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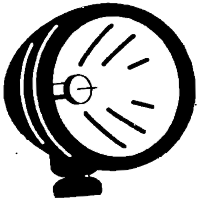
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## ***Spotlight on the Archives***

### **The Oklahoma Baptist Chronicle Spring 1960**

#### **The Reprint**

Among the items we have archived are the various issues of *The Oklahoma Baptist Chronicle*. One particular issue is of importance to us this spring. It is the *Chronicle* from spring, 1960, Volume II-1.

This particular *Chronicle* was a special issue that commemorated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Oklahoma Baptist University. The 1960 publication was the first *Chronicle* devoted completely to the history of OBU and Christian education among Oklahoma Baptists. Because this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OBU, we are reissuing this important booklet. Except for the first four and last four pages of this *Chronicle*, this is an exact reprint of the spring 1960 issue.

You will find every article to be just as interesting (and maybe more) than when it was first published. Even the article entitled "The Next Fifty Years", by John Wesley Raley, was written in a prophetic undated fashion.

#### **Proudly Stand on Bison Hill**

In addition to this reprint, Oklahoma Baptist University is completing a major work on the history of OBU entitled *Proudly Stand on Bison Hill : Centennial Pictorial History of Oklahoma Baptist University*. The new pictorial account will be ready in time for the annual convention of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention, to be held at

OBU November 15-16, 2010. This exciting new book will have a two page pictorial account for each of OBU's 100 years. Every member of the Historical Society will want to have this historical book for their home and church library.

### **Additional OBU Books**

In conjunction with the above historical masterpiece, OBU also has several other books that are presently available. These include *Bison Bon Appetit*, a cookbook with recipes from OBU faculty and administration; *Glory Shakes The Ground: Written Prayers of James E. Hurley*; *OBU Hoops: A History of Oklahoma Baptist University Bison and Lady Bison Basketball 1911-2007*, by John W. Parrish and *The Glory Years of Bison Basketball: Oklahoma Baptist University's 1964-65, 1965-66, and 1966-67 Seasons*, also by John Parrish.

### **Diamond Jubilee Edition**

We also have a very few copies of the spring 1985 issue of the Oklahoma Baptist Chronicle available for purchase at 10.00 each (plus two dollars shipping and handling). This was the unique (and hard to find) Diamond Jubilee Edition of the history of OBU.

This interesting Chronicle (Volume XXVIII-1), contains almost 100 pages, and covers many topics that make this an especially important publication.

### **Spotlight on OBU History**

Why not make this the year you revisit OBU, the only university in Oklahoma owned and operated by the BGCO and supported in part by your mission dollars? A trip through the school's history by book or on foot will bring pride, joy, and an assurance that we Oklahoma Baptists are indeed people blessed of God.

Eli H. Sheldon, Editor

( At this point the publisher inserted  
the complete text from the 1960, Volume 2-1,  
Baptist Chronicle, celebrating the  
50th anniversary of the

## Oklahoma Baptist Historical Society New Members

The following is a list of new members received since the Membership List was last published in the *Oklahoma Baptist Chronicle*, Spring 2009.

### LIFE

John C. Burns  
Shawnee, OK

John Mixon  
Atoka, OK

### Oklahoma Baptist University (Campus Students)

Cody Bryan  
Spencer, OK

Steve Hall  
Shawnee, OK

Shawn Randall  
Haysville, KS

Philip Burns  
Shawnee, OK

Kirt Henderson  
Edmond, OK

Scott Risinger  
Oklahoma City, OK

Evan Burroughs  
Jones, OK

Jacob Hibbard  
Chickasha, OK

Scott Shockley  
Saint Charles, MO

Mitch Cooper  
Edmond, OK

Jesse Johnson  
Shawnee, OK

Samuel Simmons  
Shawnee, OK

Rick Cordova  
Shawnee, OK

Jonathan Lookado  
Rogers, AR

Steven Soward  
Shawnee, OK

David Doyle  
Rogers, AR

Michael McMahon  
Sand Springs, OK

Michael Thomas  
Bedford, TX

Molly Ellis  
Shawnee, OK

Josh Mugler  
Saint Peters, MO

Amanda Eves  
Terrebonne, OK

Jonathan O'Keefe  
Shawnee, OK

Jordan Gilbert  
Chickasha, OK

Cody Payne  
Talala, OK





## NECROLOGY

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

**Box, Pattye – 76**, died January 1. Funeral services were January 4 at Moore, First. Following graduation from East Central State college in Ada, she taught school in California and in Moore. She and her husband, Paul, served as missionaries in Singapore, Malaysia and in Germany. She served alongside her husband as he served as pastor of Moore, First and three other Oklahoma churches.

