

The President's Paragraphs

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Many times I have written the words for this article and have directed them toward your responsibility to Oklahoma Bible College. This time I would like to reverse that and discuss the responsibilities of OBC to the Free Will Baptist people. These may be listed as follows:

1. To achieve the purpose given it by the denomination. Oklahoma Bible College has been established for the Christian education of the youth of our denomination. It has not been set up to compete with secular or even with other private institutions. It exists solely for the purpose of allowing Free Will Baptist young people and others who desire such training to begin their education in a spiritual atmosphere. Their establishment in the faith for two years will allow them to transfer to other colleges for the completion of their education.

2. To teach according to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist faith. Educators are fighting for academic freedom. This means the freedom to teach as they please even though it be ideas inspired by Communism or other anti-Christian and

anti-democratic groups. There is no place for such "academic freedom" on Christian campuses. Freedom to teach is allowed as long as it conforms to the Holy Bible and the Free Will Baptist faith.

3. To maintain the standards and morals of the Free Will Baptist Churches. Christian walk and belief should correspond. It is hoped that the College might even by example set standards that would help raise moral standards of our churches to a higher level.

4. To furnish leadership for the perpetuation of the denomination. Men and women who prepare themselves will be the leaders of our churches tomorrow. It is desirous that those leaders be trained chiefly within our own ranks. Many are lost to the work who receive their training elsewhere.

5. To preserve the heritage of Free Will Baptists. We have a rich heritage which we feel is worthy of perpetuation. We cannot expect it to be maintained by others. Institutions of learning are the greatest means of continuing the work which has been begun.

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Choice For OBC Name Change Rejected By State Official

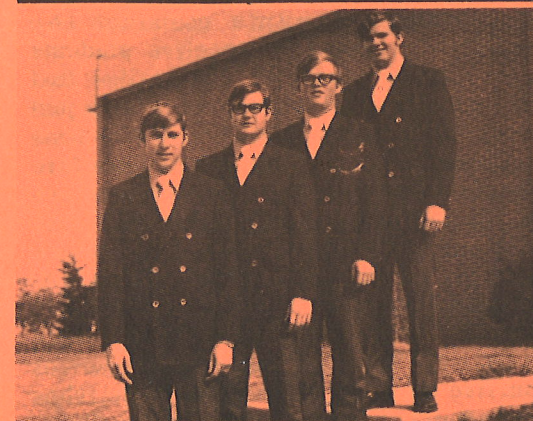
The name Oklahoma Bible College will not be changed to Trinity College as voted by the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists at their annual meeting in October, 1970. The rejection of the proposed name change came from Oklahoma Secretary of State John Rodgers because of the similarity to the name of another college located in Oklahoma. That College, Trinity Bible College, has

recently moved from the Tulsa area to Oklahoma City. However, Secretary Rodgers stated that if the governing board of Trinity Bible College would give approval for the use of the proposed name, he would accept the name change for Oklahoma Bible College. The governing board of Trinity Bible College would not grant such approval.

This means that another name will have to be chosen and approved by the state body. The delay in a name change will not affect the operation of the College. Although the transition from Oklahoma Bible College to Trinity College had begun, it was not scheduled to be complete until the conclusion of the current college year. The delay in a full transition had been deemed wise by administrative officials since a representative of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education had recommended that the College continue its self-study under the name Oklahoma Bible College. Also by the end of the current school year, time would have been adequate for all official correspondence and records to bear the name Trinity College.

Although the College has operated for several years on the supposition that the parent body wanted a college which afforded training not only for ministerial students and missionary candidates, but which also offered a basic two-year pro-

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REPRESENTING OBC in special services this fall has been the Men's Quartet composed of, left to right, Mark McWhirter, Maysville, Okla.; Buddy Drake, Allen, Okla.; David Archer, Tulsa, Okla.; and Rick Hurst, Arlington, Va. Churches interested in arranging a service with these young men or any of the College's other music groups should contact the OBC Music Department.

CHOICE OF NAME CHANGE REJECTED

gram of general education for those students who planned to enter other vocational fields, this supposition was not clearly stated by the Board of Trustees until a meeting in January, 1970. At that meeting, the College administration was

instructed officially to work in this direction.

The rejection of the name change will not alter the efforts of the College Administration to increase the curriculum in the field of general education. The implementation of additional curricula will be a gradual process. The implementation will involve the addition of qualified faculty members and a greater utilization of available space as well as construction of facilities deemed necessary in order to expand the curriculum. The rate of implementation will be dependent upon the financial base from which the College administration must work.

