

## The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



In Second Corinthians 8:7 Paul refers to giving as a grace. Since it is a Christian grace, our concern for proper giving lies at the very basis of our Christian commitment and stewardship. Actually the Christian view of stewardship is related to the believer's view of economics. Though we live in a capitalistic society and prefer it above the communistic system, we need to recognize that capitalism has somewhat of a greedy principle within it. The believer must live by the Christian way within this structure.

There are four main elements in the Christian view of stewardship: (1) God is the owner of all things. (2) Man is a steward or trustee of the wealth entrusted to his hands. (3) A portion (at least a tithe) should be given for the Christian program in recognition of one's stewardship to God. (4) The remainder is to be used in a manner that is well pleasing to God.

This stewardship of wealth is only meaningful if it also includes a stewardship of time, talent, and all other elements of life.

The Oklahoma Bible College is involved in your stewardship. The program of the

College is totally devoted to developing a full life of stewardship in the young people who come here for training.

The College is involved in your stewardship in another way. That has to do with your stewardship in relation to the support of the College.

During the last fiscal year only one half of the churches in Oklahoma made any contribution to the Oklahoma Bible College. A lesser percentage made monthly contributions to the Bible College. This means that nearly one half of the churches in Oklahoma felt no sense of stewardship toward Christian education. These, combined with many in the churches who did support, makes a large number in the state who do not support Christian education.

In regard to the grace of giving, Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "See that ye abound in this grace also." Let me admonish our Free Will Baptist members in a similar fashion regarding their gifts to the College: "See that ye abound in this grace also." The gift of every person is required to meet the many needs of the school.

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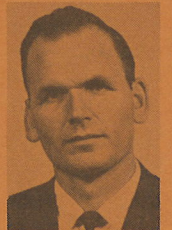
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## Bible Conference To Feature Moderator Of National Association, Norman Pastor

Dr. Robert Picirilli, moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and the Reverend Rudell Smith, pastor of the Straight Street Free Will Baptist Church in Norman, Oklahoma, will share the speaker's platform for the fifth annual Bible Conference to be hosted by Oklahoma Bible College September 30 through October 2. The evening services will be held at the Southern Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, 7201 South Santa Fe in Oklahoma City, with all day services scheduled to be held on campus in the OBC chapel.



PICIRILLI



SMITH

Dr. Picirilli, who is serving his third term as moderator of the national organization, is registrar at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Smith, who has been associated with OBC both as a student and a pastor, is noted by many of his colleagues for his in-depth preaching.

A special emphasis is planned for the Thursday and Friday evening services. A time of recognition will be given on Thursday evening, which has been designated as "Church Night," for the church which has the most representatives present for this service. On Friday night, the alumni of the College will be honored. Prior to the Friday evening service, the Alumni Association will have a dinner meeting at Adair's Cafeteria, 38th and South Pennsylvania in Oklahoma City, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Alumni and their mates who are interested in attending the dinner meeting are asked to make reservations with the College by September 30.

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## Two Foreign Students Enrol For Fall Classes

An aspiring youth evangelist from Japan and the daughter of missionaries to Africa were among the students registering for the fall semester of the 1970-71 academic year at Oklahoma Bible College.

Satoshi (John) Yasuda from Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, and Kathleen Palmer, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Free Will Baptist missionaries to Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, West Africa, became the first students from a foreign country to attend OBC since the approval for the training of students from foreign countries was granted in December, 1968 by the Immigration and Naturalization Ser-

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# Ada Church Leads In Gifts For Year

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Ada, Oklahoma, for the second consecutive year led all churches in designated giving to Oklahoma Bible College for the 1969-70 fiscal year. The church gave an average of \$481.55 per month, a considerable increase over the \$300.00 plus figure which

## Additions Named For OBC Positions



WILCOX SMITH

Two new faculty members have assumed their duties with Oklahoma Bible College for the current college year, according to an announcement by President J.D. O'Donnell.

Becoming the first alumnus of OBC to return as a member of the staff is Dale Smith, a native of McAlester, Oklahoma, who was graduated from OBC in 1968. Mr. Smith, who attended Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and received his B. A. degree from Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., is serving as Counselor of Men and teaching in the field of Bible. He is currently pursuing a master's degree at Bethany Nazarene College. The Smiths have a two-month-old son.

