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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

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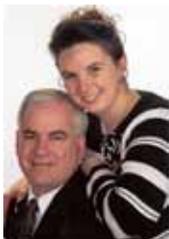
OCTOBER 14 -17, 2013

Monday Night
7:00 PM



Daniel E. Taylor
OBI President

Tues. & Thurs. Night
7:00 PM



Doug Webb
Brooks, KY

Wed. Night
7:00 PM



Charles Akers
Missionary

Morning Speaker
10:30 AM



William Preskitt
Martinsville, VA

Morning Prayer
9:30 AM



Gene Canter
OBI Instructor

Evening Prayer
6:30 PM



Mike Shelton
OBI Academic Dean

(Youth and Children's speakers to be announced.)

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Scholarships given to twenty-eight students to attend Ozark Bible Institute and College

Traditionally, scholarships are given based on academics. Although academics are considered, these scholarships are granted based upon total character. In recent years, Ozark Bible Institute and College has been blessed by newly created scholarship funds. These funds are proving to be most helpful and encouraging to many students. Each of the scholarships have been established by individuals who have a special interest in the training of young people for the work of the ministry. At present, there are twelve different scholarships being given on an annual basis.



The scholarship program has been a wonderful way to invest in God's kingdom by helping young people train for the ministry.

On behalf of OBI, let me say "Thank you" to all who have made our scholarship program possible.

Sincerely, Daniel E. Taylor

Each year we award scholarships to students so they can experience active ministry during the summer and be able to return to school in the fall. The following are thus awarded as full scholarships to the "Higher Ground Outreach Group."

The Three Rivers Scholarship



Ethan Binkley



Ben Bradley

Shifflet Memorial Scholarship



Jonathan Hutson



Jeron Presley

Johnson Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00



Tyler Brown



Angela Carlisle

William Cherry Memorial Scholarship - \$600.00



Deidre Boggs

Leonard Allgood Scholarship - \$500.00



Joey Lindenborn



Christi McLarty

OBI Textbook Scholarship



Justin Fiocoprile



Bethany Mallory

Dorothy Miller/Ramona Fare Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Brandi McLarty



Candace Smith

Russell Graham Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Jessica Aguirre



Hannah McCoy

Voice of Truth Quartet Scholarship - \$500.00



Hope Benner



Nathan Akers

Gene Huff Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Nathan Akers



Nathan Crosser



Jonathan Ennis



Jordan Ennis



Jamin Martin



Charity Benner



Courtney Johnston



Tabitha Trawick



Alecia Webb

D.C. Branham Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Seth Zerbel

Marshall Stoner Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00



Joshua Rogers

DEAN'S LIST SPRING 2013	
3.90 and above	
Smith, Candace	4.00
Hutson, Clayton	4.00
Martin, Jamin	4.00
McLarty, Christi.....	4.00
Luper, Sarah	4.00
Martin, Joseph	4.00
Boyer, Bethany.....	4.00
Rice, Maria	4.00
Lowery, Trey.....	4.00
Martin, Cindra	4.00
Miles, James.....	4.00
Binkley, Ethan	4.00
Frazier, Faith.....	4.00
Niswonger, Janine.....	4.00
Hensley, Emily	4.00
Lewis, Sara	4.00
Akers, Nathan.....	4.00
Barros, Katie	4.00
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Malone, Justin	4.00
Moreino, Charity.....	4.00
Webb, Alecia.....	4.00

Carlisle, Angela	4.00
Knox, Charlotte	4.00
Zerbel, Seth	4.00
Metzger, Peter	4.00
Pries, Kirah	4.00
Reed, Evan	4.00
Thomas, Ryan	4.00
Farmer, Jessica	4.00
Shumpert, Andrew	4.00
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HONORROLL SPRING 2013	
3.50 and above	
Ennis, Jonathan	3.879
Bradley, Ben.....	3.867
Boggs, Deidre	3.854
Johnson, Courtney.....	3.854
Margeson, Jeremy.....	3.854
Johnson, Mikayla.....	3.842
Hutson, Jonathan.....	3.829
Rogers, Joshua	3.829
Williams, Zachary	3.829
Dixon, Allison	3.813
Driscoll, Caleb.....	3.813

Metzger, Hannah.....	3.813
Fiocoprile, Justin.....	3.813
Smith, Dacia.....	3.793
Brown, Tyler	3.771
Chan, Brittney.....	3.769
Bennett, Robin	3.769
Maestas, Samantha.....	3.722
Kirkland, Mary	3.684
Trawick, Tabitha.....	3.684
Ball, Heather	3.667
McLarty, Brandi.....	3.657
Presley, Jeron.....	3.657
Richardson, Allison	3.657
Benner, Hope.....	3.647
Matthews, Katherine.....	3.625
Ennis, Jordan	3.590
Lindenborn, Joey	3.590
Williams, Hannah	3.561
Shumpert, Scott.....	3.556
Royal, Hannah.....	3.538
Crosser, Nathan	3.526
McElhany, Amailee	3.526

The President Writes

BASE YOUR HAPPINESS ON YOUR HOPE



By President Daniel E. Taylor

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;” (Romans 12:12).

