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Gratitude for 15 years!

It seems nearly impossible that 15 years have come and gone since Lanese and I were invited to serve at Union University. The years have passed so rapidly. We can only offer our heartfelt and deep thanksgiving to God for the privilege that has been afforded us to be associated with the wonderful people who are a part of the Union family. Particularly do we want to say thank you to the members of that 1995 search committee who initially connected us with this University. That process will always remain a special memory for us.

Beyond that, we want to offer our appreciation to the men and women who have served as trustees during this time, providing oversight, guidance, and governance for all that has taken place during these years. Especially do we wish to communicate our thanksgiving to and for the outstanding trustee leaders who have served as officers and committee chairs; truly, their time and wise counsel have been a gift of special proportions.

We have been privileged each and every day to observe the incredible staff and gifted faculty who have given of themselves to advance the distinctive mission of Union University. So many of these colleagues are worthy of significant recognition. What a joy it has been for us to get to know numerous students along the way. To watch these students make the initial decision to come to Union, to see them influenced by all aspects of a Union University education, and then to behold them graduate as they leave this place for the next step of their journey

has been absolutely amazing. We truly offer our appreciation for the faculty, staff, and students of this University.

God has blessed this University with great alumni, generous donors, encouraging friends, helpful volunteers and advisors, and faithful prayer partners. Those in the churches and the community continue to make an ongoing difference by their loving support for this University. We thank God for the thousands of people who make up the larger Union University family.

We stand in amazement at the talented and dedicated administrative team with whom we work so closely on a daily basis. These are the ones who truly carry out and shape the excellence-driven work seen across the Union campus. We definitely want to thank those who serve in the Office of the President, doing so in such a selfless way in order to ensure that things flow smoothly from one event to the next, from one project to the next, and from one meeting or activity to the next. It is nearly impossible to communicate the joy that is ours to serve with such an incredible team of people.

The cover and a special section of this edition of the Unionite are focused on a look at these 15 years. Lanese and I want to express our appreciation to all who contributed to this issue. We are also grateful for the talented people, who through their careful planning and long hours have brought together the stories found in this issue, stories that are told in both word and in photos.

The "15-year story" is really about every group and every person who



participates in and supports the work of Union University. God in his gracious providence has showered his favor on this University time and time again over these years. The Lord has spared us from the devastation of storms and directed our every step along the way. For his grace and his provision to this marvelous academic community over these years, we can only say "Thanks be to God." Lanese and I want to say to each of you who are reading this issue that we are thankful for you, even as we ask for your ongoing prayers and support for, and participation in, the life and work of Union University for the days and years to come.

Soli Deo Gloria,

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David S. Dockery was elected the 15th president of Union University on Dec. 5, 1995. Beginning on page 10, read how his leadership has transformed the university.

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Union grads release Pujols biography



Tim Ellsworth, Union University's director of news and media relations, has co-authored a new book that describes the stellar career and outspoken Christian testimony of St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols.

Ellsworth ('96) and fellow Union alumnus Scott Lamb ('96) teamed up to write *Pujols: More than the Game*.

Thomas Nelson Publishers in Nashville released the book and calls it the first full-length biography about Pujols. The book traces his early life and rise to stardom, his take on the steroid era in baseball, his philanthropic efforts and above all, the role his Christian faith has played – and continues to play – in his life.

"Scott and I decided that the story needed to be told – not just of his baseball exploits, which the book certainly covers in detail, but of the deeper motivations that drive him to excel off the field as well," Ellsworth said.

Pujols: More than the Game is available at LifeWay Christian Stores and Amazon.com. 📖

Davis named a 'Power Player' in Memphis



Jimmy Davis, vice president for Union University Germantown, was included as one of the 2010 "Power Players" in Memphis by *Memphis Business Quarterly*.

The magazine featured 413 people in 34 different employment categories.

"Their selection was the result of innumerable staff gatherings, consultation with dozens of 'experts' in the various categories presented, and more than a few discussions with key 'players' themselves in the individual

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Trustees approve study of new library

Union University trustees have approved a feasibility study that will explore all aspects of building a new library and academic resource center.

Trustees Rod Parker, Paul Priddy, Norm Hill, Lisa Rogers, Bob Campbell, Greg Jordan, Harry Smith and Gil Fletcher will serve on what is called the Campus Master Plan III Committee, to oversee the campus master plan and study the possibility of a new library.

Trustees also approved Union President David S. Dockery's annual report to the board, in which he recapped some of the major developments in the life of the university over the past year.

"In terms of enrollment, personnel, projects, resources and activity,

the university has continued to see significant advancement," Dockery reported. "The quality of the faculty, staff and student body has never been greater. The goal and challenge for the future is to ensure that the quality of the university's work grows faster than the quantity of our work.

"Ultimately, we give thanks to God for his blessings, guidance and enablement."

Randy Davis, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, provided the devotional to open the meeting.

"Our hope is in Christ alone," Davis said. "If you look at your limitations, you're going to be really discouraged. But to think about what Christ can do, and Christ alone, you're going to be blown away if you trust him." 📖

Union records 13th consecutive enrollment increase

Full enrollment at Union University hit a record-high 4,186 students, which is a 3.3 percent jump from a year ago. Nearly all the growth came in Union's undergraduate programs, which showed a 4.6 percent increase in enrollment since last fall.

The 2010 figure tops last year's fall enrollment of 4,050 by 136. The latest enrollment figures show a 112 percent increase over the 1,972 students enrolled in the fall of 1996, when Union University President David S. Dockery began his tenure. Consecutive increases have occurred since 1998.

The enrollment for 2010 includes 2,989 undergraduate students, compared to 2,857 last year, and 1,197 graduate students, compared to 1,193 last year.



"We congratulate our enrollment team members in all of our various programs across the campus," Dockery said. "We particularly want to affirm the outstanding leadership of Rich Grimm, senior vice president for enrollment services. We are grateful for every new and returning student and wish God's best for them in this new academic year."

The enrollment increase is particularly noteworthy, Dockery said, since more than 1,100 students graduated from Union during the 2009-2010 academic year. 📖

Campus newspaper named Best of the South

The *Cardinal & Cream*, the student newspaper of Union University, was named the best college newspaper in the South during the Southeast Journalism Conference at Troy (Ala.) University.

This year marked the first time for the *Cardinal & Cream* to reach the No. 1 ranking in the "Best College Newspaper" category in the "Best of the South" competition.

In addition to the top ranking for



college newspapers, the *Cardinal & Cream's* website, cardinalandcream.info, was ranked No. 2 in the "Best College Website" category.

Only four schools — Union, Alabama, Harding and West Florida — ranked in both of these top categories, with Union ranking the highest in both categories.

Union students also fared well individually in the February competition, ranking in 10 of the 19 categories. 📖

Union draws rankings attention

U.S. News & World Report ranks Union University among the top 15 regional universities in the South for 2011 and is joined by other national publications in recognizing the University for academic strength.

In addition to the top 15 ranking, the magazine's editors again ranked Union among the top 86 schools in the country "where the faculty has an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching," and as one of only 68 "up-and-coming" universities in the nation. For a third consecutive year, Union was named one of 17 "A-Plus Schools for B Students" in the South.

But Union also receives recognition from other sources with wide varieties of criteria for their rankings.

For example, Union was named one of "America's 100 Best College Buys" for the seventh straight year by Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc., an independent research and consulting organization. The company

selects the 100 schools after surveying more than 1,400 accredited U.S. colleges and universities each year and draws its conclusion on a balance of academic strength and affordability.

The *Princeton Review* named Union one of the best colleges in the Southeast, and Union was included in the most recent "College Access and Opportunity Guide" that highlights institutions committed to academic rigor and accessibility.

First Things, a highly respected publication about faith and public life, included Union among a select group of schools in its first-ever ranking of colleges and universities. Union ranked among the nation's top 12 Protestant/evangelical institutions and among the top 25 Christian universities.

Union is one of only four schools in Tennessee to be named among the "Colleges of Distinction." Any school on this list must exhibit excellence through engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. 📖

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fields," wrote Kenneth Neill, publisher and CEO of Contemporary Media Inc., which publishes the magazine.

Davis was one of nine Memphis-area educators included in the "higher education" category.

"The 'Power Players' in this category are masters of organization with dynamite people skills, keen intellects, and an eye for what makes a campus conducive to learning," according to the publication. 📖

Monahan presents research at Dublin's Trinity College



Assistant Professor of Pharmacology Angela Monahan presented her research findings related to Parkinson's disease at the 17th annual

Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society meeting at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Monahan is researching how prenatal exposures during brain development may contribute to the disease later in life. She expects this line of research to open up new drug targets for Parkinson's disease patients.

She was one of only 22 researchers selected for a scholarship that covered her travel expenses to Ireland from the National Institutes of Health.

"It was the first time I had presented my work as a Union University School of Pharmacy professor," Monahan said. "I was able to make contacts with researchers at Duke University with similar research interests. The meeting was really good for identifying researchers studying the interaction between the immune and nervous systems." 📖

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Germantown MBA students assist Union's Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice



Union University's Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice has some new suggestions

for its work and future role in the community, thanks to graduate business students at Union University Germantown.

As part of the capstone course in the Master of Business Administration degree program at UU Germantown, Steve Arendall had his students develop a strategic plan for the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice, housed in Providence Hall on the Jackson campus.

"For me it's more real life experience, and that's a great value," said Candace Tookes, a student in the class.

Students presented their proposal to Tim Smith, dean of Union's School of Nursing and executive director of the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice, as well as Lou Oberndorf, founder and former chief executive officer of Medical Education Technologies Inc., where he now serves as chairman of the board. METI has provided the human patient simulators in use at the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice.

"I think the big take away from it was that they did an extensive examination of the various types of disciplines that may be able to be incorporated into the center," Smith said, referencing such groups as paramedics, respiratory therapists and others – not just nurses or pharmacists. "They gave us some things to think about."

"These tend to be significant projects," Arendall said. "This is about making strategy for the organization, making suggestions for top management. It's not nickel and dime stuff." 📖

New academic year brings administrative changes

A new organizational structure designed to make Union more efficient and effective in light of the growing size and complexity of the University took effect prior to the 2010-11 academic year.

Among the key components to the reorganization:

The School of Christian Studies has become the **School of Theology and Missions**, and now includes



the Campus Ministries office. **Greg Thornbury**, who has been the founding dean of the School of Christian Studies, will now serve as Union's vice

president for spiritual life and dean of the School of Theology and Missions. He will supervise Campus Ministries, with Taylor Worley serving as associate dean for spiritual life and directing Campus Ministries.



Jerry Tidwell, who has been senior vice president for church relations, becomes senior vice president for university relations, replacing Charles

Fowler, who was called as pastor of Germantown Baptist Church prior to the reorganization. The church relations office moved under the umbrella of the Office of University Relations. Richard Wells, who has been dean of the chapel, becomes vice president for church relations. Also in the Office of University Relations, Doug Walker becomes executive director of Union University Foundation.

Carla Sanderson, who has been Union's provost, retains that title but also becomes the executive vice

president and chief operating officer. In that role, she will have a broader role and will assume a greater responsibility for Union's day-to-day operations, allowing Dockery's role to be more focused externally.

Gene Fant retains his title as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, but also becomes vice president for academic administration and the university's chief academic officer. The roles of Jimmy

Davis, vice president for regional campuses, and Kimberly Thornbury, vice president for student life and dean of students, will change little.

