

CHAPEL, SEPTEMBER 23, 1933

-- President Wright

Scripture Lesson: 84th Psalm

It has been said that a state college has no religion. That is a mistake. It has been said that all state institutions are non-religious. That's a rather gross error, the result of loose thinking. The state is not the least bit concerned about denominationalism; it is not the least bit concerned about the church you are a member of; not the least bit concerned about what religious organization you belong to, but it is very much concerned about whether or not you are a good citizen; and to be a good citizen means that you must have a rounded out life. If you develop just the physical part of your existence you may be exceedingly strong physically, but at the same time a moral pervert. You may be exceedingly strong physically and be mentally feeble-minded, or worse. You may develop your mental activities to the highest point, and neglect your physical body and be a physical wreck, or neglect your spiritual life, neglect the moral ~~and mental~~ and become a dangerous criminal. To be a good citizen you will have to develop your spiritual life along with your mental and physical. You can't be a well-rounded citizen without it. You may have so much religion and so little sense and such a weak physical body that you are a religious crank, not well-balanced. The state is very much concerned, since religion is a universal thing in the human life, since religion is a part of every human being--except those who are exceedingly abnormal-- since it is a part of a well-rounded life, the state is very much concerned that we develop that side of our lives. And so tomorrow--I am talking especially to those of you who are here for the first time--tomorrow I want you to join one of the Sunday schools, and stay for the Church service. Join the Sunday School of the Church you are a member of, or, if you are not a member of any Church the Church to which your family belongs.

In other words, if you are a Missionary Baptist, join the Sunday School of the Missionary Baptist Church. If you are Methodist, Catholic, Christian, Episcopalian, or a member of any other Church in town, go to your Church tomorrow, join the Sunday School class, and stay for Church service.

The college provides a religious service for all, on the campus, Sunday evening. The Young Women's Christian Association will hold its service in this building at 6:30.