General MacArthur’s famous speech was entitled, “Duty, Honor, and Country.” These are the three essential ingredients in the life of an officer and a great man. But Paul said there are also three essential elements in the life of a Spirit-filled believer, *faith, hope, and love*. The greatest of

these is love, which stands to reason. In a human being’s life the main motivation must be desire, which is the offspring of what we love, what we set our affections on!

Paul has already addressed the subject of love in this chapter when he cautioned “no imitation love please” in verse 12. Now he addresses the next essential element, “**hope**”—“*rejoicing in hope.*” Hope is one of the three eternally important elements of the Christian life. Look in verse 12 and see the relation tribulation and prayer have to **hope**.

“PATIENT IN TRIBULATION”

Tribulation is trouble, active trouble. It is trouble in the present tense. Is anyone reading this facing **trouble**; or perhaps it would be easier to ask is there anyone not presently facing **trouble**?

But it is also true that our life is

a life of **trouble**—“*man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble*” (Job 14:1). Jesus said, “*in the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; for I have overcome the world*” (John 16:33). This means that Jesus overcame the **trouble** of the world, which is sin. If there were no sin, there would be no trouble. There is no **trouble** in the land where I’m bound as the song says.

But there is plenty of trouble where we are now! But why are we exhorted in verse 12 to be patient in tribulation? Trouble can be like a garter snake. It won’t hurt you, but it will make you hurt yourself!

So Paul is saying that since tribulation is an unavoidable part of a person’s life they need to be careful not to let trouble cause them to hurriedly do something.

One of the first things that

happens when a Christian goes into panic mode over some looming trouble is the devil tries to take advantage by painting in your mind a picture of doom. The devil is masterful at making troublesome circumstances look hopeless unless you act on “his” advice which is never good, and is always unbiblical. That is how you know it is the devil.

A good example is Job. He is sitting on an ash heap scraping his boils with a broken piece of pottery and his wife of all people is convinced by the devil to give her husband this advice, “Why don’t you curse God and die?” I assume she is suggesting suicide. Who do you think was behind that? We see Satan talking to God about trying Job. Then we don’t see Satan again except in the activity of the people who are giving Job wrong advice about how he should respond to his tribulation. But Job held on to his integrity. Thus, we use the phrase—*“the patience of Job”* (James 5:11). He was **“patient in tribulation.”**

So patience in tribulation is a necessity for a Christian since it is an unavoidable fact that saints will face trouble in this life. But *“patience”* is not our resource! Patience is an essential frame of mind in which we face our trouble, but our resource is prayer and hope.

“REJOICING IN HOPE”

“Rejoicing in hope!” Hope is one of the three abiding emotions of the Spirit-filled life. **Though it is not the greatest, it is great.**

(1) Hope is the difference between how we feel when a Christian dies as opposed to when a lost person dies (Proverbs 14:32).

(2) Hope is the unmovable anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:18,19).

(3) Hope is a heavenly treasure (Colossians 1:5).

(4) Hope is grounded in the fact

Jesus is raised from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).

(5) The primary purpose of the written word is to give us hope (Romans 15:4).

(6) Hope is the saving element of life (Romans 8:24).

(7) We are called as Christians to tell others about this hope (1 Peter 3:15).

(8) The hope of Jesus coming for us inspires holy living (1 John 3:3).

(9) Always remember our faith is the substance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1). **Our faith is no greater than our hope.** There is no more reality to our faith than what we hope for. Do you really hope they will be saved? Do you really hope you can preach? Do you really hope to go to heaven?

Your faith will never accomplish anymore than what you hope for. Are you *“rejoicing in hope?”* What do you think that means? It means that if you have a born-again salvation experience with Jesus, you have “hope for every situation.”

Remember what Paul said about the Ephesians spiritual condition before Christ. *“Having no hope without God in the world.”* But you, by faith in Jesus, have had God come into your world and you into His. You should be *“rejoicing in hope!”*

“CONTINUING INSTANT IN PRAYER”

And what exactly is that hope we can now rejoice in? We are connected with Jesus by the Spirit, so we can pray—**“instant in prayer!”** He is as close as the mention of His name. It’s not a letter that takes hours, days, perhaps weeks to deliver.