Tom Rosebrough becomes executive dean of the College of Education and Human Studies and will become the leader of the deans of all of Union's six colleges and schools.

Dockery will have four senior vice presidents reporting directly to him in Tidwell, Sanderson, Gary Carter and Rich Grimm. The roles of Carter, senior vice president for business and financial services, and Grimm, senior vice president for enrollment services, will see little change in the new structure.

"We're blessed to have outstanding leaders on this campus who still have many years of service to give to Union," Dockery continued. "This new structure is a way to ensure the longevity of the vision and mission of the university." 📖



Baker named winner of 2011 Novak Award

The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty has named Union Professor Hunter Baker the 2011 recipient of the Novak Award.

According to a news release from the organization, the Novak Award "rewards new outstanding research by scholars early in their academic careers who demonstrate outstanding intellectual merit in advancing the understanding of theology's connection to human dignity, the importance of limited government, religious liberty, and economic freedom."

Baker, who is associate dean of arts and sciences and associate professor of political science, will present the



institute's annual Calihan Lecture. The award is named after distinguished American theologian and social philosopher Michael Novak.

"I hope to live up to Michael Novak's fine example in terms of both his intellectual acuity and the diligence embodied by his work ethic," Baker said. "I am also pleased to bring this award to Union University, which is the kind of institution that encourages Christian thoughtfulness about public issues."

Baker is the author of a widely acclaimed book entitled *The End of Secularism* (Crossway Academic, 2009) and a frequent contributor to a variety of scholarly publications. 📖

Rosebrough and Leverett co-author new book

Success in teaching comes not from merely relaying facts and information to students, but in building relationships that transform education into something meaningful for each individual student, according to a new book by two Union University educators.

Transformational Teaching in the Information Age, by Thomas R. Rosebrough, executive dean of the College of Education and Human Studies, and Ralph G. Leverett, university professor of special education and director of the Master of Education program in Jackson, is designed to help teachers be more effective by placing learners in the center of the classroom.

"In my heart of hearts, I think



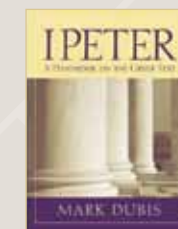
education is meant not just to inform, but to transform," Rosebrough said. "That means, in practicality, that teachers need to focus on what their students know, what their students can do and what kind of people their students are becoming.

In a word, that's holism. Education has the holistic power to transform lives."

Leverett said he and Rosebrough have become concerned in recent years about the trend toward what he calls "assembly line learning," especially in public schools.

Transformational Teaching in the Information is available for purchase at the ASCD website or at a variety of online retailers. 📖

Dubis completes two works on New Testament



Mark Dubis, professor of biblical studies at Union University, completed two works this fall which aid students of New Testament books by

assessing the grammatical structure, or syntax, of the Greek text.

Tackling what many call one of the most syntactically difficult books in the Greek New Testament, Dubis wrote *1 Peter: A Handbook on the Greek Text*, the fourth book in the *Baylor Handbook on the Greek New Testament* series. He also served as a contributing editor for the "The Lexham Syntactic Greek New Testament," a source for Logos Bible Software study program.

Among those praising Dubis' work is Ramsey Michaels, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Missouri State University and a 1 Peter scholar.

"This handbook on 1 Peter deserves comparison with the best of the recent commentaries on that epistle," Michaels said.

1 Peter: A Handbook on the Greek Text is available on Amazon.com or at LifeWay Christian Stores. 📖

Beverly receives top teaching honor



The Tennessee Communication Association has named Union University broadcasting professor Steve Beverly as its

Educator of the Year.

The announcement came during the TCA annual conference in September at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Web Drake, chairman of Union's communication arts department, said the award was based largely

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upon Beverly's oversight of "Jackson 24/7," a daily 30-minute news broadcast produced in Jennings Hall's broadcast studio and aired on EPlusTV 6 in Jackson. Union broadcasting students handle such responsibilities as anchoring, reporting, directing and producing the program.

"What Mr. Beverly is doing with our students is virtually unprecedented in terms of combining academic curriculum with service to the institution, service to the community and practical experience for the students," said Drake.

Chris Blair, associate professor of communication arts, nominated Beverly for the award. 📖

Town and Gown examines energy issues

Union's fall Town and Gown series focused on energy sustainability and stewardship, offering community members opportunities to attend free lectures and participate in discussions in a classroom setting.

One highlight of the month-long series was an examination of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Lloyd Hansen, energy and technology consultant, helped lead a discussion entitled "The Gulf Oil Spill – Technology, Policy, Energy Education."

On the topics of sustainability and resource stewardship, Professor of Engineering Don Van acknowledged that although the terms are used a lot these days, there also is a need for more people to understand and support these goals.

"We believe education such as the one offered by this series is the essential beginning," Van said.

The series also took in-depth looks at the political and ethical aspects of energy policy. 📖

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Howe delivers Carls-Schwerdfeger lecture

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Daniel Walker Howe was the featured speaker for the 14th annual Carls-Schwerdfeger History Lecture Series in October.

Howe, the Professor of History Emeritus at UCLA and the Rhodes Professor of American History Emeritus at Oxford University, addressed the topic, "What Hath God Wrought: Manifest Destiny and the Communications Revolution of Nineteenth-Century America."

Howe is the author or editor of six books and dozens of historical articles and essays. He won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for his book *What*



Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848. The book also won the 2008 New York Historical Society American Book Prize and was a finalist for the 2007 National Book Critics Circle Award in nonfiction.

The Carls-Schwerdfeger History Lecture Series is one of the top events on Union's fall semester calendar. Past speakers for the series have included such historians as David Hackett Fischer, Jeremy Black, Gordon Wood, George Herring, Jack Greene, Gerhard Weinberg, Martin Marty and Thomas Childers. 📖

Union hosts national CGE meeting

About 150 representatives from Baptist universities all over the country met at Union University in September for the 23rd meeting of the Consortium for Global Education.

CGE was established in 1987 as a means for Baptist colleges and universities to engage in international opportunities.

"It has developed into a very active organization that helps our schools develop relationships with universities and other entities internationally," said Cynthia Jayne, Union's associate provost for intercultural and international studies and CGE liaison.

CGE consists of about 50 member institutions, including such universities as Baylor, California Baptist, Oklahoma Baptist, Samford and Union. International partners include such institutions as the Yanbian

University of Science and Technology in China, the Ministry of Culture in Bhutan and Lithuania Christian College, among others.

Jayne said one of the goals of CGE was to enable the institutions to work together to provide opportunities for their students that they couldn't provide by themselves.

"The conference provided an opportunity for our universities to communicate with each other the initiatives that they have going on," Jayne said. "A lot of ideas for new partnerships are born out of these conversations."

Union faculty members and students made presentations on their work in places such as North Africa, the Dominican Republic and China. 📖

Union University has entered into a three-year partnership with the Singapore Baptist Convention and the Baptist Theological Seminary of Singapore to help Baptist churches in Singapore in their efforts to reach the nations for Christ.

The partnership agreement was officially announced in mid-November at a signing ceremony with Dockery and representatives from Singapore visiting the Union campus. Though the initial length of the agreement is three years, Dockery said he expected the partnership would be extended and expanded after that first term.

"It's an unbelievable open door for the gospel," Union University President David S. Dockery said. "The Lord has given it to us and we need

Through the partnership, Union will also provide degree programs for pastors in Singapore.

Richard Wells, Union's vice president for church relations, will be the first Union faculty member to travel to Singapore as part of the partnership, when he goes in July to teach a course at the seminary. Faculty members Hal and Mary Anne Poe are scheduled to teach there next fall.

Located on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula in Southeast Asia, Singapore is an island city-state of 5.6 million people. Singapore is often ranked as one of the top five financial centers in the world, with one of the world's strongest economies.

The city is strategically located, with Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo, Australia,

Union and Singapore Baptists forge partnership

to be faithful stewards of the moment. It gives us a wide open door to follow through on our commitment as an institution to be a Great Commission university."

Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, India and the Philippines all within just a few hours of travel time. About 3.3 billion people – nearly half of the earth's population – live within seven hours of flying time from Singapore.

"We are grateful for this partnership extended by Union University, particularly to our Baptist Theological Seminary," said Peter Tang, executive director of the Singapore Baptist Convention. "It will really widen our ability to provide training for both those who aspire to be pastors as well as those who are already serving as pastors. We believe that this quality teaching and training from Union will really prepare our pastors to serve God to a higher level."

The Baptist convention in Singapore consists of 36 churches with about 12,000 members. Though the convention is relatively young (the seminary began 21 years ago), the churches have matured and are actively involved in sending out their own missionaries.

"It's very encouraging to know that we have a larger, international network of brothers and sisters in Christ," said Choon Sam Fong, dean of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Singapore, about the partnership. "We can do something together that will benefit not just the seminary or the university, but Christian communities in Singapore, in Asia and maybe in the U.S., too." 📖



Choon Sam Fong, David S. Dockery and Peter Tang sign the three-year partnership agreement between Union University and Baptists in Singapore. (Photo by Beth Spain)

The partnership between Union and Singapore Baptists will include cooperation in such areas as faculty and student exchanges; academic program development; study tour opportunities for church leaders, faculty and students; collaborative research and seminars; promotion of church health, church growth and church planting; and evangelism and discipleship, Dockery said.



Celebrating 15 Years OF DAVID S. DOCKERY'S PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP

Consistency of leadership in higher education is a crucial but often elusive advantage. According to the most recent edition of *The American College President Study*, the average tenure for a college president is 8.5 years. But the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reported recently that among 63 institutions in the prestigious Association of American Universities, only about one-in-five sitting presidents had been in the position for 10 years or more.

On December 5, 2010, Union University marked the 15th anniversary of David S. Dockery's selection as president. The changes in Union since his arrival are nothing short of profound.

In the pages that follow, an attempt is made to review just a few

of the many highlights that have marked Union's transformation into a top-tier academic institution – a school *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized repeatedly in recent years as one of the nation's up-and-coming universities; *First Things* recently named Union among the 12 best Protestant faith-based institutions in the country.

The special section is loosely organized around the major planning initiatives of the Dockery administration: *Vision & Values I* (1995-2000); *Vision & Values II* (2001-2005); *Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence* (2005-2008); and *Renewing Minds: Union 2012*. In addition, people from around campus and across the nation have expressed to the *Unionite* their impressions of the president's leadership, scholarship and spiritual strength.

"David Dockery is one of the most gifted Christian leaders in America. The transformation of Union University in the past 15 years is a story of God's grace and an incredibly gifted president. When I am asked who is the most influential leader in Christian higher education in particular, and in higher education in general, the name of David Dockery is always one of my top responses. Thank you Dr. Dockery for what you have done for Union but, more importantly, for how God has used you for His Kingdom."

THOM S. RAINER
President and CEO
LifeWay Christian Resources



"When I think of Dr. David Dockery, I would call him a visionary. He has a calmness and peace that permeates his entire personality, which inspires immediate trust. He is an unwavering Christian and has embodied the mission of Union University in every aspect of his leadership."

JAMES W. AYERS
Chairman, FirstBank
former Union Trustee and Union Foundation Board Member



"Dr. Dockery isn't afraid to get down in the trenches and work hard. He casts vision and helps us see the horizon. He encourages us to dream and to reflect on what Union can be. And then he goes to work alongside us to make it happen."

