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UNITED WORSHIP SERVICE

HARDIE AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
7:30 P.M.

THE REVEREND ROLAND SIMS
First Presbyterian Church, Aviston, Alabama, Presiding

- PRELUDE—*"Largo"* HANDEL
- INVOCATION DR. T. B. HAY
First Presbyterian Church
Memphis, Tennessee
- WELCOME PRESIDENT PEYTON N. RHODES
- HYMN No. 3—*"Ye Servants of God"* HAYDN
- SCRIPTURE READING
- SERMON—*"The Voice of the People"* DR. WILLIAM CREWE
Text: Nehemiah 1:18 Tallapoosa, Alabama
- HYMN No. 155—*"There Is a Green Hill Far Away"* J. H. GOWER
- HYMN No. 197—*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"* W. F. SHEPHERD
- COMMUNION SERVICE Presiding
THE REVEREND A. C. INGRAM
Bogalusa, Louisiana
THE REVEREND W. H. McATEE
Brookhaven, Mississippi
MR. JOHN M. WARD
Montgomery, Alabama
Chairman of the Rolling Elders Participating
- PRAYER AND BLESSING DR. H. M. McLAIN, '01
Oxford, Mississippi
- ADJOURNMENT FOR SEPARATE SYNOD MEETINGS
- Msrs. JOHN Q. WOLF, Chairman

INAUGURAL CONVOCATION

THE HUBERT F. FISHER MEMORIAL GARDEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 A.M.

SMOKEY W. FARNSWORTH, B.A.

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Presiding

PRELUDE—*"Agnus Dei"*

organ

PROCESSIONAL—*Grand March from "Aida"*

organ

(The audience will rise as the Academic Procession enters the Garden)

THE INAUGURAL PROCESSION

The Official Seal

The Marshals of the Convocation

The Inaugural Party

The Members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee

The Moderators

The Invited Representatives

The Honorary Alumni

The Faculty

INVOCATION

DR. GEORGE SUMMEY

Chancellor of Southwestern Presbyterian University, 1892-1903
New Orleans, Louisiana

HYMN—*America*

H. GARY

¹
My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of Liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring!

²
Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.
—S. F. SMITH, 1830

WELCOME

MR. SMOKEY W. FARNSWORTH

GREETINGS FROM:

- The City of Memphis—THE HONORABLE WALTERS OVERTON, Mayor of Memphis.
- The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.—
MR. W. E. PAUL, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- The Synods of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee—DR. WILLIAM A. ALEXANDER, First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- The Women of the Church—MRS. A. WALTON LITE, Chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools—DR. HENRY H. HILL, President of the George Peabody College for Teachers.
- The Association of American Colleges—DR. GUY E. SHARVELY, Executive Director.
- The American Council on Education—DR. HARVEY BRANSCOME, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University.
- The Presbyterian Educational Association of the South—DR. W. B. GUERRANT, President of Austin College.
- The Tennessee College Association — DR. DAVID A. LOCKMILLER, President of the University of Chattanooga.
- The Southern University Conference — DR. GOODRICH C. WHITE, President of Emory University.
- The United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa—DR. PHILIP DAVIDSON, President of Vanderbilt University.
- The Faculty—DR. A. THOMPSON JOHNSON, Dean of the College.
- The Alumni—DR. ROBERT K. ARMSTRONG, '37, Vice-President of the Alumni Association.
- The Students—MR. DENNY BRANSON, JR., '50, President of the Student Body.

HYMN—"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

WILLIAM CROFT

1.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

2.
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

3.
A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

4.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

—ISAAC WATTS, 1719

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

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President

SOUTHWESTERN'S ALMA MATER

ISAAC PIERCE MASON

1
Dear Alma Mater, kind the fare
That links our love with Thee,
For God's own power that made Thee great
Is the truth that makes us free;
Thy torch has touched our hearts with flame,
Our yearning souls refined,
Through Thee we learn the higher aim,
And train the truest mind.

2
Thy stalwart towers of solid stone,
Thy vaulted arches strong,
Inspire our loyal hearts each one
To fight against the wrong;
Our lives reflect the beauty of
Thy stately clustered walls,
And character grows genuine
That dwell within Thy walls.

3
O Leader to the larger light,
Southwestern 'neath Thy wings
Thy sons in reverent love unite
And each his tribute bring;
And dreams, such dreams as old men dream,
And visions young men see,
Keep lighted in our hearts the flame
Once kindled there by Thee.

—JOHN BROWN EDWARDS

BENEDICTION

DR. G. T. GILLENFIR

President of Belhaven College
Jackson, Mississippi

RECESSIONAL—*War March of the Priests from "Athalia"* MENDELSSOHN

(The audience will remain standing until the Academic Guests have left the Garden)

The music for the Inaugural Convocation is provided through the courtesy and cooperation of Mr. Orville E. Bond, and the Memphis Federation of Musicians; the sound equipment by Mr. J. Everett Pilgron



11:45 A.M.—Group Picture

PALMER HALL TERRACE

12:30 P.M.—*Buffer Luncheon for Official Representatives*

HUGH M. NEELY HALL AND FIELD HOUSE

FACING THE FUTURE

HARDIE AUDITORIUM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

2:00 P.M.

DR. GUY E. SNYDER

Executive Director of the Association of American Colleges, Presiding

SYMPOSIUM

Theme: THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER

I

*"This Country's Role in the New World Order:
Isolationism or World Leadership"*

DR. OLIVER C. CARMICHAEL

President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
New York City

II

"The Kind of Education Needed for the Task"

DR. DONALD J. GOWLING

President Emeritus, Gardner College
Northfield, Minnesota

III

"The Responsibility of the Church for this Divine Enterprise"

DR. THOMAS KAY YOUNG

Pastor, Millwood Presbyterian Church
Memphis, Tennessee

DISCUSSION PERIOD

CENTENNIAL AND INAUGURAL RECEPTION
(DEFERRED)

VOORHIES HALL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

2:30-5:30 P.M.



RECEPTION

GIVEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IN HONOR OF

PRESIDENT AND MRS. PEYTON NALLE RHODES

AND

PRESIDENT EMERITUS AND MRS. CHARLES EDWARD DIEHL

FOR

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES, FACULTY AND STAFF, ALUMNI, STUDENTS

AND OTHER FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

INSTITUTIONS SENDING GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES

DATE OF FOUNDED		DATE OF FOUNDED	
1836	Harvard University	1828	Columbia Theological Seminary
1836	St. John's College	1829	Randolph-Macon College
1790	University of Pennsylvania	1831	University of Alabama
1746	Princeton University	1832	Wabash College
1754	Columbia University	1833	Kalamazoo College
1764	Brown University	1834	College of the Ozarks
1766	Rutgers University	1834	Tulane University of Louisiana
1773	Dickinson College	1834	Union University
1776	Hampden-Sydney College	1836	Allegheny College
1780	Washington College	1836	Emory University
1785	University of Georgia	1836	Davidson College
1787	Franklin and Marshall College	1836	Duke University
1788	University of Pittsburgh	1839	Boston University
1789	University of North Carolina	1839	Erskine College
1793	Williams College	1839	University of Missouri
1794	Bowdoin College	1840	Bethany College
1794	Tufts College	1842	Bethel College
1794	University of Tennessee	1842	The Citadel
1801	University of South Carolina	1842	Hollis College
1807	University of Maryland	1842	Howard College
1809	Missi University	1842	Mary Baldwin College
1812	Hamilton College	1842	Rensselaer College
1818	Colby College	1842	Villanova College
1819	Centre College of Kentucky	1842	Williamette University
1819	University of Virginia	1845	United States Naval Academy
1821	George Washington University	1846	Bucknell University
1822	Hobart and William Smith College	1847	Earlham College
1825	Centenary College of Louisiana	1847	Oberlin College
1826	Farman University	1847	State University of Iowa
1826	Mississippi College	1848	Mohrberg College

DATE OF
FOUNDED

1849 Austin College
 1849 Lawrence College
 1849 William Jewell College
 1850 Capital University
 1851 Carson-Newman College
 1851 Milwaukee-Downer College
 1851 Ripon College
 1852 Catawba College
 1853 Louisville Presbyterian Seminary
 1853 University of Florida
 1853 Westminster College (Missouri)
 1855 Berea College
 1855 Elmhurst College
 1856 Newberry College
 1857 Florida State University
 1857 Queens College
 1857 University of the South
 1859 Whitman College
 1864 University of Denver
 1865 Cornell University
 1865 University of Kentucky
 1866 Hope College
 1866 College of Wooster
 1867 University of Illinois
 1868 University of California
 1868 West Virginia University
 1869 Trinity University
 1872 University of Toledo
 1872 Vanderbilt University
 1874 Colorado College
 1875 George Peabody College for Teachers