I read in the paper of a letter found in a post office storage room from the forties and finally delivered. But not only is prayer instant, but you need to continually be instant in prayer.

In hope rejoicing, in tribulation enduring, in prayer steadfastly continuing. But the phrase *“continuing instant in prayer”* means to be steadfast in your prayer life and keep on consistently praying even during the most difficult trials, **because that is how you stay connected with your hope.**

You’ve heard me tell about my brother, Ken, who led me to Christ. After I was saved, I still leaned on Ken for spiritual help. I’d run into a problem and boom, panic mode. Ken and I worked together a lot so I’d tell him about my crisis. Ken always had a way of putting things in perspective.

But as time went on, Brenda and I moved and had to go to a church that was closer. Brother Winstead was a great pastor, but I wasn’t with him everyday like Ken. So as necessity is the mother of invention, necessity is also the motivation that causes a Christian to have to learn to stand on their own. **The thing that enables us to stand on our own is prayer.** When you face trouble, pray! By prayer you stay in touch with Jesus and He calms your fears, guides your steps, and He gives you hope.

In a few of my greater tribulations, I have empathetically gone down to King David’s palace and watched David when he and Bathsheba’s baby boy was sick. David laid on the ground outside the palace all night. He prayed and fasted for his sick child. Some of the higher-ups in the palace tried to get David to come into

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the palace and eat but David refused. Then the child died. The servants of David were afraid to tell him. They figured if he afflicted himself so much when the child was only sick, what will he do when he finds out the boy died?

But David saw them whispering and figured the child had died. So he asked and they told him the child was dead. David got up off the ground, went into the palace, took a bath, anointed himself, changed his clothes, came into the tabernacle and worshiped God for a while, went into his house, sat down at the dinner table and told the cook to fix him a meal, and he ate.

The servants were confused and asked David, "What's up with this? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, and now that he is dead you rise up and eat." David explained his "hopes" had changed. While the child was alive he prayed in hope that God would heal the boy. But God, for whatever reason, didn't. God took the boy to heaven. So now David has a different hope. Here is how he states it, "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23).

It is the unique privilege of the

believer to always rejoice in hope! Paul said in the Roman dungeon, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). How could he do that? Because he had hope, even when no one else did.

Luke says in Acts 27 that in the storm called Euroclydon, they had lost hope. He says they had done everything they could to save themselves and the ship. They lightened it, struck sails, girded it with ropes, but the storm was so dense they couldn't tell night from day and after many days of such a powerful storm, they lost hope (Acts 27:20). They lost their hope but Paul held on to his! **Hold on! Hold on! "Rejoicing in Hope...!"**

Editor's Notes

"WILL THERE BE ANY SNELLS IN HEAVEN?"

By Editor Wallace E. Joice



Today, June 5, 2013, I received my quarterly letter from the General Council of the Assemblies of God. As usual, I looked over the list of ministerial changes. I was especially interested in the list of the deceased. Since I have been an Assembly of God preacher since 1958, I know and have known a lot of people. However, I did not see anyone that I knew or had heard of until my eyes fell on Howard C. Snell of Enid, Oklahoma. That name brought scenes of memory to mind.

In the fall of 1962, I held a revival for Brother Snell in his church in Enid. In the course of the meeting I preached on Heaven. At the conclusion of the sermon, I told an old D. L. Moody story as follows:

"There is an old legend of a swan and a crane. A beautiful swan alighted by the banks of the water in which a crane was wading about seeking snails.

For a few moments the crane viewed the swan in wonder and then inquired: 'Where did you come from?'

'I came from heaven,' replied the swan.

'And where is heaven?' asked the crane.

'Heaven!' said the swan. 'Heaven! Have you never heard of heaven?' And the beautiful bird went on to describe the grandeur of the eternal city. She told of the streets of gold and the gates and walls of precious stones; of the river of life, pure as crystal, upon whose banks is the tree whose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations. In eloquent terms, the swan sought to describe the hosts who live in the other world, but without arousing the slightest interest on the part of the crane.'

Finally, the crane asked, 'Are there any snails there?'

'Snails,' repeated the swan, 'no, of course there are not.'

'Then,' said the crane, as it continued its search along the slimy banks of the pools, 'You can have your heaven. I want snails!'