The name change was recommended by the Board of Trustees for several reasons. Promotional materials printed by the College for the past four years have stated that the program of general education was available at OBC. However, because the name contained the word Bible, many prospective students were confused and did not realize that training was available for more than just those interested in a vocation of full-time Christian service. The Board therefore recommended the name change to remove the connotation that only those who were going into full-time Christian service could get an education at the College. At the same time, they deemed it wise to drop the identification "Oklahoma" since the Board of Trustees has representatives from five other states, and many churches and individuals within these states financially support the College each month.

Christmas Program Set

The Music Department of Oklahoma Bible College will present "The Music of Christmas" Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Moore. This musical presentation is open to the public.

Monthly Gifts

Okla. Cooperative Giving.....	\$561.98
Designated Giving by Associations:	
Arkansas Valley.....	26.00
Canadian.....	251.88
Center.....	468.50
Dibble.....	416.55
First Mission.....	1,110.91
First Oklahoma.....	1,307.28
Gaines Creek.....	500.56
Hopewell #1.....	5.00
Hopewell #2.....	297.71
Northeast.....	34.10
Poteau River Valley.....	357.44
Progressive.....	276.36
Southeast.....	102.59
South Grand River.....	589.37
Union.....	74.25
Alumni Library Project.....	27.47
State Woman's Auxiliary.....	187.50
**Total Oklahoma Giving	\$6,595.45
Choir Robe Fund.....	159.00
Scholarship Fund.....	265.00
Home Mission Fields.....	10.00
Other States:	
Arkansas.....	39.00
Colorado.....	14.40
Florida.....	5.00
Kansas.....	815.77
Kentucky.....	15.00
Missouri.....	251.21
New Mexico.....	15.00
Tennessee.....	145.00
Texas.....	92.00
Virginia.....	50.00
**Total Other Giving.....	\$1,614.03
Grand Total (Oct. '70).....	\$8,471.83

NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. Lynn Wood, who has served as Director of Promotions for OBC since the fall of 1968, has resigned that position to become pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove, Missouri. His resignation was effective November 23. No immediate replacement for Mr. Wood has been named.

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists voted in their annual meeting in August to designate three per cent of their Cooperative Giving each month to OBC.

The 1970 session of the Oklahoma State Association was marked with a spirit of co-operation according to the Rev. Bailey Thompson, state moderator. "This was very evident when \$16,800.00 was pledged to help retire College indebtedness. Our ministers committed their churches and I am sure the churches will stand behind them in this endeavor." A full list of pledges was published in the November issue of THE PROMOTER. Moderator Thompson further urges: "Let me take this opportunity to encourage every church in the state to send a monthly offering to OBC. Pastor, it will be a blessing to your church if you give your people an opportunity to share each month in the work of the College."

A total of \$1,503.60 in Harvest Day gifts has been received in the OBC Business Office, as of October 31, 1970.

Registration Date Set

Registration and orientation for the second semester of the 1970-71 academic year will begin Tuesday, January 5, 1971, at 8:30 a.m. Dormitories will open at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 4. Further information may be requested from the Office of the Registrar.

Registration for evening classes will be held Tuesday, January 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



ALUMNI OFFICERS -- Leading the OBC Alumni Association for the 1970-71 year are, left to right: Joel Kircher ('68) president; David Sutton ('69), vice-president; and Carol Kircher ('68) secretary-treasurer. The trio of officers functioned officially for the first time at the fall meeting in early October. Among the business transacted was the authorization of the Executive Committee to publish a quarterly alumni newsletter.

News Of Alumni

Dennis Teague ('66-'67) has been elected president of the Foreign Missions Fellowship on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. The senior served as a 1970 summer missionary to France.

Lewis Howell ('68) is serving in the U. S. Air Force. His address is AIC Lewis R. Howell, 21st ABC p (AAC) PSC I Box 1442, APO Seattle, Washington 98742.

Steve ('68-'69) and Mary Jane Ponsler ('68) Davis, Oklahoma City, welcomed their first child, Jeremy Steven, on September 16, 1970.

Gary Terrell ('67-'68) is now pastoring a recently-organized Free Will Baptist Church in Berryville, Arkansas.

Barbara Martin ('70) and Larry Briscoe (69-70) were married September 12, 1970, in Oklahoma City.