

CAREY

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PSALM 46

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and strength, a very
present help in trouble.
Therefore will not
we fear, though the
earth be removed, and
though the mountains
be carried into the
midst of the sea.*

*Be still, and know
that I am God:
The Lord of hosts is
with us; the God of
Jacob is our refuge.*



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Letters FROM CAREY



To all Friends of Carey:

We were working on the annual President's Report, which recognizes our faithful supporters for the year 2016, when our world was turned upside down by the EF3 tornado's direct hit on our campus on the morning of January 21. I was following the weather alerts at home around 3:30 a.m., and a while later I received a call telling me that the campus had been hit. My wife and I arrived a little before sunup to find the entire campus in a state of destruction. My first concern was for our students, and I learned that they were all in one of the medical school buildings which had not been destroyed. Upon going to them, I was overjoyed to learn that there had been no loss of life. Seven students had minor to serious injuries, but none that were life threatening. Even in a disaster there is reason to praise God.

One never knows what thoughts and emotions will go through his mind in a situation like this. After ensuring the students were safe and surveying the campus as best I could in the rubble, I got a cup of coffee and sat down and remembered the first time I set foot on the campus, more than five decades ago. The emotion

was a mixture of pride and devotion, pride for how far my alma mater has come during that time, and devotion to an institution steeped in its commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and His way of life. I also thought of the first time I set eyes on my wife, a student at Carey, and all the lifelong friends from that era. I remembered from our history all the struggles and hardships that Carey has overcome, and she still stands stalwart in her mission to train not only ministers, missionaries, church musicians, and teachers; but also businessmen and lay workers who are the salt of our society. We can now add to the list above doctors, nurses, physical therapists and soon pharmacists. I will confess to you that I turned my face away so others would not see the tears that flowed down my cheeks and joined the droplets of rain from the night before. So many lives are intertwined with this school in ways that almost breathe life into it.

As I turned my eyes and again surveyed the destruction, I wondered whether we would recover, then I saw the students with smiles on their faces and determination in their countenances and had no doubt that we will come back strong. Our staff worked to place the students in safe places and assured them that they could complete this term of study. As I write, we are in the last few days of registration for the spring trimester, and it is astounding that our students have remained loyal.



In the midst of the destruction on campus, the daffodils and Japanese Magnolias sprang forth with new life. We take this as a reminder of the inexorable flow of time and God's promise that the future will bloom again for William Carey University.

Even with the campus closed and no advisors available for face-to-face meetings, our registration for the spring trimester remains strong. Students moved back into the dorms February 19, and classes began February 20. During this time, our athletic teams have achieved win after win and are nationally

ranked. Members of the forensics team were given the choice whether to compete or not; they chose to compete and won the USM invitational. BSU students are in Argentina on a mission trip, and athletes helped neighborhood residents with cleanup and repairs.

I hesitate to single out anyone for their hard work during this time of recovery for fear of leaving deserving people out, but I have to commend the leadership team, disaster response team, residential staff, facilities and housing personnel and administrative staff who have put in countless 12 and 15 hour days, including Saturday and Sunday. The support of our alumni, friends and the Hattiesburg community has been astounding. We have received support from as far away as China and Japan, but mostly from close to home. I must single out Chuck Scianna, a USM graduate, who was the first person to step forward with a major gift of \$200,000. Belmont University in Nashville sent a check for \$100,000 within days of the tragedy. Hundreds of you have given smaller amounts which, taken together, represent a huge donation to help our students and Carey recover. A supplement to this President's Report will be sent in early summer, and all who have given will be listed.

Nearly 800 students escaped with only the items they could carry in their hands, and they need help to replace laptops, textbooks, clothes, educational devices, and automobiles – yes, more than 116 student automobiles were totally destroyed or seriously damaged. Many students only had liability insurance, so they will receive no insurance help to replace their automobiles. They need transportation to get to work and classes. Two funds have been set up to assist with relief efforts (www.wmcarey.edu/advancement). The Student Tornado Relief Fund will assist students with these needs. A separate disaster recovery fund has been established to help Carey replace items which our insurance will not cover. These uninsured losses will amount to several million dollars.

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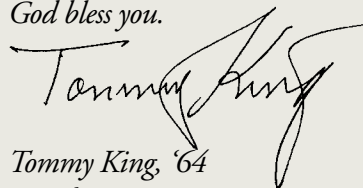
The future is always before us, and Carey's future is as bright as the promises of God. Guided by the motto of William Carey, we will "expect great things from God and attempt great things for God." What does the future look like for Carey? With the total destruction of six buildings, the Hattiesburg campus will take on a new look. We will try to preserve as much of the character of the campus as we can while modernizing and adapting the new buildings to present and future needs. So many of you have made positive comments about the beauty of the campus in recent years. While most of the trees that were planted after Hurricane Katrina no longer stand, we will replant trees once again to preserve and enhance campus beauty for students and alumni in years to come.

Looking to the future, we will need to undergird the academic programs and preserve the reputation that we have gained from national recognitions and rankings. Academic programs that no longer serve the needs of students or our society will need to be eliminated in favor of new programs that are relevant and sustainable. Delivery methods will also have to be scrutinized to assure that we can attract students of the future.

The future of Carey will be shaped by its vision and mission statement. The vision of William Carey University is to be "a community of learners which seeks to blend faith and learning with living. Within this unique nurturing and challenging environment, students prepare to fulfill their diverse callings in the larger global community." The William Carey student is guided by "reverence for God, respect for self and regard for others." The Carey Mission Statement reads: "As a Christian university which embraces its Baptist heritage and namesake, William Carey University provides quality educational programs, within a caring Christian academic community, which challenge the individual student to excel in scholarship, leadership and service in a diverse global society." We will continue to expect all employees to embrace this mission and will attempt to instill it in all of our students. This mission statement is intended to be inclusive of all who wish to study in an environment such as this. Diversity enriches this learning environment. The bedrock upon which we build is fidelity to God's Word.

There are so many ways that you can support us. Your prayers are coveted. You can exhibit pride in your alma mater. Remember, your degree is only as valuable as the reputation of the institution which granted it, so when you speak a good word about Carey you are enhancing the value of your degree. You can encourage quality young people within your family or circle of friends to consider attending Carey. Call our admissions office and provide their name so we can send them information about Carey. Your financial support is needed. Remember, a large number of small gifts make a big gift.

God bless you.



Tommy King, '64
President



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FOR EVERY
GOOD WORK

2 Timothy 3:17

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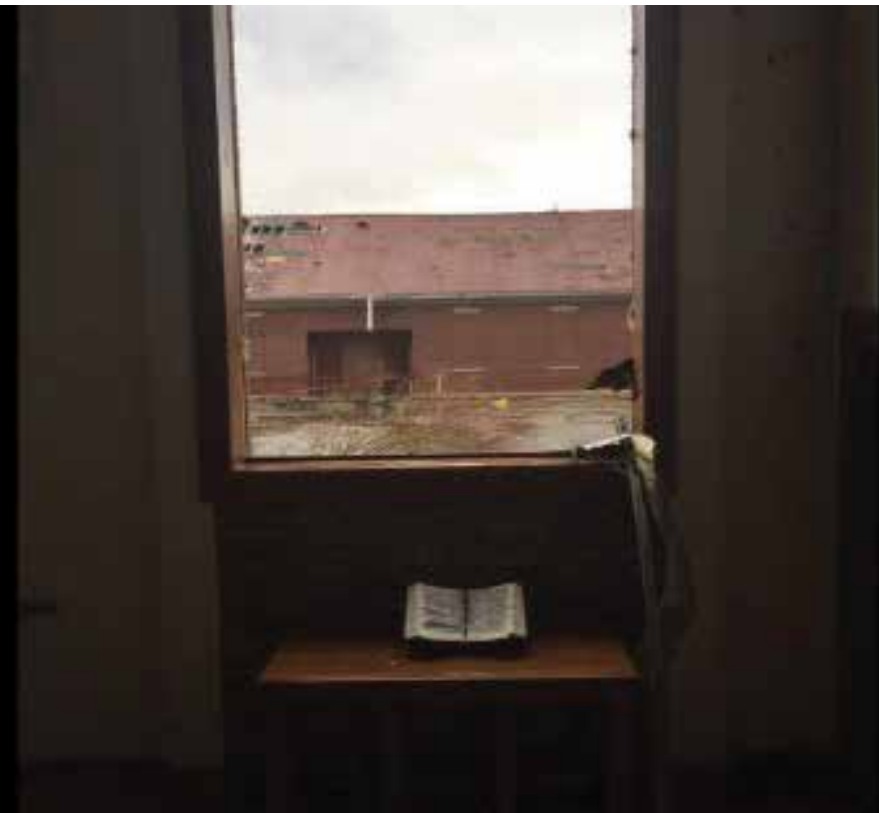
THE QUEEN CHRIST

FOR GOD'S LOVE THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY
BORN OF A MARY
AND BROUGHT UP BY
THE CAROLINE OVER HER LEFT
IN THE SHED OF THE FARM
BUT GAVE US THE LIFE
JOHN 3:16

THE QUEEN CHRIST

*“That Bible
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RICK WILEMON



BIBLE LEFT INTACT



Amid Campus Destruction

DURING THE CLEANUP PROCESS AFTER THE EF-3 TORNADO, RICK WILEMON, DOCTORAL STUDENT AND ADJUNCT ART INSTRUCTOR, WENT INTO BASS MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

“As I walked in the front of the chapel, I looked straight up the aisle,” he said. “And I could see the large stained glass window was missing.”

He noticed the large Bible sitting undisturbed on the table.

“That Bible withstood the storm, and it reminds us that God is our constant companion,” Wilemon said.