How many a young person to whom God has granted the advantages of a Christian home, has turned his back upon it and searched for snails! How many a man will sacrifice his wife, his family, his all, for the snails of sin! How many a girl has deliberately turned from the love of parents and home to learn too late that heaven has been forfeited by snails.

There is certainly nothing wrong with this story; it has a great moral. However, there was something wrong with my Ozark country-pronunciation. I pronounced snails as "snells." Brother Snell had a great sense of humor, but you can imagine how he teased me!

This is one of the reasons why I always insisted that my students know what words mean—and that they **pronounce them right.**

I seriously doubt that there will be any snails in heaven, but I'm sure there will be Snells there! I haven't got to spend nearly as much time as I would have liked with Brother Snell, but I'm looking forward to sharing eternal fellowship with him.

Consider your eternity to be of great value and it will help you keep your priorities right!



The Miracle of the Seed

"..The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11). "The field is the world: the good seed are the children of the kingdom" (Matthew 13:38).



Brother and Sister Pennington with Ziona

The gospel theme is often compared to the occurrence of seed

the children of the kingdom, and the sower is Jesus himself (Matt. 13:37).

From these teachings of Jesus we can derive that the sowers of the Word of God are themselves sown by God



Praying for the sick at the public hospital in Amattitlan

into the areas of the world that He wants them to be planted and come to fruition.

In either case, the soil lies dormant, inert, motionless, and would remain as it is forever but for the seed that is sown. As the seed germinates and grows it creates a flurry of activity and changes in the soil. Particles of the soil are absorbed into the seed's composition and structure and given a higher nature making them a living organism that draws upon all the resources of nature (sun, dew, rain) to grow and become a useful contribution to the grand scheme of this world's ecosystem. Just as newness of life is witnessed in every plant that grows, so newness of life springs up in the human heart, and in areas of the



Group street service at Central Park, Guatemala City

world where the gospel seed is sown.

Unused seed and unsown soil are fruitless. OBI Guatemala is actively involved in sowing the seed of the Word of God among individuals, and preparing the children of the kingdom to be thrust out into the world by



Ministry to the poor at a market dump

the Master Sower... Jesus. Daily personal evangelism, radio broadcasts, and Bible training continue to touch lives and bring about eternal changes. Thanks for your part in making this ministry possible.

For the kingdom,

The Penningtons



One on one tract distribution and evangelism

and effect that the preaching of the gospel will have upon individual hearts and upon the populace of the world in general. In the parable of the sower, the field is the hearts of people, the seed is the Word of God, and the sower is God's servants. In the parable of the wheat and the tares, the field is the world, the good seed are

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2013
Fall Registration
Aug. 31 and
Sept. 2



SUMMER REPORT



By Gene Canter
Developmental
Director

A little over a week after OBI graduation, on May 8th, I flew to Zagreb, Croatia with missionary Harvey Moore. During our week and a half stay I was privileged to teach at a church camp in Veliki-Otok, Croatia. I taught approximately five hours on two consecutive Saturdays. The subject was the Doctrine of Salvation. The people were very excited and asked many questions following the last session of the day.



Brother Canter teaching at camp in Veliki-Otok, Croatia

During the week I ministered in a church set in a beautiful mountain village at Ivanec, Croatia. The people prayed with a wonderful anointing and worshiped enthusiastically. They opened their hearts to the preaching of the Word of God and were greatly moved in prayer after the preaching. I was asked to teach in the Varazdin



Church at Varazdin with pastor and Brother Canter and Brother Moore

church for three nights on the subject "The Mission of the Church." Sundays were filled with ministry in the local church at Varazdin and in the Capital City of Zagreb. Brother Harvey Moore is doing a wonderful work in Croatia. Pray that the Lord will bring a wonderful holiness revival to Croatia and supply Brother



Brother Canter & Brother Moore with elders of the church in Zagreb, Croatia

and Sister Moore with the finances needed to continue the work.

On Monday I flew from Zagreb, Croatia to Munich, Germany where Brother Doug Presley was waiting to pick me up at the airport. We had about a five and one half hour drive from Munich to Hoyerswerda,



Brother Canter at Hoyerswerda with pastor Michael Tschapek and son Lukas Tschapek and Brother Presley

Germany where Brother and Sister Presley are working. During the week we had six sessions in the local church, three on the subject of "Principles of Christian Purity," and three on "Christian Leadership." Brother Presley said with tears in his eyes, "I believe this teaching is ordained of God and is exactly what these people need at this time." Brother and Sister Presley's ministry is greatly needed in Germany;

victories have already been won but there is much to do. Please hold them up in prayer. Please pray also for Brother and Sister Presley's precious daughters: my special friends, helpers and attendants, Kellison, Kenna, and Kemily. I also want to thank Brother Taylor and Bible Holiness Assembly of God for the generous offering that made it possible for me to accept the invitation to minister in Croatia and Germany.



