

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



In promoting the College I have constantly stressed the need for individuals to give a personal donation each month. Many of you have heard me use one of our brothers in the Southeast Association as an example of individual dedication to the work of Christian education. For the last five years or more this brother has given one dollar a month to the College. Each month when the report came in from the state office, our tendency was to check to see if his dollar was on the list. It always was. This faithfulness was uplifting.

Recently we began to miss that gift. It wasn't until a recent visit to the Southeast Association that I found out why. Brother William O. L. Taylor had gone on to be with the Lord. Well up in the eighties, Brother Taylor had been a faithful member in the Watermill Church until his call came to go home. Though I never remember meeting him personally, I will miss his monthly gift and encouragement as he joined us in the work of Christian education.

In looking at his gift of one dollar per month, many would count it as insignificant.

However, here is something to consider. Had each of the 19,000 Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma given an equal amount of one dollar per month for the last five years, together they would have invested over one million dollars in the College. This would have been more than triple what has been given and would have enabled us to have had the things necessary to a College program. The present bond indebtedness would not have been necessary. Such faithful and regular giving would rule out the necessity of having special drives for finances.

I would not want what I am saying to discourage our supporters who are giving \$5, \$10, or \$25 per month. What I would like to do is challenge those who are not now giving a regular gift to the College. You may not have given because you felt as if your gift would not count. Every gift no matter how small does count.

Though Brother Taylor has departed to be with the Lord, we salute him for his example in faithfulness. We challenge every Free Will Baptist to do his best in supporting Oklahoma Bible College.

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Missionary Conference Program Told

A Bible professor turned medical missionary and a missionary veteran of ten years to Brazil will join the Director of Home Missions as speakers for the sixth annual Missionary Conference to be hosted by Oklahoma Bible College. The event will begin Wednesday evening, March 19, stressing the theme "... bearing precious seed, ..." (Psalm 126:6).

Other program personalities will include an alumnus of OBC, two ministers who have served as home missionaries under the auspices of the Oklahoma State Home Missions Board, and the current chairman of that Board.

Dr. LaVerne Miley, a native of Missouri, has completed two terms of missionary ministry to West Africa, and during his second term a 73-bed hospital unit was constructed. He will be returning to the field in the summer of 1971 to resume his preaching and medical ministries.

The Reverend Sam Wilkinson, a native of Glennville, Georgia, will present the activities of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions in the heart of South America's largest nation, Brazil. He was appointed

to Brazil in 1959 following four years of pastoral service.

The Reverend Homer Willis has guided the church extension work of Free Will Baptists to new heights since he assumed the position of director. The former Kentucky pastor is making a return visit as a Conference speaker having participated in the 1967 conference.

Miss Arilla Wode, a 1969 graduate of OBC and currently a senior at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, will be giving an account of her summer as a missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa. She also will appear on a forum to discuss a question related to the summer missionary program.



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Serving on a forum which will discuss some of the obstacles of home mission work will be the Reverends Milburn Wilson, pastor of the Edmond church, and Clarence Bruce, pastor of the Yukon church. Both of these churches were started as home mission churches under the leadership of their respective pastors. The chairman of the Oklahoma State Home Missions Board, the Reverend Delbert Akin who pastors the First Church of Ada, also will participate in the forum.

The day services will be held in the College chapel with the evening services to be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Moore, 507 East Main Street.

The program is listed inside this issue.



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Former Dodger Player To Address Juniors-Seniors

Mr. Don Demeter, a former outfielder with the Los Angeles Dodgers and currently an active speaker at both civic and religious gatherings, will be the

guest speaker for a Saturday morning session of the annual Junior-Senior Days event scheduled March 12 and 13 on the campus of Oklahoma Bible College.

The activities will begin Friday night at 8:00 p.m. when all visitors officially will be welcomed to the campus with a Talent Review. Freshman Greg Kern will serve as Master of Ceremonies for this time of entertainment which will feature students as well as members of the faculty. Following the Talent Review, visiting juniors and seniors will be the honored guests at "Howdy Time." Both events will be staged in the College chapel.

The Saturday sessions, which will begin at 9:15 a.m. with registration for those who did not attend the Friday night opening, will present the educational program of OBC. Both students and faculty will participate in these sessions, which will conclude by mid-afternoon.

Mr. Demeter, who established himself as a Christian athlete while playing major league baseball, will address the group during the Saturday morning session. He played all six games of the 1959 World Series for the winning Los Angeles Dodgers and set a major league fielding record for an outfielder with 266 consecutive errorless games between 1962 and 1965. In 1963, he was one of baseball's two representatives to Japan's New Life Movement, giving his testimony.