The Bible was open to Psalm 46, which reads in part:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The story of the chapel Bible has become a touchstone of comfort and strength for the Carey family. Several media outlets picked up the story, including CBN and CNN, giving national coverage to our complete confidence and trust that God is with us, even in the midst of terrible storms. We can say, “We are Carey Strong” because of the truth in Psalm 46.

USM Welcomes WCU

“...we are committed to doing all that we can to provide the resources their students need while preserving their experience and identity as William Carey students as much as possible.”

RODNEY BENNETT, USM PRESIDENT

By Kaitlyn Watkins, former Carey Scholar, in The Student Printz, the official newspaper of The University of Southern Mississippi. Reprinted with permission.

WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI'S SISTER SCHOOL, WAS DEVASTATED IN THE TORNADO THAT STRUCK ON JANUARY 21. LATER THAT SAME MORNING, USM PRESIDENT RODNEY BENNETT TOURED CAREY'S CAMPUS AND OFFERED USM RESOURCES TO DISPLACED STUDENTS.

303 William Carey international and out-of-state students were being housed in nine residence halls on the USM campus.

WCU's College of Osteopathic Medicine and the physical therapy program are continuing their classes on USM's campus. Carey students were also granted access to the Payne Center, the game rooms in R.C. Cook Student Union and library resources. Furthermore, student-athletes are using Southern Miss facilities for sports teams to practice in until Carey can recover.

The Southern Miss Baptist Student Union extended an offer to Carey students to attend worship night and free lunch in the week after the tornado. Many students used faith to support one another after their storm-

related experiences. Psalm 46:1 has become a rallying cry for the Carey community after an undisturbed Bible in Bass Chapel was found open to the passage, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Concerned professors checked on their students' safety immediately following the storm, posting on discussion boards. However, even in the midst of the destruction on campus, William Carey students have maintained their sense of humor and their friendships. Jennifer Walker, a music therapy major, coined the hashtag #SadersAgainstNaders to embody some of the resilient William Carey spirit.

WCU student Xandra Phillips posted to her blog how she felt on Jan. 21. “I am thankful,” she said. “I am thankful because I am okay. I am thankful because my friends are alive. I am thankful because I attend a school where the faculty and staff have been there since the very first moments, protecting us, loving us, praying for us and fighting for us.”

“That's the great thing about Hattiesburg,” said Dr. Tommy King. “They come to anyone's aid when they're needed, and we've found that true again.”

USM President Rodney Bennett released a statement about the efforts to help WCU after the storm.

“Let me be clear that USM is not seeking



Carey students study at Cook Library on USM's campus. USM housed 303 Carey students in the weeks immediately following the EF3 tornado that struck the campus on January 21.

to establish new avenues for William Carey students to transfer,” he said. “Instead, we are committed to doing all that we can to provide the resources their students need while preserving their experience and identity as William Carey students as much as possible.”

Bennett expressed his pride and appreciation for being a part of a university and community that showed resilience during the hardship. “Let's get to work,” he said.

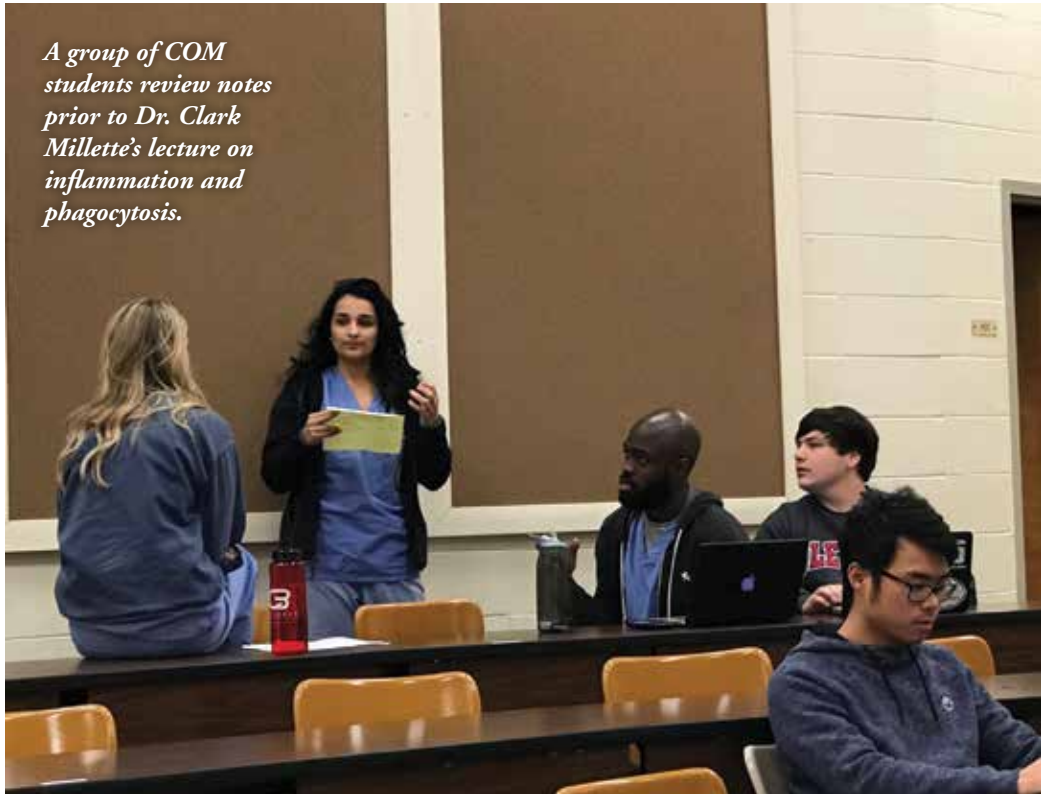


MEDICAL SCHOOL CLASSES

Continue at Southern Miss

THE USM NURSING DEPARTMENT MOVED OUT OF HARKINS HALL IN DECEMBER INTO THEIR NEW BUILDING, ASBURY HALL. ABOUT ONE MONTH LATER, MORE THAN 200 COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE STUDENTS AND ABOUT 60 FACULTY AND STAFF MOVED INTO THE RECENTLY VACATED SPACE.

A group of COM students review notes prior to Dr. Clark Millette's lecture on inflammation and phagocytosis.



Dr. James Turner, dean of the COM, met with Dr. Rodney Bennett, USM's president, just hours after the EF3 tornado destroyed the anatomy wing of the COM. Thanks to the dedicated work of USM personnel, Carey students, Camp Shelby volunteers and Service Pro workers, classes began in Harkins Hall on January 30, nine short days after the storm.

"We about wore everybody out getting moved that quickly, but USM was so accommodating," Turner said. "It was like a family member took us in."

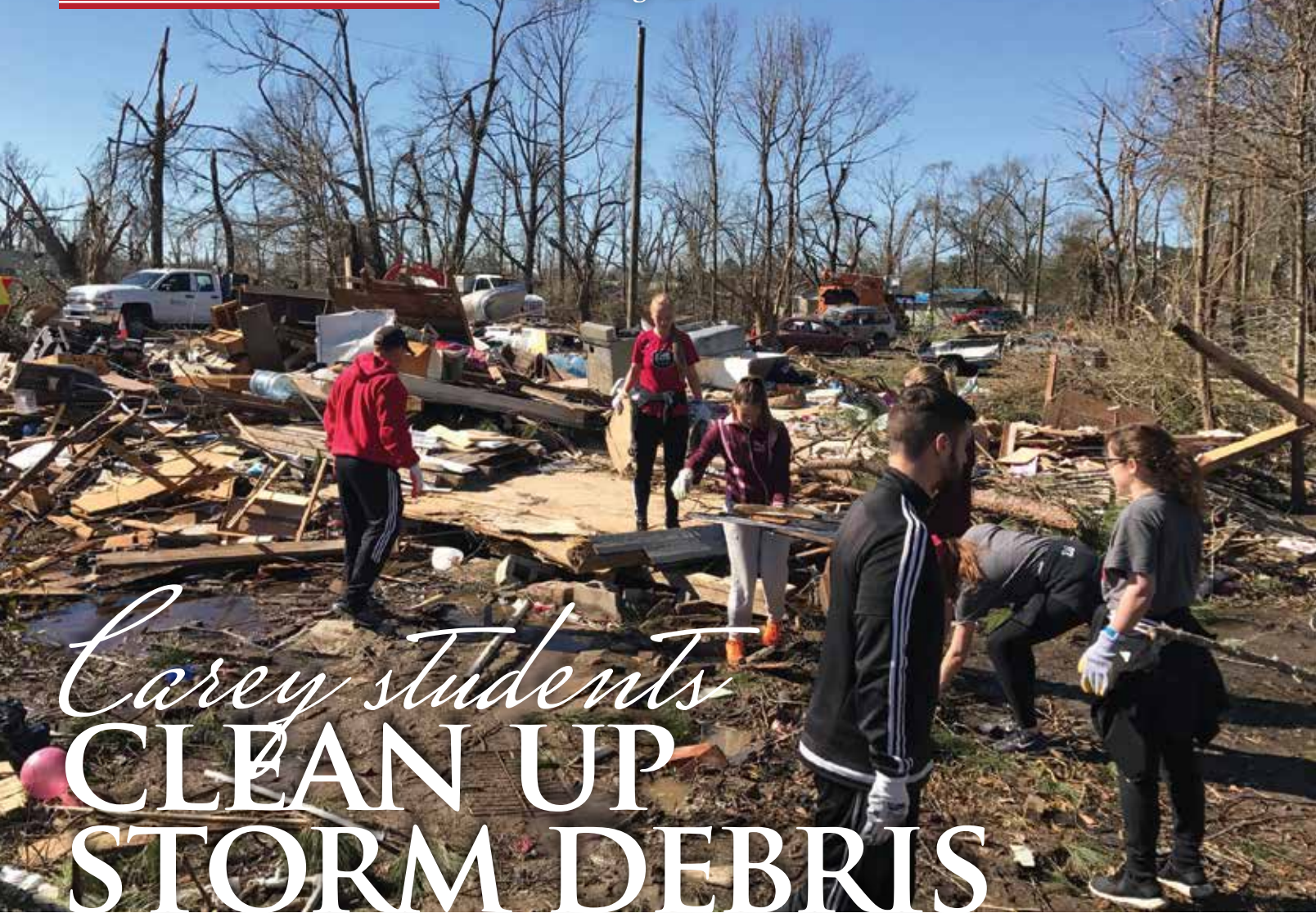
Thanks to USM, the college has been able to keep the students on schedule to graduate.

