Celebrating the 250-Year Legacy of the Father of Modern Missions


November 17, 2011 8:45 a.m.

Welcome, Remarks and Recognitions ................................. Dr. Tommy King
President

Reading of Scripture from a Sermon
by William Carey ~ Isaiah 54:1-2 .............................. Dr. Scott Hummel
Vice President for Advancement and Church Relations

Celebration of Carey 250............................................. Dr. Myron Noonkester
Co-Director
Center for the Study of the Life and Work of William Carey

The Significance of William Carey’s Vision ...................... Dr. Tom Elliff
President of the International Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention

Prayer of Dedication ...................................................... Dr. Bennie Crockett
Co-Director
Center for the Study of the Life and Work of William Carey

The 600-pound bronze statue is nearly seven feet tall. It was conceived by President Tommy King in commemoration of the 250th birthdate of William Carey. Generous donors provided funds for the project. Ben Watts of Columbia created the statue.

Note that Dr. Carey has his tools and work bench. The laying down of the cobbler apron indicates that he abandons his tools and his old life and turns to the mission work in India to which he is called. He is clutching his Bible and looking far away, into his future in a distant land.