

William Carey College

thanks Mississippi Baptists
and celebrates its

Jubilee 1954-2004

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William Carey College

Dear Friends,

October, 2004

William Carey College thanks Mississippi Baptists for fifty years of faithful support. With you as a reliable foundation, William Carey College has provided quality higher education in a Christian context for 16,512 graduates since 1954.

In November 1953, you voted to move our predecessor, Mississippi Woman's College, to coeducational status and to continue your support. On April 20, 1954, the board of trustees renamed the college as William Carey College in honor of Baptists' pioneer in missions, who sets our ongoing example for the college's mission to develop every student's "scholarship, leadership, and service."

We are excited about the future of William Carey College and would be honored to share our vision of Christian faith and academic excellence with you.

With thanks to God and Mississippi Baptists,

Larry W. Kennedy
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Dr. Larry W. Kennedy, President
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Dear Dr. Kennedy, Faculty, Student, Alumni and Friends,

It is with great joy that I write this letter of congratulations as you celebrate 50 years of being William Carey. Mississippi Baptists can be grateful for the half century of service, teaching, influencing, and enlarging the kingdom of God. In these 50 years never has the work been so strong, the testimony been so clear, the standard been so high, and the future been so bright as right now.

Dr. Kennedy, I thank you for the love that you have for the Lord that has been translated into a special love for touching lives and training young people who will make a difference in our world for Christ's sake. Your leadership has provided for remarkable, even miraculous things to take place at William Carey. William Carey's passionate admonition, "Attempt Great Things for God - Expect Great Things from God," is obviously more than a slogan and for you it has become a living reality. It has been my blessing to see the Lord bless the school through your leadership and for the school to bless Mississippi Baptists through its influence.

To the Faculty, Students, Alumni, and Friends thank you for all you have done during these 50 years in staying faithful to the school, the man for whom the school was named, and most of all the Lord, who has so graciously provided, protected, and blessed you. We join as partners for the future and pray that God is going to mightily continue to use William Carey College and Mississippi Baptists to keep the witness of Jesus strong, true, and touching the entire world.

Thankfully yours,

Jim Futral

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You are cordially
invited to attend the

Jubilee Appreciation Reception

Tuesday, October 26, 2004
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Christian Life Center
First Baptist Church, Jackson



“CELEBRATING HIS GLORIOUS DESIGN”

— William Carey, D.D.

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE

1954-2004

A Name Worthy of a College

Many colleges derive their name from a place or a benefactor. William Carey College draws strength from a name that marks its commitment to the highest standards of Christian scholarship.

The life of William Carey, D. D. (1761-1834) defines the mission of William Carey College.

Carey was devoted to a diversity of endeavors that characterize the practice of Christian faith in the modern world.

He was a missionary, evangelist, educator, reformer, linguist, scientist and businessman. As such, his life and work offer a model for operation of a Baptist college.

Identifying Facts Regarding William Carey

Missionary Emphasis

- Born 1761, self-educated cobbler and pastor from the English midlands.
- Heralded the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society in 1792 with his watchword "Expect great things; attempt great things."
- Wrote missions pamphlet *An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens* (1792).
- Served as a missionary in India from 1793 until his death in 1834.
- Converted thousands of Hindus and Muslims to Christianity.
- Established Baptist mission stations throughout southern Asia.

Christian Social Reform

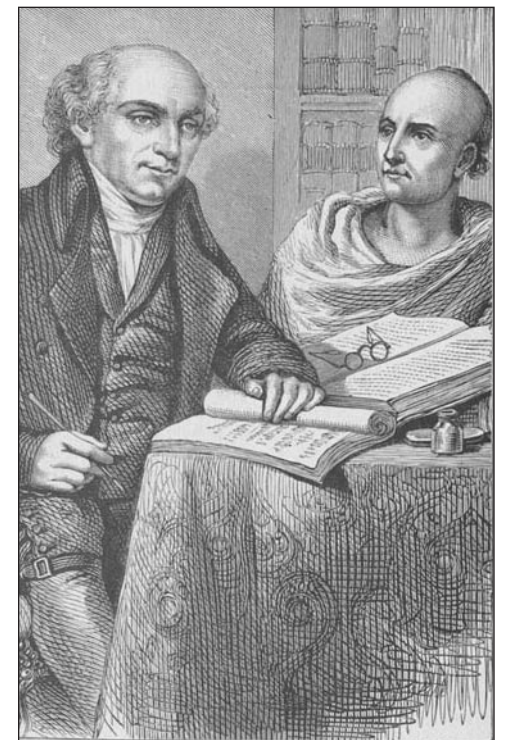
- Campaigned against caste social distinctions.
- Worked to secure prohibition of infant sacrifice and widow-burning.

Linguistic Diligence

- Published grammars and dictionaries of several Indian languages.
- Served as professor of Bengali and Sanskrit at Fort William College, Calcutta.