"We only missed two days of class," Dean Turner said. "It was really important we not get our timing off — the students (need to) graduate on time and take their board exams on time so they stay in time with the rest of the country. Letting them get off schedule would have played havoc with their careers."

Carey plans to use available space in the COM for other classes until the medical school returns to Carey's campus in August.

"I think we're on track," Turner said. "We've made the major adjustments, and we'll deliver to students the educational product we promised. We think we're doing as good or better job as we were doing before."





Carey students CLEAN UP STORM DEBRIS

By Charles Herrington, reporter for WDAM. Students from William Carey University clean up tornado debris at the Hawthorne home on Deason Avenue. Photo credit WDAM. Reprinted with permission.

MORE THAN A DOZEN STUDENT-ATHLETES REMOVED DEBRIS AND DID OTHER CLEAN-UP WORK FOR THE HAWTHORNE FAMILY ON DEASON AVENUE.

The family was home when the storm struck, but no one was injured.

The students said they were happy to help in the recovery effort, even as they wait for their own campus to be restored.

"We're not the only ones that got hit. Everybody else got hit pretty bad, too, and we just wanted to come out and help them clean up," said Emily Pellerin, a senior who plays golf at Carey.

"It feels good to have a community that's able to come out and help us like they're doing," said homeowner Kevin Hawthorne.

The clean-up efforts were coordinated by the Volunteer Response Center at the nearby East Jerusalem Baptist Church.

A second center opened at the Petal Civic Center.

That's where Carey's physical therapy students went to register and to find out how to help. While they were registering, Dr. Laine Bourdene, a Carey faculty member, was filling out an application for help. The registration volunteer noticed the students' Carey shirts and sent them to Dr. Bourdene's house.

Carey's charter physical therapy class began studies in August 2016, and the students resumed classes on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi thanks to the generosity of President Bennett.



MY TORNADO

Story

Laine Bourdene

I WOKE UP TO THE WARNING FROM THE WDAM WEATHER APP TELLING ME TO TAKE COVER BECAUSE A TORNADO WAS ON THE GROUND IN PETAL. I GOT INTO THE BATHROOM AND DOWN INTO THE TUB, COVERING MYSELF WITH PILLOWS AND A BLANKET. SUDDENLY THE GROUND BEGAN RUMBLING, AND IT FELT AND SOUNDED LIKE WHAT I IMAGINE IT WOULD FEEL LIKE TO BE LYING ON A TRAIN TRACK WITH A FREIGHT TRAIN BARRELING STRAIGHT AT ME. THE HOUSE STARTED SHAKING AND SHUDDERING. THE SHAKING STOPPED FOR A FEW SECONDS AND THEN STARTED AGAIN. I FELT SOMETHING HIT MY HIP. I REACHED UP AND FELT A BEAM LYING ACROSS THE TUB, AND THEN I FELT RAIN COMING IN.



Dr. Laine Bourdene, dual credit coordinator and instructor of anthropology, was thankful to be alive after the EF3 tornado struck her home on January 21.

As I got out of the bathroom, I was faced with mountains of debris in the bedroom and hall. As I worked my way to the den, there was no den! The two exterior walls were completely gone. All four of my pets had been sleeping in that room, and there was nothing left. I spotted the Pekingese, Jasper, in the front yard. He was bloody and banged up but OK.

The next day, all four of my children and their families, my mom, my brother and sister-in-law, my nephew, and many wonderful friends all converged to help me try to salvage what I could. Complete strangers showed up and worked all day helping everyone in the neighborhood. Troop 90 from Heritage Methodist and Venture did an awesome job cleaning up. Those young men worked all

day long and were so polite!

At some point, I went to the Petal Civic Center, which had been set up as a disaster relief center, to see if there was any additional help available. I was wearing a William Carey University t-shirt and mentioned that I worked at Carey and how concerned I was about the school. In a few minutes, one of the volunteers walked over and said that a group from the WCU Physical Therapy department was there to volunteer, and they matched them with me (a match made in heaven!).

Those wonderful students came to my house and worked to clean the yard of the mountains of debris. I am so grateful to them. The fact that they were from Carey made their assistance even more special to me!

The house and my car were a total loss, but I am so grateful that the Carey family, my family and my friends and neighbors are all safe.

On a happy note, I found my Siamese cat, Ziva, the day after the tornado, but it was 11 days and a full two weeks before my other two kitties (Ellie and Mara) were found.

So humbled and proud to be #CareyStrong!



Tommie Rodgers, Lauren Rogers Museum of Art registrar, examines "Spring" by Marie Hull, one of the paintings rescued following the January 21 tornado.



Saving
THE ART

1,100 *pieces of framed art were rescued*

ONE CORNERSTONE OF CAREY'S MISSION RESTS ON COOPERATION WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES AND AGENCIES. USUALLY, WE THINK OF THE UNIVERSITY MISSION AS GENERATIVE BACK TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, OR AS PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS. THIS TIME, WILLIAM CAREY RECEIVED THE GIFT OF AN ART BRIGADE FROM OUR FRIENDS.

On the morning of Saturday, January 21, art faculty members Read Diket, Chatham Kemp, and Ed Ford were in Tatum Court helping remove essential and personal items from the art chair's office and the art room. With those items in hand, art faculty and spouses turned our attention to the Lucile Parker Gallery. Dr. Ford, Lucile Parker Gallery director, knew that the vault was intact, despite extensive building damage, but a large number of the paintings were already showing wet mats. Dr. Diket, art department chair and also a foundation board member with the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, called George Bassi, museum director, to ask for guidance in rescuing the art before further damage occurred. His response was, "Do you want us to come get the art?"

Within an hour and a half, in their personal vehicles, and with family members assisting, the rescue team moved the art into utility vehicles, and the first wave of Carey

art was transported to a large gallery in the LRMA in Laurel. Immediately, wet art was removed carefully from frames and laid out to dry in the climate controlled air of the gallery.

Among items brought to Laurel that day was "Spring" painted by Marie Hull, oil on canvas. "Spring" was wet in the Gillespie Museum because it was on display in the museum, outside of the vault. The thick wooden doors of the museum blew apart during the tornado. Rick Wilemon, assistant to Curator Pam Shearer in the Sarah Gillespie Museum of Art, knew that three inches of water was standing in the Sarah Gillespie vault, leaving a mere three inches before breaching the built in storage. The art was still dry in the vault, but in a dangerously humid and toxic environment. A plan to come back for the art was "hatched" among art appreciators in Laurel and Hattiesburg. Shearer, art faculty, and WCU board member Judge Charles Pickering, along with Lauren Rogers Museum administrators, and art loving friends would make their way to campus, somehow, to move the art.

On Sunday, the campus was closed to almost everyone. But, the art faculty, Shearer, museum staff members, and friends persisted and, with the permission of Dr. Scott Hummel, executive vice president and provost, all the art in the Gillespie Museum and essential items were removed by Service Master into the assembled team's willing hands. Vehicles were loaded again, a trailer

was filled, and transported to Laurel and the LRMA. Some 1,100 pieces of framed art were transported over the weekend.

As a result, the vast majority of the combined collections was moved to safety and inventoried for storage. Marie Hull's "Spring" has come to stand for all that we value in art and in recovery from adversity, and for the appreciation of Mississippi art that was renewed in seeing all the artists' work traveling through many hands. "Spring" is on temporary loan to the LRMA, pending the return of the collection to campus.



RAs PRAY *in dorms*



Clockwise from top left: Branden Walker, senior mass communication/intercultural studies major from Pearl; Branden Lindsay, junior theatre major from Simpsonville, South Carolina; Nick Papania, junior music education major from Gulfport; Clayton Rush, junior business administration major from Mandeville, Louisiana.



BRANDEN WALKER, A SENIOR MASS COMMUNICATION/INTERCULTURAL STUDIES MAJOR FROM PEARL, LEADS A BIBLE STUDY FOR RAs (RESIDENT ASSISTANTS) ON THURSDAY NIGHTS.

Walker said that the group started small but has grown to include more men as the school year has progressed.

"After the Christmas break, I was sitting in Dr. Tim Glaze's class, and I just thought I should do something different for the group that night. That was on January 19. So I prayed and asked God what he wanted me to do," Walker said. "I felt led to pray for RAs, residents, and dorms all over campus."

About 9:30 p.m. that Thursday night, Walker met with three other RAs: Clayton Rush, Branden Lindsay, and Nick Papania. The young men started in Ross Hall. They prayed for the RAs on duty and for each student in residence there. They went to Bass next and prayed for the RAs and residents, then proceeded to the other dorms and prayed for them, too. Johnson, Braswell, Byrd, Polk, Bryant, Futral, and Davis. Walker said, "I just know that God led us to do that. His timing was perfect, in our praying for RAs and residents that night and in His protection over all of us the very next night in the tornado."