**Brown, Roy – 89**, died October 18. Brown was a native of Kansas, a graduate of Jones High School, and served with the 162<sup>nd</sup> Infantry in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II. He pastured Oklahoma churches, and baptized more than 700 people during his ministry.

**Burns, Lunola**, died February 2. Services were February 3 at Oakdale Baptist Church (formerly Witcher) in Edmond. She was the wife of John Burns, a BCM associate at BGCO many years after serving as BCM director at OBU and UCO.

**Caughern, Del**, wife of Charles Caughern, pastor of Summerfield Baptist Church, died 10 days following their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Clouse, Carolyn – 80**, died July 8 in Lawton. Funeral services were July 12 at Lawton, First. Clouse was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and worked for the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, before moving to Lawton, where she served as editor of First Church's *Visitor*.

**Collier, Gerri**, wife of the late Joe Hubb Collier, died April 19. Funeral services were April 24 at Davis Funeral Home in Cushing. She was preceded in death by her husband in March.

**Collier, Joe Hubb – 87**, died March 16 in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were March 19 at Tulsa, Olivet. A native of Ringling, Collier, while working in the oilfield, surrendered to preach during an evangelism conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and served three years with the Naval Air Corps. Collier served Oklahoma Baptist as pastor of 11 churches.

**Cook, Millard Judson – 90**, retired director of public relations and development for the BGCI Department of Child Care, died December 11. Funeral services were December 15 at Oklahoma City, First. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, he was pastor of three Oklahoma churches before joining the Child Care Department in 1949. He was superintendent of Boys Ranch Town and business manager of Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center, and in retirement directed the \$25 million Campaign for the Baptist Foundation. A cottage on the campus of the Baptist

Children's Home in Madill was named for him, and in 2004, he was named a Centennial Hero by Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children.

**Dunn, Don**, previous member of the BGCO Board of Directors, died. Funeral services were March 10, at Chickasha, First Baptist Church.

**Frizzell, Donna Mae – 95**, mother of BGCO Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Specialist Greg Frizzell, died September 6 in Lexington, Tennessee. She and her husband, John, were founders of Frizzell Family Shoe Store which they owned and operated in Lexington for 55 years. She was a member of Lexington, First since 1947, and at the time of her death, was the church's oldest member.

**Fox, Philip Ray – 56**, died August 23 at his home in Healdton following a battle with cancer. Funeral services were Aug. 26 at Healdton, First, with burial at Floral Haven Cemetery in Broken Arrow. Fox has been pastor at Healdton, First since 1994. He was a graduate of the University of Tulsa and served as managing editor of the Cushing Daily Citizen. He was called to the ministry in 1986 and served as pastor of Mazie Church in Craig-Mayes Association and Olive, First, prior to moving to Healdton.

**Fuquay, Willene Short – 95**, died January 5. Funeral services were January 7 at Midwest City, First. The wife of Murray Fuquay, who served 25 years as pastor of Midwest City, First, she was the daughter of W.T. Short, professor of mathematics at Oklahoma Baptist University. She was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and held a master's degree in art from the University of Oklahoma and a master's in religious education from Southwestern Seminary. Fuquay served as a mentor for medical students in a program sponsored by the OU College of Medicine. She created more than 200 paintings which hang in churches and OBU offices, did chalk talks and storytelling with children.

**Goodwin, Richard**, father of Jan Miller (OBHC) and father-in-law of Rob Miller (BGCO Print Operations Manager), died January 20. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Lyndon, Kansas.

