

**William Carey University**

*Carey Lecture*



**Bobbye and Jerry Rankin**

**September 7, 2016**

**9:20 a.m.**

**Smith Auditorium**

# Program

“Equipping for Every Good Work” ~ 2 Timothy 3:17

**Prelude** ..... David Bryan  
*Amazing Grace* ..... Guitar

**Worship Music**..... David and Jessica Bryan  
*This Is Amazing Grace* ..... Assistant Professors of Music

**Invocation and  
Introduction of Speakers** ..... Dr. Daniel Caldwell  
Chair, Department of Biblical Studies

**Special Music** ..... David and Jessica Bryan  
*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

**Carey Lecture** ..... Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Rankin  
President Emeritus  
International Mission Board  
Southern Baptist Convention



## **Jerry and Bobbye Rankin**

Jerry and Bobbye Rankin recently retired after 40 years of missionary service with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. The Rankins served in South and Southeast Asia for 23 years, including tenure as area director for the region. They lived in Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, and India. For the last 17 years, Dr. Rankin served as president of the IMB, an organization sending and supporting more than 5,000 missionaries serving in 190 countries around the world.

They both are natives of Mississippi and attended Mississippi College. He later earned the M. Div. from Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and was awarded honorary doctorate degrees from Mississippi College, Columbia International University, and California Baptist University. He is the author of eight books on missions, spiritual warfare, and devotional topics.

The Rankins have two children, Lori and Russell, both of whom have been appointed as missionaries to Asia, and six grandchildren.

They currently live in Clinton, Mississippi. Dr. Rankin is providing consultation for mission agencies on strategy, leadership, and change, leading mission conferences, and conducting seminars on spiritual warfare. He is adjunct professor of missions at Mississippi College and William Carey University and has been director of the Zwemer Center for Muslim Studies at Columbia International University in South Carolina. In 2013 he was named to receive the annual Lifetime Achievement Award by Missio Nexus, a national organization representing more than 200 mission agencies.