RICH GRIMM
Senior Vice President
for Enrollment Services

"As a faith leader and administrator, Dr. Dockery has dedicated his career to preparing young minds for bright futures. His 15 years as president of Union University have been marked by a strong record of achievement for both students and growth of the institution. I congratulate him for all he has done and will continue to do at Union."

BOB CORKER
U.S. Senator

"Those are pretty amazing accomplishments," said Rod Parker, chairman of Union's Board of Trustees. "And the fact that he's been able to grow the university the way it's grown and maintain its financial strength is phenomenal."

Then there's the way Dockery has transformed the Union campus. Buildings such as Jennings Hall, Hammons Hall, White Hall, Providence Hall, Miller Tower, the Carl Grant Events Center, the Fesmire Field House, the Bowld Student Commons – none of them existed in 1995. Neither did Union's campuses in Germantown and Hendersonville.

John Drinnon served as chairman of Union's board of trustees in 1995 and as chairman of the presidential search committee. He remembers how highly Dockery was recommended to his committee. At the time, Dockery was serving as vice president for academic administration at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

"We had interviewed several that were recommended, and were good people, but none that even compared to him," Drinnon said. "We committed this to prayer. We felt fortunate to have the input of some very qualified people on our search committee. It was a wonderful experience. Many of us look back on that day as one of the highlights of our lives."

Union Provost Carla Sanderson also served on the presidential search committee in 1995, and has worked closely with Dockery over the past 15 years.

"David Dockery is a humble and faithful servant of Jesus Christ who combines a yielded, godly spirit with a tenacious and tireless drive for excellence in everything he does," Sanderson said. "There is no place like Union University – we know that and others do as well. What is here is genuine and real. We are not perfect, but we are a university that is led extraordinarily well by a man who has been faithful to his word, and has been

blessed as a leader because he has sought the blessing a faithful God."

One of Dockery's first priorities upon assuming the presidency was to cast a vision for what Union University could become – a vision that included his desire for Union to reclaim and advance the great Christian intellectual tradition. Early in his tenure, the university adopted a set of four core values: Excellence-Driven, Christ-Centered, People-Focused, Future-Directed. Those core values have provided the framework for the work of Union University over the past 15 years.

"Dr. Dockery isn't afraid to get down in the trenches and work hard," said Rich Grimm, Union's senior vice president for enrollment services. "He casts vision and helps us see the horizon. He encourages us to dream and to reflect on what Union can be. And then he goes to work alongside us to make it happen."

During his tenure, academic rigor has increased alongside the school's serious commitment to its Christian mission and the physical development of the campus. Dockery is quick to credit others for these accomplishments.

"Dr. Dockery has been so successful because of where he remains focused – or, I should say, on whom he remains focused," said Lisa Rogers, a Union trustee. "He has aimed higher and higher regarding academic standards at Union, but has not compromised the commitment to Christ as so many other schools have. He gives God the glory and praise in everything, and I think that God has blessed him in that."

Dockery often jokes that the search committee actually fell in love with his wife Lanese and wanted her as Union's first lady. He says the trustees were willing to take him as a means of getting her. Jokes aside, Gene Fant, vice president for academic administration at Union, said that Lanese Dockery has been invaluable to the university as well.

"She is the greatest first lady I've

ever known," Fant said. "No leader is successful without the support and encouragement of his wife. Part of his sensitivity to things is due to her role as a primary advisor to his presidency."

Fant also pointed to another trait of Dockery that has helped him succeed: his joy in the success of others.

"He relishes making connections among people, he rejoices at helping faculty members find outlets for their scholarship, and in following how students do as they leave Union. He takes genuine joy in these things, much as a father would in the successes of his own children."

The Wall of Presidents has a new face among its esteemed membership, with Dockery taking his place among the faithful Union presidents of the past.

"I have great appreciation for the various chapters of Union's rich heritage and history that are represented on this wall by these great leaders," Dockery said of the Wall of Presidents. "I am humbled that my name has now been added to this significant list of people who have shaped the work of Union through the years."

All the presidents have left their mark on Union, Dockery said, and Savage and Hurt in particular have become heroes for him as he has read Union's history. Being associated with them, and so many other Union presidents "in this picturesque way is more meaningful than I can express."

Beyond that, Dockery said he can hardly believe that he has served a longer consecutive term than all but two of Union's presidents since 1823.

"I can only offer thanks to God for the wonderful privilege that he has extended to Lanese and me to serve at Union at this time with such a dedicated Board of Trustees, with such gifted faculty, with such caring staff members and with such great students," Dockery said. "We are truly thankful for the gracious and providential blessings that God has bestowed on this university."

UNION CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

By Tim Ellsworth

Adorning the wall in the Carl Grant Events Center at Union University is a group of portraits of the presidents who have led the institution over the years.

In a rich institutional history, many of those names stand out. Joseph H. Eaton was among the first leaders who had a significant impact on the school's future. George M. Savage, Union's eighth president, was the first to occupy the J.R. Graves Professor of Theology and Moral Philosophy chair.

John Jeter Hurt led Union through the Great Depression and World War II. Robert E. Craig presided over the move of the campus from downtown Jackson to its current north Jackson location.

On Dec. 2, Union University trustees

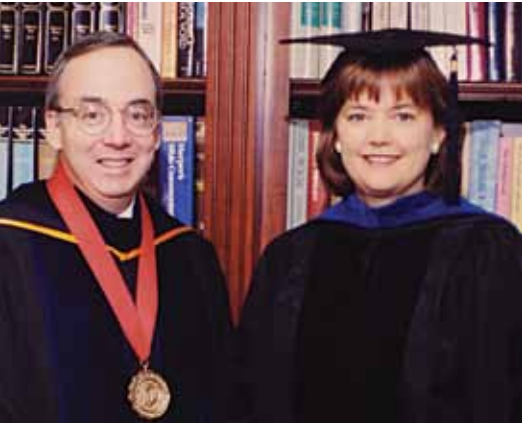
added to the Wall of Presidents another portrait – that of David S. Dockery, elected to the position 15 years ago. Over that 15-year term, Dockery has guided Union University through the most progressive and expansive era in its 187-year history.

The statistics alone are enough to garner attention.

- Fall enrollment in 1995 when Dockery was elected: 1,972. Fall enrollment in 2010: 4,186.
- Donors in 1995: 2,000. Donors in 2010: 6,000.
- Budget in 1995: \$18 million. Budget in 2010: \$81 million.
- Number of seven-figure gifts in university history in 1995: three. Number of seven-figure gifts since: 18.

"Dr. Dockery has met and far exceeded the (presidential search) committee's expectations. We voted for a man with a vision for a Christ-centered University that prized academic excellence. It is AMAZING to read his original vision statement to see how 'spot on' it was in terms of the leadership plan he executed. We got what we voted for, and far more."

CARLA SANDERSON
Provost and Member of 1995 Presidential Search Committee



UNION'S 15TH PRESIDENT

Born: October 28, 1952 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Married: Lanese Huckeba on June 14, 1975

Education: Ph.D., University of Texas System (*in Humanities*)
M.A., Texas Christian University (*New Testament*)
M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (*emphasis in theological studies*)
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary (*emphasis in New Testament*)
B.S., University of Alabama at Birmingham (*previously attended the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa*)

Additional Studies: Drew University

Family: Jon and his wife, Sarah
Ben and his wife, Julie, and their daughter Abigail
Tim and his wife, Andrea

Previous Experience:

1988-96 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
Vice President for Academic Administration (93-96)
Dean, School of Theology (92-96)
Professor of New Testament Theology

1990-92 General Editor, Broadman and Holman Press,
Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
General Editor, New American Commentary

Served churches in Alabama, Texas, and New York

Served interim pastorates in Texas, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee



"Having identified a vision for the future of Union University, David Dockery articulated that vision in a way that has inspired each of us to pursue it with Christ-centered excellence. Every step of the way he has modeled this very excellence for us in word and in deed."

BARBARA MCMILLIN
Associate Provost and Dean of Instruction



"If Union had needed an educator, God would have provided a scholar. If we required a business mind, He would have supplied a CEO. If our need had been a visionary, God would have provided a motivator and leader of men. But Union University had a need for all these roles and more – so God sent us David S. Dockery!"

JERRY TIDWELL
Senior Vice President
for University Relations



"It has been my privilege to work with presidents of all our Baptist schools over the past years and that has given me the opportunity to observe each of them and their leadership. In my opinion David Dockery is one of the very best and has done a phenomenal job of leading Union to be one of the premier Baptist universities in the world. He's the kind of leader I could wish for all our schools."

BOB AGEE
Former Executive Director, International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities and President Emeritus, Oklahoma Baptist University

THEN
AND NOW

Union's growth as an institution quickly is apparent to anyone who visits after several years away from campus. There are new buildings, larger parking lots, and eye-catching signs that point to progress.

Some will focus on an enrollment that has more than doubled since David S. Dockery became president. But those differences only tell a small part of the growth story under his leadership. There are financial statistics that escape the observation of most observers but nonetheless give a strong indication of a university's overall health. Take a look at progress in the areas of academics, enrollment and facilities, financial growth, giving and spending priorities:

"I am so thankful to work under the visionary leadership of David Dockery. He is a man of integrity and high expectations. I never take for granted the blessing of working in a Christian environment with a brilliant theologian and academician at the helm. His godly example trickles downhill throughout the leadership of Union University."

SHEILA MITCHELL
Dean, School of Pharmacy

	1996	2011
ACADEMICS		
Graduation rates (percent)	55	65
Retention rates (percent)	70	88
Faculty holding terminal degree (percent)	69	84
Full-time faculty	112	247
Full-time staff	114	290

ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES		
Fall enrollment	1,972	4,186
Non-duplicating headcount	2,183	4,954
Annual graduates	388	1,100
U.S. states represented in student body	31	44
Percentage of minority students	9	23
On-Campus residential housing capacity	750	1,340
Property (acres)	280	350
Parking capacity (spaces)	1,400	2,700

FINANCIAL GROWTH (In millions of U.S. dollars)		
Value of net assets	36.3	105.2
Restricted assets/endowment	9.3	29.1
Value of campus assets	24.1	123.8
Accumulated depreciation	9.0	44.5
Tuition receipts	11.2	57.8
Payroll	9.0	39.0
Financial aid provided	3.9	16.2
Academic expenditures	6.8	35.3
Student life expenditures	1.3	9.3
Administrative expenditures	2.4	6.7
Annual expenditures	19.0	81.0
Annual economic impact on Madison County	39.0	180.0

GIVING		
Average annual gifts 1981-95 & 1996-2010 (x 1,000)	3.8	8.8
Number of donors giving at least \$10K	48	150
Number of donors giving at least \$100K	4	45
Number of donors giving at least \$1 M	3	18

SPENDING PRIORITIES		
Academics – % of expenditures	36%	47%
Financial Aid – % of expenditures	21%	22%
Student Life – % of expenditures	7%	13%
Administration – % of expenditures	13%	8%

"His greatest achievement is building a culture at Union University that combines a Christ-centered ethos with high academic expectations. Cultural change is not easy and is not quick, but Dr. Dockery has made it appear that way. Many institutions have one (Christ-centered) or the other (academic excellence). Few have both. David Dockery has always believed the combination can be possible in a liberal arts institution, and that has made all the difference."

