

Our Core Values

- **Godly Character:** We will pursue the truth that the Lord has revealed to us through His Word and His Spirit, and we will live out that truth in the minutes and hours of our daily life. Thus we will pursue excellence, without

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Our Mission

Union University provides Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

Our History

Union University is an heir of three antebellum Tennessee schools—West Tennessee College and its predecessor, Jackson Male Academy, founded in 1823 shortly after the opening of West Tennessee for settlement, was chartered by the legislature in 1825, making it the oldest school currently affiliated with Southern Baptist life.

West Tennessee College originated in the mid-1840s when supporters of the Academy secured a charter for a college in Murfreesboro—and it is the

state's Baptist leaders.

Meanwhile, after years of discussion and the raising of an endowment, the Baptists of Middle Tennessee (there were three geographic divisions in the Tennessee Union at that time) in 1848 established Union University, a highly respected

president, Dr. Eaton, died and when during the Civil War its campus was badly damaged. It reopened in 1868 only to close again in 1873, largely because of its financial condition and an epidemic of cholera.

Southwestern Baptist University, the immediate predecessor of the present Union University, originated because of a desire by Tennessee Baptists, who still had a separate convention for each of the state's three Grand Divisions, for greater unification. Education became the core issue around which such unification was promoted. Committees of the three conventions met jointly in Humboldt in 1873 and issued a resolution supporting the establishment of a first-class regional university. An Educational Convention met in Murfreesboro in 1874, and following that a committee was appointed to select a location for the proposed university. The committee recommended the acceptance of the offer made by the citizens of Jackson to assume ownership of West Tennessee College.

In September 1874, the new institution opened at Jackson as an academy, and in 1875 it was chartered as Southwestern Baptist University. In 1907, Dr. T. T. Eaton, a trustee at Southwestern from its beginning, bequeathed his 6,000 volume library to the college. He was a former professor at Union University at Murfreesboro, where his father, Dr. Joseph H. Eaton, had been president. Shortly thereafter the name of Southwestern Baptist University was changed to Union University to honor the Eatons and others from Union at Murfreesboro who had made a major impact on





nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end, and be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. **The Church.** The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, which is composed of all true followers of Christ, and in Him is invested supremely all power for its government. Christians are to associate themselves with local churches; and to each church is given the authority to administer order, to carry out ministry, to worship, and to practice discipline.
8. **Last Things.** The bodies of humans after death return to dust, but their spirits return immediately to God—the righteous to rest with Him; the wicked to be reserved under darkness to the judgment. God in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised. God has appointed a day, when He will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when all people shall receive according to their deeds; the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life.

EXTERNAL ASSOCIATIONS

Accredited By

Union University is accredited by the *Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools* to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and education doctorate degrees. Questions about the status of the University's accreditation may be obtained from the Commission on Colleges by calling 404.679.4501 or by writing 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA. The University also has the following discipline-specific accreditation:

Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology
American Chemical Society
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
Council on Social Work Education
National Association of Schools of Art and Design
National Association of Schools of Music
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
Teacher Education Program, Tennessee State Department of Education
Tennessee Health Related Boards

Applicant for Accreditation By

Council on Accreditation on Nursing Anesthesia

Member Of

American Association of Colleges of Nursing
 American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education
 American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
 Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
 Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors
 Association of Collegiate Business

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Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers
Tennessee College Association
Tennessee Independent College and Universities Association

THE CAMPUS

The uniqueness of the Union University campus, located on U.S. Highway 45 By-Pass and Union University Drive in Northwest Jackson, is related to the academic facilities and student housing. Union's campus is designed with the student as its axis. All facilities, programs, and personnel are interrelated in an attempt to meet the needs of students.

A second campus site is located in the Memphis suburb of Germantown, Tennessee. Programs in Nursing, Business, Education and Continuing Studies are available.

An abbreviated description of Jackson campus facilities follows. A more detailed description of each building as well as the services available in each, is presented in the *Campus Life Handbook*

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OVERVIEW

Family housing is located in the Warmath Apartments, north of single-student housing. The complex consists of 32 two-bedroom apartments.

Hyran E. Barefoot Student Union Building

The Barefoot Student Union Building houses the University's cafeteria (Gilbert-Powers Student Commons), Coburn Dining Room, President's Dining Room, Lexington Inn, Eldon Byrd Faculty Lounge, Student Lounge, Harvey Auditorium, Campus Printing and Mail Services, offices for Student Services (Dean of Students, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Counseling, Student Leadership Development, Residence Life)