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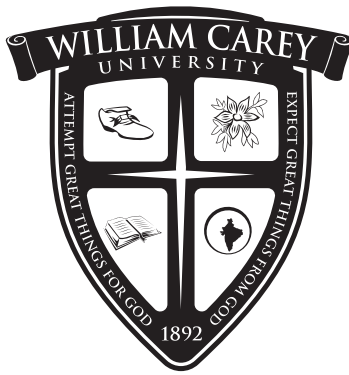
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The sermon outlines in this issue of *The Carey Pulpit* cover a broad range of topics and passages. I pray that they help you in your Bible study and sermon preparation. *The Carey Pulpit* goes out to pastors across Mississippi and to alumni and friends across the country.

William Carey University is proud to carry the name of William Carey, who was born in Paulerspury, England, in 1761. As a child he was fascinated by the world around him, and he spent much time in the garden and scavenging the fields collecting different plants. He was inspired by the adventures of Captain Cook and dreamt of traveling to far off lands. However, he appeared destined to live his life as a poor cobbler. While apprenticing as a shoemaker, he encountered John War, a “dissenter,” who led him to accept Christ as his personal savior. William Carey became a bi-vocational pastor and demonstrated his talent for learning biblical languages. To help lay the theological foundations for the missionary movement, Carey wrote *An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens* and worked with other area pastors to establish the Baptist Missionary Society. In 1793 Carey and his family sailed for India where they would spend the rest of their lives devoted to the Gospel. When Carey answered the call to become a missionary in India, God honored and enhanced all his gifts and talents by transforming the poor shoemaker from England into a linguist, scientist, professor, and social reformer. Carey and his associates evangelized, established Serampore College, and translated the Bible into 40 languages. The “Father of Modern Missions” died in 1834 after helping to start the modern missionary movement.

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I invite you to submit sermon outlines for *The Carey Pulpit* and to encourage others to submit outlines. The sermons can be focused on a single passage, topic, holiday, or event. The fall 2012 issue will be devoted to the chapters in the Gospel of Luke pertaining to the passion of Christ, which is the topic of the upcoming Winter Bible Study.

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REDISCOVER PASSION

1 Peter 1:14-16 (ESV), Jude 18-19 (ESV),
John 2:17 (NLT)

Introduction:

Every morning in Africa a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must outrun the fastest lion to survive. Every morning in Africa a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle, or it will starve. The moral of the story: Whether you are a lion or a gazelle, when the sun comes up, you'd better be running.

We must live with passion in our lives every day.

I. People Have Many Different Passions.

- A. Passion mobilizes armies into action.
- B. Passion inspires explorers to boldly go where no man has gone before.
- C. Passion causes scientists to spend late night hours seeking the cure to a dreaded disease.
- D. Passion turns a good athlete into a great one.
- E. Success requires passion.

While all of these different passions are not bad, the amount of time that we invest in them causes concern. While our passion for the temporary increases, our passion for the eternal declines.

II. The Right Kind of Passion.

- A. Ask yourself: What am I passionate about? What do I spend most of my time doing?
- B. The right kind of passion is focused and centered on the Creator.

C. Enemies of Godly passion

- 1. Apathy.
 - a. Apathy is not a state of mind but a condition of the heart.
 - b. Apathy allows something precious to become familiar, ordinary, common.
- 2. Procrastination.
 - a. "Tomorrow I will go to church more consistently."
 - b. "I will read my Bible tomorrow."
 - c. "I will apply myself in my education tomorrow."

- D. God wants you to love Him passionately (Matt. 22:36-38).
- E. God wants you to work passionately (Col. 3:23).
- F. God wants you to serve Him zealously (Rom. 12:11).

III. Passion Killers.

- A. Unresolved conflict.
- B. Unhealthy relationships.
- C. Misunderstanding one's purpose in life.
- D. Lack of passion in worship.

Conclusion:

1 Peter 5:8 reads, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." We are commanded to be vigilant. Vigilant means ever awake, alert, not sleeping. Be passionate. Passion is not automatic. It is a choice, a discipline.