TOM ROSEBROUGH
Executive Dean, College of Education and Human Studies



UNION'S PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY

From the 1823 founding of Jackson Male Academy through 1875, Union University's early history is rather complex, involving multiple institutions and locations. In 1874-75, the school was re-chartered as Southwestern Baptist University. The name was changed to Union University in 1907.

Because there are multiple principals, faculty chairmen and presidents of the schools that eventually formed Union, discussions of Union's presidential history often begin with the year 1875 and include 14 presidents prior to David S. Dockery. All 15 presidential portraits can be found on campus in the Grant Events Center.

1. William Shelton (1875-1876)
2. George Jarman (1876-1890)
3. George Savage (1890-1904)
4. Philip Hale (1904-1906)
5. John Conger (1907-1909)
6. Robert Kimbrough (1911-1913)
7. Richard Inlow (1913)
8. George Savage (second term, 1915-1918)
9. H. E. Watters (1918-1931)
10. John Jeter Hurt (1932-1945)
11. Warren Jones (1945-1963)
12. F. E. Wright (1963-1967)
13. Robert Craig (1967-1986)
14. Hyran Barefoot (1986-1996)
15. David S. Dockery (1996-)

Note that there are time gaps between some terms during which interim presidents served the university

"When people ask me about my life at Union, my answer always starts with David Dockery. The transformation we've undergone during his presidency is a powerful narrative of his leadership in shaping milestone events in the life of our campus, our community and our denomination. A more personal part of the story is told in the hundreds of interactions he has each year with students, faculty, staff and our many constituencies. His leadership in relationship sets him apart from other outstanding university presidents and makes Union a very special place to be."

CYNTHIA JAYNE
Associate Provost for Intercultural and International Studies



- 96
- Elected December 8, 1995
 - Core Values adopted
 - *Vision & Values* strategic plan adopted
 - Presidential Inaugural address: "Toward a Great Commandment University"

- 98
- Launch of "Building a Future" capital campaign
 - Major gifts from James Ayers, The Hammons Foundation, The Miller Foundation, Roy L. White and the Fesmire Family
 - Athletics added two new varsity sports and a first-ever NAIA national championship



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- Jennings Hall completed
 - Germantown extension campus opens new site
 - *Vision & Values* 2005 strategic plan adopted
 - Initiated Crabtree Endowed Lectures on Christian Dating and Marriage



"Beneath the seemingly mild exterior of Dr. David Dockery exists a leader – a visionary whose focus and commitment are evidenced in a phenomenal university called Union. Dr. Dockery has served well, yes, and will be quick to thank the Lord as he should. He will extol the contributions of his incredible team as he ought. May we never forget that the head of that team is a man whom God has used mightily; a uniquely qualified man named David Dockery."

FRANK PAGE
President and CEO, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee

VISION & VALUES 2001 (1995-2000)

Trustees approved this initial five-year plan in December 1996. It was unveiled as a three-pronged approach that included ambitious academic goals, a \$10 million church endowment campaign and a campus master plan. Of great significance: adoption of Union's current core values and the first implementation of plans to make Union a Great Commandment university.

The plan also included complete evaluation and/or revision of the University curriculum, plus the establishment of additional programs of study in both undergraduate and graduate disciplines.

- Inaugural Scholarship Banquet
- *U.S. News & World Report* names Union a Top-Tier institution for the first time
- Campus Master Plan approved
- Initiated Carls-Schwerdfeger History Lecture Series

97



- Founder's Day Lecture established
- Hammons Hall completed
- Inaugural Union Forum features author Stephen Carter

99

"As I have watched Dr. Dockery's steadfast, faithful leadership during his 5,475 days (15 years) at Union, he has unwaveringly exemplified the wisdom of Solomon and the God-seeking heart of David. He possesses those rare, almost-extinct qualities of true humbleness and graciousness; whether writing or speaking, he always seizes every opportunity to express deep gratitude to God for His continued kindness and favor on Union University, and for each individual person who serves here. What a gift he and Lanese are to us."

KATHY SOUTHALL
Director of Intercessory Prayer and Encouragement

"I simply marvel at the dedication and skill with which David Dockery has led Union University. What an extraordinary and visionary Christian leader he is! I tell people that David Dockery is "the Platonic form of the Christian university president!"

ROBERT P. GEORGE
McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Princeton University



"David Dockery is the rare leader who combines great intellect, great vision and great charm. On my visit to Union, he had me laughing one minute and pondering some deep challenge the next. He is a wonderful man, and Union is blessed to have him."

STEPHEN L. CARTER
William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law, Yale University



SCHOLARLY PURSUITS

David S. Dockery came to Union University as a published author and respected theologian. With the added responsibilities of a university president, perhaps it could be expected that his academic pursuits would diminish to a large degree.

But a review of his scholarly contributions since assuming the presidency in 1996 reveals the completion of hundreds of significant projects.

Books authored since 1996

Ephesians: One Body in Christ (1996)
Our Christian Hope: Bible Answers to Questions About the Future (1998)
Basic Christian Beliefs (1999)
Holman Guide to Interpreting the Bible, with George Guthrie (2004)
Renewing Minds: Serving Church and Society Through Christian Higher Education, (2007; second edition 2008)

Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal: A Biblical, Historical and Theological Proposal (2008)
Ecclesiastes (2011)

Books edited since 1996

The Best of A. T. Robertson, compiler (1996)
New Dimensions in Evangelical Thought: Essays in Honor of Millard J. Erickson, editor (1998)
Holman Concise Bible Commentary, general editor (1998)
The Future of Christian Higher Education, co-editor with David P. Gushee (1999)
New Testament Interpretation: Essays on Methods and Issues, co-editor with David Alan Black (2001)
Theologians of the Baptist Tradition, co-editor with Timothy George (2001)
Shaping a Christian Worldview, co-edited with Greg Thornbury (2002)
John A. Broadus: A Living Legacy, co-edited with Roger Duke (2008)

Southern Baptist Identity: An Evangelical Denomination Faces the Future (2009)
Christian Leadership Essentials: A Handbook for Managing Christian Organizations, editor (2011)
Southern Baptists, Evangelicals, and the Future of Denominationalism (2011)
Faith and Learning: A Handbook for Christian Higher Education (forthcoming)

Since 1996

Contributions to books: 40
 Publication endorsements: 85
 Scholarly presentations: 45
 Major Presidential addresses at Union University: 21
 Academic and professional articles; book reviews: 50

second five-year plan with the same name that focused on the year 2005. New mission and identity statements were a key part of the new plan. Vision & Values 2005 provided support for a new campus in the Memphis suburb of Germantown. But at its core, it underlined “a renewed emphasis on traditional, residential liberal arts undergraduate education on the Jackson campus.” Alongside these strategic plans, Union also launched two capital campaigns. The first, launched in 1997, had a goal of \$35 million. That goal was expanded to \$60 million in 2000. The total reached \$63 million in 2004, one full year ahead of schedule.

VISION & VALUES 2005 (2001-2005)

As the goals of Vision & Values 2001 became reality across the campus, trustees approved a

“It has been a great encouragement for evangelical Protestants throughout the country to benefit from the flourishing enterprises overseen by David Dockery at Union University. In our day it has become a real challenge for university presidents to handle the complicated business of a major educational operation or to make even a modest contribution to public intellectual life. David Dockery has managed to do both, and to do so with the right combination of Christian integrity and Christian charity.”

MARK A. NOLL
Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History, University of Notre Dame

“David Dockery’s gifts for leadership are multi-dimensional, to say the least. As one of the best board chairmen under whom I’ve had the privilege of serving, David impacted so many with his wisdom, sensitivity and respect for differing views, support for staff, attention to detail, and quiet competence. And his impact on the Kingdom continues to grow. Sue and I love David and Lanese!”

BOB ANDRINGA
CCCU President, 1994-2006

- Carl F. H. Henry Center authorized and approved
- Town & Gown program developed
- President Dockery appointed to *Christianity Today* board of directors

02



- Nurse anesthesia program approved
- Baptist Identity Conference hosted
- Statement of Faith adopted

04

- Engineering program launched
- Academic Master Plan approved
- Mission Statement and Identity Statement approved

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03

- Day of Remembrance established
- Fall enrollment exceeds 2,800
- Budget exceeds \$40 million



05

- President Dockery elected board chairman of CCCU
- Datatel migration for campus technology
- *Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence* campaign launched



“My friend David Dockery combines a passion for teaching biblical worldview with a keen intellect and a gracious spirit. That rare combination of gifts has enabled Dr. Dockery to do a remarkable job in 15 years leading Union to be one of the premier Christian institutions in America.”

CHARLES COLSON
Founder, Prison Fellowship

“Dr. Dockery has been so successful because of where he remains focused – or, I should say, on whom he remains focused. He has aimed higher and higher regarding academic standards at Union, but has not compromised the commitment to Christ as so many other schools have. He gives God the glory and praise in everything, and I think that God has blessed him in that.”

LISA ROGERS
Union University Trustee



"Dr. David Dockery's tenure as Union's president has been a major epoch in Baptist higher education. Leading a historic institution to expand and attain new heights of excellence, even through an atmospheric disaster, he has at the same time been a major author and collegial leader among Baptists and Evangelicals, always ready to give God the glory."

JAMES LEO GARRETT, JR.
Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Theology,
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary



FACTS ABOUT THE 2008 TORNADO

- Winds estimated at 200-240 MPH
- 86 injuries
- 51 injured victims taken to the hospital
- 9 injured victims admitted
- 0 fatalities
- 31 of 41 campus buildings damaged
- 19 of 41 campus buildings with major damage
- 75 percent of on-campus housing destroyed
- 40 million dollars in damage



"Not only is David Dockery the best university president I know of, he's the best university president I can imagine!"

GEORGE GUTHRIE
Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible



- 06
- Lady Bulldogs win second consecutive NAIA national title
 - Union ranked Top-Tier in *U.S. News & World Report* for 10th consecutive year
 - Fall enrollment tops 3,000 for first time

- 08
- Recovery and rebuilding following an EF-4 tornado that did \$40 million in campus damage
 - Doctor of Pharmacy program begins
 - Hendersonville extension program opens



- 10
- Union's enrollment and national rankings at all-time highs
 - Dedication of Bowld Student Commons, Providence Hall, Smith Memorial Soccer Complex, Continuing Studies Building and Hope Quads
 - University budget exceeds \$81 million



UNION 2010: A VISION FOR EXCELLENCE (2005-2008) & RENEWING MINDS: UNION 2012 (2010-)

Union's third five-year plan under David S. Dockery's leadership was entitled "Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence." Building upon the success of the two previous plans, this one came with eight major priorities ranging from a focus on future opportunities to building on Union's historical legacy.

Work advanced quickly on these goals, but about three years into the plan, Union was hit by an EF-4 tornado that left about \$40 million in damage to the campus. In wake of this disaster, many priorities shifted to make possible a swift and strong recovery.

About two months after the tornado, in April 2008, President Dockery observed that about 90 percent of the

Union 2010 goals already had been reached: "Never before, in a 40-month period, has so much been accomplished at Union University than since the implementation of Union 2010." The plan was ended on July 31 of that year.