Ironically, the day I spoke with Branden about that night, he was at Oak Grove Middle School under a tornado warning once again. He is the drummer for the school's show choir. He also works as the drum tech at West Marion High School. This college student is working hard to stay in school.

CAREY STUDENT LOSES THREE FINGERS *during tornado*

Scott Simmons – WAPT
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TAYLOR GAUTREUX, A SOCCER PLAYER FROM PRAIRIEVILLE, LOUISIANA, IS GLAD TO BE ALIVE AFTER THE EF3 TORNADO SLAMMED INTO HER DORM EARLY THAT SATURDAY MORNING.

The college freshman was trying to close the door to her dorm when the winds from the twister slammed the door shut, smashing her fingers.

"I didn't even know what had happened. I kind of pulled away and everybody was staring at me. And I just felt like my leg was wet; and I said 'Oh wow, there is blood on my leg.' And I looked at my hand and said, 'Oh wow, there are no fingers there'," she said.

Her dorm mates sprang into action, tried to save her fingers, and managed to stop the bleeding.

With all of the debris blocking the roads, it took paramedics about 30 minutes to get to the injured student after the storm had passed.



In spite of her dorm mates' actions and doctors' efforts, there was too much damage to attach her fingers.

Gautreaux is thankful it was her right hand that was injured. "I am left handed! So this (the left hand) is my dominant hand," she said.

She plans to return to the university and continue playing sports and has an upbeat attitude on what has happened.

"It is not as hard as some people think it is. It's all mental. You keep telling yourself it could have been worse," she said.

Will you donate to the Student Tornado Relief Fund to help Taylor and others with storm-related expenses? You can give online at wmcarey.edu/advancement or mail your gift to WCU Box 141, 710 William Carey Parkway, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Designate your gift to the Student Tornado Relief Fund.



“Everybody got a tornado warning at the same time (on their phones) and then all of a sudden we heard glass break.”

TAYLOR DEROSSETTE



2 STUDENT *perspectives:*

Taylor DeRossette, freshman and Meg Edney, junior

By Terri Cowart Frazier, reporter for the Vicksburg Post. Reprinted with permission.

WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS JUST A THUNDERSTORM, TURNED OUT TO BE MUCH MORE.

"It was just like a normal night. It was raining outside, but no one expected a tornado," Taylor DeRossette said. DeRossette, from Vicksburg, is a freshman at Carey. He was on campus asleep in his dormitory when, at 3:30 a.m. January 21, tornado alarms went off.

"We had never heard those before, so I just kept sleeping. The next thing I know my RA is banging on my door with an air horn telling everybody to wake up. We knew it was serious then," DeRossette said.

He said everyone got dressed quickly, went down stairs to the lowest level of the dorm and sat in the hallway.

"Everybody got a tornado warning at the same time (on their phones) and then all of the sudden we heard glass break. Everybody got quiet and then all of the sudden the door flew open and a big gust of wind blew down the hallway. It scared the heck out of everybody," DeRossette said.

Although the storm did not last very long, the students remained in the hallway for more than two hours, he said.

When the students were finally able to leave, what was awaiting them proved unbelievable. "Several cars were flipped over. Our tennis court and gym were destroyed. Trees were uprooted everywhere and half of our med school was destroyed. Cars were crashed into the cadaver lab. Our whole entire campus was destroyed," DeRossette said.

While not totally destroyed, every dorm on campus did sustain some form of damage from the tornado, from missing walls and sections of roof, to glass blown out of windows, to water damage.

"The windows in my room were shattered," he said.

In addition to the storm damage to the buildings, DeRossette said almost all of the cars on campus were also damaged.

"My car has scratches all over it because the windows blew out of the dorm next to it and my windshield is cracked," he said.

With the inordinate amount of destruction the campus amassed, fortunately there were no deaths and only one serious injury, DeRossette said.

Giving credit to the university, DeRossette said he was impressed at how the school handled the situation.

Students were moved to the medical school auditorium, where they were checked in, he said.

"The EMTs were there. The police officers were there checking on people," and ambulances were also available for those needing to go to the hospital.

Meg Edney, the daughter of Lori ('83) and Dr. Dan ('83) Edney of Vicksburg, is also a student at Carey.

Fortunately, she came home Friday evening, dodging the storm, but was awakened at four in the morning Saturday by texts from friends who were still on campus, her mother said.

"We heard that the building that Meg was living in was hit pretty bad," Edney said.

In fact, after the storms had passed, Edney said Meg's friends were only allowed to return to get a few things from their rooms.

They called Meg to ask if there was anything they should get of hers, and all she requested was a Bible that had been a family keepsake, Edney said.

"The reason this Bible is so special is because right before each of my mom's parents passed away, we traced their hands in Hebrews 12 as they went on to join the great cloud of witnesses," Meg said.

HEBREWS 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.





International Students EXPERIENCE TORNADO

“No nation’s flag should be disrespected that way, lying on the ground, wet and in the rocks. It should be flying brave and proud.”

PAUL BRACKEN

THREE UNSUSPECTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HEADED TO WAL-MART FOR SNACKS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEVERE WEATHER. BACK HOME, THEY SAID, TORNADOES ARE UNHEARD OF. THEY JUST HAD NO IDEA WHAT COULD HAPPEN. CALUM BRODIE, PAUL BRACKEN, AND THOMAS BRUNE WERE SHOCKED AT THE FEROCITY OF THE STORM.

“The rain was going horizontally past the car, and then rocks started hitting the window; and just as we turned the corner, rocks started crashing through the window, so we just stopped and ducked,” said Brodie,

a freshman from Dundee, Scotland.

Then the tornado terrified the students by lifting the PT Cruiser off the ground and setting it back down several feet away.

After the tornado passed, the student-athletes took shelter in Clinton Gymnasium, finding an American flag on the ground along the way. They picked it up and carefully laid it across the damaged security gate.

It was a matter of respect,” said Bracken, a freshman from Dublin, Ireland. “It was terrible to have the nation’s flag on the ground; and if something like this happened in Ireland, I’d want someone to do the exact same thing for me.

“No nation’s flag should be disrespected

that way, lying on the ground, wet and in the rocks. It should be flying brave and proud.”

Head Men’s Basketball Coach Steve Knight said, “They’re not even from America, but they take pride in where they are and in this school and in this country. It’s just something that I’ll never forget, that gesture that they made.”



COMMITTED *To Carey's Recovery*

*By Joshua Wilson.
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WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED AT CAREY IN LATE 2010, I IMMEDIATELY FELL IN LOVE WITH THE PLACE. THE CAMPUS WAS SMALL AND QUIANT WITH OPEN, PICTURESQUE SPACES. I WAS PARTICULARLY ENAMORED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, TATUM COURT, A MAJESTIC COLUMNED STRUCTURE THAT RULED OVER THE CAMPUS WITH CHIMES THAT PLAYED HYMNS AT NOON AND FIVE EACH DAY.

Throughout my time as a student and later as a staff member, I watched as the campus grew to include new dormitories, academic buildings and my favorite campus building, the Bass Memorial Chapel.

I witnessed the “tiny Baptist school in Hattiesburg” complete a medical school and saw Tatum Court, with its strong bones and

proud façade, celebrate its 100th birthday. I watched as enrollment surpassed 4,000 students and as countless new programs were added to benefit our communities.

On Saturday, January 21, I watched an EF-3 tornado rip through the campus, my home away from home for so many years. Relief poured over me as I heard that none of the students had life-threatening injuries, but that relief turned to sadness and shock as the damage became clear.

Ninety percent of the campus is devastated. Tatum Court’s roof is gone, leaving open skies visible from the third floor. Those beautiful stained glass windows in Bass Chapel are shattered, leaving gaping holes. The new School of Business building, built in 2014 with state-of-the-art technology, and the College of Osteopathic Medicine, a pioneer in medical education in the Gulf South, both received severe damage.

Carey is rebuilding despite the difficulties. Its picturesque campus will one day be whole

again – different, but still a beautiful, safe school offering a valuable education in a Christian environment. Carey will continue to be a place for the next generation of students to be “equipped for every good work.”



Joshua Wilson, a 2012 and 2014 Carey graduate, also served as Carey's marketing director. He is currently the marketing coordinator at Merchants Foodservice in Hattiesburg.



The School of Business building suffered major damage from the violent storm.



Alumna Amanda Robertson's ('14) thoughts one week after the tornado

LOSING TATUM



Amanda Robertson earned the Bachelor of Arts from Carey in 2013. She majored in English and minored in theatre. She completed the Master of Arts in English in 2014. She is currently employed at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

ON JANUARY 21, A TERRIBLE STORM RIPPED THROUGH OUR CITY AND

DEVASTATED THE CAMPUS OF WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY. THE TATUM COURT BUILDING WAS PARTICULARLY RAVAGED, AND MY HEART GREW HEAVY AS I SCANNED PICTURES OF THE DAMAGE. I HADN'T EXPECTED TO FEEL SADNESS OVER THE DESTRUCTION OF A BUILDING.

I was reminded of my time there as a graduate student and how I loved the dark paneled walls and the way it smelled like an old library. I thought about all the times I had walked up and down the single staircase that led to the third floor of the English department or to the bottom floor of the theatre. The rise of the stairs was just a bit too steep, and the thick, wooden banister was worn smooth.

This building was where I garnered my knowledge of Mark Twain and Joyce Carol Oates. I spent hours there fostering my love for William Faulkner and Toni Morrison.