**Hummingbird, John E. – 74**, died December 3, Funeral services were December 6 at Stilwell, First. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, he served in the Oklahoma National Guard 45th Infantry Brigade for 11 years and owned and operated John's Fine Barbering in Stilwell for 33 years. He served as pastor of Oklahoma City, Glorieta, and Cherry Hill and Chuculate churches in Cherokee Association. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

**Hastey, Ervin Elmer – 89**, died November 28 in El Paso, Texas. Funeral services were December 4 at Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana in El Paso. A graduate of OBU, and Southwestern Seminary, Hastey spent time in the Navy during WW II. In addition to starting work on an Arapaho Indian reserve-

tion, he pastured churches in Oklahoma, and was a DOM for Mills Association before appointment as missionary to Mexico in 1952. Hastey also served on the IMB directing the worldwide program of evangelism and church growth. From 1988-98, he served in the volunteer missions program for the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

**Jennings, Merl – 68**, died August 12, 2009, in following a long illness. Jennings was an OBU graduate and, following a career in the public schools in Oklahoma City area, he led OBUs career Planning Center from its inception in 1984 until 1986 at which time he assumed the role of vice president of student development. He served in that capacity until he resigned from OBU in February 1993. He retired in Creede, Colorado. Jennings served in bivocational ministry during his career, working with church music, youth and education ministries.

**Knox, Martha Lea – 50**, daughter of Marvin Know, retired Oklahoma pastor, died April 16, after a lifelong battle with health issues. Funeral services were April 29 at Faith Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, where she was a member. Scott was educated at the Jane Brooks School for the Deaf in Chickasha, and served as a teacher's aide for the Wichita Falls Regional School for the Deaf for 26 years until her medical retirement in 2005.

**Lindsay, Joann – 74**, died May 29 after suffering a massive stroke. Lindsay was retired secretary in the BGCO brotherhood department and Baptist Building switchboard operator for more than 30 years. Funeral services were June 5 at Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Chandler.

**Maxwell, James Paul**, died December 30, 2009. Funeral services were January 3, 2010 at Shawnee, First. Maxwell served as a summer missionary for two years in California, was associate pastor and music director at Oklahoma City, Millwood, and pastor of Helena, First. He was director of the Baptist Goodwill Center in Oklahoma City before moving to Alva, where he served as director of missions for Salt Fork Association and Baptist Student Union director at Northwestern State University. Maxwell was endorsed by the North American Mission Board as chaplain to Boley Department of Corrections, Shawnee jail, Shawnee Fire Department and Glenn Carter Juvenile Detention Center.

**McCartney, Richard Thomas (Dick) – 81**, editor of the Baptist Messenger from 1979-87, died at his home in Arkansas March 9. Funeral services were March 13 at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, First. McCartney served as editor when the paper reached its peak circulation of more than 121,000, and during the state's turbulent time of voting in liquor-by-the-drink, pari-mutuel horse racing and opposing a state lottery. He became Oklahoma Baptists' spokesman for all of those issues. Prior to serving Oklahoma Baptists, he was public relations director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. McCartney, who started his career in broadcasting in 1945, came full circle when he accepted the position of vice president and chief operating officer of the South-

ern Baptist Radio-Television Commission in 1987 from which he retired in 1995.

**Morton, John R., Jr. – 75**, pastor of Oklahoma City, Springdale for the past 40 years, died April 24. Funeral services were held at Springdale on April 29 with burial at Rose Hill Cemetery. Morton also served as pastor at Battiest and Calera; Huron, South Dakota, and Lamar, Colorado. He was a graduate of OBU and Southwestern Seminary, and then received his D.Min from Luther Rice University in Jacksonville, Florida. Morton also was chaplain at Danforth Retirement Center and held services there every Thursday evening for the past 29 years.

**Myers, Adline**, wife of former Nowthwest Baptist Church staffer, Ken Myers, died February 19. Funeral services were February 21 in Lugoff, South Carolina, where they have resided since leaving Oklahoma.

**Pace, Lois**, mother of Jamie Fannie and mother-in-law of Ron Fannin (BGCO Senior Associate Executive Director), died January 27. Pace was a member of Tishomingo, First.

**Porter, Gydel**, assistant to the pastor at Oklahoma City, Quail Springs Baptist Church, died March 6. Funeral services were March 10 at Quail Springs Baptist Church.

**Rayburn, Boyd – 84**, longtime church planter, died March 14. Funeral services were March 17 at Moore, Regency Park. Boyd surrendered to the ministry in 1952. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, and served as pastor of four Oklahoma Baptist churches prior to being appointed by the North American Mission Board as a church planter in Union Association, where he started 21 new churches.

