

*The Sixty-Seventh Anniversary*

# FOUNDERS' DAY

FLORIDA NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL  
MEMORIAL COLLEGE

SAINT AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA



SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 25, 1959, AT 10 O'CLOCK

ANDERSON HALL CHAPEL

# PROGRAM

PRESIDING, DR. R. W. PURYEAR  
*President of the College*

PRELUDE—*Intermezzo Sinfonico* .....Mascagni  
Professor Kenneth J. Huenink and Mrs. Lysa Huenink

*God of Our Fathers*.....Warren

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way. Amen.

INVOCATION.....The Reverend Dr. James K. Satterwhite

SCRIPTURE

GREETINGS

The Board of Trustees  
The Board of County Commissioners  
The City of St. Augustine  
St. Johns County Board of Education  
The Alumni  
The Florida Normal Club  
The Students

*Gloria* .....Mozart

The College Choir



## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

ADDRESS.....Miss Eartha M. White  
President, Clara White Mission, Jacksonville

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*.....Traditional Spiritual  
The College Choir

## OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.....Mason

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain;

But we shall soon be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

*During the singing of the hymn, a procession will be formed in the order of the College Choir, platform guests and the congregation.*

## MEMORIAL SERVICES AT THE GRAVE

### PLACING OF WREATHS AND FLOWERS

### REMARKS

### BENEDICTION

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

- 1892—Florida Baptist Academy founded in Bethel Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Rev. M. W. Gilbert, Rev. J. T. Brown, and Miss Sarah A. Blocker honored as co-founders. Rev. M. W. Gilbert named first president.
- 1894—Dr Gilbert resigned; Rev. J. T. Brown elected to presidency; Mr. N. W. Collier appointed to faculty.
- 1896—Rev. J. T. Brown resigned; Mr. Nathan W. Collier elected to presidency.
- 1897—Mr. J. Rosamond Johnson appointed to faculty.
- 1900—Mr. J. Rosamond Johnson and his brother, James Weldon Johnson, composed and wrote the words for the Negro National Anthem. Anthem first sung by students of Florida Normal.
- 1901—President Theodore Roosevelt visited Florida Normal.
- 1914—Florida Baptist Academy named as one of eight of the twenty-six private schools in the State that played "an important part in the educational activities of the state."
- 1918—For expansion purposes, institution moved to St. Augustine and settled on a large (1100 acres) tract of land two miles west of the "Ancient City", known as the "Old House Plantation", once the largest slave plantation in Florida.
- 1921—Main curriculum emphasis on secondary and "normal" work.
- 1923—Payment of \$50,000 purchasing price for campus site completed.
- 1924—Anderson Hall, first permanent building on campus, erected.
- 1927—Bacon Hall, women's dormitory, and Fisher Hall, men's dormitory, erected.
- 1931—Accredited a junior college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and Florida State Department of Education.
- 1941—February 20, Dr. Collier died; Dean Howard R. Barksdale appointed acting president. Merger of the Live Oak Institute with Florida Normal and Industrial Institute.
- 1942—Dr. William H. Gray, Jr., named president.
- 1944—Dr. William H. Gray, Jr., resigned and Dr. John L. Tilley named president. Name changed to Florida Normal and Industrial College.
- 1945—First "four-year" class graduated.
- 1949—Dr. John L. Tilley resigned and Rev. Robert M. Pugh named acting president.
- 1950—Dr. R. W. Puryear named president. Name changed to Florida Normal and Industrial Memorial College.
- 1951—Approved by the Florida State Department of Education. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Florida Baptist Association Scholarship Aid Program for needy students initiated.
- 1952—Extension Division organized for the in-service training of ministers at Daytona Beach and Jacksonville, and for supervision of Extension Divisions at Marianna, River Junction, Fort Lauderdale and Tampa. Membership in the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes. Joint Session of three Baptist Conventions on campus, later known as Collier Day.
- 1953—New wing added to the Jonathan-Sewall Library; Anderson Hall addition completed.
- 1954—Membership in the Association of American Colleges and in the American Council on Education. Development Program initiated.
- 1955—Grant from the Ford Foundation; Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu organized.
- 1957—Completed Trust Agreement with the Florida Baptist Foundation for Endowment Funds; Development Program passed \$350,000 mark. Over-subscribed Southern Association endowment requirement. First Annual Donation Day; Grant from U. S. Steel Foundation.
- 1958—Participation in American Baptist Convention CHEC program. Freshmen admitted to expanded curriculum.
- 1959—\$10,000 Danforth Grant fully matched; another \$10,000 grant to be matched. Third grant from U. S. Steel Foundation.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

BRIEFING SESSION FOR BAPTIST LEADERS.....	Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 A. M.
"CAESAR AND CLEOPATRA" BY DRAMATIC CLUB.....	Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, 7:30 P. M.
MAY DAY .....	Saturday, May 2
SPRING RECITAL .....	Sunday, May 10, 5:30 P. M.
HONORS DAY .....	Monday, May 11, 11:00 A. M.
ALUMNI DAY .....	Saturday, May 23, 10:00 A. M.
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE .....	Sunday, May 24, 3:00 P. M.
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.....	Monday, May 25, 10:00 A. M.
NATHAN W. COLLIER DAY.....	Thursday, May 28, 10:00 A. M.
1959 SUMMER SESSION.....	June 15-August 7