

The President's Paragraphs

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By now you have probably noted the change of the name of the College. Your College is now Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. The change of the name was brought up at the last state meeting, but the use of the name chosen was turned down by Oklahoma's Secretary of State. The new name that was approved by near unanimous action of the called session of the state association had already been reserved by the Secretary of State.

The reason for the change of the name is to give one that is more descriptive of the overall program of Christian education. The intent of the College for some time had been to present a program of general education rather than limiting it to a Bible College education.

Our purpose remains the same. It is to offer two years of training to young people in a Christian atmosphere in preparation for any profession they desire. Emphasis will still be given to those planning to enter the Christian ministries. There will be no diminishing of that program. A broader range of subjects will be offered in other fields.

Our doctrinal position remains the same. The doctrines of Free Will Baptists will be the basis of all teachings. The evangelical faith which is built firmly on the Bible will permeate every class room. That the Bible is God's verbally inspired, authoritative revelation will be the premise upon which all instruction will be based. That same Word will be set forth as the guide for students' lives.

Our standards will remain the same. Believing that Christian youth are different, the College will always support high moral and ethical standards for its students. Emphasis will be given to Christian purity and example in all things.

How have we changed? The only thing that has changed in reality is the name. The name was changed to show that the College was a Christian institution offering courses in general education as well as religious education.

To those who have grown to love OBC, our sincere trust is that Hillsdale College will become just as revered. Hillsdale College will need your same prayer and financial support.

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Newly-Chosen Name Has Historical Significance For Free Will Baptists

College Day Seeks To Break 'Tradition'

Realizing that the summer months traditionally have been low-revenue months, the administration of Oklahoma Bible College has designed College Day '71 as a means of breaking tradition to allow the College to finish the fiscal year without a budget deficit. At the same time, the administration desires to increase student recruitment efforts which also will involve additional finances.

For the first time, College Day actually covers a period of four months, May through August. However, the drive will be launched initially on Sunday, May 2. On this day, the friends of Christian education are asked to give at least \$5.00 through their church and pledge to give a like amount during the months of June, July, and August. This would be a total gift of \$20.00 from each of the College's many friends and would provide insurance against inadequate funds during the summer months.

Business Manager Dan Farmer reports an encouraging financial picture during the first three months of this year. This is why the administration believes it is possible with the aid of individuals and

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Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, the newly-chosen name for Oklahoma Bible College, rings with historical significance for those who are familiar with Free Will Baptist history. From a field of twenty-seven suggestions, the Board of Trustees selected and recommended the name to the Oklahoma State Association in a special-called session April 17. The use of the name will be effective with the new fiscal year July 1, 1971.

According to associational minutes which have been reprinted, the first Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College was chartered in 1855 in Hillsdale, Michigan. The college originally had been founded in 1847 but under another name and in another location. Free Will Baptists lost this college and other educational institutions in the ill-fated merger of 1911. There still remains a Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, but it is not connected with the Free Will Baptists denomination.

The prime reason for changing the name of the College was to remove the misconception held by many prospective students that the College's program of education is designed only for those entering full-time Christian vocations. This conception is unfounded as a program of general education has been available since the College moved to its permanent campus.

OBC Choir Logs 3,200 Miles On Tour

Covering a distance of 3,200 miles and ministering in music to Free Will Baptists in the states of Missouri, Indiana, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, the

Monthly Gifts

Okla. Cooperative Giving.... \$629.96
Designated Giving by Associations:

Arkansas Valley.....	10.00
Canadian.....	3.00
Center.....	393.50
Dibble.....	668.29
First Mission.....	1,003.98
First Oklahoma.....	1,028.48
Gaines Creek.....	1,500.53
Hopewell #2.....	89.74
Northeast.....	230.24
Poteau River Valley.....	403.12
Progressive.....	145.00
Roberts-McGee.....	7.67
Southeast.....	25.00
South Grand River.....	1,070.21
Union.....	677.51

Miscellaneous Okla. Gifts..... 10.00
Total Okla. Gen. Giving.. \$7,896.23

Designated Giving:

Alumni Library Fund.....	4.56
Scholarship Fund.....	3,124.50
Choir Robes.....	80.00
State Woman's Auxiliary (Gen. Fund)....	24.90

Other States:

Arkansas.....	26.00
Colorado.....	14.90
Florida.....	5.00
Kansas.....	387.72
Kentucky.....	5.00
Missouri.....	219.15
Tennessee.....	110.00
Texas.....	590.57
Puerto Rico.....	5.00

Total Other Giving \$4,597.30

**Grand Total-Mar. 1971..\$12,493.53

thirty-member OBC Choir has returned from a ten-day tour which has been termed successful by Music Director Ted Wilbanks. The program of sacred music reached approximately 3,000 people in the thirteen scheduled services. The New Life Singers, a group of ten mixed voices, sang to an estimated television audience of one million people on a talk show in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Several choir members were asked what highlight of the trip impressed them.

