

The President's Paragraphs

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In the midst of Paul's discussion on Christian stewardship in II Corinthians, there is a very interesting clause. There Paul prays to God that He will "multiply your seed sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (verse 10). The Macedonians had given out of their deep poverty. What they had collected for the saints in Jerusalem was probably small in comparison to the need which existed. But Paul knew that God was able to multiply the "seed sown" and thereby increase the fruits of their righteousness.

Seeds are small and insignificant. Inwardly their potential is immense. A single seed contains the germ of a whole tree which in turn bears fruit that many times multiplies the original seed. A seed has to be put beneath the soil and subjected to the adversities of nature before it can realize its potential.

The fundamental laws in nature are also true in spiritual planting. The seed sown by Christians may be small but their potential is tremendous. They have to be scattered and often appear to be lost before their potential can be realized.

But the seed sown liberally by Christians are sown in faith as they look to the Lord of harvest for the miracle of multiplication. Just as the Lord took five loaves and two fishes from an unknown lad and multiplied it to feed five thousand, so He takes our gifts and multiplies them to meet the needs in His kingdom.

Susanna Wesley never dreamed that two of her sons would make the contribution to Christianity that they did, yet she sowed in hope. The Salvation Army lass who witnessed to a baseball player named Billy Sunday could never have realized what her witness would mean.

So it is with your gifts to Christian education. You never know the potential of your seed sown. However, as you give and pray, you may expect God to "multiply your seed sown" and through that "increase the fruits of your righteousness."

Calendar Of Events

May 7-12 Final Examinations
May 9-3:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service
May 13-7:30 p.m. Ordinances Observance
May 14-8:00 p.m. Commencement

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Choir Travels East For Ten-Day Tour

The thirty-voice Oklahoma Bible College Choir is scheduled to sing in eight states including Oklahoma during its ten-day tour April 8-18. Choir director Ted Wilbanks states the program of sacred music will also feature soloists, the Men's Quartet, the Girls' Trio, and the New Life Singers. The latter group is a mixed ensemble of ten voices which has been traveling extensively for the College. They will be singing songs of testimony.

Not only is a tour covering this distance a first for the OBC Choir, but they also recently accomplished another first when they cut a record exclusively featuring OBC musical groups entitled "Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God." This record may be purchased from any choir member or by writing the College.

Free Will Baptists in the areas where these services are planned are encouraged to attend this program of sacred music. All services are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

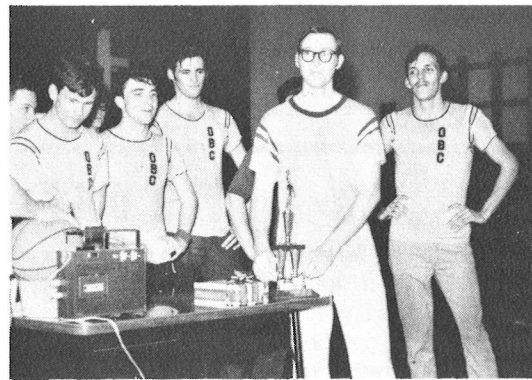
- April 8 Grant Avenue FWB Church
Springfield, Mo.
- April 9 Chesterfield FWB Church
Chesterfield, Ind.
- April 10 Fairwood FWB Church
Fairfax, Va.
- April 11 Bloss Memorial FWB Church
A.M. Arlington, Va.
P.M. Bethel FWB Church
Dale City, Va.
- April 12 Mt. Calvary FWB Church
Perryman, Md.

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1970-71 OBC Choir

Saints Take First In Basketball Tourney



ACCEPTING TROPHIES--Surrounded by members of the basketball squad, Coach Dale Smith accepts the first-place tournament trophy.

By Greg Kern

The newly-named OBC Saints got off to a slow start but ended their 1970-71 season honorably as champions of the Metropolitan Basketball Tournament. The Saints, led by player-coach Dale Smith, participated in the first extramural, organized tournament that the College has ever entered.

Finishing the regular season with a 9-7 record for a fourth place berth in the Metropolitan Church League, the Saints surprised opponents and fans by knocking off the three top contenders to place first in the tournament. The two beautiful league and tournament trophies were presented to the Saints Saturday night, March 6, after they had defeated Spencer Road Free Will Baptist Church by a score of 70-58. This exciting game was preceded by two others: a 100-76 win over Victory Tabernacle on March 4, and a 95-78 victory over Sunnyslane Methodist Church, March 5.

