



# Oakwood College



An Instrument of Peace



## Lord

Make me an Instrument of your Peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light, and  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
For it is in giving, that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that  
We are born to eternal life.

Francis of Assisi

# Make Me An Instrument Of Your Peace



- Since 1896 Oakwood College has concerned itself with people — people living successful and meaningful lives at home, at study, at work, at play, at worship.

- Historically, Oakwood College has developed an educational program to meet the unique needs of people who have been disadvantaged from birth. They are black, and they are poor.

- Those students who have come have elected to attend what they call “their own college” where they feel they are not only “admitted” but “accepted”.

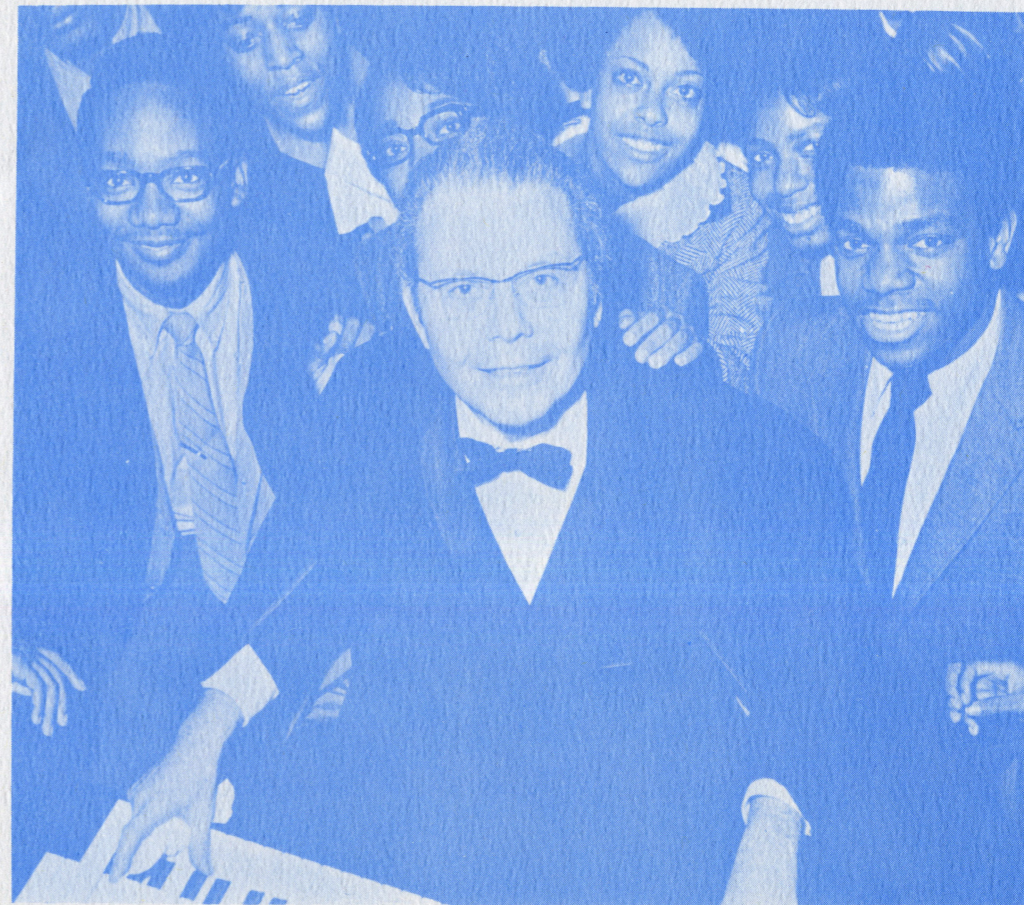
- Because they ask for a chance to “make it”, we accept them “where they are”, and with a program of quality education, raise their sights to new horizons.

- Over 6,000 students have passed through the “Oakwood Door of Opportunity” since the first twenty-four students were enrolled on November 16, 1896.



# Where There Is Hatred, Let Me Sow Love

● For three quarters of a century now, Oakwood has dedicated itself to the service of God, America, and the black youth of this nation. The labors and struggles of countless hands, the aspirations and prayers of countless hearts, the unrelenting sacrifices of countless lives — these have been blessed by God with a fruitfulness eloquent indeed in its witness of Oakwood's divine mission and approval. From Oakwood there have proceeded over five hundred ministers of the gospel — men who have proved themselves heralds of the Word and channels of counsel, serving specifically the sixty thousand American Seventh-day Adventists of African ancestry, sharing their ministry among nearly one half million American Seventh-day Adventists as a whole, and with a considerable number carrying their influence into overseas territories. From Oakwood there have proceeded some five thousand Adventist laymen, leaders and contributors in every field of public service and humanitarian endeavor. From Oakwood there has arisen a Triune Tradition — a unique and admirable union of our Adventist faith, our Black Heritage, and our American Ideals.