HOPE IN A HOPELESS WORLD

Colossians 1:2a

Introduction:

Hopelessness and despair, siblings of discouragement, are prevalent on the faces of people across the world. It does not take long to notice the despair, considering the events in the news around the world. Earthquakes, tsunamis, famine, wars, poverty, pestilence, social unrest, and a host of other situations create a sense of hopelessness like the world has never seen before.

However, the believer has hope that can be depended upon, about which the Apostle Paul writes to the church at Colossae. The Colossians were facing false teaching and fierce trials due to their faith in Christ, and Paul's words to the Colossians can also be encouraging to the world today.

I. The Hope of God: The Son (1:3-14).

How can the hope to which Paul refers become ours? (1:5)

- A. "Knowledge of His will" (1:9-10).
Knowing His will should move our heart to tell the world (2 Pet. 3:9).
- B. "Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power" (1:11-13). Jesus said that all power was given unto Him (Matt. 28:18).
- C. "Redemption through His blood" (1:14).
We are not redeemed by works, wealth, or worth.

II. The Hope of the Gospel: Salvation (1:23).

- A. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost (Matt. 18:11).
- B. Salvation should be what we teach, preach, and why we reach out to the world.

C. Salvation is as simple as ABC. Remember the VBS plan of salvation.

- 1. Admit we are sinners (Rom. 3:23).
- 2. Believe God sent His Son and repent (John 3:16).
- 3. Confess Jesus as Savior and Lord (Rom. 10:9-10).

III. The Hope of Glory: The Savior (1:27).

- A. The world places hope on many different kinds of individuals: sports heroes, political heroes, Hollywood heroes, technological heroes, and even ministerial heroes.
- B. According to this verse, it is not Christ "on you," "around you," or "near you," but "in you" that is the "hope of glory."

Conclusion:

Hopelessness and despair come on the heels of destruction, disease, and even death. As long as people put their hope in something or somebody other than Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Savior, they will continue to live in a state of hopelessness and despair. We have the answer and cannot keep it to ourselves. The Good News compels us to share it, challenges us to share it, and even commands us to share it.

BALLPARK OBEDIENCE

Genesis 12:1-5

Introduction:

You may have heard the term “in the ballpark.” This colloquialism is often used to communicate proximity, but not precision. For example, “Your offer is low, but still in the ballpark.”

Abram heard God clearly and concisely but did not follow His instructions accurately. We ask God for specific blessings and respond by obeying in a general way—“ballpark obedience.”

God instructed Abram to leave his land, relatives, and father’s house. The Hebrew word used for relatives means family, relatives, clan, people related by birth. “Father’s house” included everything associated with his father’s house.

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated, and the people he had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan.

God was calling Abram out of Sumerian paganism. God intended to be the exclusive source of Abram’s blessings. God wanted to separate Abram from all his possessions and family; He did not want Abram to be blessed by the things he inherited from his father or give credit to pagan gods.

I. “Ballpark” Obedience Causes Delay (12:4; cf. Acts 7:2-4).

- A. Because Abram took his father with him from Ur to Haran and stayed in Haran until his father had died, Abram’s entrance into the Promised Land was delayed.
- B. Isaac’s birth was delayed due to Abram’s “ballpark obedience.”

II. “Ballpark” Obedience Invites Famine (Gen. 12:2; cf. Gen. 12:10).

- A. God used the phrase “I will” five times in vv. 2-3, specifying that He alone would be the source of Abram’s blessings.
- B. God used the famine to separate Abram from the possessions he accumulated as a result of “his father’s house.”
- C. Abram’s resources were depleted. This is apparent in the fact that the famine was severe enough to cause Abram to go to Egypt.
- D. Abram acquired great wealth while in Egypt apart from his father’s house (Gen. 13:1-2).
- E. Abram finally learned to refuse any blessings that would detract from God getting the credit (14:22).

III. “Ballpark” Obedience Leads to Strife (Gen. 12:5, cf. Gen. 13:5-13).

- A. Abram and Lot’s flocks were so great in number that the land could not support both of them.
- B. God created this event to separate Abram from Lot.
- C. This could have been avoided if Abram had not taken Lot with him in the first place.

IV. “Ballpark” Obedience Creates Doubt (Gen. 12:2; cf. 16:1).

- A. As the years went by, Sarai became doubtful that God would fulfill His promise through her. As a result she gave Hagar (her slave) to Abram to bear him a son.
- B. Genesis 16 records the strife due to Sarai’s doubt.

