



William Carey University Education and Church Relations 2008-09 Report

Promoting and supporting Christian education is vital to Mississippi Baptists. At William Carey University we are unapologetic about our commitment to a biblical worldview and the integration of faith, learning, and living. As a missionary, linguist, botanist, and educator our namesake, William Carey, modeled the power of integration in Christian education. Only through Christian education are our students able to reach their highest potential in scholarship, leadership, and service.

William Carey University had a busy and rewarding year, filled with new academic programs, missions, community service, and construction. With over 3,000 students William Carey had its largest enrollment in fall 2008 and its largest graduation in spring 2009. Because of Carey's high quality and low cost, Carey has been recognized nationally as one of America's Best College Buys. The average ACT for an incoming freshmen student to Carey was 23.4 which is two points higher than the national average and four points higher than the Mississippi average. Our students have excelled in the classroom and on the field. For example, Carey's debate team placed first in four of its five tournaments, and the men and women's soccer teams were both nationally ranked.

In addition to our many undergraduate and graduate programs, we are focused on training men and women for church related vocations. We have over 100 full-time church related vocations students. We are especially excited to expand our program by offering a minor in missions.

Carey students are studying around the world. Bible classes went to Turkey and Israel, the Carey Scholars went to England, Spanish students went to Spain, and nursing students went to Mexico to enrich their studies.

With numerous building projects, the campus is being transformed. The new coast campus at Tradition will be dedicated August 19, 2009 and will be open for fall classes. On the Hattiesburg campus the nursing building and library have been expanded. The Sarah Gillespie Museum was dedicated in April. The ground was broken on a new black box theatre and the College of Osteopathic Medicine. The medical school received pre-accreditation and will enroll its first class of 100 medical students in fall 2010.

After being placed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, Dr. Tommy King said, "As a Christian institution, it is incumbent upon us to follow the example of Jesus, whose life was a model of service." Service learning is embedded into many of our courses. For example, nursing students organize health fairs and music therapy students spend extensive internship hours in hospitals and psychiatric facilities. Through student organizations, Carey students have tutored, given blood, and dispersed food and clothing. Community service is now a graduation requirement. Sharing the Gospel is an integral part of our community service. In addition to 13 summer missionaries, 45 students and 8 faculty/staff served on university sponsored mission trips to Atlanta, Connecticut, Macedonia, China, India, and Peru. As a result of these efforts, around 400 evangelist contacts and 66 professions of faith were made.

William Carey University is dedicated to strengthening our relationship with Baptist churches, associations, and conventions. The *Carey Pulpit* continues to be provided free of charge to all Mississippi Baptist Convention churches, associational missions directors, and others requesting an issue. Each year we host the Winter Bible Study preview, and the next one

is scheduled for September 17, 2009 from 8:30-12:00. In April we hosted a successful Mississippi Baptist Convention preaching conference on the Book of Hebrews. During Carey Day our students preached, lead music, and gave testimonies in churches in Marion Baptist Association. In celebration of Hattiesburg's 125th anniversary, William Carey University organized and hosted a city-wide prayer service. In addition, the Patricia and Dale Holloway Center for Bivocational Ministries was established on the Hattiesburg campus. Numerous associations have helped us renovate a home near the campus for a furloughing missionary family.

Our achievements were possible due to your prayers and continued giving to the Cooperative Program. You are directly responsible for making a difference in the lives of our students, and through our students you are helping to fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for your continued support of William Carey University and Christian higher education.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Hummel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "In His service,".

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