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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

*Wishing you the joy, hope and  
wonder of Christmas now  
and throughout the New Year.*



*Walter and Mary Waudler*

# THE JOSEPH A. HILL MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Joseph A. Hill Memorial Chapel is named after the University's second president and stands as a testament to Dr. Hill's determination to provide a place for student meditation and reflection. "Its very presence on the campus would be a message of faith in Deity, and would suggest comradeship between education and spiritual values," he said.

The chapel's cornerstone was laid June 9, 1950, and dedicated in a special ceremony on Oct. 21, 1950. The red sandstone building with stained glass windows and country steeple changed the landscape of the campus and provided a place for student prayer, Bible studies, meetings and inductions, memorials, worship services and weddings. Carillon bells ring daily from the refurbished building. It is Texas' oldest privately-funded chapel located on state university property.

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In a few short months the affection that Mary and I share for WT and the extended Panhandle community has grown markedly. You, and many others, have shown a generosity and a welcoming spirit, that is powerful and deeply appreciated. The students of WT are a positive reflection of this community. The values of hard work, belonging to something larger than self, diligence, family, and faith are alive on our campus, and we are very thankful. In this Christmas season, as many reflect on God's love for all, we are reminded of how fortunate, and blessed, we are.

In this spirit we affirm President Joseph A. Hill's appreciation for the "comradeship of education and spiritual values." Our aim is to help students attain an educational experience that reaches every corner of their being. I believe you share this perspective as your unwavering commitment to WT testifies. We appreciatively acknowledge God for the provision He makes in our lives, especially in this season of thankfulness that we celebrate through Christmas.

*We pray God's blessings on you and yours.*

*Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and the warmest greetings of the season.*

*Walter and Mary Waudler*

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