

# CENTERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

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The Centers of the University were established to promote the ideals of different academic departments to deal Christianly

The Center exists to promote thoughtful and disciplined reading, study, interpretation, and application of the Bible in the church throughout the world. The Center houses a model library for the study of the Scriptures, which is open to the public. Every other year the Center hosts a Bible study conference.

## Center for Business and Economic Development

**Director: Jason Garrett**

The purpose of the Business and Economic Development Center is to engage the community and students in the McAfee School of Business in activities that promote the development of business leaders to fulfill their purpose in Christ and society. This engagement includes projects that engage students with West Tennessee organizations, such as Business Week and an annual speaker series, "Faith in the Marketplace."

## R. G. Lee Center for Christian Ministry

**Director:**

The purpose of the R. G. Lee Center for Christian Ministry is to equip bi-vocational pastors, staff, and laity for Christian service by offering the Associate of Christian Studies degree. Details of the program are available on the R. G. Lee Center website.

An integral part of the Center is the R. G. Lee Society of Fellows Program whose purpose is to enhance and encourage the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Upon invitation, a pastor builds a sermon from the resources of the R. G. Lee Library. The sermon is published in an anthology by the Center and distributed to Southern Baptist pastors.

## Thomas R. Rosebrough Center for Educational Practice

**Director:**

The Thomas R. Rosebrough Center for Educational Practice aims to promote and recognize excellence in education from preschool through higher education. The manner in which the Rosebrough Center for Educational Practice defines its work can be found within the context and mission of Union University and the School of Education. The Center aims to bring attention to the work and interests of the School of Education, its faculty, staff, students, and alumni across Union's three campuses located in Jackson, Germantown, and Hendersonville, Tennessee.

The mission of the Center is to promote excellence in education in ways that reflect: Union University's four core values (i.e., Excellence-Driven, Christ-Centered, People-Focused, and Future Directed), the conceptual framework of Union's School of Education (i.e., A Teacher-Student Dynamic of Sensitivity, Reflection and Faith), and Transformational Teaching (e.g., Educators need to be effective scholars, practitioners, and relaters.).

The Thomas R. Rosebrough Center for Educational Practice promotes and recognizes excellence in education by:

- Publishing news articles about the work of faculty, students, and staff.
- Publishing white papers, book reviews, and practical academic thought pieces on educational topics.
- Distributing Focus on Education, a podcast that brings attention to quality in education.
- Communicating and hosting educational events.
- Awarding quality education at the preschool through higher education levels.

## Center for Population Health and Rural Medicine (PHaRM)

**Director: Sean King**

The purpose of the Center for Population Health and Rural Medicine (PHaRM) is to advance Union University's ability to care for the underserved population of West Tennessee while broadening the interprofessional educational experiences of our students and other healthcare providers. Our mission includes affording students opportunities to provide more collaborative and patient-centered care in a structured, real-world setting. The Center achieves its mission through interprofessional learning experiences, community service learning experiences, clinical experiences, research, continuing education programs and simulation education.

## **Center for Faculty Development**

**Associate Director: Nan Thomas**

The Center for Faculty Development assists faculty in their pursuit of excellence under the Lordship of Christ as they live out their Christian calling in the academic world. Fall and

