About the Carey Center

Initiated in the summer of 2000, the purpose of the Carey Center is to promote an understanding of the accomplishments of William Carey (1761-1834) and to enhance appreciation of the religious, cultural, scientific, and historical contexts in which Carey worked in Britain and India.

The Carey Center has received local, national, and international acclaim. After the public release of the Center’s web site in March, 2001, the Australian-based Asian Studies Monitor, a clearinghouse for academic study of Asian-related materials, awarded the center a “Five-Star, Essential” rating.

The Carey Center’s web site receives an average of over three hundred unique international visits per day. The Center provides primary and secondary source materials for local churches, Christian mission enthusiasts, students of all ages, scholars, and international researchers as they request information. After five years of the Center’s existence, over half a million persons in more than one hundred countries on all continents have used the Center’s web site. Such significant and widespread interest in the Center underscores the international importance that William Carey (1761-1834) continues to hold.

“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.”
Linda and Robert Donnell believe in Christian education for young people and feel that it is an investment in the future.

A native of Morton, Dr. Linda Blissett Donnell earned bachelor of science, master of science and doctoral degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is co-owner of Vital Care Compounder in Hattiesburg with her husband Robert. She currently serves on the board of trustees. In addition, she serves on the board of Methodist Senior Services, BancorpSouth Community Advisory Council, and is site coordinator for the Pine Belt Christian Women’s Job Corps. An active member of University Baptist Church, she has contributed to Carey’s mission endeavors, library, theatre program, and Carey Dinner Theatre. “We feel that William Carey College is an excellent Christian educational institution,” said Linda. “It is a college that gives attention to the total development of its students and a school where students receive personal attention from its faculty and staff.”

A native of Morton, Robert graduated from Hinds Junior College and earned a bachelor of science in pharmacy from the University of Mississippi. He is co-owner of Vital Care Compounder in Hattiesburg with his wife Linda. Robert was the second recipient of the Small Business Leadership Award given by the Area Development Partnership and William Carey College for excellent business practice. He is a charter member of Sunrise Rotary Club, and an active member and deacon of University Baptist Church. He serves in an advisory capacity for local hospice organizations and is active in several state and national pharmacy organizations. “It is quite an honor to have a building named after us, especially on the campus of William Carey College,” said Robert. “We feel totally humbled and a bit unworthy of such distinction. We will take great pride in having our name associated with such an outstanding missionary and scholar as William Carey and are excited about the opportunities of study that the center will provide.”

Dedication Ceremony

Dr. Larry W. Kennedy, President

Welcome .................................................................Dr. Tommy King
Executive Vice President

History of the Carey Center .......................................Dr. Myron Noonkester
Co-director, Carey Center

Acknowledgment of Linda and Robert Donnell ..........Dr. Bennie Crockett
Co-director, Carey Center

Response.......................................................................Dr. Linda Donnell
Mr. Robert Donnell

Dedication Scripture Reading ......................................Dr. Argile Smith
Isaiah 54:2-3, KJV
Vice President for Advancement

Prayer of Dedication ..................................................Corrie Covington
Daughter of Randy and Robin Covington
Missionaries to Russia
Church Related Vocations Student

Tour of the Museum and Research Collection

Refreshments are available in the Glass Room of Thomas Business Building after the tour.