The building itself holds many memories, but I am reminded that it is always people that matter most. The faculty and staff of Tatum have left their impression on me, and I will forever be indebted to them for how they shaped my life. Through them I realized I truly wanted a career in higher education, and I learned a diploma is not merely a piece of paper for purchase. It is a declaration of academic growth, but it should also

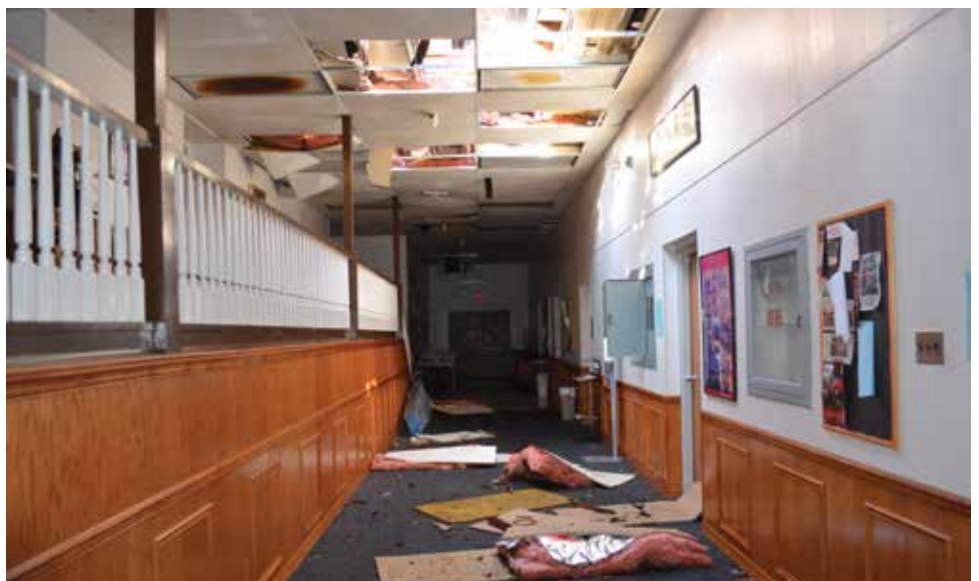
demonstrate creative and artistic growth.

The building may not stand, but the people who worked there are, thankfully, safe.

Their talent and the impact they made are not confined to bricks and mortar, and their passion for what they teach is not lost in the stacks of rubble or pages of water soaked books.

The destruction of a building is small compared to the loss of human lives in the storm.

Hattiesburg will rebuild; Carey will carry on; and great educators will continue to inspire and create.



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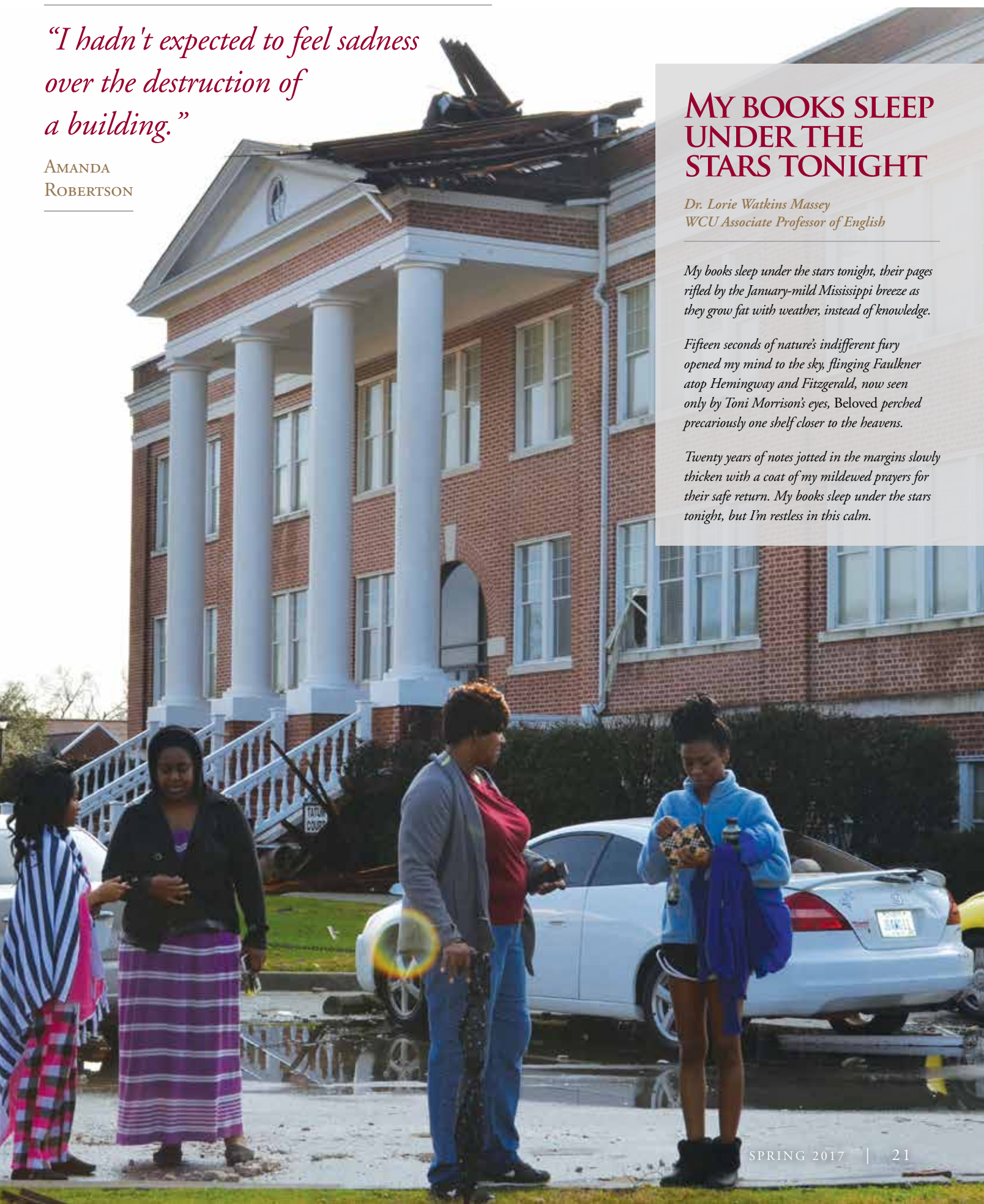
MY BOOKS SLEEP UNDER THE STARS TONIGHT

*Dr. Lorie Watkins Massey
WCU Associate Professor of English*

My books sleep under the stars tonight, their pages rifled by the January-mild Mississippi breeze as they grow fat with weather, instead of knowledge.

Fifteen seconds of nature's indifferent fury opened my mind to the sky, flinging Faulkner atop Hemingway and Fitzgerald, now seen only by Toni Morrison's eyes, Beloved perched precariously one shelf closer to the heavens.

Twenty years of notes jotted in the margins slowly thicken with a coat of my mildewed prayers for their safe return. My books sleep under the stars tonight, but I'm restless in this calm.



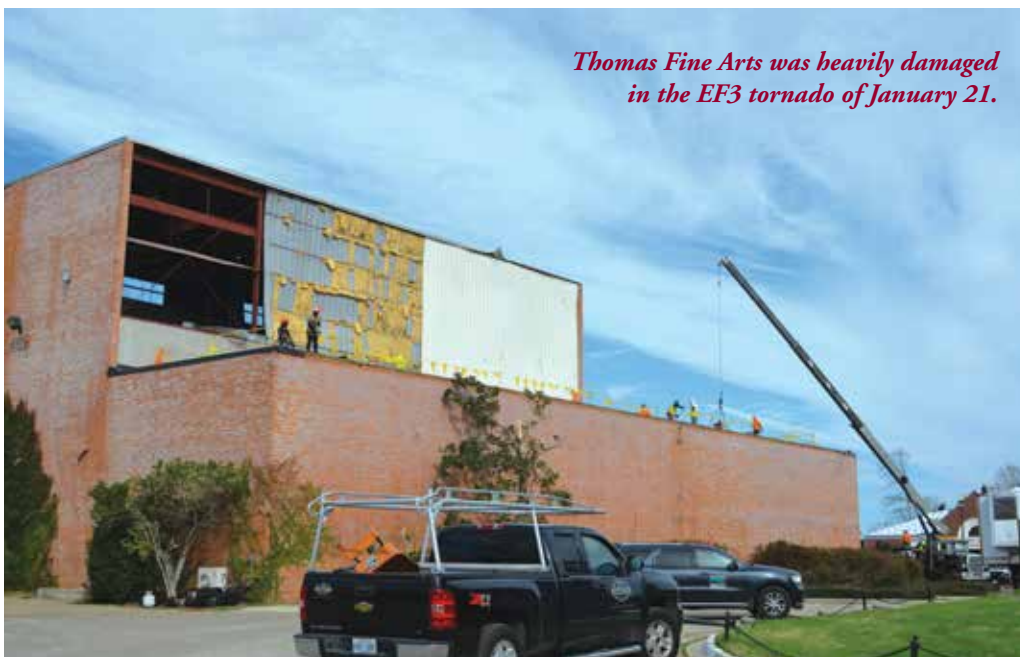
Music Classes continue at Hardy Street Baptist Church

THE WINTERS SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY STUDIES HAS SEEN PHENOMENAL GROWTH (FROM 60 TO 160 MUSIC MAJORS) IN THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

Like many other buildings on campus, Thomas Fine Arts was heavily damaged in the EF3 tornado of January 21. Three nine-foot grand pianos and the Allen Organ suffered irreparable damage when the tornado ripped the roof off, and several practice room pianos were also destroyed.

The school is in the midst of a campaign to become an “All Steinway School” and three Steinway made Boston studio pianos were scheduled to be delivered the Wednesday following the storm. They have since been received at their temporary location, Hardy Street Baptist Church. The church has generously housed the School of Music, providing ensemble rehearsal space as well as classroom and office space.