When recovery from the tornado was complete, trustees approved an interim three-year plan called "Renewing Minds: Union 2012." Dockery summarized it as "a clarion call to re-emphasize our foundational commitments, including our identity, our Christ-centered mission and our liberal arts heritage... the plan calls for all departments, schools and disciplines across campus to join together in seeking to reclaim the Christian intellectual tradition." 卐

- SACS reaffirms Union accreditation
- Publication of *Renewing Minds*
- White Hall completed



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- 09
- Fall enrollment tops 4,000 for first time
 - Major conference hosted on the future of denominationalism on the 400th anniversary of Baptists
 - Union makes a major commitment to development of its honors community

"I often recall Dr. Dockery's address of more than a decade ago regarding his transformational vision for Union University becoming a Great Commandment University. This heartfelt vision is probably the main reason that I wanted to be more than a student and alum of Union; that vision is the reason I wanted to work here. Truly, Dr. Dockery has consistently supported us in the endeavor to promote Great Commandment thinking and action here at Union, and for that, I am continuously inspired and most grateful for his unwavering leadership in this area."

JACQUELINE TAYLOR
Assistant Dean of Students,
Director of Career Services



"I have known Dr. David Dockery for many years and the great respect and esteem in which I hold him has only increased over the years. In addition to his splendid work at Union University, David is a major voice in Christian higher education, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the world Christian movement. I offer hearty congratulations on this significant milestone in his service at Union."

TIMOTHY GEORGE
Founding Dean, Beeson School of Divinity,
Samford University



"David Dockery is a leader among leaders. He's been a blessing not only to Union University but to the broader world of Christian higher education. It has been a privilege to serve with him."

DUANE LITFIN
President, Wheaton (Ill.) College,
1993-2010



"As a heavyweight theological scholar, a pioneer strategist in the world of Christian higher education, and the leader who has transformed Union University, David Dockery merits the highest praise."

J.I. PACKER
Board of Governors' Professor of Theology,
Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia

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Union student Kate Cline with Dogon-Hauwa orphan in Nigeria



Union University Hendersonville will have a permanent home after construction of a 24,000-square-foot facility to be located off the intersection of Indian Lake Boulevard and Maple Drive.

Classes have been meeting at First Baptist Church in Hendersonville since the fall of 2008. The new facility will be the first permanent university presence in Hendersonville and Sumner County and is expected to be ready for classes in January 2012.

Union University and Hendersonville city officials formally announced the plans for the new building at a dinner in mid-November.

Construction begins on a campus in Hendersonville

"This permanent addition to Hendersonville's landscape will serve both our city and Union well for many years to come," Hendersonville Mayor Scott Foster said. "I warmly welcome Union's permanent campus and wish them a great deal of success here."

Cost of the building is expected to be nearly \$6 million. TLM Associates Inc. will provide the architectural and engineering work for the facility. Union benefactor and Union Foundation board member Jim Ayers of Nashville will develop the project for the university through his affiliate Ayers Asset Management.

"We are grateful beyond words for the kindness of our dear friend Jim Ayers," Union University President David S. Dockery said. "He is a longtime supporter of the work of Union University, and his generosity will allow for the continued expansion of programs in Hendersonville in a timely manner."

"Union is thankful for the partnership and support provided by First Baptist Church to help launch the Hendersonville program," Dockery said.

"This new building is certainly an opportunity for us to increase our visibility in the community and our ability to serve the greater Mid-State area,"

said Charles Lea, executive director of Union University Hendersonville. "Union has been readily embraced by Hendersonville and Sumner County and the surrounding areas."

UNION UNIVERSITY HENDERSONVILLE AT A GLANCE

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Doctor of Education

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Changing Views Above Union

One way to keep up with the constant growth at Union University is to examine the campus from above – and aerial photography at Union rarely remains current for any length of time. Take a look at our latest collection of aerial shots from October 2010, and see more from this shoot at www.uu.edu/photos/aerials. 📷



An Agent of peace

McDaniel works to bring reconciliation to post-genocide Rwanda

By Tim Ellsworth

When Andrea McDaniel first visited Rwanda, she was immediately drawn to the country in part because of the devastation there – genocide 16 years ago claimed the lives of 1 million people in 100 days.

“I was surprised to see how the people who are there now are really a lot like us,” she says. “They’re ordinary people with dreams that their children will go to school. They want to make a living for their families.”

As she talked to the Rwandans, she was especially encouraged and moved by their stories of forgiveness. Many of these were people who, because of their faith in Christ (Rwanda is 90 percent Christian), had been able to forgive the killers who had inflicted such atrocities on their family members.

“If they have the power to forgive after genocide, this is a message the whole world needs to hear,”

McDaniel thought. “It’s really a message about the power of the gospel. It’s not about the Rwandans. It’s about the power of the gospel.”

As co-founder and chief executive officer of the As We Forgive-Rwanda Initiative, McDaniel now works to be an agent of peace in that impoverished and devastated east African country, providing healing and reconciliation in a nation that desperately needs both.

Her connection with Rwanda began during McDaniel’s years in the government. After graduating from

Union in 1999, McDaniel eventually landed a job in the White House during the George W. Bush administration, working directly with the president at times and advising him on political appointments to government agencies. She later spent five years with the State Department, where she focused on public-private partnerships and established a federal office responsible for promoting private sector involvement in worldwide public diplomacy initiatives.

Her work at the State Department included spearheading the U.S.-Palestinian Partnership, which supported peaceful solutions to conflict by promoting economic opportunities in Israel and Palestine. During one trip to Israel with Karen Hughes, when the U.S. government was announcing a project, McDaniel remembers sitting in her hotel room and praying.

“Lord, I don’t know what it means,” she prayed, “but make me a peacemaker.”

McDaniel’s tenure with the State Department ended in 2009 when Bush left office, providing her with an opportunity to do some extensive traveling. She had several friends in various countries who had invited her to visit, and one of those friends invited her to Rwanda.

In her return trip to the country, she discovered that her friend Laura Waters Hinson had produced a documentary called “As We Forgive” that promoted reconciliation between victims’ families and the perpetrators of the genocide. McDaniel was curious to see what the gospel presented through the film could do in the country. The Rwandan government took an interest in the efforts of McDaniel and Hinson, and McDaniel caught a vision for what she and Hinson could do there — they could work with Rwandan Christians and help strengthen churches for their own mission. They could help equip Rwandans as they worked to heal a broken land.

The success of that trip led to return visits and the founding of AWFRI. The faith-based

organization has several initiatives to encourage reconciliation, including showing and discussing Hinson’s film and teaching a basketball camp for students. The organization also works to empower Rwandan pastors to teach their congregations the concepts of repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation from a biblical perspective.

She estimates that AWFRI has now reached more than 35,000 people. In response to the AWFRI training, some pastors have organized home-building projects, bringing victims and perpetrators together to work on projects that help their communities.

“It is amazing to see how the changing of somebody’s mind and heart produces results in their life,” McDaniel said.

Her desire is that her work in Rwanda will have reverberations in the United States as well. She and Hinson are now working to begin As We Forgive International, a new faith-based U.S. organization dedicated to inspiring forgiveness and reconciliation in nations and communities worldwide.

“I would like for the work in Rwanda and the example of the church in Rwanda to inspire us,” McDaniel said. “To call us to action about what we need to be doing to minister to needs in our own communities and to be actively pursuing the goal of being a disciple of Christ and being about the kingdom of God — not just a future event, but right now — and to be participants with God in building the kingdom. 卐

With additional reporting by Samantha Adams



Members of the Kininya Association who were former enemies are now working together, forming small livestock businesses.



Former Director of Outreach Rachel Weber, Country Director Benjamin Ndizeye and Andrea McDaniel at a fundraising event in Rwanda.

UNION'S newest buildings DEDICATED

Two major ribbon-cutting ceremonies marked the start of fall semester – the dedications of both Providence Hall and the Hope Quad.

Both facilities were named in light of the devastating tornado of 2008 that left more than \$40 million in damages to the campus.

Even as the University began to deal with the aftermath of the tornado, Dean Sheila Mitchell and other leaders in the School of Pharmacy stepped out in faith to continue recruiting their first class and making plans planning for a 57,000 square-foot facility that houses the Doctor of Pharmacy program and the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice.

“The Lord God is good and he has been favorable and gracious to us, and he has given us this day and this wonderful opportunity for celebration,” President David S. Dockery said.

The three-story Providence Hall features state-of-the-art technology and a design conducive to student learning. The building contains five large classrooms, all equipped for video conferencing, as well as about 20 rooms for elective classes and small group teaching, faculty offices,

a student lounge and the School of Pharmacy’s Student Government Association and Student Organizations office.

The building also features seven laboratories for science research in the fields of pharmacology, drug design/ pharmacometrics and drug discovery, as well as teaching labs for sterile preparation, simulation and counseling.

In addition, a large portion of the third floor is devoted to simulation, with multiple human patient simulators that the School of Pharmacy shares with Union’s School of Nursing as a part of the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice.

The name of the Hope Residence Complex at Union University will tell future generations the story of how God saved the university from the 2008 tornado and provided opportunities to move forward, Dockery said.

Hope Quad contains three residential buildings with 38 apartments and a capacity of 149 students. The fourth building to complete the quad is scheduled for construction at a later date.

Since the tornado, Union has built 18 residential buildings, with 246 apartments and 965 bedrooms. 🏠



The newly constructed Hope Quad



Those who had a role in the planning and construction of Providence Hall as well as prominent members of the Jackson and Union community participate in the ribbon-cutting during the dedication ceremony.

READ THE BIBLE FOR LIFE

Union's Guthrie launches BIBLICAL LITERACY PROJECT

by Tim Ellsworth



With legs dangling as he sits on a table in front of his class, George Guthrie poses the question that will serve as the topic for the final classroom discussion of the semester.

"What have you gotten out of this class?" Guthrie asks.

The students in his "Bible Study and Interpretation" class munch on potato chips, cookies and other snacks in their final meeting together as they ponder Guthrie's question.

One student tells about how she grew up in a Christian home with parents who established her on a firm biblical footing.

Though her family read the Bible, she wasn't really taught how to study it.

"This course has laid a foundation for the rest of my life in Bible study," Samantha Adams says.

Other students tell similar stories. About how the class reminded them of the beauty of God's Word. About how they learned that every text primarily is about God, not about themselves. About how they can now appreciate and understand the Bible's different kinds of literature.

Classes such as this served as the catalyst for Guthrie's latest project, *Read the Bible for Life: Your Guide to Understanding and Living God's Word*, published by B&H Publishing Group. The book, now available, contains 16 conversations based on interviews Guthrie did with other experts on the Bible. The interviews focus on how to read the Bible well.

Guthrie's *Read the Bible for Life* book is part of a national-level biblical literacy initiative (also called *Read the Bible for Life*) being conducted by LifeWay Christian Resources in partnership with Union's R.C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies. In addition to the book, the initiative will include other resources, including a nine-session, small-group video curriculum, to be used by churches in training their people to read the Bible more effectively.

For Guthrie, the Benjamin W. Perry

Professor of Bible at Union, the project came about because of the alarming biblical illiteracy he has seen among both Christians and non-Christians alike.

"For several years I have been conducting brief biblical literacy exams at the beginning of my New Testament Survey course," Guthrie writes in the book's introduction. "The questions on the exam are straightforward, multiple-choice queries such as: Which of these books is from the New Testament? Whom did Pontius Pilate release during Jesus' trial? How many temptations did Jesus experience in the wilderness? Where would you look in the Bible to find the Sermon on the Mount?"

The results were startling, with the average score coming in at 57 percent.

"The averages from the classes over the past few years have ranged between 50 percent and 70 percent, but most of the time the average is closer to 50 percent," Guthrie writes. "This is not unique to my students but is consistent with what other professors are finding at top Christian universities all over the United States. Our students, even those coming out of the church, simply are no longer grounded in the basics of the Bible's story."

Guthrie cited other statistics as well. About 84 percent of church members don't read the Bible daily. About 68 percent of them don't read it once a week. Only 37

percent say the Bible has made a significant difference in the way they live their lives.

"Since we as Christians should be 'people of the Book,' something is wrong with this picture," Guthrie writes. "We should know the Bible well, but we really don't. All of the polls show that those who claim to be evangelical Christians only do marginally better than their nonbelieving neighbors when asked questions about the content of the Bible, and a biblical view of the world is not making inroads into how we think about and live our lives."

Guthrie's book seeks to address these deficiencies by providing a simple, readable guide on how the Bible should be read and interpreted. Through conversations with various individuals, including his wife, pastors, a musician and several scholars, Guthrie addresses such topics as reading the Bible in context, reading the Old Testament stories, laws and prophets, reading the New Testament stories and letters, reading Revelation and the teachings of Jesus, reading the Bible for personal devotion, with the church and with the family, among others.

Union University's R.C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies will hold a "Read the Bible for Life" conference April 15-16 with Guthrie, David Platt and Michael Card. More information about the conference is available at www.uu.edu/events/ReadTheBibleForLife. ■



More information about the book,

as well as other resources about the **READ THE BIBLE FOR LIFE** project, including links to videos, podcasts and Guthrie's blog, is available at www.readthebibleforlife.com. The **READ THE BIBLE FOR LIFE** book is available for purchase at LifeWay and Amazon.com.

Despite the media regularly portraying her as a stereotypical 1950s-era housewife who kept her opinions to herself, former first lady Laura Bush has plenty of strong beliefs about national and international affairs.

She shared some of those opinions during her address at Union University's 13th annual Scholarship Banquet at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in October. About 1,700 people were in attendance and together contributed about \$600,000 for student scholarships, bringing to more than \$5 million the total amount that has been raised for student support through annual event.

Union also unveiled the new University video for 2010-11, entitled "Union University: Grounded in Excellence."

In her keynote address, Bush talked about the eight years she spent in the White House, and about how she and her husband George are adjusting to their post-presidential life in Texas.

"When you're married to the president of the United States, you don't worry too much about him leaving his towels on the floor," she said. "But in Dallas, things are different."

Bush said the last few years of history, beginning with her husband's narrow win in the 2000 election, have been a transformative time in the United States and around the world. At the start of their term, Bush said they expected challenges from within the nation would be more substantial than international issues.

But then the terrorists struck on Sept. 11, 2001, ushering in a new era in world history. Bush talked about her experience that day when she was first informed that a plane had hit the World Trade Center, and she remembers her thoughts lying in bed that night. Though she and her family members were safe, "All we could think about were the thousands of Americans who couldn't say the same thing about their own loved ones," she said.

She also addressed some of the issues that became priorities for her during her

time as first lady, such as literacy and women's healthcare and education.

"I believe that every child in America should learn to read," Bush said. "I believe that literacy is an essential foundation for democracy. I know from my own experience as a reader and a librarian that books have the power not just to move people as individuals, but to shape our journey as a nation."



During her time in the White House, Bush was also an advocate for the rights and freedoms of women, especially women in countries that denied them a voice in their government.

"Research shows that when you educate and empower women, you improve nearly every other aspect of society," Bush said. "By giving women access to education and healthcare, they not only improve the wellbeing of their own families, but their communities and their countries as well."

Bush recalled the day that she and George left the White House. Though the day was marked by a wide range of emotions, she said mostly they felt a solemn pride in the work they had done. She said her greatest honor as first lady was witnessing Americans facing up to their fears and standing proudly.

Bush began her speech by quoting John Adams, who once said, "There are two educations – one should teach us how to make a living, and the other should teach us how to live."

"Since its founding in 1823, Union

University has taught its students both," Bush said. "Thanks to Union University's academically challenging curriculum, as well as its focus on practical applications, graduates leave Union prepared for a life of service."

Prior to her address at the civic center, Bush visited the Union campus and spent a few minutes with about 20 student leaders. She spoke to Kristin Tisdale, a junior nursing major from Hendersonville, Tenn., about her future plans in the nursing field.

"She's got a great presence," Tisdale said. "She's done a lot of great things. Being a first lady, it's definitely a position of not necessarily power, but influence that not many people can have, especially in her field of study of library science."

Micah Roeder, a senior from Earle, Ark., and president of Union's Student Government Association, also had a chance to speak to Bush.

"You always see her on TV and hear stories about her, and it's neat to actually to be able to have a conversation with her," Roeder said. "She has a love for education and a love for people, and the way that she pushes herself to help other people is admirable."

Lead Sponsors for the event included BancorpSouth, Gary and Susan Grisham; Black & Decker Industrial Products Group; Carl and Alice Kirkland; and White Investments, LLC, Roy L. and Martha White.

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Laura Bush helps Union raise \$600,000 for Scholarships



UNION CELEBRATES

Homecoming 2010 IN STYLE



Emily Logan is escorted by her brother-in-law, Danny Song, during the presentation of the homecoming court.

hundreds of Union University alumni celebrated their annual homecoming in November with a week of activities that culminated in a tailgate party, the crowning of a new homecoming queen and wins for both the men's and women's basketball teams.

Emily Logan, a piano performance major from Franklin, Tenn., was selected as the 2010 Homecoming queen and crowned at halftime of the Lady Bulldogs' 83-57 win over the University of St. Francis (Ill.). She is the daughter of David and Terri Logan.

After the women's game, the Bulldogs defeated Truett-McConnell (Ga.) 79-69. At halftime of the men's game, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha were awarded with the Presidential Homecoming Cup. The award honors the student organization that has shown outstanding service during the last school year.

The afternoon of basketball followed a morning tailgate party on the Great Lawn

that included an "Arts in the Park" exhibit and several family-friendly activities.

That evening, in first-round TranSouth conference tournament action, the Lady Bulldogs' soccer team defeated Bethel University (Tenn.) 2-1, and the Bulldogs edged Lyon College (Ark.) on penalty kicks 5-4 after playing to a 1-1 double overtime tie.

Other Homecoming attendants were Ashley Smith, a freshman from Jackson, Tenn., and the daughter of Tim and Penney Smith; Hillary Craft, a sophomore from Franklin, Tenn., and the daughter of Terry and Teresa Craft; Anna Ezell, a junior from Louisville, Ky., and the daughter of Kevin and Lynette Ezell; Stephanie Sowell, a senior from Houston, Texas, and the daughter of Mike and Mandy Sowell; Kari Beougher, a senior from Louisville, Ky., and the daughter of Tim and Sharon Beougher; and Brooke Laws, a senior from Union City, Tenn.,

and the daughter of Bruce Laws and Debbie Laws.

In addition to the Homecoming court, seniors Micah Roeder and Callie Davenport were named Mr. and Miss Union. Roeder is a psychology and



business major from Earle, Ark., and is the son of Jim and Nita Roeder. Davenport is an elementary education major from Chattanooga, Tenn., and is the daughter of Darrell and Charlotte Davenport.

Beyond the Saturday events, there was also a special Homecoming chapel service in which Union recognized members of the class of 1961 celebrating their 50-year reunion. The class members attended a luncheon following the chapel service and then took a tour of the former campus in downtown Jackson.



The chapel service also featured the annual alumni awards. Robert Cox, of Union's facilities management team, received the Distinguished Faculty/Staff Award. Marvin (class of 1953) and Jean Fitts (class of 1949) received the Distinguished Service Award. George

Guthrie (class of 1981), the Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible at Union, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Guthrie preached in the chapel service and encouraged students to use the Bible as the focal point to give them the



necessary orientation in their lives.

"God's word is to be the constant orientation point around which our lives revolve," Guthrie said. "On which our lives focus. From which we get direction in life and know how life is supposed to be lived."

Following chapel, the Fitts family was honored in the Emma Waters Summar Library for their donation of more than 100 pre-Columbian artifacts that they had collected during more than 30 years as missionaries in Peru and Mexico.



Earlier in the week, more than 1,000 Union students, faculty and staff participated in the seventh annual "Campus and Community: A Day of Remembrance and Service" and worked on more than 60 service projects in the local community. ☛

Cross Country championships highlight fall sports



Conference championships in men's and women's cross country highlighted a successful fall athletics season at Union.

The women won their eighth consecutive conference title; for the men, it was a seventh straight title.

At the national championship meets in Vancouver, Wash., Union's men placed 28th as a team, while the women's team recorded a 29th place finish. Alex Bett was the top male Union runner with a 39th place individual finish in the 8 kilometer race (25:58); Allison Martin was the highest finisher among the Union women, taking 166th place in the 5 kilometer race (20:41).

Men's soccer started the season 8-0, recording six shutouts and allowing only two goals during that stretch. The team finished with a 13-5-1 regular season record. Both the men's and women's teams advanced to the second round of their conference tournaments.

The volleyball team took its fourth regular-season conference title, rolling up an impressive 13-1 mark in conference match play and an overall record of 24-9. They advanced to the semi-final round of the conference tournament. Senior Kelsey Duling was named a Daktronics-NAIA Volleyball Scholar Athlete.

Men's golf team captured the RedHawk Classic title in November, setting Union records for low round and low round versus par. ☛

40's FORTIES

James F. Eaves ('49) and **Jeane Hillman Eaves ('49)** celebrated their 65th anniversary on March 17, 2010. They were married at First Baptist Church of Jackson by Rev. Morris Ford. Dr. Eaves served as pastor of Southern Baptist churches in Tennessee, New Mexico and Texas and was professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. He served on Union's board of trustees in a variety of capacities, including the New Campus Planning Committee. James and Jeane have remained active members of the Union University alumni association in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Jeane taught elementary school and is a Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae. They are retired from teaching, but are pastoring at Grace Baptist Church in Grandview, Texas.

50's FIFTIES

Billy Glynn Fowler ('52) and his wife Mabel Faye Martin Fowler reside in Henderson, Ky. They have two sons and one daughter and three

grandchildren. During his first three years at Union, 1948-51, Billy lived in Adams Hall. During his senior year, he lived in the basement of Mr. and Mrs. Blythe's home by the football field. The Fowlers' address is 217 Rooney Drive, Henderson, KY 42420.

Bobby Morris ('56) played both football and basketball at Union under Coach Robert Jelks. He was also an all-conference participant in track, competing in the 200 yd., 400 yd., discus and mile relay. He recalls the water fight in his dorm between the athletes and ministerial students on the second floor. Their house mother, Mrs. Lloyd, called Dr. Jones to report the incident, and Bobby was caught manning the water hose. His address is 205 Bluegrass Dr., Hendersonville, TN 37075. tallmannsylvania@bellsouth.net

Kathryne Cornell Argo McKay ('57) has retired after being a classroom teacher for 50 years. She completed her 50th year as a teacher in False Pass, Alaska, where she taught grades one through six. Over the years she has taught in California, Tennessee,

Kentucky, Virginia, Louisiana, New Jersey, Texas and Alaska. She is married to Ernest Gene McKay ('57) who has served as a pastor and teacher and is now retired. emckay75249@hotmail.com



H. Wade Paris ('57) has released a new book entitled *Angels We Have Heard*. It is a compilation of columns from Dr. Paris' popular "The Shepherd's Call"

column during a 33-year span. Paris served as a pastor and missionary for more than 50 years. He says the book is a response to many requests for a bound volume from regular readers of the column. The book is available for purchase at Amazon.com

Roger Bullard ('58) published *The Life and times of First Baptist Church, Wilson, NC, 1860-2010* for the congregation's 150th anniversary last year. The narrative tells the congregation's story against the background of historical events in the city, state, nation and denomination. In November, the North Carolina

Still think they've "got game"

Some former Union students recently played in a national basketball tournament in Coral Springs, Fla. Pictured second to left, Andy Akin, Todd Weddle, Steve Jett, Rod Parker (Union Board of Trustees Chairman), Rob Willey



(all class of '88). Not pictured, Marty Steinmetz ('89). The "West TN Warriors" played four games against former NBA players such as Tim Hardway, Ed Pinkney and former NFL great Chris Carter (The Warriors' record is not mentioned on purpose). These gentlemen had the time of their lives attempting to compete at the highest level in the 40-45 year old division. Trainers were made available at all games as these guys need lots of ice and other treatment. What was most special was being able to spend five days reuniting, talking about the glory days, chatting with ex-pro athletes and playing the sport they still love.

Pictured from left to right, Todd Weddle, Tim Hardway, Andy Akin, Ed Pinckney and Rod Parker. 📷



State Baptist Convention's Historical Committee awarded the book the 2010 prize for best contribution to the history of Baptists in the state. Copies of the books are available for purchase from the church office at Box 1467, Wilson, NC 27894. rogbullard@myglnc.com

80's EIGHTIES

Garland Young ('80) accepted the position of Associate Vice President for Graduate and Professional Studies in June 2010 at Milligan College near Johnson City, Tenn.

Lygia Nicar McMillan ('84) is the Program Coordinator/Academic Secretary for the Union University BSOL program in Germantown. lmcmillan@uu.edu

Darryl Presley ('85) and **Denise Grooms Presley ('86)** reside in Jackson where Darryl works at First Bank and Denise at West Tennessee Healthcare. 36 Fields Chase, Jackson, TN 38305 bisonma9@gmail.com

David Samples ('85) and Tina Samples celebrated their first year with their new church plant, Grace River Church, on December 12, 2010. Grace River began with 63 people on December 12, 2009, and celebrated with 150 in attendance a year later. Keep up with David and Tina at their respective blog sites: www.davesamples.blogspot.com and www.tinasamples.blogspot.com.

Kevin L. Wallace ('85) is a Biblical Christian Counselor at Hope Family

Ministries in Tupelo, Miss. After receiving his B.A. from Union and M.Div. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he served as a pastor in churches in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Kimberly Bridges Woods ('86) is Director of Social Services at NHC Cavett Hill in Farragut, Tenn. kawvelveteen@yahoo.com

Gunnar Adalberth ('87) is UPS Director of Business Development for London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. He and his wife Marjut Adalberth have one daughter Adriane, 12. They reside at 23 Ranelagh Avenue, Barnes, London SW13 OBL. gunnar1315@hotmail.com

Stephanie Stephens Beasley ('87) and her husband Darryl Beasley recently moved to Peachtree City, Ga., where Darryl accepted job as controller at BWAY corporation in Newnan, Ga. beasleyst@yahoo.com

Howard "Kim" Hadley ('87) graduated from the Certified Municipal Finance Officer program on January 27, 2011, with designation being awarded in the state house

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chambers in Nashville. He graduated from Union with a B.S. in economics and finance and is the treasurer for the city of Humboldt, Tenn. He also holds the designations of certified public administrator and certified municipal clerk and recorder. hkhadley@click1.net



Lisa Campbell Watts ('88) is married to **David Watts ('90)**. She recently published the book *The Ebony Mare* with Evergreen Press. This true story of a young girl named Meredith Ann and her Tennessee Walking Horse demonstrates a powerful lesson of God's love. Lisa is a homeschool mom and involved in the prison ministry at her church. 100kmom@charter.net

90's NINETIES

Sheree Mills Corliss ('90) was recently promoted to Assistant Director of Clinical Services for Tennessee Health Management, Parsons, Tenn. tennessee_dixiebelle@yahoo.com

Kim Hawkins Laughlin ('92) is executive assistant to the president of the Bank of Jackson. Kim is married to Danny Laughlin; they have two children, Bailey and James. klaughlin1@click1.net

Clay Jackson ('93) is a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at UT Health Science Center where he is also Fellowship Director for Palliative Medicine. He is President and Medical Director of Comprehensive

Primary Care and Medical Director for Methodist Hospice and Palliative Services. After graduation from Union he received his Diploma in Theology at Oxford University in England and his M.D. from University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

Jennifer Gurley Golday ('94) is a Medical Center Sales Professional with Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals, where she was inducted into the President's Club. She is a former basketball player at Union University, coach of her son's basketball team and volunteers with other sports-related activities.

Buster Lackey ('95) was appointed superintendent/chief executive officer of Osceola Communication, Art and Business Charter School (OCABS) in Osceola, Ark, an open-enrollment public charter school. The local school board brought Buster in as a school turnaround specialist. He has done extensive study at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Charter School Leadership Institute. He is married to the former Lori Ball of Huntingdon, TN. They have three daughters: Elizabeth, Emma and Annalise. OCABS, P.O. Box 67, 1425 Ohlendorf Road, Osceola, AR 72370. Phone: 870.662.0550.

Ray Wilkins ('95) earned the Ph.D. in systematic Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 7, 2010. rwilx1@gmail.com

Jonathan Davis ('96) and **Julie Green Davis ('96)** live outside of Memphis where Jonathan teaches upperschool Bible, theology and logic



at Westminster Academy, Memphis. Julie is a stay-at-home mom to their son, Jack. jonathanadavis@juno.com; juliedavis@juno.com

Jennifer Land Graham ('96) graduated in July 2010 with an M.Ed. from Union. She is teaching sixth grade math at Battle Ground Academy in Franklin, Tenn. Jennifer's husband Dr. Andy Graham is head of the Lower School at BGA. jenniferg@battlegroundacademy.org

Mandy Smith White ('98) was promoted to vice president of research and economic development for the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce. Since 1999, she has worked with membership services, adult and youth leadership development programs. In 2003, she was promoted to manager of research and economic development. Mandy lives in Jackson with her husband Darrell.

00's TWOTHOUSANDS

Matt Waites ('00) and **Antoinette Kenée Waites ('00)** have three daughters, Kaitlyn, Paige and Emma. Antoinette was recently appointed Children's Activity Director at Second Baptist Church in Union City, Tenn. She also teaches Pre-K at Lake Road Elementary. waitesm@k12tn.net and waitesa@k12tn.net

Melody Maxwell ('01) earned a Ph.D. in church history from the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague,

Czech Republic. She is an editor at Woman's Missionary Union and an adjunct professor at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Caleb Trent ('01), an emergency room physician in his second year of a four-year residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (Washington University), went to Haiti for two weeks after the earthquake with an organization, Aid for Haiti, that he helped start in 2008 with two med school students from UT Medical School. Begun in an effort to help with iodine deficiency, the doctors helped with all medical needs after the earthquake. With the motto, "All for Him," Aid for Haiti tries to minister to spiritual as well as physical needs. calebtrent@gmail.com

Chris Haak ('02) is training to be a medical administrative assistant after working in retail management for several years. Chrish87@gmail.com, 109 Gibson Hwy. Lot 7, Milan, TN 38358.

Philip Coffman ('03) and his wife **Amanda Coffman ('99 and '01)** reside in Norfolk, Va. Philip, commissioned as a Navy Chaplain, serves as base chaplain at the Naval Station in Norfolk. 1951 Paddock Rd., Norfolk, VA 23518. prcoffma@samford.edu, herbsforlife@fastmail.us



Nichole Hope Crandell ('05), known as Christian country artist Nichole Hope, won the Female Horizon Award for the up-and-coming voice in Christian country music and the Favorite Christian Country Song and Artist Award for her song, "Said One Mother" at the 10th Annual King Country Agape Festival. Her first cd, "No Limits," contains two songs that charted in the top ten on country Christian radio. She toured the U.S. during all of 2010. nicholehopemusic@gmail.com

Matthew Crawford ('05), his wife Brandy and two daughters, Violet and Camille, have been living in Durham,

England, since September 2010. He is working on his Ph.D. in patristics from the University of Durham. He also works for the Kairos Journal. mattcraw@gmail.com

Brian Taylor ('05) earned his Ph.D. degree in Medical Physics from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. He is currently employed as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

John Thompson ('05) and **Lori Thompson ('05)** will be moving to South Africa to serve as apprentice missionaries with the International Mission Board. They will be church planters in the northern province of South Africa.

Daniel Holsinger ('06) recently joined Parkey and Davis Dental in Jonesboro, Ark., as an associate dentist. He is a University of Tennessee College of Dentistry D.D. S. graduate. In addition to a wide variety of student offices during his undergraduate and dentistry study, Daniel has participated in dental mission trips to Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, volunteered in the St. Jude Target House, The American Student Dental Association's "Give Kids a Smile" program, The Carl Perkins Center in Jackson and as a Character First coach in the Memphis City Schools. danielholsinger@gmail.com

Amber Shrewsberry ('07) received the 2010 Outstanding Tennessee Physics Teacher Award presented by the Tennessee section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. She has been a physics, physical science and math teacher at Crockett County High School in Alamo, Tenn., since graduating from Union.

10's TWENTY TENS

Grace Moroney ('10) is an immigration paralegal with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid in Harlingen,

Texas as part of a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service.

MARRIAGES

Michele Cain Webb ('95) and **David Webb (Ed.S. '03)** were married on December 19, 2009. They reside in Paris, TN, where Michele is the assistant principal at E.W. Grove School. David is a history teacher at Henry County High School, County Commissioner and the County Historian. Both are currently pursuing their Ed.D. degrees through Union University. The couple lives at 928 Glisson Rd., Paris, TN 38242 and can be reached by e-mail at Michele.webb@hotmail.com or webbdw@hotmail.com.



Stephen Wilson ('03) and **Megan Fuller Wilson ('04, MCS '10)** were married in June 2010. Megan's father **Howard Fuller ('73)** performed the ceremony in Jackson. They now reside in Jackson where they are active members at Englewood Baptist Church. Stephen is returning to Union to complete the Master's of Science in Nursing, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Patrick Myers ('04) married Celeste Licaros Myers of San Francisco on November 21, 2009. He is working for Community Gatepath of Northern California as a supervisor while pursuing a career in acting. The couple is expecting their first child in late 2010. Celeste is a teacher/assistant supervisor at Childcare, Inc. pivanmyers@gmail.com

Andrew Courtner ('09, MBA '10) and **Laura Zimmerman Courtner ('09)** were married April 17, 2010. Andrew is the Program Coordinator for Union University's BSOL program in Hendersonville, Tenn. He completed his MBA with a marketing concentration and hopes to begin work on the Ed.D. degree from Union this year. Laura is currently pursuing a doctorate from Belmont University's School of Physical Therapy.

