

The President's Paragraphs

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One of the most beautiful stories of the Bible is in Acts 3. It tells about Peter and John going to the temple one day. As they passed through the Beautiful Gate, they saw a man who had been lame all his life begging for alms. Peter's response to him contains words which have been quoted in many circumstances since then. He said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Peter and John had no financial means to help the poor lame man, but they had something far greater to offer to him.

Two main lessons may be learned from this experience of Peter and John. The first is that there are many things more vital to life than money. In recent years our nation has been overwhelmed by a new emphasis on dollars. Many things that were once valued highly such as integrity, honesty, and self-respect have been relegated to a lower position. But with all of our gain, we are beginning to realize that money can't take the place of those more important things.

A second lesson to learn from the inci-

dent at the Beautiful Gate is that the believers in Christ have something more important to give to the world than the tangible and material things of life. Though the man lame from birth received physical renewal, he also received of the faith of Peter and John.

The church of the world might say to men in need, "We have plenty of money and we'll take care of your physical and material needs. However, we don't have much else to give." God forbid that this should ever become the emphasis of Free Will Baptists. We have a heritage of spiritual things to impart to a lost and needy world. As Peter and John said to the lame man, so we need to say to the world today, "Such as we have, give we to thee."

One of the means of transmitting what we have to others is through the Christian education of our young people. Though it costs us of our silver and gold, yet it is the means of passing on our faith which cannot be valued in dollars and cents. It is better to provide our young people with a Christian education than to give them all the material things of life.

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'A Harvest Of Commitments' Set As Goal For October 18

In a day when apathy is more prevalent than involvement, particularly in relation to spiritual matters, Oklahoma Bible College is seeking to align behind its program of Christian education a constituency willing to involve themselves by making a monthly financial commitment to this ministry which is so vital to the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

Using as a theme, "A Harvest of Commitments," Promotional Director Lynn Wood is appealing to the College's friends through a personal letter and through their local pastors to demonstrate their willingness to become involved by making a personal monthly gift commitment to OBC

on Harvest Day, Sunday, October 18.

Traditionally, the emphasis on Harvest Day has been for the special gifts received at the designated time each fall. The special gifts received on this day will continue to be essential to OBC's educational program. However, if the construction of the approved Activities Building is to become a reality then the financial structure of OBC must become much stronger and more stabilized. This feat can only be accomplished by individuals willing to go beyond their tithes to make a monthly gift to support the program of education afforded through a Christian institution such as OBC.

Mr. Wood encourages those who make personal commitments to do so through their local church. A possible plan for systematic giving, which is being used by some pastors, is the checkbook method. Checkbooks, which are available from the College, may be signed by the donor and presented to the pastor or treasurer who will pull one check each month for a year to send to OBC via the proper channels. Some pastors may choose to designate a certain Sunday each month as "Commitment Sunday," and emphasize this Sunday to his people as the time to pay pledges to Christian education, missions, and other causes. Mr. Wood states that the emphasis should not be upon the plan followed but upon involvement through consistent monthly giving.

Be Represented!!

DO YOU WANT REPRESENTATION in the 1971 edition of the *Harvester*? Yearbook Business Manager Doyle Hawkins believes that every church, association, and many business firms will want to be represented in the advertisement division of this student publication. Therefore, he is now accepting reservations for ads. The prices are as follows: full-page, \$50; half-page, \$30; and one-fourth page, \$20. Full-page representatives will receive a free copy of the yearbook. Those who confirm their reservations prior to November 15 will receive preferential placement in the advertising section.

1970-71 STUDENT BODY

The students are listed by states with their classification and home towns.

ARKANSAS

Lillie Hill, Fr.....Brinkley
Darrell Percy, Fr.....Hackett

CALIFORNIA

Carlene Jackson, Fr.....Richmond

IOWA

Robert Horton, Fr.....Bettendorf

KANSAS

Tommy Holdeman, Fr.....Wichita
Sid Nichols, Sp.....Mayfield
Ruth Roberts, Fr.....Topeka
Marlene Shell, Fr.....Wichita

MISSOURI

Wesley Bigelow, So.....Kansas City
Randy Blacksher, Fr.....Kansas City
Mary Brown, Fr.....Kansas City
Janice Fogerson, So.....Mountain Grove
Sharon Grissom, Fr.....Springfield
John Edward Pierce, Fr.....Novinger

OKLAHOMA

David Archer, Fr.....Tulsa
Linda Bagwell, Sp.....Oklahoma City
Donnie Bence, Sp.....Oklahoma City
Vickie Bryant, Fr.....Owasso
John Bullard, Sp.....Cushing
Carol Christian, Fr.....Stroud
Jim Christian, Sp.....Stroud
Derrell Clark, Fr.....Pocola
Gary Cochran, Sp.....Stroud
Dr. Raymond Cook, Sp.....Hinton
Doyle Cox, So.....Sulphur
David Dobyns, Sp.....Oklahoma City
Buddy Drake, So.....Allen
Albert Franklin, Sp.....Cushing
Melvin Gibson, Sp.....Edmond
Connie Haas, Fr.....Del City
Harold Haas, Fr.....Del City
Debbie Hale, Fr.....Owasso
Glenn Hall, Sp.....Oklahoma City

