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William Carey University

In 1906 a private college opened in Hattiesburg with the name South Mississippi College. Dr. W. I. Thames was president from 1906-1910. An immense fire destroyed South Mississippi College in 1910 and the property was acquired and given to Mississippi Baptists by Hattiesburg businessman W. S. F. Tatum. In 1911 Mississippi Woman's College became the successor to South Mississippi College. The presidents of Mississippi Woman's College were Dr. W. W. Rivers, 1911-1912; Dr. John L. Johnson, Jr., 1912-1932; and Dr. William E. Holcomb, 1932-1940. Financial challenges and a declining enrollment forced the college to close in 1940. It reopened in 1946 under the leadership of President Irving E. Rouse, 1946-1956. Co-educational status and the name change to William Carey College to honor the "Father of Modern Missions" occurred in 1954. Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester served as president 1956-1989. Dr. James W. Edwards was president from 1989-1996 and chancellor in 1996-1997, during which time Dr. Rory Lee served as president. Dr. Larry W. Kennedy, the current president, assumed the presidency in 1998. On August 14, 2006 the name of the institution was changed to William Carey University to acknowledge its growth and to enhance its potential in an increasingly global environment. The name is the fourth in the 100-year history of the institution. The Carey family continues to "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

August 14, 2006

10:00 a.m.

William Carey University
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

The Alma Mater

TEXT: RUTH JOAN GEIGER

William Carey, we will love thee,
Loyal we will be
And we will ever sing thy praises;
Hail, all hail to thee.
Lifting high the light of knowledge,
Answering the clarion call,
Thou hast made thy sons and daughters
Staunch crusaders all.

MUSIC: ROBERT L. GAULDIN

Thou hast taught us love and honor,
Taught us truth and right,
While fitting ev'ry new crusader
With thine armor bright.
May the God, who made thee worthy,
Keep thee ever truly free;
May His spirit, Alma Mater,
Ever dwell with thee.

University Convocation

Larry W. Kennedy, President

THE PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God.....JOHN INNIS
Mrs. Kathy Vail, Assistant Professor of Music, organ

THE PROCESSIONAL

Trumpet Tune.....STEPHEN BEST
Mrs. Vail, organ

THE INVOCATIONMiss Shannon Armstrong
President, Student Government Association

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONSDr. Tommy King
Executive Vice President

WELCOME ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY OF HATTIESBURGThe Honorable Johnny L. DuPree
Mayor

WELCOME ON BEHALF OF AREA CHURCHES.....Dr. George Berger
Director of Missions, Lebanon Baptist Association

GREETINGS

Mississippi Institutions of Higher LearningDr. Mary Ware
Director of Nursing Education

Mississippi Baptist ConventionDr. Jim Futral
Executive Director-Treasurer

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President Emeritus, William Carey College

University of Southern Mississippi.....Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas
President Emeritus

Sister Private CollegesDr. Beverly W. Hogan
President, Tougaloo College

PRESENTATION OF NEW CHARTER.....Dr. Eric Clark
Secretary of State, State of Mississippi

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW CHARTERMr. Steve Greenhaw
Chair, Board of Trustees

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Dr. Futral

SPECIAL MUSIC*Great is Thy Faithfulness*.....Miss Lacey Cofield
Miss William Carey College 2006
First Alternate Miss Mississippi

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERThe Honorable Charles Pickering, Sr.
Retired Federal Judge, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

ADDRESSDr. Daniel Jones
Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs; Dean, School of Medicine
Herbert G. Langford Professor of Medicine
University of Mississippi Medical Center
President-Elect, American Heart Association

THE ALMA MATER.....ROBERT GAULDIN
led by Dr. Mark Malone, Dean, Winters School of Music

THE BENEDICTIONDr. E. Harold Fisher
Executive Director-Treasurer
Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges

THE RECESSIONAL
Processional for a Joyful Day.....DALE WOOD
Mrs. Vail, organ

*A reception for guests, faculty, and staff will be held
in the Lucile Parker Gallery following the ceremony.*

*A reception for students will be held outside
Thomas Fine Arts Center following the ceremony.*

Honored Guests

Institutional Representatives

Dr. George Berger—Director of Missions, Lebanon Baptist Association

Dr. Rachel M. Caldwell—Kansas State University

Dr. Eric Clark—Secretary of State, State of Mississippi

Dr. Clarence Cooper—President, Mississippi Baptist Convention

The Honorable Johnny L. DuPree, Ph.D.— Jackson State University

Dr. E. Harold Fisher—Executive Director-Treasurer, Mississippi Association of
Independent Colleges

Mrs. Becky Fox, Associate Professor of Music, University of Mobile

Dr. Jim Futral, Executive Director-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Dr. Jerry B. Garrard—Vice President for Institutional Advancement,
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Dr. Edward J. Harvey—Retired Chair of the Science Div., California Baptist University

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