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Sarah K. Hartz Todd ('09) married Randal K. Todd on June 20, 2009, at First Baptist Church, McKenzie, Tenn. She is employed as a licensed athletic trainer by Star Physical Therapy in Henderson, Tenn. Her husband Randall is coaching at Chester County High School, also in Henderson. whartz@charter.net

Dexter Rich ('10) and **Whitney Jones Rich ('10)** were married December 28, 2010. They currently reside in Johnson City, Tenn., while Whitney attends medical school at Eastern Tennessee State University. whitneyrich@gmail.com

BIRTHS

Ruth Weisbrod McShane ('96) and Michael McShane welcomed their son Nathan Phillip on April 6, 2010. He was 8 pounds and 20 inches long. Ruth is an RN at Cox Health in Springfield, Mo., and Mike is a computer programmer. The couple was married in June 2008. rmcshane@mchsi.com



Matt Barnett and **Edie Ward Barnett ('97)** announce the birth of their son Matthew Price Barnett II on May 22, 2010. He was 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 20 inches long. Edie teaches gifted education in Jackson-Madison County Schools. ediebarnett@yahoo.com



Jeff Rushing ('97) and Valerie Howell Rushing are happy to announce the birth of their son, Cooper Howell Rushing, born October 28, 2009. He weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 1/4 inches long. Val is staying home for Cooper, and Jeff is a director at Fox 13 News in Memphis. eyorejeff@yahoo.com

Chris McNeece ('97) and **Sarah Aldridge McNeece ('98)** celebrated the birth of their second son, William David, on November 3, 2009. Will was welcomed home by big brother



Elijah, born January 15, 2008. Chris is a program assistant at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, working in the Global Health-Infectious Diseases division. Sarah works part-time as director of the children's program at Blue Sky Church. They live outside of Seattle. chrismcneece1974@yahoo.com



Lee Sanders ('97) and **April Gilchrist Sanders ('97)** are pleased to welcome a daughter, Rachel Katharine, born May 7, 2010. She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Rachel has an older brother Matthew who is three. Lee is an internal medicine chief resident at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and April is a stay-at-home mom. The Sanders family will be moving back to Tennessee in 2011 when Lee will begin fellowship training in nephrology at Vanderbilt University. asgilchrist@yahoo.com



Susannah Stringfield Bell ('98) and husband Tyson Scott Bell announce the birth of their son Valen Bryce on November 20, 2010. He was 7 lbs. and 18 inches. Susannah teaches ESL in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Tyson serves in the United States Air Force.

Chad M. Butler ('98) and his wife Robin Butler are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Meredith Cora, December 19, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 20.5 inches long. chad.butler@pnfp.com

Matt Hanson and **Michelle Smith Hanson ('98)** welcomed daughter Sadie Kate on May 6, 2010. Sadie was born in Lexington, Ky., and weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She joins big sister Kharis, 5, and brother Jake, 3. Matt is an engineer for Lockheed-Martin, and Michelle is a stay-at-home mom. ladyvolncali@hotmail.com



Jane Rice Tosh ('98) and her husband Matt Tosh joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Micah Jane. Micah was born on March 10, 2010. She weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. The Tosh family resides in Dyersburg, Tenn. Matt is a general surgeon and Jane stays at home with Micah and four-year-old son, Gray. janetosh@cableone.net

Darren Smith and **Jill Hutchison Smith ('00)** and big brother Samuel would like to announce the birth of Luke David Smith. He was born December 17, 2010 and weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. All are healthy and happy. jpeaches77@hotmail.com



Justin Perry ('01) and his wife celebrated the birth of their second child, Lydia Grace, on December 19, 2009. Lydia weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. She joins big sister Abigail at their home in Tampa, Fla. jerry@covenantlifetampa.org



John Robus ('03) and **Leslie Reynolds Robus ('04)** were blessed with their first child, Kelsey Lynn, on November 23, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. John is the Director of Equity Trading at Mindshare Capital Management, and Leslie currently works at Scottrade as an executive assistant. 542 N. Clay Avenue, #10, St. Louis, MO 63122. lesrobust@gmail.com



Jason Vaughan ('04, '09) and **Amy Weatherford Vaughan ('05)** welcomed their firstborn, Elliott Thomas, on January 15, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 18.5 inches long.

In the late 1990s, Alabamian Harry Smith had no ties to Union University. But someone invited him to a university-sponsored luncheon that was hosted on the top floor of the Memphis office building where he works. As he made his way to the event and stepped aboard the elevator, he encountered a man carrying a box — a rather large box.

"It was almost as big as he was," Smith says with a smile. "We got off the elevator and we were heading to the same room."

The man hoisting the box was Union president David S. Dockery. People in authority usually ask others to perform such tasks.

Harry Smith and the Gift of Servant Leadership

"I thought that was really neat," Smith said. "He's a great leader, and I think he's a servant leader."

Since that initial luncheon more than a decade ago, Smith has learned a great deal more about Union's president, its mission and opportunities to touch thousands of lives through higher education.



Smith himself has exhibited extraordinary servant leadership during a career that began in accounting and led to the CEO position at Schilling Companies, Inc. He has devoted time to more than 25 boards and managing committees in West Tennessee. Among those many terms of service: more than nine years on the Union University Board of Trustees. "They're all different,"

Smith says of the boards on which he's served. "I think (the Union board) is one of the neatest I've been on in terms of the camaraderie, the fellowship and the chemistry."

Smith devoted four years to Union as board chairman, but he is quick to cite the work of others when the discussion turns to Union's growth.

"Union does a great job of taking an idea to reality," Smith says. "Everybody works together."

As a board member, he helped oversee a variety of major developments, such as the inception of

the nurse anesthesia program, the construction of White Hall science facilities and the foundational discussions about the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

But he also served as board chairman during what was probably the greatest crisis in Union's 188-year history. The 2008 tornado that struck campus left behind more than \$40 million in damage and a series of complicated, urgent logistical problems that threatened Union to its core.

Dockery asked Smith to join the planning effort for rebuilding what amounted to about 75 percent of Union's on-campus housing. That massive job had to be completed quickly enough to accommodate students in the upcoming fall

semester. Fourteen new on-campus apartment buildings were ready for students in August of that year.

"We would meet in the basement of the architect's office just about every night and work on the plans," Smith recalls. "You don't go through many things in your life where you can see God working to that extent. If you went in today and said 'We're going to do something like that in seven months,' there would just be no way."

Harry and Beth Smith have been married for 47 years. They have one daughter and three grandchildren. His oldest grandson earned a football scholarship to the University of Alabama, starting at right guard as a redshirt freshman on the team that won the BCS national championship in 2009. His second grandson also plays football for the Crimson Tide.

Smith was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Union in 2009, and he maintains close connections with Union.

Whether he's praying for Union students on GO Trips and study tours, contributing hours of expertise on a board or providing timely financial support to the university, Smith contends that outside of giving to the local church, there is no better Kingdom investment anyone can make.

"I have really come to appreciate how strong and good a Christian university can be," Smith says. "At a school like Union, you've got people who are going out into all walks of life. I've come to learn how important it is to invest in that." ■



Nicole Wilkes Eaton ('02) and husband **Jake Eaton ('02)** welcomed baby girl Emry Jaymes on April 3, 2010. She

weighed 6 lbs. 14.5 oz. and measured 19 ¼ inches long. They currently reside in Franklin, Tenn.

Todd and **Emily Price Culberson ('03)** celebrated the birth of their son Noah on July 22, 2010. Emily graduated from the University of Tennessee in May 2010 with a M.S. in Social Work and is currently working as a LMSW at Bethel bible Village in Hixson, Tenn. emily_culberson@comcast.net

Tyler Glodjo ('08) and **Danielle Montgomery Glodjo ('09)** celebrated the birth of their son, John Elliot Glodjo, September 15, 2010. He was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 21 inches long. tglodjo@gmail.com

MEMORIAM

Dorothy Graves Butler ('32), November 20, 2010, age 100, Murfreesboro, Tenn. She was an active member of First Baptist Church in Humboldt for

more than 80 years. She also taught in Humboldt schools for 34 years.

Brig. General James H. Isbell ('35), commander, 2nd Air Force Reserve Region, August 18, 2004, Austin, Texas. He attended Union University and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1938. As commander of the 458th Bombardment Group, he participated in more than 200 missions over Western Europe.

Corrilla Chandler Moore ('35), April 27, 2009, at age 96. She is survived by two sons, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mary Helen Woolford Hart ('38), January 14, 2011, age 92. She and her late husband endowed the Jewell T. and Mary Helen Woolford Hart Scholarship at Union University for students going into full-time ministry. She worked at the Baptist Sunday School Board for more than 25 years.

Martha Frey Jelks ('40), February 13, 2011, age 92, Paris, Tenn. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert ('38) and daughter Cynthia. The

family established the Cynthia Jelks Scholarship at Union in her honor.

E. Gordon Crocker ('45), September 19, 2010, Memphis. He met Bettye Williams Crocker, his wife of 66 years, at Union University. He received an honorary doctorate degree from Union in 1973. Crocker was a pioneer missionary in Ecuador for six years, a pastor and the director of missions in Shelby County for 23 years.

Betty Henderson Owen ('47), May 19, 2009, Bedford, Va.

Harvey Haywood Barham ('51), November 29, 2010, age 85, Bolivar, Tenn. For decades, Barham served the Bolivar community as a physician. Barham and his wife Martha had one daughter, five sons, 12 children and two great-grandchildren.

Herrell Wade Herriman ('56), October 15, 2010, Springfield, Va.

Phillip Townsend ('56), February 2, 2009, Nashville, Tenn.

Robert Clark "Brother Bobby" Moore ('57), December 16, 2010, age 76; **Joyce Henry Moore ('56)**, January 29, 2011, age 76. The Moores were married for 54 years. He served as a pastor for 33 years in Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. There are four surviving children and 13 grandchildren.

James Mitchum Shearin, Jr. ('83), June 19, 2010, Memphis. He was married to the former Mary Walker Shoaf, also a Union graduate, who passed away in 1996. Shearin was a National Guard Colonel and also had a civilian career as a photojournalist that spanned four decades.

Lytle Givens, July 5, 2010, age 69, Murfreesboro, Tenn. He was Professor Emeritus of Sociology. He started as a faculty member in 1978. In 1994, he received the Newell Innovative Teaching Award for a presentation entitled "Internationalizing Union's Sociology Curriculum." He is survived by his wife Sandra Farmer Givens. ☘

Charles N. Millican ('41)

Charles N. Millican passed away December 1, 2010 in Orlando. The long-time Southern Baptist minister was chosen as the founding president of what would become the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Today, UCF's enrollment of 56,000 makes it the second-largest four-year university in the United States.

Under Millican's leadership, the school opened its doors in 1968 as Florida Technological University with about 1,500 students. Millican retired as president in 1978. The Millican Hall administration building on campus is named in his honor.

He also led efforts to establish the university-related Central Florida Research Park, which opened in 1982.

It is now one of the top 10 research parks in the country.

Born in Wilson, Ark., on Oct. 9, 1916, Millican was a Southern Baptist minister who served as pastor of a dozen churches in Tennessee, Mississippi and Florida. He and his wife Frances were married for 64 years before she died in December 2009.

Millican received the Distinguished Service Award from Union University during Homecoming festivities in 2007.

"He was a prince of a man, a visionary educational leader, a great ambassador for his alma mater through the years," Union President David S. Dockery said. "We give thanks for the life and legacy of Charles Millican." ☘

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