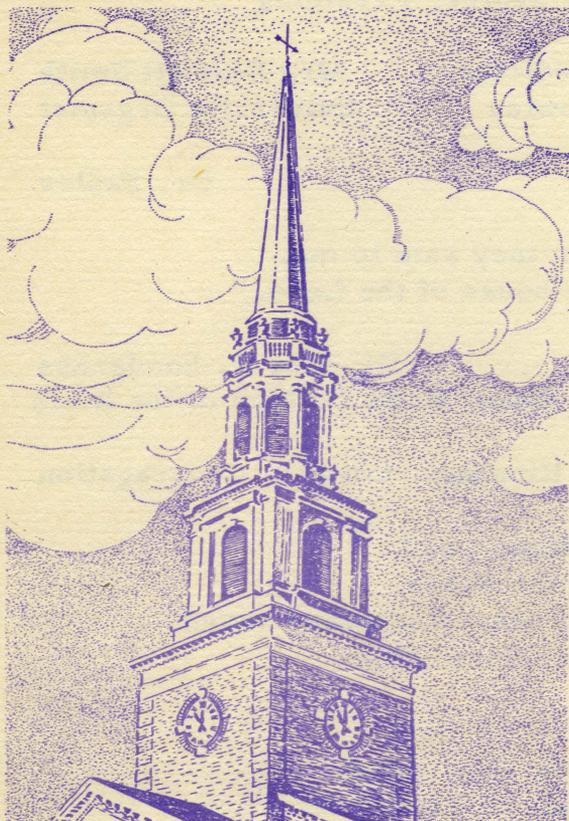


TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Campus Consecration Service

Friday, Feb. 5, 1954

Robert Carr Chapel

Four O'clock

Scripture Reading

Miss Vilma Stacher
Past Director, United Religious Council

Message: "The Meaning of Worship and Devotion
in the Life of TCU."

Dr. Elmer Henson
Houston, Texas

Prayer of Student Consecration

Mr. Richard Russell
Director, United Religious Council

Hymn:

"A Mighty Fortress is our God" Congregation

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may Be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

Benediction

Dr. Noel L. Keith
Chairman, Department of Religion

Organ Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God" Mr. Smith
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Objectives of the University

I

Our desire is to become not a big school, but an excellent school.

II

Texas Christian University believes that the best education for Democracy is truly democratic education. Hence, the school will be operated not by the Board of Trustees alone, nor by the administration, faculty or students alone, but by all of these groups working in collaboration and cooperation.

III

It is the purpose of this Institution to provide the kind of informed, thoughtful, and constructive persons demanded in the maintenance and enrichment of Democracy.

IV

Believing that wholesome, intelligent, creative religion is the indispensable basis of good life and the essential foundation of Democracy, an honest effort will be made to give to all students who enroll in this Institution an understanding and appreciation of the fundamental ideals of Religion and to help them achieve a positive, Christian philosophy of life.

V

While Texas Christian University is anxious to provide as much technical edu-

cation as its resources will permit, it is determined to maintain an increasingly effective program of liberal education because it believes the future of Democracy depends upon the development of persons who know how to think, who know how to weigh issues, who are able to discern between truth and error, and who have an appreciation of the cultural and aesthetic values of life.

VI

Because we believe in the significant function of the Church, we shall maintain an accredited program of undergraduate and graduate education for ministers and religious leaders.

VII

Realizing the interdependence of nations in the modern world we accept as a major responsibility the development of constructive world-mindedness among all our students.

VIII

Since the United States is a country of many races, numerous religious faiths and varied economic interests, we believe our program should be consciously designed to create understanding and good will and thus reduce tension and conflict among these various groups.