

# A decade of transformational Leadership

Ten years ago, as David S. Dockery walked into a room at the Old English Inn for an interview with Union's presidential search committee, a thought struck him.

"I've been a part of Southern Baptist life in a pretty visible, active way for 15 years, and I think I know a lot of people across this convention," Dockery thought to himself. "And I don't know anybody in this room."

Dockery wasn't a Union graduate and he wasn't from West Tennessee. So in that sense, he was an outsider and figured his chances at becoming Union's president weren't good.

But that weekend Dockery enjoyed a warm and stimulating meeting with Union trustees, specifically Elzie Danley and John Drinnon.

"I had a sense from God that I had connected with them and they had connected with me," Dockery said.

The feeling was mutual, as Union trustees soon elected Dockery as the university's president. Now a decade

later, Dockery is one of 27 percent of college presidents who serve 10 years at one school. He lists three achievements in particular for which he is the most grateful:

— Union is an institution that takes its Christian mission purposefully and seriously.

— The academic rigor across the campus has increased significantly.

"The serious efforts at scholarship are heartening for me and I think encouraging for most of the faculty," Dockery said.

— The look and development of the campus. Since Dockery's tenure began, Union has completed Jennings Hall, Hammons Hall, Miller Tower, new baseball and softball fields and renovations to campus housing. Currently under construction are White Hall, the Fesmire Field House and a new women's soccer field.

But in typical fashion, Dockery is quick to credit others for his successes at Union and for the length of his tenure.

At the top of his list is his family — his wife Lanese, and his sons Jon, Ben and Tim — who have also become an

integral part of Union.

"It has been our lives," Lanese said about the Dockery's time at Union. "I have loved the students and the wonderful community of faculty and staff, as well as the tremendous learning experiences from the faculty and speakers who have come to be with us. The travel opportunities, getting to know great alums and seeing students thrive once they leave this place really gives me joy."

Dockery also acknowledges the support of Union's board of trustees, the Union faculty and staff and other loyal people who come to work each day hoping to make a difference in Union University.

Finally, Dockery cites the support from local churches and the community, and the large number of people who pray for the university on a regular basis.

"Clearly it has been a time in God's good providence when he has chosen to smile on Union University, and I am indeed grateful for the privilege we have been given to serve in this place," Dockery said. ☩





*The photos on the following pages are representative of some of President Dockery's favorite memories from his years of leadership over the past decade at Union University.*

*The Unionite also pays tribute to the many accomplishments of the Dockery administration with two timelines featuring institutional highlights and personal achievements from 1995 to present.*



“David Dockery is a ‘level 5 leader’ as defined by Jim Collins in his book, *Good to Great*. Specifically, David has built enduring greatness at Union University ‘through a paradoxical blend of personal humility and professional will.’ He is ‘a study in duality: modest and willful, humble and fearless.’ David has taken Union University to new heights at all levels. It is one of the great stories in Christian higher education.”

### Robert C. Andringa

*President  
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities*



“Without a doubt, the greatest period of advancement for Union University has been under David Dockery’s leadership. During his tenure, the University has completed the most aggressive capital campaign in its history while sharpening its focus on excellent teaching and serious scholarship. Having observed his leadership for nearly a decade now, I can confirm that David Dockery is ‘the real deal.’”

### Evans P. Whitaker

*President  
Anderson College  
Anderson, S.C.*



“For seven and a half years as president of Lambuth University I witnessed first hand the tremendous work of David Dockery at Union. By every measure Union has enjoyed unparalleled success under David Dockery’s leadership. Moreover, throughout his tenure at Union he has brought national acclaim to Union University. His leadership has been transformational.”

### W. Ellis Arnold, III

*President  
Lambuth University 1997-2004*



“From my perspective as an active member of the Jackson-Madison County community, David Dockery has truly made Union University an integral part of our community. He has worked to not only broaden the community financial support for the University, but also to have Union serve as outstanding academic, research and spiritual resources for this community.”

### Vicki Lake

*Director, