

Union University is an academic community, affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, equipping persons to think Christianly and serve faithfully in ways consistent with its core values of being Christ-centered, people-focused, excellence-driven, and future-directed. These values shape its identity as an institution which prioritizes liberal arts based undergraduate education enhanced by professional and graduate programs. The academic community is composed of quality faculty, staff, and students working together in a caring, grace-filled environment of challenge of living out that truth in their Southern Baptist daily life. Thus we will pursue

West Tennessee College originated in the mid-1840s when supporters of the Academy secured a charter for a college and received an endowment from the state to come from the sale of public lands. Under its charter, the property rights and governance of the Jackson Male Academy were vested in the trustees of the College. The College offered three degrees—bachelor of arts, bachelor of philosophy, and master of arts—and had four departments: Moral Philosophy, Languages, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy and Chemistry. West Tennessee College continued until 1874, when at a time of depressed economic conditions, the trustees offered the College's buildings, grounds, and endowment to Tennessee Baptists in the hopes of attracting a southwestern regional university planned by the state's Baptist leaders.

Meanwhile, after years of discussion and the raising of an endowment, the Baptists of Middle Tennessee (there were three separate conventions in Tennessee at that time) in 1848 established Union University at Murfreesboro,

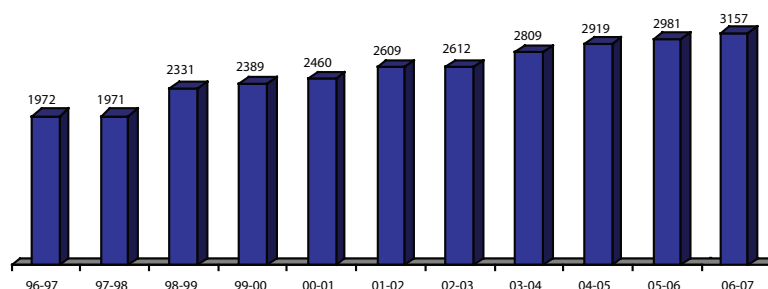
near the geographical center of the state. Union University came upon hard times when in 1859 its highly respected president, Dr. Eaton, died and when during the Civil War its campus was badly damaged. It reopened in 1868 only to close again in 1873, largely because of its financial condition and an 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.

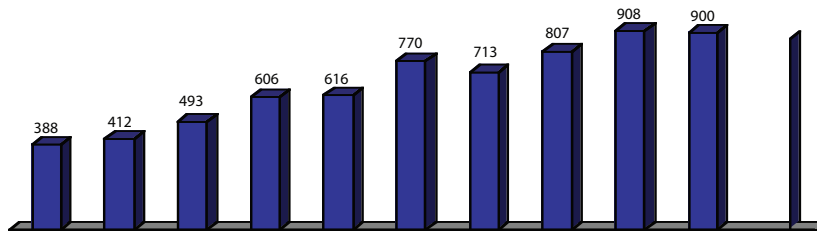
In September 1874, the new institution opened at Jackson as an academy, and in 1875 it was chartered as Southwestern Baptist University. In 1907, Dr. T. T. Eaton, a trustee at Southwestern from its beginning, bequeathed his 6,000 volume library to the college. He was a former professor at Union University 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 Southwestern as faculty, administrators, trustees, and contributors. In a further move to unify its educational efforts, the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1925 secured a new charter which vested all rights, authority, and property of Union University in the Convention, including the election of the University's trustees. Two years later, the Convention was able to consolidate Hall-Moody Junior College at Martin (1900-1927) with Union University. During the 1920s, Union discontinued its graduate program, its Law Department, and its high school and added a bachelor of music degree program.

After a major fire in 1912, several new buildings were constructed, including the centerpiece of the campus for the next 60 years, Barton Hall. In 1948 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted Union University its original accreditation. In 1962, at the request of local physicians, Union developed a nursing program with the assistance of Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Because of an aging and landlocked campus, Union, in 1975, moved from near downtown to a new campus located along Highway 45-Bypass in north Jackson. During the administrations of President Robert Craig (1967-85) and Presi-



Another indicator of the University's health and vitality is the growth in the number of students completing programs at Union. As indicated below, this past year almost 900 students graduated from Union, a 132% increase over the 96-97 school year:



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

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

The Penick Academic Complex houses the G.M. Savage Memorial Chapel, Fred DeLay Gymnasium, E.T. "Rocky" Palmer Activities Center, the W. D. Powell Theatre, Waldrop Administrative Center, Union Station, Computing Services, Emma Waters Summar Library, and Hundley Center for Academic Enrichment.

The Waldrop Administrative Center contains the offices of Career Services, the Registrar, Business Services, the Office of the Provost, the Office of the President, and University Communications.

The Emma Waters Summar Library has immediate access to a collection of over 150,000 books, 19,000 e-journals, and 40,000 e-books. Through its membership in regional and national library cooperatives it has easy access to the combined collections of over 41,000 libraries worldwide. The library provides knowledgeable reference service, in-depth research assistance, personalized training, and group instructional sessions to facilitate the effective use of these resources. It also maintains a safe comfortable environment for both individual and group study.

The Johnnie Tribble Shepard Archives and Genealogical Research Center is located in the library.

The Fesmire Fields provide lighted playing fields for varsity baseball and softball. The Fesmire Field House provides indoor practice and dressing rooms for men and women's soccer, softball and baseball as well as athletic training rooms for sports injuries.

The McAfee School of Business Administration and the College of Education and Human Studies are located in the Blasingame Academic Complex.

Hammons Hall contains the LifeWay Bookstore as well as the offices for University Relations, Church Services, Testing, and Continuing Studies. General classrooms, conference rooms, and a community room are also housed in Hammons Hall.

Jennings contains the departments of Communication Arts and Music, and the School of Christian Studies as well as the R. C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies and Hartley Recital Hall.

White Hall, the newest addition to the campus, houses the departments of Biology and Chemistry as well as the School of Nursing.

Union University recognizes and is fully committed to the value of the educational experiences—spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally—which occur within the on-campus residential environment. Therefore, all students under 21 years of age by September 1 are required to live in the residence complexes for the full academic year, unless exception is granted by the Director of Residence Life. Exceptions include students living with parents/guardians, those who are married and students who have medical problems requiring off campus residency. All resident students are required to sign a residence life contract for the academic year. For information on Residence Life community values, philosophy, fees, family housing, reservation and procedures please refer to the _____ located on Union University's website at www.uu.edu.

Single student housing, arranged in 3 complexes (Hurt, Watters and McAfee), features private bedrooms in apartment-like units. Each apartment is on one level in a 2-story construction. All lead to the 3 Commons Buildings which house the resident directors, provide facilities for lounge areas, laundry and recreation.

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

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, Health Services, Coordinator of University Activities, and Campus Security), offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Enrollment Services, Campus Ministries (Missionary-In-Residence), Prayer Chapel, and the Missionary Wall.