If you would like to contribute to the School of Music, toward the Steinway Project, for tornado relief, or to help music students, visit wmcarey.edu/advancement or contact Dr. Don Odom, dean of the school, at dodom@wmcarey.edu.



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*Students
move
back in*

**FOUR
WEEKS
AFTER
TORNADO**

DESPITE DAMAGE TO NEARLY ALL OF THE BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS, CAREY WELCOMED STUDENTS BACK LESS THAN A MONTH AFTER THE EF3 TORNADO RAVAGED THE CAMPUS ON JANUARY 21.

More than 600 students moved back into the dorms February 18-19 to begin their spring trimester classes on February 20. The university repaired seven dorms, ensuring students and parents of their safety prior to move-in day.

"I want to assure parents that the dorms have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. They have also been inspected for environmental factors and have been declared safe for occupancy," said Dr. Tommy King.

Two of the dormitories sustained too much damage and had to be demolished, Ross Hall and Johnson Hall. Both were women's dormitories.

Construction will begin soon on new residence halls as Carey prepares to meet the needs of current and future students.

Abigail Sullivan, junior nursing major from Mendenhall, moved from Ross Hall to Wilbur Hall at USM, then to Bass Hall on February 19.





RAISES FUNDS FOR CAREY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE 8TH GRADE CLASS AT KIRK ACADEMY IN GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI SAW HIS MOM LOOKING AT PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK ABOUT THE RECENT TORNADO DAMAGE AT CAREY AND FELT COMPELLED TO HELP.

“Mom, these students are going to need new computers, pens, paper, clothes, everything!” he said.

He presented the fundraising idea to the other class officers, and they sought permission from the headmaster.

The headmaster fell silent when he heard their plan. When he asked the students if they knew about his connection to Carey, they told him they had no idea what he meant.



The headmaster is Dr. Randy Poss. His father and mother were Randle ('56) and Gloria Jean Ward Poss ('57). His dad played football, baseball and ran track at Carey, and his mother was selected as one of William Carey's most beautiful. Dr. Poss's father is a semi-retired pastor in north Mississippi. His mother passed away in 2008.



ABOVE: Photo from Carey yearbook '56. Senior Class Favorites: Lona Pearl Cochran, Helen McIntosh and Randle Poss.

LEFT: Gloria Jean Ward Poss. Photo from Carey yearbook '57, caption “Gloria Ward, This beauty from Wiggins is a member of the Delphinian Society. Gloria is also a Student Government Representative of the Senior Class.”

LEFT: Eighth Grade class officers at Kirk Academy in Grenada presented gift cards to Headmaster Dr. Randy Poss and his father Rev. Randle Poss for the Student Tornado Relief Fund during the AAA State Basketball Tournament at Kirk Academy. They donated \$500 cash and several gift cards in memory of Mrs. Gloria Poss and in honor of Rev. Randle Poss, Carey grads and Dr. Poss's parents. Pictured from left to right: Rev. Randle Poss, Dr. Randy Poss, Carter Moore, Luke Beissel, Graham Seibel and Woods Nerren.

School of Education

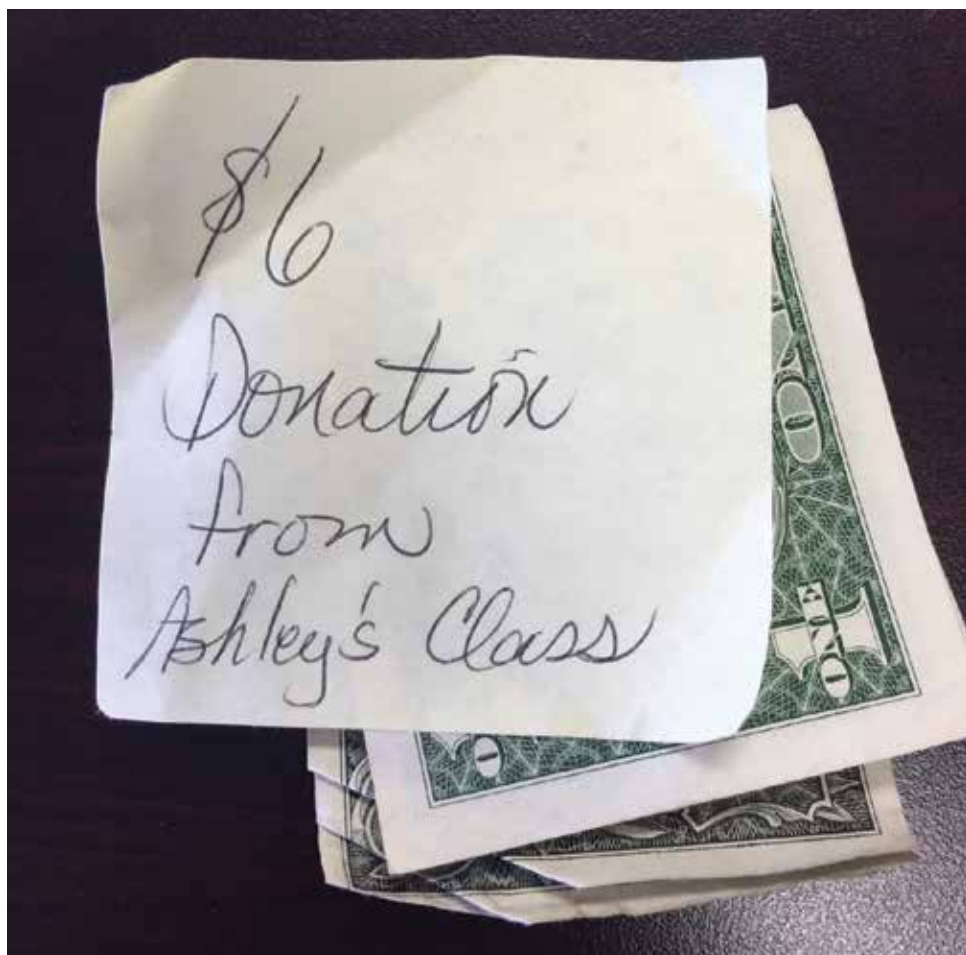
Thanks
Germantown High School

Dean of the School of Education Dr. Ben Burnett, education faculty and students say THANK YOU to principal Wesley Quick, WCU graduate student, and Germantown High School for raising the funds for two projectors for the School of Education. Their efforts were in response to the School of Education's needs following the tornado.

Will you donate to the Tornado Damage Fund to help the School of Education and other departments with storm-related expenses? You can give online at umcarey.edu advancement or mail your gift to WCU Box 141, 498 Tuscan Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Designate your gift to the Tornado Damage Fund.



THIRD-GRADER IN FLORIDA *Donates Allowance* to Student Tornado Fund



THE CHORALE PERFORMED FOR CHAPEL AT NORTH FLORIDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ON THEIR FALL 2016 TOUR. DR. DON ODOM'S DAUGHTER, ASHLEY, TEACHES THIRD GRADE AT THE SCHOOL. FOLLOWING THE CHAPEL PERFORMANCE, VARIOUS CHORALE

MEMBERS VISITED WITH THE CHILDREN FROM THE SCHOOL, SINGING FUN SONGS, AND LEADING IN MUSIC BASED GAMES. THE SCHOOL PROVIDED LUNCH WITH THE CHILDREN, OFFERING ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILDREN TO ASK COLLEGE STUDENTS QUESTIONS ABOUT CAREY.



On the Monday following the tornado, Miss Odom shared with her class that a tornado had hit William Carey University. She showed pictures and some video. Since the children remembered the chapel experience, they asked questions and were concerned about Chorale members. Miss Odom provided an opportunity for the children to pray for the Chorale and the university and then led a science lesson about tornados.

The Friday following the tornado, Miss Odom was handing out recess snacks when Breyana handed her \$6.00.

Miss Odom asked, "What is this for?"

"This is my allowance for the week. I want you to give it to the Chorale friends from Carey," Breyana answered.

Miss Odom asked, "Are you sure? That is your whole allowance."

"Yes. They may need it more than me," Breyana replied.

When the Chorale returned to school on February 20, 2017, the first thing they did was sign a thank you note to Breyana. Six dollars, added to the gifts given to the university through hundreds of generous individuals, families, businesses and churches will help William Carey University be stronger than ever.

However, it is not the buildings, instruments and technology that make Carey great. It is the students, staff, and faculty that will take the time to talk to a third grade child during a school lunch.



PINE BELT COMMUNITY *Recovery Day*

THE CAREY BASKETBALL TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN PINE BELT COMMUNITY RECOVERY DAY AT SOUTHERN MISS ON FEBRUARY 4. THE EVENT WAS HELD AT REED GREEN COLISEUM AT USM.

The Carey men started the afternoon off by defeating Faulkner 81-76. The Southern Miss men's team battled Western Kentucky and the Lady 'Saders fought Faulkner to end the triple header.

The event raised funds through ticket purchases and donations to benefit Carey and the Salvation Army.



"Our community and university are facing a lot of challenges, and an event like this is a great way to get everyone to come together. We are very appreciative to Southern Miss for putting this event together," said Athletic Director DJ Pulley.

We certainly wanted to find a way for



not only our athletics department, but our entire university, to assist both William Carey in their recovery efforts as well as all the families in the entire Pine Belt area that were affected by this horrible storm," said

Southern Miss Interim Director of Athletics Zac Woodfin. "I can't think of anything better that bonds people more than their love of sports; and we are glad that we could facilitate this day of basketball."

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D.J. PULLEY, CAREY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Area Schools *step up* FOR WCU ATHLETICS

By Jason Munz – USM Sports Writer, originally published in the Hattiesburg American. Reprinted with permission.