Overnight accommodations for junior and senior high school students only will be provided in the College dormitories. In addition to the \$1.00 registration fee which all students attending this event are asked to pay, a \$2.50 charge will be made for those desiring to stay in College housing. The \$2.50 charge will also include breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Those desiring to stay in College housing are asked to notify the OBC Business Office by March 9.

| Monthly Gifts | |
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| Okla. Cooperative Giving . . . | \$1,098.79 |
| Designated Giving by Associations: | |
| Arkansas Valley | 10.00 |
| Canadian | 3.00 |
| Center | 462.50 |
| Dibble | 519.06 |
| First Mission | 1,043.04 |
| First Oklahoma | 2,673.51 |
| Gaines Creek | 150.37 |
| Hopewell #1 | 10.00 |
| Hopewell #2 | 566.66 |
| Northeast | 171.58 |
| Poteau River Valley | 928.10 |
| Progressive | 200.77 |
| Roberts McGee | 47.50 |
| Southeast | 25.00 |
| South Grand River | 691.07 |
| Union | 412.18 |
| Miscellaneous Okla. Gifts | 250.00 |
| Total Okla. General Giving | \$9,263.13 |
| Designated Giving: | |
| Scholarship Fund | 486.15 |
| Bond Coupon Interest | 1,170.00 |
| Other States: | |
| Arkansas | 72.00 |
| Colorado | 16.44 |
| Florida | 5.00 |
| Kansas | 163.87 |
| Kentucky | 10.00 |
| Missouri | 349.26 |
| New Mexico | 15.00 |
| Ohio | 5.00 |
| Tennessee | 30.00 |
| Texas | 579.53 |
| Virginia | 67.39 |
| West Virginia | 20.00 |
| Puerto Rico | 5.00 |
| Total Other Giving | \$2,994.64 |
| **Grand Total-Jan. 1971 | \$12,257.77 |

Conference Program

- WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 17
- 7:00 Opening Exercises . . . O'Donnell
 - 7:15 Special Music Men's Quartet
 - 7:25 Field Report-Africa Miley
 - 8:00 Special Music David Hellard
 - Message Willis

- THURSDAY MORNING, March 18
- 8:30 Opening Exercises Hearron
 - Missionary Bible Study . Wilkinson
 - 9:15 Forum Willis, Akin, Bruce, Wilson
 - "How to Overcome Obstacles Facing the Church Extension Worker."
 - 10:30 Fellowship Time
 - 11:00 Opening Exercises Akin
 - Special Music Girls' Trio
 - Message Miley
 - 12:00 Lunch

- THURSDAY AFTERNOON, March 18
- 1:00 Missionary Prayer Time . Willis, Wilkinson

- THURSDAY EVENING, March 18
- 7:00 Opening Exercises Farmer
 - 7:15 Special Music College Choir
 - 7:30 National Field Prospects . Willis
 - 7:50 State Field Report Akin
 - 8:10 Special Music Sue Wilcox
 - Message Wilkinson

- FRIDAY MORNING, March 19
- 8:30 Opening Exercises Smith
 - Missionary Bible Study . . . Miley
 - 9:15 Forum . Wode, Miley, Wilkinson
 - "Will the Summer Missionary Program Be An Effective Outreach for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions?"
 - 10:30 Fellowship Time
 - 11:00 Opening Exercises . . . Workman
 - Field Report-Brazil . . . Wilkinson
 - 11:30 Special Music Sherry Young
 - Message Willis
 - 12:15 Lunch

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 - 7:15 Special Music College Choir
 - 7:30 Summer Missionary Report . Wode
 - 8:00 Special Music Ted Wilbanks
 - Message Miley

58 Decisions Reported

Fifty-eight persons professed their faith in Christ as a result of efforts by OBC students engaged in various aspects of the Christian Service program during the fall semester. A total of thirty-seven rededications also were reported according to Dr. J. D. O'Donnell who is heading the Christian Service Department for the current school year. These results came from a total of 351 persons who were orally witnessed to by students during the semester.

A summary of other Christian Service activities include the following: 103 lessons taught; 94 devotionals given; 104 sermons preached; 376 Gospels or Scripture portions distributed; 1,853 tracts distributed; and 58 door-to-door visits made. Many students regularly lead singing or deliver messages in song during Christian Service assignments and in local churches.

News Of Alumni

Donna Faught ('67-'68) was married to Marvin Hubbard on December 18, 1970. Donna is in her senior year of nursing at a Tulsa, Oklahoma, hospital.

Don Bryan ('67-'68) has accepted the pastorate of the Free Will Baptist Church at Stuart, Oklahoma.

Sharon Grissom ('70-'71) became Mrs. James Montgomery February 20, 1971, in Springfield, Missouri.