Scientific Achievement

- Edited two important botanical works, *Hortus Bengalensis* (1814) and *Flora Indica* (1820, 1824).
- Founded the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India (1820).
- Became fellow of prestigious Linnaean Society of London.



Carey and Pundit Mritunjaya engaged in translation.



The Center for Study of the Life and Work of William Carey, D.D. (1761-1834) will be housed in Donnell Hall, as shown in the architectural rendering above.

Business Acumen

- Helped to start savings banks in India.
- Brought one of the first steam engines to India.
- Published India's first periodical, *The Friend of India*, which later became a major newspaper, *The Statesman*.

Educational Striving

- Supervised printing of Bible in numerous Indian dialects.
- Founded Serampore College (1818).
- Pioneered the education of Indian women.
- Awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Brown University (1806).

Carey Historical Highlights

1954-2004

1954-1963

In 1954-55, under the leadership of President I. E. Rouse, there were 26 faculty and 361 students. The college offered three degrees: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, and the Bachelor of Music. Nine new buildings were constructed during this period 1954-1963.

Highlights

1954—First dormitory for male students, Lawrence Hall, constructed. With the new dormitory came the beginning of male students living on campus.

1956—Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester is inaugurated as the second president of William Carey College. Dr. Donald Winters became chairman of the department of music and a major in Church Music is added.

1957—I.E. Rouse Library is constructed and dedicated in February of 1958.

1958—Accreditation is granted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.



1964-1973

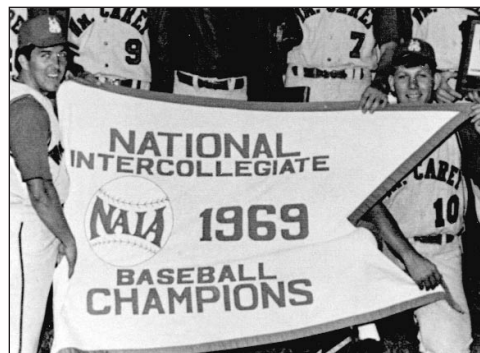
By the fall of 1964, there are 683 students and over 50 full-time faculty. There are still three degrees offered through the seven academic divisions. There are now pre-professional programs in law, medicine, medical technology, and optometry. New construction continues with a music building, cafeteria, dormitory for men, and business building.

Highlights

1964—William Carey College leads all Southern Baptist colleges in the number of alumni serving as missionaries.

1965—Carey is the first private college in Mississippi to comply with the Civil Rights Compliance Pledge and the first to admit black students.

1969—The college acquires the prestigious Mather School of Nursing in New Orleans and offers a bachelor's degree in nursing. The nursing program in New Orleans is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Hospital. The School of Music is now a full member of the National Association of Schools of Music.



1969—The Crusader baseball team wins the NAIA national baseball championship.

1972—The right to grant master's degrees is approved in December when the college is given Level III status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

1974-1983

The college now offers seven degrees: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Bachelor of Fine Arts, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Bachelor of Music, the Master of Education, and the Master of Music. The academic areas are organized into the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Music, the School of Nursing, and the Graduate Division. In 1974 there are 72 full-time faculty and a student enrollment of 1,067.

Highlights

1976—The college purchases the campus of the Gulf Coast Military Academy in Gulfport and begins a full program. Bobbye Wood, Miss Carey College, becomes Miss Mississippi.

1977—The music therapy program is granted accreditation by the National Association for Music Therapy. Carey celebrates its 75th anniversary and awards honorary doctorates to Eudora Welty, Leontyne Price, and Lucile Parker.

1978—The School of Nursing is granted accreditation by the National League of Nursing. A specialist program in education is approved.



1981—A Master of Arts in counseling is begun with concentrations in guidance counseling, vocational guidance counseling, psychometry, and Christian counseling.

1982—Dianne Evans becomes Miss Mississippi and 2nd alternate to Miss America.

1983—Wanda Geddie becomes Miss Mississippi and 3rd alternate to Miss America.

1984-1993

In addition to the degrees offered in 1974, there are now the Bachelor of Science in Business, the Master of Business Administration, the Educational Specialist, the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, and the Master of Science in Counseling Psychology. There are four schools and two academic divisions: the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration, the School of Music, the School of Nursing, the Graduate Division, and the Division of Continuing Education. In 1984 there are 79 full-time faculty, and student enrollment has reached 1,746.

Highlights

1989—Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester retires after 34 years of service as president.

1990—Dr. James W. Edwards is inaugurated as the third William Carey College president. The college changes its academic calendar to a trimester system.



1990—The Department of Religion becomes the Owen and Elizabeth Cooper School of Missions and Biblical Studies.

1994-2003

There are now six schools: the School of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences, the School of Business, the School of Education and Psychology, the School of Missions and Biblical Studies, the School of Music, and the School of Nursing. There are seven undergraduate degrees, two graduate degrees, and 24 majors. In 1994 there are 95 full-time faculty with a student enrollment of 2,139.