Conclusion:

We should obey precisely if we desire precise blessings. “Ballpark” obedience is just plain disobedience.

**THE SPIRIT IS WILLING
BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK**

Matthew 26:36-46

Introduction:

I want to lose weight, but I want to eat some good southern cooking. I want to work hard, but I want to sleep in. I want to be obedient, but I want to yield to temptation. Sometimes I want to do what I do not want to do, and I do not want to do what I want to do. My spirit is willing, but my flesh is weak.

On the way to school, one of my daughters blurted out, "Jesus wanted to die for us." I agreed with her and was proud that she was thinking of such spiritual things. However, the more I thought about it, the more I was not sure that Jesus wanted to die for us. While in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus struggled severely between not wanting to suffer but wanting to fulfill the Father's will.

I. Suffering (the Flesh Is Weak).

- A. Jesus was "sorrowful," "troubled," "anguished," and "sweat like drops of blood" (Matt. 26:37-38; Luke 22:39-46).
- B. Jesus wanted the disciples to be with him.
- C. He prayed three times for the cup to be taken away.

II. Sleeping (the Flesh Is Weak).

- A. Context (Matt. 26:31-35).
 1. The Lord's Supper—the disciples took the cup.
 2. Jesus predicted denial.
 3. Peter and all the other disciples vowed they would never forsake Christ even if they had to die.
- B. The disciples could not stay awake with Jesus for even an hour.
- C. To overcome temptation and weakness, Jesus commanded them to watch and pray.

D. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

1. This is true for both the disciples and for Jesus.
2. The disciples slept, but Jesus prayed and obeyed.

III. Submitting (the Spirit Is Willing).

- A. The (greatest) temptation: Jesus had the power to avoid the cross, but he chose the cross.
- B. He prayed three times. Jesus wanted another way, but he submitted to God and accepted the cup.
- C. Why did he do what he did not want to do?
 1. He was obedient to the Father; it was the Father's will.
 2. There was no other way for him to fulfill scripture.
 3. It was his mission and purpose.
 4. He loved us.
 - a. True love is more than a feeling.
 - b. Jesus loved us enough to do what He did not want to do.

IV. Success (the Spirit Is Willing).

- A. Jesus accepted the Father's will.
- B. He endured the cross.
- C. Jesus won victory over death and sin through his sacrifice and resurrection.

Conclusion:

At times we have justified our sin by saying "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" to suggest that we did not want to sin but we just could not help it. Jesus' flesh did not want to suffer and die, but Jesus loved us so much that he did anyway. Let us honor the sacrifice Christ made by being obedient, even when our flesh does not feel like it. Let us keep watch and pray. Let us love enough to sacrifice for others even though our flesh is weak.

THE WORLD IN OUR HEART

Ecclesiastes 3:11 KJV

Introduction:

During one of my very first days at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, in an Old Testament class taught by Dr. J. Wash Watts, who always taught from the King James Version, this venerable old professor held the class spellbound as he gave his own translation of Ecclesiastes 3:11. Said Dr. Watts, "the word translated 'world' could more accurately be translated 'eternity,' and all the newer translations render it so." Dr. Watts went on to explain, "The words 'so that' should be translated 'without which.'" So Dr. Watts gave his own translation: "God has made everything beautiful (good, precise, appropriate) in His own time; also He has placed eternity in men's hearts, without which no man can discover the work that He has done from beginning to end."

While we accept the preferred rendering of the word *olam* as *eternity*, it is my belief that the King James translators must have chosen the word "world" under the direction of the Holy Spirit. A hundred and fifty years later, William Carey and other men of God read this verse, among others, and the seed of world missions was implanted in their hearts. This verse tells us:

I. The World Belongs to God.

- A. By creation: "He has made everything...." The post-flood world, which was remade by God, is as beautiful as the original world that was created by Him. David reminds us that this includes the people: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein" (Ps. 24:1).
- B. By redemption: God sent his Son into the world that the world through Him might be saved.