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1876 University of Colorado
 1876 Grove City College
 1878 Juniata College
 1878 Mississippi State College
 1881 University of Texas
 1883 Tarkenton College
 1884 Austin Presbyterian Seminary
 1884 Hendrix College
 1884 Mississippi State College for Women
 1885 Goucher College
 1885 Macomber College
 1885 College of St. Thomas
 1885 Southwestern College
 1886 University of Chamaunga
 1887 Occidental College
 1889 Agnes Scott College
 1889 Carver College
 1889 David Lipscomb College
 1889 Elon College
 1890 University of Oklahoma
 1892 Millsaps College
 1896 Fies-Macdonald College
 1901 James Millikin University
 1901 Texas State College for Women
 1909 University of Redlands
 1910 Mississippi Southern College
 1911 East Tennessee State College
 1912 Memphis State College
 1914 General Assembly's Training School
 1924 Scarsdale College
 1926 Scripps College

The above list was compiled from information available on September 18

THE PRESIDENTS AND CHANCELLORS

Presidents of Montgomery Masonic College:

- W. F. HOPKINS, 1848-49
- REINHARD NELSON NEWELL, A.M., 1849-50
- WILLIAM A. FORBES, A.M., 1850-53
- WILLIAM M. STEWART, 1853-55

Presidents of Stewart College:

- WILLIAM M. STEWART, 1855-58
- R. B. McMULLEN, D.D., 1859-62
- WILLIAM M. STEWART, 1869-70 (Acting)
- J. B. SHREWER, A.M., D.D., 1870-79

Chancellors of Southwestern Presbyterian University:

- JOHN N. WADDELL, D.D., LL.D., 1879-88
- CHARLES C. HERRMAN, D.D., 1888-91
- JAMES M. RAWLINGS, D.D., 1891-92
- GEORGE SUMMEY, D.D., 1892-03
- GEORGE F. NICHOLSEN, A.M., Ph.D., 1903-05 (Acting)
- NEANDER M. WOODS, D.D., LL.D., 1905-08
- WILLIAM DINWIDDIE, A.M., LL.D., 1908-14

Presidents of Southwestern Presbyterian University:

- JOHN R. DOWNS, LL.D., 1914-17
- GEORGE LANG, M.A., D.D. (Acting from Jan. 1917-June, 1917)
- CHARLES E. DEHRLI, A.M., D.D., 1917-25

Presidents of Southwestern at Memphis:

- CHARLES E. DEHRLI, A.M., D.D., LL.D., 1925-49
- FRYTON NALLE RICHGREN, A.M., Ph.D., 1949-

CHRONOLOGY

- 1848 Southwestern founded at Clarksville, Tennessee, through the combined cooperation of the Masonic Fraternity of Montgomery County and the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee. The work of the college temporarily conducted in the building of Montgomery Academy, which did first class preparatory work as early as 1837. The cornerstone of the Castle Building laid on February 22, 1849.
- 1850 Castle Building completed and the work of the college conducted in this building.
- 1851 Institution incorporated as Montgomery Masonic College when the Grand Lodge withdrew its support and reconveyed the property to the local Lodge.
- 1855 Montgomery Masonic College purchased by the Synod of Nashville, and the name changed to Stewart College in honor of its distinguished patron and president, William M. Stewart.
- 1861 All students of Stewart College, with the exception of two living outside the bounds of the Confederacy, entered the Confederate Army under the leadership of William A. Forbes, professor of Mathematics. This group of students became a part of the Fourteenth Tennessee Infantry and Professor Forbes was chosen Colonel of the regiment.
- 1862 College buildings occupied by Federal troops.
- 1869 Stewart College reopened with former President Stewart serving as acting president.
- 1870 Dr. J. E. Stearns became president.
- 1875 Stewart College taken over, on the basis of a Plan of Union, by several Synods of the Presbyterian Church, and became Southwestern Presbyterian University.
- 1877 Construction begun on new building which was dedicated to the memory of William M. Stewart.
- 1879 Dr. John N. Waddel of Memphis and former Chancellor of University of Mississippi became first Chancellor of Southwestern Presbyterian University.
- 1884 School of Divinity added with Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, father of Woodrow Wilson, as its head.
- 1888 Dr. Waddel retired from the Chancellorship.
- 1892 During the decade in which Dr. George Summey was Chancellor, Waddel Hall was completed; claims against the Federal Government for damages sustained during the Civil War were made, and \$25,000 secured in satisfaction of these claims; the institution received a gift of \$33,500 from Mr. J. J. McCords of New York, which was later increased; and other substantial gifts were added.
- 1914 The executive title changed to President.
- 1917 Theological Department suspended in June. Dr. Charles E. Diehl accepted the presidency on July 1.