● Oakwood College is open to students of all races. It is cosmopolitan in that twenty percent of its teaching staff is non-black, and students from twenty foreign countries are among its clientele.

# Where There Is Injury, Pardon

● The significant academic advancement of Oakwood College and its continuing contribution to the development of black leaders stand as achievements to this institution's function as a major avenue for higher education for black youth. While the prestige of numerous institutions (black and white) has somewhat been determined by a number of applicants to whom they have closed their doors, Oakwood College has accepted the challenge of accepting black students where they are (academically), for the most part. Armed with the educational implications of cultural and intellectual deprivation, the College has accepted the responsibility of reparative work for black youth. Experience has proved that Oakwood has made a substantial contribution in tightening the slack in the educational deficiency of many of these black youth who have come to it. The institution rejects the dogmatic fixation of students as "average," "below average," or "superior," and recognizes intelligence as a general quality varying with a person who may use, if he will, his endowments for results contrary to his profile and for better advantage to himself in the post-college world than was predicted by the battery of tests.



● To accomplish its purpose — for both the student and the society it serves — the College seeks to maintain a faculty distinguished in teaching, research, and public service; to offer high-quality programs; to attract a cosmopolitan student body prepared to benefit from such an education; to provide facilities commensurate with excellence; to plan its physical and organizational structure to permit the fullest recognition of the individual student; to develop within the student a Christian character that will enable him to be of service to God and man; and to cultivate in the College community an atmosphere conducive to the attainment of its purpose.



# Where There Is Doubt, Faith

And why shouldn't a black youth doubt?



- Typically, he is from a family prematurely broken by divorce, desertion and death; where the home is overcrowded, the housing facilities inadequate; considerable economic insecurity prevails; often his parents are discouraged and bitter because they are more accustomed to defeat than success.
- Surrounded by dope or numbers racketeers, slumlords, shyster lawyers, corrupt politicians, and extortionists, the black ghetto youth needs models that will stimulate confidence rather than alienation.
- Many of these youth doubt because they have been part of the "dishonorable poor" — crowded in tenements, victimized by impersonal economic forces, rejected by parents and relatives, and too often stereotyped and maligned by a society that applauds its Christian-democratic ideals.

● Away from the crowded cities, on 1,000 acres at Oakwood — amidst woodlands and luxuriant green, he can be still and know that GOD IS.

● At Oakwood College we still believe in the gracious and strengthening influence of the Judeo-Christian ethic. To us, the Bible is still the Book that contains the most powerful and meaningful philosophy of life and that continues to answer the needs of men in this age as it has in ages past. Under the shadow of the oaks, Jesus Christ is still our most welcome Visitor and our most esteemed Teacher. We still spend countless hours at His feet — in the classroom, at daily and weekly worship services, and during yearly seasons of special study and prayer — listening to His words of wisdom, comfort and hope. We still accompany Him on missions of mercy, giving tangible and spiritual assistance to those who stumble under heavy loads of discouragement and despair, and sharing answers that we have found to pressing questions of life — present and future. All that we attempt to do academically and otherwise is built upon this firm foundation that has successfully withstood the assaults of time.

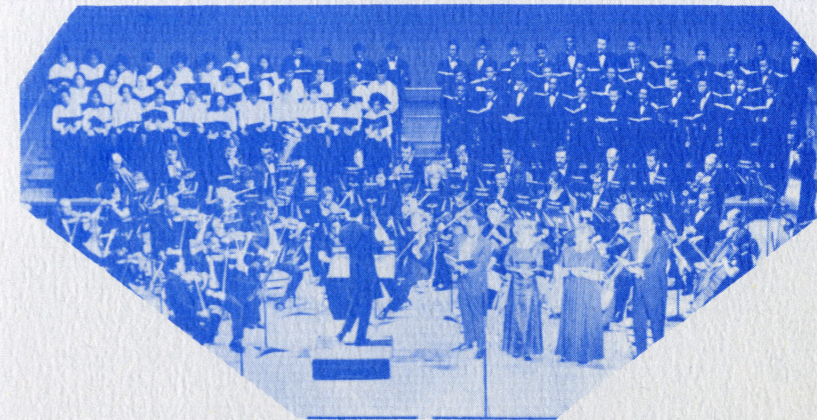
# Where There Is Despair, Hope

- Our work is reformatory. Isaiah said it another way, "And thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." (Isaiah 61:4; 59:12)
- Students, who otherwise would not be admitted because of poor high school marks or on entrance examinations, are admitted on special programs.
- Special help is extended to those students by way of smaller classes, reduced class loads, scholarship improvement courses, tutorial assistance, non-credit preparatory courses, and special counseling.
- There is the matter of economic deprivation which requires the College to give financial assistance to ninety-seven percent of its students through a combination of grants, scholarships, loan funds and work-study arrangements.