A father bought his little boy a model kit for a sailboat. The boy put the kit together and went to the stream to sail his boat. He allowed it to get away from him in the swift current, and it floated down stream, lost to the owner. A few days later, the boy was passing a yard sale in the neighborhood and saw his boat. He asked the price and then ran to

his father and asked for the money to buy it. When he returned to his father with his boat in hand he said, "Dad, it's mine twice. It's mine because I made it, and it's mine because I bought it."

II. God Has Entrusted It to Us.

- A. The world was clearly given to man (Gen. 1:28-31). Among all the "good things" that God created, the first statement in the Bible of anything that was "not good" was man's aloneness (Gen. 2:18). God provided for man's need for companionship.
- B. God gave man dominion over all things. He gave him much freedom but with limits (Gen. 2:16-17).
- C. Man was made responsible for the world and for people. When God asked "Where is Abel thy brother?" He was clearly indicating our responsibility to one another. When Cain asked the haunting question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" God allowed the question to go unanswered so it would continue to echo down through the ages.

III. What Are We to Do with It?

- A. Our stewardship of God's creation requires that we reverence it and acknowledge it as a gift from God.
- B. Our stewardship requires that we treat the world of God's "things" and God's people with respect. He commanded Noah to preserve every species of life, including man.
- C. The parable of the talents makes it clear that we are to manage God's gifts well (Matt. 25:14-30).

Conclusion:

Christ's last command to his disciples was not that different from God's first command to his created couple. It had to do with His world: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Will you receive the world in your heart? Will you hear God's call to become His steward? Will you give yourself to reclaim the world for Him?

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY

Ephesians 4:12

Introduction:

The leader of the church, the pastor/teacher, is to direct the church in its present ministry. Ephesians 4:12 lists that ministry as being threefold.

I. Equipping the Saints.

The KJV uses the word "perfecting" in reference to the saints. However, the word is better translated as "equipping." To equip the members of the church is an ongoing ministry of teaching, training, and preparing the people of God for the work of the church. This training is done easily through the Bible study program of the church which includes Sunday school, VBS, January Bible Study, and numerous other areas of Bible teaching. It is also done through the discipleship programs of the church, including music. In fact, every area of the church's ministry is a part of equipping the membership for ministry.

II. The Work of the Ministry.

The pastor/teacher provides a ministry which seeks to equip or train members to perform the ministries of the church. This includes evangelism, nurture, fellowship, service, mission support, and worship. Through these ministries, the church dispenses the doctrines of the church and spreads the gospel.

III. Edifying the Body of Christ.

The pastor/teacher of the church equips the people of God in order to edify or build up the body of Christ.

A. Build the church numerically.

Numbers are important to the church. Each number represents a person of worth, a person for whom Christ died. In the early days of the church, they counted the conversions. Acts 2:41 reads, "There were added unto them about three thousand souls." We read in Acts 2:46, "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

B. Build the church spiritually.

Building the church is all about nurturing the present members in order to reach people for Christ and make this an ongoing cycle of growth.

1. Win them.
2. Teach them.
3. Train them.
4. Send them.

Conclusion:

The present day ministry of the church revolves around the membership being equipped and trained to function. Ephesians 4:12 paraphrased says, "For the teaching and training of the saved in order that they will perform the church's ministry and build up the church of Christ."

WHY I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

John 20:1-18

Introduction:

We are without hope if Jesus did not rise from the dead. I want to show you why I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today.

I. The Witnesses to the Empty Tomb (20:1-14).

- A. The women: Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James and John; and Salome.
- B. Peter and John.
- C. At least two angels.
- D. The Roman guards.
- E. No one disputed that the tomb was empty: not one religious leader, not one of the guards, no one. All the unbelievers knew the tomb was empty.

II. The Post-Resurrection Appearances that John Recorded (20:15-29, 21:1-14).

- A. Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene.
- B. Jesus appeared to ten of the eleven disciples.
- C. Jesus appeared to Thomas.
- D. Jesus appeared to the seven fishermen.

III. The Revisionist Reports by His Enemies.

- A. The leaders of the Sanhedrin said his disciples stole the body while the Roman guards slept.
 - 1. Imagine these men, men who fled and hid out when Jesus was arrested and crucified, now mustering up the bravado to come rip a Roman seal off the tomb, take on at least four guards in full armor and gear along with approximately 60 other Roman guards in the immediate vicinity. These men are going to sneak in and roll away a several hundred pound stone to steal that body?

