

William Carey University Scholarships

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH-RELATED VOCATION (CRV) SCHOLARSHIPS

On-campus scholarship.....Up to \$5,000
 Off-campus scholarship.....Up to \$3,500

Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0.

An official letter from the pastor of a church stating that the student has made a public commitment is required to apply for the scholarship. A certificate of license or ordination may substitute for this letter.

Southern Baptist CRV students may also apply to the Board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for additional financial aid. This aid is applied for in a separate process through the School of Missions and Biblical Studies at William Carey University.

FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN AND FIRST-TIME INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

	<u>ACT Composite</u>	<u>SAT Composite*</u>	<u>On-Campus</u>	<u>Off-Campus</u>
Trustee Scholarship	28 – above	1260 – above	\$6,000	\$4,000
	Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 3.2.			
Presidential Scholarship	25 – 27	1140 – 1259	\$5,000	\$3,500
	Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.			
Academic Scholarship	21 – 24	990 – 1139	\$4,000	\$2,500
	Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.75.			
Opportunity Scholarship	19 – 20	910 – 989	\$3,000	\$1,500
	Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5.			

**Composite SAT is based on a combination of verbal and math scores only.*

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

	<u>Cumulative GPA</u>	<u>On-Campus</u>	<u>Off-Campus</u>
Presidential Scholarship	3.5 – above	\$5,000	\$3,500
	Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.		
Academic Scholarship	3.0 – 3.49	\$4,000	\$2,500
	Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.75.		
Opportunity Scholarship	2.5 – 2.99	\$3,000	\$1,500
	Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5.		

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*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus...
 I give you this charge: Preach the word.
 —2 Timothy 4:1-2a*



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Greetings from William Carey! As countless Mississippians can attest, this past year has been one of extreme challenges and amazing triumphs. The following report briefly highlights some of our experiences.

As you are well aware, Hurricane Katrina devastated southeast Louisiana and south Mississippi. We were very fortunate in New Orleans that no damage was sustained to our facility. The Gulfport campus was a different matter. We experienced structural damage to every building. The classroom and administrative buildings which were not washed away were condemned. The computer lab and the library holdings were also lost in the storm. In spite of the losses, classes resumed within three weeks and were held at a local high school and at a local church. The pastor of this church happens to be a gracious alumnus of the Gulfport campus. As of May 2006, 16 modular units are in place on the Gulfport campus, and classes have resumed at the Beach Drive site. This temporary arrangement allows us time to implement a long-range plan of action. It was the decision of our board of trustees to relocate and to rebuild the Gulfport campus. The first phase of this plan consists of a main administration building, three classroom buildings and a library facility.

We celebrated our 100-year anniversary in 2006. Special chapel and homecoming programs initiated this celebration. Alumni from across the years gathered with current students for a time of reminiscence and thanksgiving. The highlight of our celebration was the retirement of our \$7.3 million dollar debt several months ahead of schedule. We experienced the changing of the name of the institution to William Carey University to honor its growth and to enhance its potential in an increasingly global environment. This name is the fourth in the 100-year history of the institution. With this announcement, WCU will now offer expanded educational opportunities to students. We also witnessed the completion and dedication of the Milton Wheeler baseball field and Donnell Hall, which houses scholarly materials and artifacts for the study of the life and work of William Carey.

In addition to the quality educational programs, our students were able to participate in numerous ministry and church-related service opportunities. Students, staff, and faculty participated in international mission trips to India, China, and Peru as well as local opportunities in the surrounding area and the coast. Over 130 professions of faith were made during these events. We also hosted World Changers and Centri-Kid Camps on the Hattiesburg campus last summer, attended the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and attended the Southern Baptist Convention.

While many achievements were made in 2006, we were saddened by the passing of President Larry Kennedy, who was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. When he became president in 1998, he faced a \$7.3 million debt, a declining enrollment, and many buildings in extreme need of renovation. In eight years under his leadership, the debt was retired, enrollment increased more than 40%, and over \$17 million dollars of building improvements were completed on the three campus locations. Dr. Kennedy had a vision for this institution. His vision became our dream, and now under the leadership of our new president, Dr. Tommy King, the dream continues to become a reality.

Mississippi Baptists, you have enabled us to impact the lives of thousands of students. In turn they are touching the lives of thousands more. Thank you for your prayers and financial support throughout the years. It is making a difference for the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Caldwell
Vice President of Church Relations

In Ron Dunn's book, *When Heaven is Silent*, he openly discusses the difficult time he faced after his son, Ronnie, committed suicide. He recalled feeling that his prayers, worship, singing and sharing in God's word left him numb and empty. He felt nothing but despair and depression, as if he were in darkness.