- The philosophy of Christian Education at Oakwood College embodies character development so that the spirit of the student is lifted far beyond the point where he once had no hope nor hope of hope.

- The student faculty ratio of fourteen to one provides for a richness of fellowship in a family setting.



- Oakwood College is not only helping each student to be a self-supporting member of society, but is preparing each student so that he can improve living conditions and opportunities in his community.

# Where There Is Darkness, Light



● Oakwood College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is approved by the Seventh-Day Adventist Board of Regents, and holds membership in the United Negro College Fund.

● Degrees offered and major fields are as follows:

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

Behavioral Science  
Biology  
Business Administration  
Chemistry  
Education  
English  
History

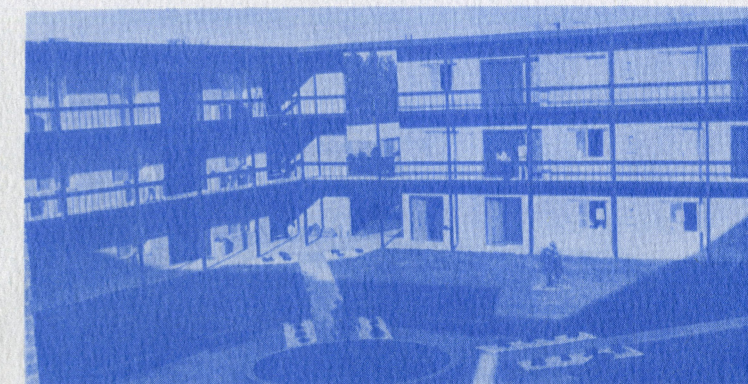
Home Economics  
Mathematics  
Music  
Psychology  
Religion  
Secretarial Science  
Sociology

#### **Bachelor of Science**

Business Administration  
Education  
Home Economics  
Secretarial Science

#### **Bachelor of Music**

Music Education  
Piano  
Violin  
Voice





# Where There Is Sadness, Joy



- Student missionaries have served in Peru, Thailand, and Japan.
- Student volunteers faithfully visit patients at the local rest homes for the aged each week.
- Packages of food, clothing, and toys are prepared for homeless or underprivileged children throughout the year.
- The student association has shared a part of its annual budget for scholarships in hardship cases, so that students will not have to drop out of school during the year.
- An O.K. program was introduced through which students tutor public school children needing special instruction. In addition, the tutors transported these children to various social activities at the College in a "big brother" program arrangement.
- Social Welfare students helped to renovate a three bedroom house (that was purchased through government surplus), and then turned it over to a family which had been living under substandard conditions in a rural area not far from the College.

# A Summary of Oakwood's Needs

PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST		
<b>I. ACADEMIC</b>		<b>II. CULTURAL</b>	
A. Scholarship Advancement		Performing Arts Center	1,000,000
Student Scholarships and Loans	2,250,000	Artists and Cultural Series	100,000
Scholarship Improvement Program	1,000,000	Visiting Scholars and Lecturer Series	100,000
Advanced Education for Faculty	500,000	Educational F.M. Radio Station	50,000
Endowed Chairs	1,000,000	Amphitheater	50,000
Faculty Research Grants	250,000	<b>III. PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	
Faculty Salary Supplements	250,000	Track	100,000
Sabbatical Grant Fund	500,000	Volley Ball Court	25,000
Endowment Funds	10,000,000	Natatorium	250,000
		Golf Course	100,000
B. Facilities		Baseball Fields (plus bleachers and lights)	150,000
College Library	850,000	Physical Education Center (with indoor tracks)	500,000
Religious Education Center	1,000,000	Outdoor Basketball Courts	50,000
Human Resources Center	500,000	<b>IV. GENERAL</b>	
Counseling Center	300,000	Touring Bus	65,000
Language Center	150,000	Campus Beautification	100,000
Research Center	250,000	College Health Center (medical offices for doctor and dentist)	250,000
Vocational and Technical School	1,500,000	General Warehouse	250,000
Secondary School Complex	1,000,000	BLACK ARCHIVES	250,000
Continuing Education Center	1,000,000		

Your contributions are tax deductible.

You may support the unique program of Character Development at Oakwood College

1. By direct annual giving.
2. By contributing to a building project.
3. By establishing a Scholarship Fund in honor of a loved one.
4. By erecting a monument (chapel, carillon, fountain, etc.) as a memorial to a loved one.
5. By endowing a chair to advance the program of a particular department.
6. By making a provision in your will for the College.
7. By taking a \$5,000 Life Membership on the Board of Friends at Oakwood College. Annual membership dues are \$500. After ten years of annual membership, one automatically becomes a Life Member.

"When you invest in youth, you invest in the future."

For it is in giving that we receive



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