- 2. Imagine at least four guards in such a deep sleep that they never heard that stone slide out of the way
- 3. Would these disciples have taken time to neatly fold up the face cloth that covered Jesus' head and face?

- B. Another common claim is that the disciples went to the wrong tomb. The same women who first found the empty tomb had gone there three days earlier with Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus so that they would know where to return to prepare the body with burial spices.
- C. Some believe that the disciples hallucinated when they saw the resurrected Jesus; it was, they say, a product of mass hysteria.
 - 1. One person might hallucinate. Perhaps two could be on some drug and have the same hallucination.
 - 2. We have evidence of over 500 at one time in 1 Cor. 15:6. These witnesses include people like James, the half-brother of Jesus, and Saul of Tarsus.
 - 3. Three of the four gospels were written by men who had seen Jesus.

Conclusion:

The most compelling evidence is that the disciples were radically changed, to the point of being willing to die for Jesus Christ. What does this mean for you, personally? It means two things: one, God wants us to spend eternity with him. Two, it means that Jesus Christ really is the only way, the only truth, and the only life. Jesus really is Lord (Rom. 10:9-10).

SO, WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

John 21:24-25

Introduction:

I am intrigued by this text because I love a good story. I would love to hear the rest of these stories, but I guess I will have to wait until I get to heaven!

We need to rehearse our stories of how we met Jesus and have them ready to share. This is part of being Great Commission Christians. Here are a few stories to help us get started.

I. A Good Man's Story (John 3:1-18).

Some of you may be like Nicodemus in that you have never lived a life of debauchery, crime, or rebellion. You have lived a pretty good life. Everybody agrees that you are a good person. However, you know better. If people could look inside your heart, they would be shocked!

Nicodemus may have had some troubling thoughts about his own life when he came to meet Jesus. Maybe he was ready to talk about the merits of regular temple attendance or good works, but Jesus shocked him when He said, "You must be born again."

Maybe your story is like this one. Maybe you came to realize that good folks need a new birth. Maybe John 3:16 came alive to you one day. People need to hear your story!

II. A Bad Woman's Story (John 4:4-16).

She was the talk of the town. She was everybody in town's ex-sister-in-law! After five divorces, she had given up on marriage and was now into co-habitation. She had been used by many men and had a thirst for significance, friendship, and respect. Forgiveness seemed out of the question.

Then she met Jesus! He cared about her in a way that no other man had ever done. She told Him that she was waiting for the Messiah to appear and explain life to her. She was playing the "religion card" to keep Him away from her sinful past, but He WAS the Messiah! She heard the ring of reality and knew He was the Savior. She then ran into the village and told people that they needed to come meet Jesus! If that is your story, people need to hear it!

III. A Sick Man's Story (John 5:1-15).

At a place called Bethesda, Jesus met a man who had been sick for 38 years. Most of us have been sick but not like this. He was not only paralyzed by his sickness but was also a victim of self-pity, alienation, and hopelessness.

Jesus asked if he wanted to get well. Does that sound like a strange question? It is really not. There are people who prefer to remain on a bedroll whining about the inequalities of life. Jesus healed this man. If that is your story, people need to hear it!

IV. A Simple Man's Story (John 9).

This may be the most pathetic story yet, for no one could recall ever hearing of the healing of a blind man! However, Jesus gave him sight! When curious critics questioned the man about how he received his sight, he could not explain it. He simply said, "I do not know how it happened, but one thing I do know: I was blind but now I see!"

Most of us cannot explain how Jesus saved us from sin and gave us new life, but we know that He did! If that is your story, people need to hear it!

Conclusion:

If you have met Jesus, you have a story to tell. What is so hard about telling your own story? After all, you are the expert! Tell your story! If you have no story to tell, now is the time to accept Jesus.

TAKE A STAND

Joshua 24:14-15

Introduction:

God is calling men and women to stand for the truth that is found in His Word. Maybe it is the push for political correctness, the thrust for tolerance, or just because of apathy and laziness, but for whatever reason, it seems that there are a lot of "Christians" today who choose to sit on the sidelines rather than stand on the frontlines for Christ. I believe, just as Joshua did here in the text, that we must stand and draw a clear line in the sand. This is a decision, a choice, which we must make. Will we sit on the sidelines while our family, friends, country, and world walk the path to destruction, or will we decide to stand in the fight for our Lord and Savior?