CAREY'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HAS OFTEN, IN RECENT YEARS, BEEN READY AND WILLING TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS, JUNIOR COLLEGES AND SOUTHERN MISS WHEN A NEED AROSE.

When an EF4 tornado gutted athletic facilities at Hattiesburg High, Oak Grove High and Petal High in February 2013, Carey's softball and baseball fields temporarily became theirs. When Jones County Junior College's baseball team spent the entire 2010 season on the road while Community Bank Park was under construction, the Bobcats played home games at Carey's Milton Wheeler Field on a number of occasions.

Now, after an EF3 tornado tore through the campus, leaving the majority of the athletic facilities in some state of disrepair, the favor is being returned. The baseball, softball and soccer fields, gymnasium and

tennis courts were all damaged as a result of the January 21 twister. Until Carey can sort out what it will take to make its facilities playable again, local high schools, junior colleges and Southern Miss have stepped up in their time of need.

"Everybody we've talked to is working with us," Athletic Director DJ Pulley said. "All the athletic directors are helping us. They've got their own season and practices going, too. But it's really been amazing to see the response of the institutions around us."

Men's Basketball Coach Steve Knight, who also served as the school's athletic director from 1987-2016, echoed Pulley's sentiment.

"The outpouring of help from the community, and really from all over the world, has been tremendous," said Knight, whose Crusaders boasted an 18-5 record at the end of the winter trimester. "It's going to take a long time to get back to normal, but the main thing with athletics is to try to get our teams back as quickly as possible. Because right now, we're sort of the face of the university.



"We want people to know, as soon as we can get back to normal, we will. That would be a good step forward for everybody."

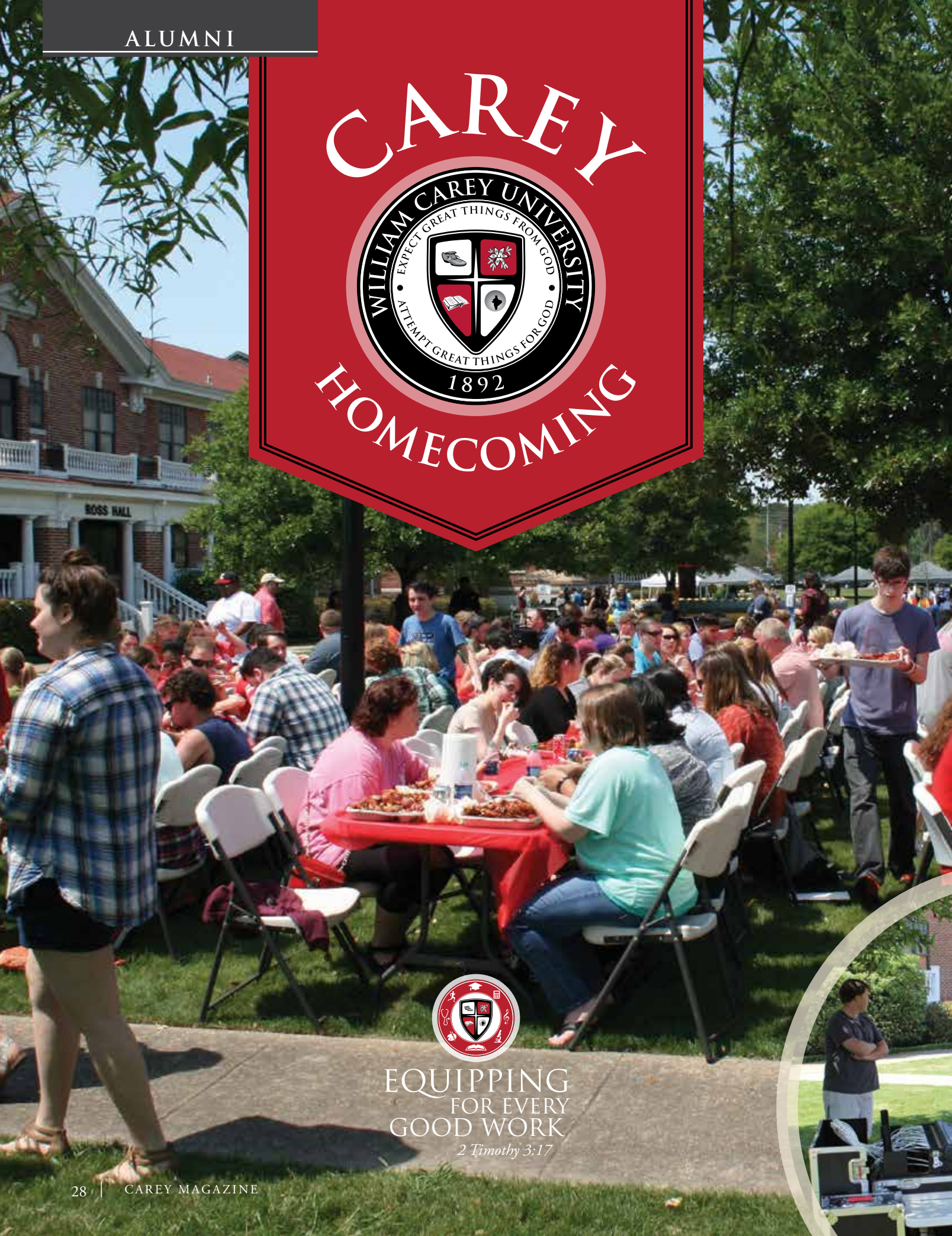
Savannah Richardson, a freshman forward on Carey's women's basketball team, was injured during the tornado. While the Texas native was moving to the first floor of the team's dorm, a light fell, cutting her leg and required 15 stitches. But she spent the week after the tornado at the Lady Crusaders' practices at Reed Green Coliseum in an effort to get back into a routine.

"Everybody has really been wanting to be here," she said. "We all missed each other terribly, so we couldn't wait to get back to see each other. And we're very grateful to USM for letting us move in and live so we can just try to get that normal feeling back."

CAREY



HOMECOMING



EQUIPPING
FOR EVERY
GOOD WORK

2 Timothy 3:17



Join us for CAREY HOMECOMING 2017

IN SPITE OF THE OVERWHELMING DAMAGE TO THE CAMPUS, CAREY IS MOVING FORWARD. WE DIDN'T MISS A BEAT WITH CLASSES, AND WE WON'T WITH HOMECOMING, EITHER. WITH CREATIVE PLANNING AND THE SUPPORT OF OUR TERRIFIC ALUMNI, WE WILL HAVE A GREAT HOMECOMING WEEKEND.

You'll notice a few changes to the schedule. The one with the most impact is celebrating both the 50+ Year Reunion and the Alumni Banquet in the same event. These special alumni will be recognized by all the banquet attendees for achieving this milestone. The classes of '55-'67 will meet for "Tea and Cookies" at Southern Oaks prior to the banquet to visit and reminisce. I know it will be a special time.

We're adding a new event this year: the Decade Celebrations. We want to honor the graduates from '57, '67, '77, '87, '97, and '07 by recalling music and other trends from those years. Each decade will be featured during the celebration time. Don't miss this chance to travel down memory lane with the ones who lived it!



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

1:30	PRESENTATION OF HOMECOMING COURT <i>Wheeler Baseball Field</i>
2:00	BASEBALL VS BETHEL UNIVERSITY <i>Wheeler Baseball Field</i>
3:00 – 4:00	ALUMNI CHAPEL SERVICE <i>Venue TBA</i>
4:30 – 5:30	50+ YEAR REUNION TEA AND COOKIES <i>The Magnolia Room at Southern Oaks House & Gardens 1246 Richburg Road, Hattiesburg</i>
5:00 – 5:30	ALUMNI HALL OF FAME PHOTO OP <i>The Meeting Room at Southern Oaks House & Gardens 1246 Richburg Road, Hattiesburg</i>
5:30 – 7:30	ALUMNI BANQUET <i>Southern Oaks House & Gardens 50 year medallions, HOF awards, alumni chapter and decade recognitions.</i>
7:30	BROADWAY REVUE <i>Southern Oaks House & Gardens</i>

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

10:00	DECADE REUNIONS ('57, '67, '77, '87, '97, '07) <i>Volleyball Facility, County Road</i>
11:30	CRAWFISH FESTIVAL/COOKOUT <i>Baseball/Softball Complex Book signing, health fair, games</i>
12:00	BASEBALL VS BETHEL UNIVERSITY (DOUBLE HEADER)
2:00	POETRY READ <i>Venue TBA</i>
6:00	SPORTS HALL OF FAME AWARDS DINNER <i>Southern Oaks House and Gardens 1246 Richburg Road, Hattiesburg</i>



RAMONA FAITH HANKINS FANT ('60)

RAMONA FAITH HANKINS FANT WAS RECENTLY CHOSEN AS A TOP FIVE NOMINEE FOR USAGEM (UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION OF GOSPEL ENTERTAINERS AND MUSICIANS) SONG OF THE YEAR FOR HER SONG "GOD IS ALIVE" AND PERFORMING ARTIST AS WELL AS A TOP 10 NOMINEE FOR USAGEM FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR, SINGER/ SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR, AND VIDEO OF THE YEAR FOR HER SONG "WILL YOU PRAY TODAY?"

Fant transferred to Carey in 1957 from Pearl River Community College and majored in chemistry and music. The Alaska native excelled at Carey, was elected to the Homecoming Court and Campus Beauties in 1958, was inducted into the Chi Beta Phi Scientific Honorary, and was elected Carey's Friendliest and Senior Class Favorite in 1960.

During her first semester at Carey, she met her future husband Gene Fant ('59), a ministry student majoring in social studies.