Doyle Hawkins, Fr.....Norman
Martha Hearron, So.....Moore
Bobby Hector, Fr.....Sulphur
Ruby Horaney, Sp.....Moore
Connal Howeth, Fr.....Purcell
David Jones, Fr.....Oklahoma City
Greg Kern, Fr.....Locust Grove
Steve Klusmeyer, Fr.....Kildare
Jeannie Langford, Fr.....Lawton
Ted Ledford, Sp.....Chickasha
Joe E. Lee, Fr.....Purcell
Glenda Lemmons, So.....Drumright
Bob Littlefield, Fr.....Rose
Charles Martin, Fr.....Oklahoma City
Wayne McCracken, Fr.....Sulphur
Mark McWhirter, Fr.....Maysville
Arthur Ray Mercer, Fr.....Norman
J.C. Morgan, Fr.....Chickasha
Judy Morgan, So.....Chickasha
Bob Moore, Sp.....Noble
Jerry Myers, Fr.....Haywood
Carol Overcash, Fr.....Edmond
Stan Pennington, Sp.....Moore
Carol Powers, Sp.....Norman
Nancy Puckett, Sp.....Norman
Jack Richey, Fr.....Duncan
Rudell Smith, So.....Norman
Bob Thompson, Fr.....Poteau
Henry Walker, Sp.....Cushing
Linda Wiley, Fr.....Del City
Frank Wiley, Fr.....Del City
Milburn Wilson, So.....Edmond
Lynn Wood, Sp.....Moore
Homer Young, Sp.....Oklahoma City
Rick Young, Sp.....Spencer
Sherry Young, Fr.....Oklahoma City
Waldo Young, So.....Spencer

TEXAS

Ann Morris, Fr.....Bryan
Patricia Parr, So.....Bowie
Keith Woody, Fr.....Odessa

VIRGINIA

Rick Hurst, Fr.....Arlington

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Kathleen Palmer, Fr.....Ivory Coast,
West Africa
Yasuda Satoshi (John), So..Sapporo, Japan

Monthly Gifts

Okla. Cooperative Giving.... \$739.46

Designated Giving by Associations:

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Canadian..... | 13.00 |
| Center..... | 342.50 |
| Dibble..... | 347.19 |
| First Mission..... | 955.78 |
| First Oklahoma..... | 549.74 |
| Gaines Creek..... | 150.00 |
| Hopewell #1..... | 5.00 |
| Hopewell #2..... | 15.00 |
| Northeast..... | 199.55 |
| Poteau River Valley..... | 266.92 |
| Progressive..... | 75.00 |
| Roberts McGee..... | 42.59 |
| Southeast..... | 20.00 |
| South Grand River..... | 419.51 |
| Union..... | 678.64 |
| Choir Robe Fund..... | 250.00 |
| Scholarship Fund..... | 2,550.00 |
| State Woman's Auxiliary..... | 600.47 |
| Misc. Oklahoma..... | 20.00 |
| **Total Oklahoma Giving... | \$8,240.35 |

Foreign Mission Fields.....20.00

Other States:

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Arkansas..... | 20.00 |
| California..... | 32.50 |
| Colorado..... | 39.30 |
| Florida..... | 5.00 |
| Kansas..... | 148.12 |
| Missouri..... | 465.18 |
| Tennessee..... | 45.00 |
| Texas..... | 290.13 |
| **Total Other Giving..... | \$1,065.23 |

Grand Total (Sept. '70)... \$9,305.58

News Of Alumni

Vickie Moore, ('69-'70) and Bob Bookout ('69-'70) were married August 15, 1970, in Denison, Texas.

Bill Haynes ('70) was married to Peggy Sue Williams in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, August 15, 1970.

Charlyne ('67) and Sue Ann Hinesley ('69) have joined the secretarial staff of World Vision International, Monrovia, California.

Highlights Of Africian Trip Shared By Alumnus

Arilla Wode, a 1969 graduate of Oklahoma Bible College and currently a senior at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, spent two months of this past summer as a summer missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa. She shares some thoughts concerning this unique opportunity with the readers of NEWSLETTER.

"In my mind, I had learned that there were people who had never heard of Jesus Christ. Yet the full realization that they knew absolutely nothing about Christ gripped my heart one night in the darkness of an African village. That night as missionary Frank Cousineau spoke to a village of 300-600, I became aware of those souls with a priceless eternal value. Mr. Cousineau gave us an opportunity to witness to this village. The missionary had visited in this village once before and presented the gospel. As thoughts and scriptures raced through my mind, I wondered what I could say to these people. What could I say in five minutes which would count for eternity? I stood in the middle of that group and quoted John 3:16. After I spoke, I realized that those precious people did not know who God or Jesus is, or what love is, or what eternal life is. The prayer on my heart is that one person in that village might understand God's love for him so he in turn can show others to Christ.

"Besides visiting in the villages with the missionaries, Judy Smith from Henderson, Texas, and I had other tasks to perform such as sorting, alphabetizing, filing, and typing a rough working copy of the Koulango dictionary which will be published later this year. We also worked in the clinic at Doropo: inventorying the pharmacy, sorting bottles and bandages sent from the states, observing suturing in the operating room, and assisting with patients."