Janice Fogerson, Mtn. Grove, Mo.-- "...the opportunity to see the many national landmarks around Washington D. C."

Derrell Clark, Pocola, Okla.-- "...to witness the changing of the guards at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington National Cemetery."

Wesley Bigelow, Kansas City, Mo.-- "...the answering of prayer the last night of the services when our bus driver was saved."

Sherry Young, Oklahoma City, Okla.-- "...to see the fellowship we could have with Free Will Baptists everywhere."

Jeannie Langford, Lawton, Okla.-- "...the welcome we received in the many homes where we were invited to stay."

Vicki Bryant, Owasso, Okla.-- "...the fellowship of the choir members as we traveled and the kindness shown to us by the many people we met."

Bob Littlefield, Rose, Okla.-- "...the opportunity to acquaint the people with OBC and its Christian concept;...how many people there are to reach."

Alumni Plan Meeting

The election of officers for 1971-72 will be among the items of business to be considered by the Alumni Association when the annual meeting convenes Friday, May 7, at 6:00 p. m. at Dodson's Cafeteria, 2150 S. W. 59th Street in Oklahoma City.

Speakers Named For Graduation Activities

Graduating sophomores of Oklahoma Bible College will hear a Missouri pastor and a representative from the office of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education speak during the 1971 graduation-week activities.

The Reverend Andy Lay, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Joplin, Missouri, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday afternoon, May 9, at 3:00 p. m. in the College chapel. Mr. Lay, who is a member of the OBC Board of Trustees, is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville.

Dr. Dan Hobbs, Educational Programs Officer and Senior Research Officer with the State Regents for Higher Education, will be the Commencement speaker on Friday, May 14, at 8:00 p. m. These exercises will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 625 East Frank Street, Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Hobbs holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Oklahoma.

Nine students are scheduled to receive an Associate in Arts degree. They are: David Archer, Tulsa, Okla.; Wesley Bigelow, Kansas City, Mo.; Alvin Drake, Jr., Allen, Okla.; Janice Fogerson, Mtn. Grove, Mo.; Martha Hearron, Moore, Okla.; Glenda Lemmons, Drumright, Okla.; Patricia Parr, Bowie, Tx., Marlene Shell, Wichita, Kansas; and Waldo Young, Spencer, Okla.

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churches to complete the 1970-71 fiscal year without a budget deficit.

A letter of explanation and four gift envelopes have been mailed to the readers of NEWSLETTER. Pastors also have been contacted by mail with materials to be used in their churches. The faculty, staff, and students of OBC are asking that each reader prayerfully consider making a positive response to College Day.

OTHER GRADUATION-WEEK EVENTS

The faculty will honor the class of 1971 with the annual Faculty Breakfast on Friday morning, May 14.

The final examinational period of May 7-12 will be climaxed Thursday, May 13, with an All-School outing involving the entire college family. Special services are set for Thursday at 8:00 p. m. when the students and faculty will join in the observance of the ordinances of communion and feet washing. The Reverend J. R. Hall, pastor of the Southwest Free Will Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, will be the guest speaker for this service.

News Of Alumni

Joel ('68) and Carol Standley ('68) Kircher became parents of a girl, Rebecca Ann, March 25, 1971, at Ada, Okla.

Dennis Teague ('67) has been named Best All-Around Boy for 1971 by his fellow students on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

Pat Beck Lambert ('69) was graduated with a B. A. degree April 23, 1971, from Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts, Chickasha, Okla.

Library Notes

The OBC Library is in need of several copies of past minutes of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Academic Dean Clarence Hearron states copies from the following years are needed for placement in the historical section of the Library: 1935 through 1944; 1949; 1950; 1964; 1965; and 1969. Anyone having a copy or copies he would like to donate is asked to contact Mr. Hearron.