Highlights

1998—Dr. Larry W. Kennedy is inaugurated as the fourth president. The School of Nursing is relocated to the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

2000—The college establishes the Center for Study of the Life and Work of William Carey, D.D. (1761-1834).



2002—Enrollment of church vocation students reaches an all-time high of 247.

2002—The first new building since 1974 is completed: the Fail-Asbury School of Nursing on the Hattiesburg campus.

2004

The sixth decade following the naming of William Carey College begins with a record enrollment of 2786. There are 112 full-time faculty.

Two soccer fields and intramural field are opened.

Major renovations are underway on the Hattiesburg campus.

Smith Education Hall, a baseball complex, and a new nursing building in New Orleans are under construction.

Dr. Larry Kennedy is awarded the prestigious Hattiesburg Hub Award.

*"Expecting great things from God;
Attempting great things for God."*

"I am proud and honored to be acknowledged as a William Carey graduate. William Carey prepared me as a nurse to not only provide the physical needs of people, but also their emotional and spiritual needs. William Carey will always be special to me for not only the excellent education I received, but also for strengthening me as a Christian to be a better wife, mother and nurse."

—Kim May McDaniel, '91
RN, BSN
Intensive Care Unit
Natchez Regional Medical Center

"I cherish the time I had as a student at William Carey College. I was not only challenged intellectually, but also was given opportunities to lead and serve. It was at Carey that I met my wife, Pam, and together we now serve at the college that enriched our lives in such an immeasurable way. It is such a joy to be an alumnus and employee of a college that is booming with new life."

—Terry Dale Cruse, '03
Assistant Director of Admissions
William Carey College

"William Carey College has had a lasting influence on my life and my life's work. Dr. and Mrs. Donald Winters were outstanding leaders in the music department. They cared about me and what I was being taught. They definitely made a difference in my life and inspired me to more and greater things. The Christian influence of the faculty and students was so helpful in my journey. I could never be where I am had it not been for William Carey College."

—Ray Burdeshaw, '64
Director
Office of Worship Leadership/
Church Music
Alabama Baptist Convention

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Attempt great things for God."*

—William Carey

Mississippi Woman's College Becomes William Carey College

According to an editorial in the *Hattiesburg American* in 1929, Mississippi Woman's College was founded along different lines than typical modern colleges where more attention was given to sports and social life than to books and social service. "It is quite evident that the institution is succeeding remarkably well in instilling its ideals in the minds and hearts of its graduates." The college, for the most part, grew and thrived during the decades of the 20s and 30s until the Great Depression took its toll on the college, just as it did on the nation as a whole. With fewer students able to afford any school, with the endowment being exhausted, the tight economy, the war, and the "general situation looking so bleak," Dr. W. E. Holcomb, president of Mississippi Woman's College, resigned in 1940, and the college closed its doors. The buildings and grounds were used as a housing project for officers of Camp Shelby.

In 1946 and 1947 the entire college plant was renovated, modernized, and largely refurnished. Dr. I. E. Rouse, pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church (now

Temple Baptist, Hattiesburg), became president of the reopened Mississippi Woman's College. Enrollment figures in the late forties remain something of a mystery, believed by most to have hovered around 80. With such a skeletal enrollment, the college was brought under review by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1950. By a one-vote margin, Mississippi Woman's College remained alive. Three years later in 1953, with enrollment still hovering around the 100 mark, the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted coeducational status for the institution and authorized the trustees to search for a new name.

According to tradition, President Rouse meditated in the forest adjacent to the college and felt inspired to name the college William Carey, in honor of a brilliant eighteenth-century English cobbler-linguist who went to India as the pioneer of the modern missionary movement. Thus, with a new name and with the construction of a new men's dormitory (Lawrence Hall) in 1954, the present state of William Carey College was begun.

"God used a pigskin to bring me to Heaven. I came to William Carey in 1954 to play football. Little did I know that on October 14, 1954 I would make life's greatest score when Dr. Andy Tate led me to Jesus! In the two years Carey had a football team, 22 out of 33 players crossed the same goal line into eternal life!"

—Billy Crosby '56
Evangelist
Shreveport, LA

"The knowledge I gained during my years at the School of Business formed the strong foundation that has allowed me to build a successful career. On a personal level, the international friends I made taught me to appreciate diversity in all walks of life and instilled a desire in me to travel, explore, and experience other cultures."

—Melanie Ward Butler, '84
Partner
PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP
London, United Kingdom

"If I were writing an autobiography, there would be at least one chapter on 'The Carey Years'. The impact of William Carey College in shaping my life is not incidental to who I am today. From the love and nurture of professors like Dr. Milton Wheeler and the late Dr. Donald Winters, to the many friendships forged in the course of campus life which remain to this day, I am deeply grateful for my Carey heritage of faith, learning, and life. William Carey College is an outstanding institution, and I have long been extremely proud to be an alumnus. Today, more than ever, I believe in her mission, and I am excited about her future."

—Dr. Randy Von Kanel, '75
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Tupelo, MS

