibble	144.27
Eureka	346.00
First Mission	816.60
First Oklahoma	1,229.19
Gaines Creek	76.01
Hopewell #1	5.00
Northeast	168.28
Progressive	57.00
South Grand River	708.37
Roberts McGee	3.65
Southeast	11.00
Union	109.50
State CTS Board	45.12
State Woman's Auxiliary	9.95
Miscellaneous	4.88
Other States	703.85
Total Giving for Aug. '69 . . .	\$5,386.91

Gifts needed each month to	
meet current budget	\$7,750.00
Total gifts rec'd. for Aug. . . .	5,386.91
Deficit in gifts for month . . .	\$2,363.09