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Carey 250th birthday party held

FROM STAFF REPORTS

William Carey University celebrated the 250th birthday of William Carey, the “Father of Modern Missions” and namesake of the institution, with an exquisite cake and campus gathering in the Student Conference Center on August 22.

The event was led by Dr. Myron Noonkester, dean of the Noonkester School of Arts and Letters and chair for department of history, and Dr. Bennie Crockett, professor of religion and philosophy and vice president for institutional effectiveness and long range planning.

Dr. Noonkester and Dr. Crockett, both of whom are co-directors for the Center for the Study of the Life

and Work of William Carey, D.D., recently purchased a lithograph of a painting of Carey, dated 1813, from a print shop in London. At the party, they unveiled their new treasure to WCU faculty, staff, students, and guests.

After a short lesson on the rare portrait, guests watched as the 250 candles on the Carey-themed cake were lit and blown out, one section at a time. Everyone had a chance to admire the detailed cake, which included a portrait of Carey and other decorations representing his life, before enjoying the delicious masterpiece.

WCU will continue the yearlong celebration Carey’s life with a variety of events, including a Carey-themed art exhibit in October.



Staff Photos

ABOVE PHOTO: (left to right) Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, Dr. Myron Noonkester, dean of the Noonkester School of Arts and Letters and chair for department of history, and Dr. Bennie Crockett, professor of religion and philosophy and vice president for institutional effectiveness and long range planning, pose with the William Carey-themed cake at the party for Carey’s 250th birthday on Aug. 22.

PHOTO TO THE LEFT: Dr. Noonkester (left) and Dr. Crockett unveil the lithograph of a rare painting of William Carey that they purchased for the Carey Center.



Upcoming Carey 250 Events



Oct. 16-22
Spiritual Emphasis Week

Oct. 17
Carey Lectures