Mrs. Sue Gage Wilcox has assumed the duties of Counselor of Women. The Pryor, Oklahoma, native also is teaching a missions course and assisting in the OBC library. Mrs. Wilcox, the daughter of missionaries Howard and Willie Gage who are currently preparing to return to Ivory Coast, West Africa, studied at Free Will Baptist Bible College and Northeastern State College at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She is married to Allen Wilcox. They have one daughter, Susan, age sixteen months.

they gave the prior year.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Poteau, Oklahoma, who was fifth in giving for the 1968-69 fiscal year with an average monthly gift of \$125.00 to \$150.00, jumped to second place this past fiscal year with designated gifts averaging \$219.00 each month. Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City was third in designated giving with an average monthly gift of \$210.03.

Five other Oklahoma churches have consistently supported OBC with an average monthly designated gift of one hundred or more dollars during the past fiscal year, according to information released by Director of Promotions Lynn Wood. They were as follows:

New Home Church, Tulsa, \$196.60; First Church, Norman, \$193.96; First Church, Moore, \$132.82; Lewis Avenue Church, Tulsa, \$120.08; and First Church, Purcell, \$101.51.

Mr. Wood stated that all monthly gifts included special giving to such campaigns as Harvest Day, College Day '70, and Operation Participation; therefore, all of the gifts were not given systematically. These figures do not include Cooperative giving.

Completing the list of the top fifteen churches in designated giving to OBC for the 1969-70 fiscal year were:

Southern Oaks, Oklahoma City, \$85.75; West Tulsa, Tulsa, \$84.68; First, Ardmore, \$84.15; Sunnyslane, Oklahoma City, \$84.00; Prairie Bell, Putnam, \$79.83; Pleasant Mound, Bellevue, Texas, \$71.34; and Webb Church, Webb, \$71.13.

## Fall Semester (Continued)

vice of the United States Department of Justice. A total of seventy-six students representing the states of Arkansas, California, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia enrolled during the registration periods.

## Monthly Gifts

Okla. Cooperative Giving .....	992.75
Designated Giving by Associations:	
Arkansas Valley .....	21.00
Canadian .....	316.00
Center .....	377.50
Dibble .....	338.27
First Mission .....	1,409.37
First Oklahoma .....	1,534.78
Gaines Creek .....	295.44
Hopewell #2 .....	331.79
Northeast .....	278.41
Poteau River Valley .....	543.31
Progressive .....	105.00
Southeast .....	5.00
South Grand River .....	434.06
Union .....	235.15
Alumni Library Project .....	14.82
Scholarship Fund .....	225.00
Misc. Oklahoma .....	10.00
**Total Oklahoma Giving ....	\$7,467.65
Foreign Mission Fields .....	10.00
Home Mission Fields .....	5.00
Other States:	
Arkansas .....	35.00
Kansas .....	345.83
Mississippi .....	80.00
Missouri .....	72.94
New Mexico .....	40.45
Tennessee .....	65.00
Texas .....	40.00
**Total Other Giving .....	\$694.22
Grand Total of Gifts .....	\$8,161.87

## Bible Conference (Continued)

The program for the three-day conference is as follows:

WEDNESDAY EVENING, September 30	
7:30 Special Music .....	OBC Choir
Message .....	Dr. Robert Picirilli
THURSDAY MORNING, October 1	
9:30 Message .....	Dr. Picirilli
10:45 Recess	
11:00 Song Service	
Message .....	Rudell Smith
12:30 Lunch	

## HARVEST DAY SET

Harvest Day, the annual fall fund-raising campaign of Oklahoma Bible College, will stress a year-long commitment of financial support when it is staged in cooperating churches Sunday, October 18.

Promotional Director Lynn Wood noted that the special gifts received on this day are essential for the continuance of OBC's educational program. However, there is a definite need for a unified effort on the part of the College's friends to commit themselves to systematic giving throughout the year in addition to the special gift on October 18. The gift budget for the current fiscal year, which was approved by the Oklahoma State Association at the annual meeting last October, totals \$99,605.00. This means that gifts totaling \$8,300.40 must be received each month if the gift budget is met.

Many churches will observe Harvest Day on October 18; others may desire to choose another Sunday better suited to the schedule of their local congregations. Pastors are reminded that individual pledge cards and personal checks received for Harvest Day may be counted toward the fulfillment of the church budget. For the convenience of those who desire to give, a pledge card will be enclosed with the explanatory letter which readers of the NEWSLETTER will be receiving.

## THURSDAY EVENING, October 1

7:30 Special Music .....

Message .....

## FRIDAY MORNING, October 2

9:30 Message .....

10:45 Recess

11:00 Song Service

Message .....

12:30 Lunch

## FRIDAY NIGHT, October 2

7:30 Special Music .....

Message .....