We encounter periods of darkness in our lives. Sometimes these moments may be the consequence of our own actions. If we fail to pay the utility bill or a tree falls in the yard across the utility lines leading to a home, we will find ourselves plunged into darkness. There are other times when the darkness is thrust upon us, sometimes as the result of a tragedy. In the case of Ron Dunn, it was thrust upon him.

How should we handle the darkness when it is thrust upon us? The prophet Isaiah provides some insight for us. In his third Servant Song, he prophesied to a group of people who were in darkness (50:10). The people were described as fearing the Lord and obeying the voice of the Lord's servant. Obviously, they were living a life pleasing to God. However, they were in a darkness that was thrust upon them. What do we do when we find ourselves in darkness?

I. The First Thing We Should Do is to Continue Walking With God (50:10).

- What did the person do who experienced the time of darkness? He didn't stand still, he didn't grope for answers. It says he continued what he was doing. Isaiah said the person, while trusting and relying on God, walks in darkness.
- Isaiah said when darkness descends, keep walking. That means that even though it feels like your prayers go unanswered or God doesn't seem to respond, keep on praying. Even though you feel your devotional times feels seem unfulfilling or less enlightening, keep on having them. Even though you feel your times of worship aren't as moving and uplifting as they used to be, keep on worshipping.

II. The Second Thing We Should Do is to Continue Trusting and Relying Upon God to Meet Our Needs (50:10-11).

- The words *trusts* and *relies* mean "to be confident in" and "to lean upon" respectively. This is what the people of Isaiah's day did. They continued to trust in God when they could see no immediate results. They continued to lean upon God even though they couldn't tell where it would lead them.
- Being confident and leaning upon God is easier to do when all is well in life. We are more able to walk with confidence and are more willing to lean on God for his support and guidance. It is much more difficult to do this when we are in a period of darkness. Isaiah said even while in the darkness, we need to walk with the same confidence, trusting and relying on God.

Conclusion:

We will encounter difficult times in life. What will we do when the dark moments are upon us? Perhaps we should heed the sound assurance given to us in Proverbs 3:5, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In other words, keep walking with God in confidence and assurance.

The essence and objective of this sermon were derived from reading this book. This writer has heard Rev. Dunn on numerous occasions and has had a tremendous appreciation for his work and evangelistic ministry. Rev. Dunn passed away in June 2001 but continues to impact the lives of Christians through his numerous writings.

No one likes to be called foolish. It hurts to be labeled a fool by a friend. But to be known in history as the man whom God called a fool is a sad legacy. Why did God call this man a fool?

I. He Focused on the Gift and Forgot the Giver.

- In his eyes his greatest problem was managing his wealth. His approach to life was bigger, more and better. In his twisted mind he took credit for his success. He never thought that the soil, the rain, the favorable conditions had more to do with his bumper crop than his own efforts.
- He forgot that there had been years when he had worked just as hard, invested just as much, and his crop had failed, because God had not favored him.

II. He Focused on Himself and Forgot His Neighbor.

- There is no parable in scripture so full of the words "I, me, my and mine." Twelve times in those three short verses the sickening words rear their shameful heads.
- A schoolboy was once asked what parts of speech *my* and *mine* are, and he replied "aggressive pronouns." And he was not all wrong. The man who becomes obsessed with "me" and "mine" will "tear down" what is in order to achieve what he perceives ought to be.
- There was too much "ego" in his cosmos. His whole approach to life was the very reverse of Christianity. Instead of denying himself he aggressively asserted himself. Instead of finding happiness in giving he foolishly thought life's meaning was founded in keeping.

III. He Focused on This Life and Forgot the Life to Come.

- Jesus suggested later in this chapter that there is great joy to be found in realizing this life is not the ultimate. It is a real source of happiness to realize that we don't have to be anxious. The same God who cares for the flowers of the fields and the birds of the air will take care of his children.
- We discover a new life when we accept the truth of God's word, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." John Wesley's rule of life was to live as frugally as possible, to save as much as possible, and to give all that he could. When he was at Oxford he had an income of 30 pounds. He lived on 28 and gave 2 away. When his income increased to 60 pounds, and then 90 and then 120, he still lived on 28 and gave the rest away.
- Jim Elliott once said, "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to obtain that which he cannot lose."

Conclusion:

A wise man asked an ambitious youth what he intended. "I will learn my trade," replied the youth, "And then?" asked the man. "I will set up my business," replied the youth. "And then?" "I will make my fortune," he said. "And then?" "I will grow old and retire and live on my money." "And then?" "Well, I suppose that some day I will die." The last haunting words of the wise old man were, "And then?"

Would your response to the question be considered wise or foolish?