**Romines, Edward Kenneth – 79**, died December 6 in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were December 12 at Henryetta, First. A graduate from Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Seminary, Romines served as pastor of ten Oklahoma Baptist churches as well as churches in Ohio and Texas. He was also director of missions for North Canadian Association and served on the Board of Directors for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. He preached 100 revivals in five states and a mission and evangelism revival in Taiwan in 1977.

**Salyer, Paul E. – 73**, died January 12 after a long battle with cancer. Funeral services were January 17 at Oklahoma City, South Lindsay. Salyer served as pastor of South Lindsay, one of the 10 fastest-growing congregations in Oklahoma during the 1970s, for 20 years. In 1990 he became pastor of Oklahoma City, Westmore, a new congregation.

**Sammons, Clarence – 85**, died April 2 in Tulsa. Funeral services were April 7 at Tulsa, South Tulsa. A veteran of World War II, he served as pastor of Sinclair Church in Union Association; Oklahoma City, Central and West

Lawn. He was chaplain for the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department, Chaplain and Commander for American Legion-Post 13 and director of American Legion/Boys State Scholarship.

**Sanford, Geary Faye** - 86, mother of State WMU President Pat Wagstaff, died September 20. Sanford was a longtime member of Lindsay, First, and a graduate of Lindsay High School. She and her husband, Paul, moved to Oklahoma City in 1967 where she became a licensed realtor.

**Skinner, Marvin**, died September 25, 2009. Skinner was an Oklahoma pastor nearly all of his adult life, last the in Pottawatomie-Lincoln Baptist Association.

**Smith, John L. – 89**, died April 5 in Marlow. Funeral services were April 8 at Marlow, First. Smith was a graduate of Marlow High School, attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Cameron University and Brigham Young University, and received a doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary.

**Swezey, Erin Elizabeth – 20**, daughter of Dixie Swezey, minister of childhood education at Oklahoma City, Quail Springs, died following a traffic accident April 4. Funeral services were April 8 at Quail Springs. A graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, she was a student at Oklahoma State University studying architectural design and music. She worked every summer as a counselor at Camp Nunny Cha-ha, and planned to work at CrossTimbers Camp.

**Swift, Hugh**, died April 20 after suffering with leukemia. He was a faithful, giving servant who generously funded the Swiftskate Park as well as the Missions Prayer Plaza at Falls Creek. Funeral services were held April 22, at First Baptist Church, Duncan, Oklahoma.

**Tidwell, Roland Dewey – 79**, died June 30. Funeral services were July 3 at Bristow, Trinity with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. Tidwell served in the Army National Guard in the 279<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, was pastor of Picher, Trinity, and for the past 30 years served as pastor of Bristow, Trinity.

**Tinnin, Finley Watson, Jr. – 89**, died January 7 at Lackey Manor Nursing Home in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were January 10 at Oklahoma City, Baptist Temple. A native of Louisiana and graduate of Louisiana Baptist College, he served as Army chaplain in the South Pacific during World War II and was awarded two bronze stars. Tinnin became pastor Baptist Temple in 1948 and served there until his retirement in 1989. The next 10 years, he served as interim pastor of several Oklahoma churches and worked for the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma. Tinnin was a trustee of Oklahoma Baptist University, where he was awarded an honorary degree in 1974.

**Watson, James M. – 85**, of Ardmore, died April 2. Funeral services were April 6 at Ardmore, First. A graduate of Grandfield High School, Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He and his wife Ruth Vineyard served for 13

years as missionaries to Immanuel Church in Madrid, Spain, and pastored nine Oklahoma Baptist churches. At the time of his death he was serving on the staff of Ardmore, First.

**Webb, H. Alton – 86**, died August 22 in Anadarko. Funeral services were August 27 at Anadarko, Virginia Avenue. Webb, a native of Texas, was a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. His first Oklahoma pastorate was Spiro, First. He served three more churches before becoming assistant administrator of Baptist Hospital in Miami. Later he was administrator of Perry Baptist Hospital and Lackey Manor Retirement Center in Oklahoma City. He served as pastor of Anadarko, First and was DOM for Concord-Kiowa Association. He also served as chairman of the Oklahoma Baptist Historical Commission.

# Memorial Gifts

On September 8, 1998 by vote of the Historical Commission, a memorial fund was established whereby a gift of \$25 or more may be made to the Gaskin Historical Archives and Library Forever Fund in memory of a deceased relative or friend.

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Given by Lemuel Ball

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Given by Lemuel Ball

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