Annual Fall Luncheon

The Union Auxiliary
1050 Union University Drive
Jackson, TN 38305-3697

Union at a Glance

Barbara Reynolds

Brittany Sampson

Kristmar Rawlins

Barbara Reynolds is 20-years old from Clarksdale, MS. She is a junior majoring in Social Work with a minor in Management. Since she was in the 8th grade, she has known Union University was where the Lord was leading her to attend college. God has called Barbara to serve those that are oppressed and disadvantaged, particularly the elderly, by giving her a heart of tenderness and sufferings for those precious people. She enjoys scrap booking, cooking, working, hanging out with her friends, and learning sign language. Barbara says the most important things she has learned at Union so far is that despite circumstances, whether good or bad, God is constant and never changing, always in control with His timing always perfect.

Brittany Sampson

Brittany is a 21-year-old senior Marketing major and Management minor from Covington, Georgia. Her parents serve on staff at Zion Baptist Church in Covington. Her sister, an alumnus of Union, is married to Joey Rolen who serves on staff at Meridian Baptist Church in Jackson. Brittany has been actively involved in Student Affairs Council for the past three years and has participated in the Union Scholarship Symposium. Since she has been at Union, she has grown closer to God and has been challenged beyond what she could ever imagine. She currently leads the College Discipleship Ministry at First Baptist Church in Humboldt, TN. Brittany feels the call to ministry in her life and wants to gain the knowledge and immensity to young women.

Kristmar Rawlins

Kristmar was raised in Caracas, Venezuela, and at age ten moved to Miami, Florida. The transition to Florida was not as easy as one would imagine. Immediately she was enrolled in the public school system and began to change her private education for most of her life, made this change a very difficult one for her. Family life is a walking process in which, especially the parents, have to be present and involved in the lives of their children. Having to live a divided life between her mom’s house and her dad’s isn’t something she truly enjoyed. Facing many hardships and difficulties in her life, Kristmar felt they have shaped her and helped her understand people from multicultural backgrounds and have given her a love and desire to make a difference with the experiences the Lord chose to put her through. Kristmar is a junior at Union and working with the youth ministry at her church. She says she cannot wait to see how the Lord is going to use her in the future, which may be as an educator.

Barbara Reynolds

Barbara Reynolds is a native of Whitwell, TN, and a senior at Union, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Accounting and minor in both Mathematics and Economics. She is a member of the Kappa Mu Pylon Mathematics Honor Society and enjoys mentoring the university for the Union Auxiliary for affording her the opportunity to take an additional step toward her mission.

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Mattie Transtam

Matti Transtam was born in Iowa City, IA, but has lived in Florida most of her life. She is a 21-year-old, a senior music major with an art minor. Mattie works as a student worker in the Student Financial Planning Department and baby-sits twins boys during the week. She is a member of two choirs, University Singers and Choral Union. She is also a member of the women’s music fraternity called Sigma Alpha Iota. Mattie is a member of Northbrook Church in Jackson and frequently enjoys singing in their worship team. For the future, she hopes to open a piano art studio where she can teach art, music, and possibly sell her own artwork.

Robbin Reynolds

Robbin is a native of Whitwell, TN, and a senior at Union, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Accounting and minor in both Mathematics and Economics. She is a member of the Kappa Mu Pylon Mathematics Honor Society and enjoys mentoring the university as a student ambassador. Robbin expresses her gratitude toward the Union Auxiliary for affording her the opportunity to take an additional step toward her mission.
necessities of life.

Dr. Jerry N. Tidwell serves as the Senior Vice President of Church Relations at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. He is best known across the Southern Baptist Convention as the author of Outreach Teams That Win: GROPS® which is being used in more than 8,000 churches throughout the United States and other countries.

Dr. Tidwell is a graduate of the Master of Arts in Church Planting from North Carolina University and has taught at Tennessee State University and been a University Ambassador program. He received his Doctor of Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a valued resource for church planters throughout the United States and other countries.

Tidwell received his Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has held his Doctor of Ministry from the School of Theology at Union University. He was the former Senior Pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee and most recently was the Senior Pastor of Ellanor Baptist Church, in Bartlett, Tennessee. He has served several churches in Texas, Florida, and Tennessee.

Dr. Tidwell served as President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention from 1999-2000. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and continues to serve on the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is married to Kathy Snow Tidwell, and they have two daughters, Chrsy (14) and Casey (8). Spending time with his family is his favorite activity. He enjoys reading tennis, cars and he recently built a Custom Show Chopper. (He actually enjoys building cars over riding them.) Dr. Tidwell has led several tour groups to the Holy Land and especially enjoys spending time in Jerusalem and the study of Old Testament history and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Missionaries-in-Residence 2007-2008

The Claytons — Craig and Lois, both graduates of Union, previously served with their children, Jenny (1), Graham (5), and Bella (3), in Colaya, Guanaratino Mexico. Craig and Lois focused on starting new churches in a city where there were five less than ten years ago. They started home bible studies and built relationships with the people by being involved in everyday activities, as well as hosting evening programs.

The Gallinettos — Bob and Gloria first met in 1979 while serving as missionaries in Japan. After they married, they served at a church in Connecticut until the Lord led them and their daughters, Danielle, a senior at Union, and Hannah, a freshman at Wheaton College, back to Japan to serve as a family.

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