Kellison, Brother Canter, Kenna, and Kemily

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

In August we have two teams going overseas for ministry. On August 1st, Brother Daniel Taylor, Brother Joseph Martin, and myself along with Sister Sharon Pierce, Sister Rachel Prihoda, and Sister Maria Rice will be flying to Seoul, South Korea. We will be conducting a Camp Meeting and Children's ministry in a city about three and one half hours south of Seoul. Please pray that God will send a mighty move of the Holy Spirit.

Also in the first few days of August, Brother Ben Baker, Brother and Sister David Schminkey, and student missionary candidates, Candace Pardue and Jessica Farmer, will be flying to India for two pastor's schools, as well as children's ministry. Please pray for a wonderful anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the teachers as well as pastors and children.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support. May the Lord richly bless you for your love and support for missions.



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Dear Friends and Supporters;

I have been trying to remember how many times I have ridden on the Overcomers bus in the past sixteen years, twice maybe, three times max. So what you are about to read is not a plea to help me personally. But there is a genuine need for us to upgrade to a later model bus. Approximately three years ago we had the bus engine rebuilt. Shortly after the three year warranty expired the engine failed at the most inopportune time. **It was time for the spring tour!** So, we had to purchase a used engine and have it put in as a temporary fix to get us through the choir's end-of-the-year schedule. This cost OBI about eleven thousand dollars. But, it only put off the inevitable. We need a better bus!

Let me try and explain why this is so important. The choir and outreach groups are vital to our student's ministry training. Young people need hands-on training for the work of the ministry. We can fill their heads full of knowledge but until they see how that knowledge is applied to life's situations, it is useless.

One of the burdens the Lord laid on my heart when I came to OBI was to provide practical ministry opportunities to as many students as possible

The choir and outreach were already in existence so we added the intern program, the summer mission program, boys and girls night out program, all to help young people experience ministry and reach souls. But to do these things it requires equipment. And the equipment is used constantly until it is worn out. Then it has to be replaced.

The school had one decent van with low miles when I came. We have purchased several since then and they are used constantly. Sound equipment and musical instruments are used all the time, worn out and replaced.

The bus is a big-ticket item for us. To get a new bus would be over a quarter of a million dollars. We can get a later model bus, 2000 or above, for somewhere in the \$50,000 - \$75,000.00 range.

Brother Randy Snow has appealed to the alumni of OBI for help to buy a choir bus. Now I am appealing to anyone else that loves young people and wants to see them succeed in the ministry. Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Saints, anyone that has a heart's desire to see young people serve the Lord, I'm asking you to give.

In addition to being President of OBI, I pastor the church that sponsors the school. This church has given thousands of dollars, if not millions to support OBI over the past forty years. And we pledge \$5,000.00 toward the bus and ask you to help us by making a pledge of any amount so we can see this become a reality before the first choir tour of this coming school year at the end of October 2013. Thank you!

Sincerely, President Daniel E. Taylor

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WEST PLAINS, MO

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JANUARY 7-12 TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY



REV. RANDY SNOW
DENTON, TX

"TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY, SPEAK OFT WITH THY LORD; ABIDE IN HIM ALWAYS, AND FEED ON HIS WORD..."

ALUMNI IN MISSIONS

Two of our alumni young ladies, **Jennifer Norman** (OBI graduate 2007) and **Charity Zerbel** (OBI graduate 2012) are preparing for departure to India July 25th with Missionary Sister Kim Akers. Jennifer and Charity plan to return home December 12, 2013.

The ladies will be working near the city of Warangal, in the state of Andhra Pradesh of South India. Their primary goal is to prepare 20 orphan children for beginning school in English. They will be teaching these orphans in an ESL program (English as Second Language) and laying the foundation for a Christian School. The orphans are a part of the work that **Chuck and Kim Akers** (OBI graduates 1987) are doing in the same region of India.

There are several special projects related to the school there in which the ladies are involved. Foremost is the need to raise their monthly support to enable them to live in India. They will be going under the auspices of Global Missionary Taskforce, Inc. Any correspondence to the ladies should be addressed to their ministry name as follows:

Jennifer Norman, THEM Int'l, P. O. Box 477, Neosho, MO 64850

Charity Zerbel, Wee Teach Int'l, P. O. Box 477, Neosho, MO 64850