If you do choose to stand, there are four things that you must be.

I. You Must Be Born Again (John 3:3, Rom. 10:9-10).

Being born again is not something that just happens as a result of joining a church, being dunked in a baptistry, and living a good life. You cannot work your way to heaven, give enough money, or do enough good deeds. This only happens by surrendering your life completely to God and confessing Christ as LORD.

II. You Must Be Grounded, Ready and Prepared (2 Tim. 2:15, 4:2, 1 Pet. 3:15).

A. Grounded: The Scripture says, "Study to show yourself approved . . . rightly handling the Word of truth." As a Christian, you need to know what the Word of God says and what you believe about it.

B. Ready and Prepared: You need to always be ready to defend or give an answer for what you believe, knowing that "because my pastor said so" is not a great answer. You have the greatest resource in the world, your Bible, and you need to know and study it.

III. You Must Be Bold (Josh. 1:9, Acts 3:1-10).

You are commanded to "be strong and of good courage." As children of God, you have these promises: "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4), "we are more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:37), and you "can do all things through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:13). With these promises, you have no reason to be afraid and no reason to be held back. God is on your side! John Haggai challenges, "Attempt something so impossible that unless God is in it, it's doomed to failure." Be bold and do great things for God.

IV. You Must Be Tenacious (James 1:2-4).

Tenacious means stubborn, resolute, determined, and steadfast. Understand that when you decide to take a stand for Christ, you will face persecution. You may not fear losing your life, but you will experience trials and tribulations. When this happens, be tenacious! Do not give up, throw in the towel, or back down. Stay the course! Be like those annoying little dogs that never shut up. It seems that no matter what you do, how much you scream, or stomp your foot at them, they never stop barking. That is the mentality you should have. No matter what happens, never give up. That is being tenacious.

Conclusion:

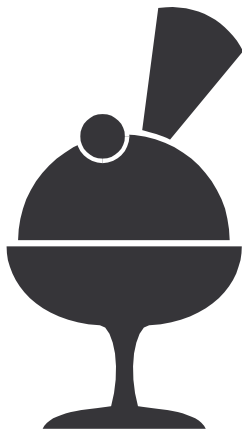
Joshua made a decision that, regardless of what everybody else decided, he and his family would "serve the LORD." Let us all be that determined in our service and devotion. "Choose this day whom you will serve." Take a stand for God, and no matter what, press toward the prize.

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The church-related vocations scholarship could provide up to \$6,300 per year for eligible on-campus residents. Commuting students could be eligible for up to \$4,700 per year.

In order to be eligible to receive a church-related vocations scholarship, a student must:

1. Have an ACT composite score minimum of 20 and a high school transcript, or a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on 12 semester hours from a college.
2. Be a current and active member of a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.
3. Have made a public commitment to a church-related vocation (ministry or missions) in a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.
4. Have a letter from the pastor stating that a public commitment to a church-related vocation was made or a copy of a license / ordination certificate.
5. Make application to the university and application for scholarships and grants.
6. Meet all admission requirements to the university.

In order to maintain a church-related vocations scholarship, a student must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
2. Complete service and ministry requirements of the university.

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 Cooper School of Missions and Biblical Studies at William Carey University.

General Scholarships

William Carey University

2012-2013

FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN AND FIRST-TIME INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

	<u>ACT Composite</u>	<u>On-Campus</u>	<u>Off-Campus</u>
Trustee Scholarship	27 - above Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 3.2.	\$6,600	\$4,500
Presidential Scholarship	24 - 26 Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.	\$5,600	\$4,000
Academic Scholarship	21 – 23 Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.75.	\$4,500	\$2,900
Opportunity Scholarship	20 Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5.	\$3,500	\$1,900

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

	<u>Cumulative GPA</u>	<u>On-Campus</u>	<u>Off-Campus</u>
Presidential Scholarship	3.5 – above Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.	\$5,600	\$4,000
Academic Scholarship	3.0 – 3.49 Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.75.	\$4,500	\$2,900
Opportunity Scholarship	2.5 – 2.99 Recipients must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5.	\$3,500	\$1,900

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