Scoring leaders for the year were:

NAME	TOTAL PTS.	AVG.
Wesley Bigelow	353	22
Dale Smith	312	35
Johnny Groat	210	18
Derrell Clark	147	10

Choir Tour (Con't. from p. 1)

- April 13 Collinswood FWB Church
Portsmouth, Va.
- April 14 Unity FWB Church
Smithfield, N. C.
- April 15 First FWB Church
Elizabethton, Tenn.
- April 16 Donelson FWB Church
Nashville, Tenn.
- April 17 First FWB Church
North Little Rock, Ark.
- April 18 First FWB Church
A. M. Russellville, Ark.
P. M. Checotah FWB Church
Checotah, Okla.

College Day '71 To Be Observed May 2

College Day for 1971 has been designated for Sunday, May 2. On this day, College administrators are asking Free Will Baptists to give a College Day offering of \$5.00, and to pledge a similar gift for the months of June, July, and August, in an effort to finish the fiscal year in the black.

As reported by Business Manager Dan Farmer at the meeting of the State Association in October, the 1969-70 fiscal year ended approximately \$17,000.00 in the red. This deficit was not entirely operating expenses for last year but also included a loan which had been carried over from a previous year. During the state meeting, pledges were received to meet general fund needs. At this time, less than fifty per cent of these pledges has been received. A good response to College Day '71 and a substantial income during the summer months will allow the College to finish the fiscal year without a deficit.

Monthly Gifts

Okla. Cooperative Giving	\$744.44
Designated Giving by Associations:	
Canadian	3.00
Center	387.70
Dibble	276.54
First Mission	1,773.93
First Oklahoma	1,002.19
Gaines Creek	163.99
Hopewell #2	213.45
Northeast	284.12
Poteau River Valley	1,361.04
Progressive	154.00
Southeast	17.30
South Grand River	602.69
Union	249.50
Miscellaneous Okla. Gifts	20.00
Total Okla. General Giving	\$7,253.89
Designated Giving:	
Alumni Library Project	8.56
Scholarship Fund	1,544.00
Choir Robes	20.00
Woman's Aux. Library Gift	85.00
Other States:	
Arkansas	144.00
Colorado	15.22
Florida	5.00
Kansas	138.12
Missouri	288.88
New Mexico	15.00
Tennessee	25.00
Texas	152.41
Puerto Rico	5.00
Total Other Giving	\$2,446.19
**Grand Total-Feb. 1971	\$9,700.08

News Of Alumni

Howard Hensley ('69-'70) has accepted the pastorate of a Free Will Baptist Church in Leadington, Mo.

Don Bryan ('67-'68) was injured in a car-train crash near McAlester, Okla., March 15. He remains hospitalized at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa.

Steve and Judy Akin Randall ('68-'69) welcomed their first child, a girl, Whitney Ann on February 3, 1971, at Ada, Okla.

Scholarship Honors Vietnam Servicemen

The Vietnam Servicemen's Memorial Scholarship was established to perpetuate the memory of our servicemen who gave their lives for their country in the Vietnam conflict. The initial funds of \$3,000.00 for this scholarship were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts, Pottsville, Arkansas, whose son, Ricky L. Bowden, lost his life in Southeast Asia. This fund is left open for other donations. The funds will be invested and the proceeds used as an annual scholarship. The initial scholarship will be around \$150.00 but will grow as other gifts are received.

The Vietnam Servicemen's Memorial Scholarship will be awarded by the College to a ministerial or missionary student or students. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the need, character, and purpose in life of the student. Academics will not be a major factor in the awarding of this scholarship, as long as the student makes the required grades to stay in college. Once the student qualifies for this assistance, he may continue receiving the scholarship as long as he has a definite need of assistance.

NEWS BRIEFS

The name change for OBC will be one of the two items considered at the special called meeting of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists Saturday, April 17. The meeting, which will begin at 10:00 a. m., will convene at The Northwest Free Will Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. The purchasing of property for the new state home missions project in north Oklahoma City will be the other item of business.

Faculty member Eugene Workman, who co-ordinated Junior-Senior Days March 12 and 13, stated that 112 juniors and seniors registered for this annual event with a total attendance of over 200 for Saturday's activities.