Ramona began to sing and write music while serving alongside her husband. Her music career has offered her opportunities to perform all over the world, and she has produced a number of award-winning albums and singles. She continues to expand her music career through her award-winning radio show, "Faith for Living," which airs every week on WSM 650 AM and WSMonline.com, the Grand Ole Opry radio station.

The couple has served together in ministry for nearly 60 years in churches across the United States and the world. Gene was honored to be elected as the second president of the Baptist Convention of New York in 1971. He currently serves at First Baptist Church Boerne, Texas and reaches out to hundreds of other ministers through a weekly radio ministry of "Prayer and Encouragement for Ministers."

Gene and Mona write, "We are so thankful to the Lord for His watch care over our beloved Alma Mater, William Carey

"Years ago, being students there (WCU) helped prepare us for our ministries through the years and into the future!"

GENE AND MONA FANT

ALUMNI

Highlights

Gene Fant, SR and Mona Faith on Red Carpet at ICM Awards 2012, at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Nashville, Tennessee

University, during the recent devastating tornado. God continues to use the outstanding and dedicated staff and teachers and donations of time and money from all of us in the rebuilding of Carey. Years ago, being students there helped prepare us for our ministries through the years and into the future! May God continue to bless William Carey University and all the students and staff who join with us to serve our Savior Jesus Christ."

The Fants' son, Dr. Gene Fant, Jr. was recently named president of North Greenville University, a Southern Baptist university located in Tigerville, South Carolina. Dr. Fant also taught English at Carey for a time as he worked on his Ph.D.

JAMES ROVELIOUS MCDADE JR. ('79)



JAMES ROVELIOUS MCDADE JR. WAS BORN IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, BUT TRAVELLED AS A CHILD SINCE HIS FATHER WAS IN THE

NAVY. JAMES EXCELLED IN BASKETBALL AT WILLIAMSON HIGH SCHOOL IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, AND RECEIVED A BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP TO CAREY WHERE HE WAS NAMED SOUTHERN STATES CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICAN AFTER HIS FRESHMAN YEAR. DURING HIS SOPHOMORE YEAR, JAMES WAS SCOUTED BY THE KENTUCKY COLONELS OF THE AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION BUT SUFFERED A CRIPPLING KNEE INJURY THAT EFFECTIVELY RUINED ANY PROFESSIONAL ASPIRATIONS. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE WILLIAM CAREY SPORTS HALL OF FAME IN 2013.

McDade completed his Bachelor of Science degree at Carey and began working

as the first black manager trainee at Citizens Bank in Hattiesburg. James soon moved his wife and son Chris to California to begin a new life there.

Two years later, he gave his life to Christ at First Apostolic Church of Inglewood, California. He remarried and had two daughters, Jamie and Crystal, and a son Sean. McDade became a minister and preached on the streets of Hollywood and Vine on Saturday nights, praying with pedestrians, handing out tracts, and leading many to Christ.

McDade completed two Master of Business degrees, one from UCLA and one from the National University of Singapore. He loved teaching in the Business Management and Legal program at UCLA and travelling the world as part of his career at the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson.

McDade was instrumental in assisting with search and rescue efforts at the World Trade Center in New York on September 11, 2001, and it is likely that he contracted lung cancer as a result of that day. He battled the cancer for many years, and finally succumbed on October 1, 2016.

McDade loved spending time with his family. After looking over the course of his life, James said, "I can't complain about anything. God has been good to me through and in every area of my life. It's been a tremendous blessing to live as long as the Lord blessed me to live and to do all the things I was able to do to prepare for this time. God is good!"

DAVID JEROME TAYLOR ('03)



JEROME TAYLOR WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF MICHIGAN (BSCM)

IN NOVEMBER 2016. THE SECOND YOUNGEST PRESIDENT TO BE ELECTED AT BSCM, TAYLOR CURRENTLY SERVES AS LEAD PASTOR OF EASTGATE BAPTIST CHURCH NEAR FLINT, MICHIGAN.

Taylor is a native of New Albany, Mississippi, and attended Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville where God began using Tuscumbia Baptist Church, the campus BSU and various other ministries to confirm His calling on his life. He studied theology and history at Carey and volunteered with the BSU while a student. He served on staff at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and partnered with the Mississippi Baptist Summer Missions program in Lake Tahoe in 2001.

After graduation, he served local churches in central Mississippi and the Gulf Coast from 2003-2008 and was a part of the Jackson County disaster relief following Hurricane Katrina as well as a member of a relief team in Thailand after the 2004 Tsunami.

In 2008, he ventured west to minister in Arizona, serving as associate pastor, in student ministry, family discipleship, small groups, and community missions. While there, he began his graduate work at the Gateway Baptist Theological Seminary (formerly Golden Gate) campus in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Eastgate Baptist Church called him as pastor in 2013, and Jerome and Melinda and their children (Abigail, Jackson, Hannah, and Naomi) moved to Michigan. He is not only serving the church faithfully, but is also partnering with local, state and national ministries such as Carriage Town Mission, local schools, and the North American Mission Board. He is currently working toward his M.Div. through Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

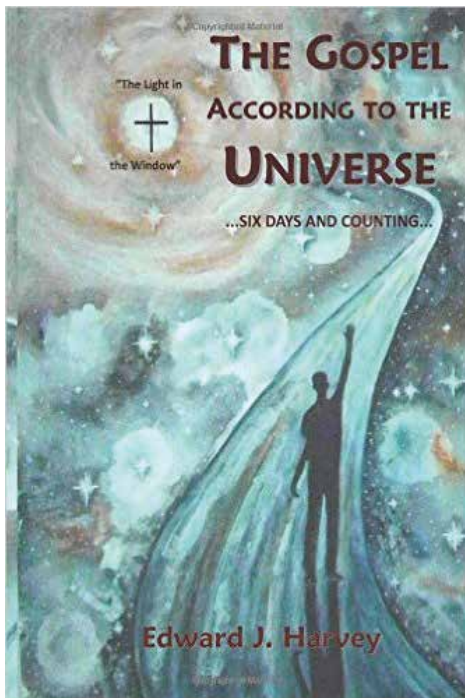
In the fall of 2014, he enlisted in the Church Strengthening Team, a Michigan State Convention effort. In 2015, he served as second vice president of the state convention, and in 2016, began his term as president of the BSCM.

While Taylor is grateful for the opportunity to serve the churches in Michigan, he has a pastor's heart. His ultimate desire is to lead and equip generations of people to become fully devoted followers of Christ. He has a passion to boldly and clearly share Scripture and to call out servant-leaders who will impact the world for Jesus Christ. Through his gifts of leadership, preaching and teaching, he is working to make disciples in his church and community.

Class NOTES

60's

EDWARD HARVEY ('60) has written *The Gospel According to the Universe: Six Days and Counting*. The book is available on Amazon. Ed plans on participating in the book signing at homecoming this year.



70's

DAN NELSON ('73) has recently had a book published: *Baptist Revival: Reaffirming Baptist Principles in Today's Changing Church Scene* by Faithful Life Publishers. The book deals with prominent Baptist beliefs and was endorsed by fellow Carey alumnus Dr. Franklin Kirksey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Spanish Fort, Alabama. Nelson has served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Camarillo, California for the past 32 years. Dan plans to participate in the book signing at homecoming this year.



JIM WALLER ('73) has retired after 47 years as a full-time pastor. He has founded a new ministry called "Senior Life Ministries" and is available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates, senior adult conferences, and revivals. He resides in Griffin, Georgia.

REV. LONNIE WADSWORTH ('75)

received the Veteran of the Year Award from the Springville, Alabama Chamber of Commerce. Lonnie has been instrumental in establishing the Purple Heart Trail as part of the Alabama interstate system and had St. Clair County, Alabama, named as a "Purple Heart County." Lonnie serves as chaplain for several organizations and is also the State Junior Vice Commander/Chaplain and the Chapter Commander for Chapter # 2213, Military Order of the Purple Heart. Lonnie celebrated his 70th birthday on November 19 and continues to be a supply minister for churches in the north Alabama area.



80's

TERRY R TINSLEY ('88) has been promoted to assistant vice president of programs at Youth For Tomorrow in Bristow, Virginia, where he has served for almost twenty years. This organization delivers a broad spectrum of mental health services for children and adults in the north Virginia area.

90's

JEREMY ADCOCK ('97) accepted the position of organist/choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Mobile, Alabama, in October 2016. Prior to moving to Mobile, he spent eight years in Starkville at Mississippi State University. He is also an administrative assistant for the First Year Advising Center at the University of South Alabama.

00's

AMANDA KIRBY ('07, '09) is the media coordinator for Forrest General Hospital.

10's

KELSEY WELLS LAMBERT ('13) and Matthew Lambert were united in marriage on Saturday, October 22, 2016, at their home church, Divide Memorial Methodist Protestant. Kelsey currently uses her Bachelor of Science degree as the managing editor of the Lawrence County Press in Monticello. Matthew is a registered nurse in Brookhaven, and they make their home in the Divide community. Alisha Austin Downing ('13) and Carol Anne Johnson ('15) served as bridesmaids.



DEVIN HADLEY ('13 & '15) Moore and Dr. Joel Ashley Moore II ('11 & '15) were married on October 8, 2016. Devin and Joel met at Carey, and Joel is a graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine. They currently live in Tupelo, where Devin is a mental health therapist for at risk youth and Joel is a second-year resident at the North Mississippi Medical Center.



CLINT JACKSON ('14) has accepted the call as student minister at Highland Baptist Church in Meridian. Clint is married to Susanna, and they have a daughter, Leia, who is one. Clint is pursuing the Master of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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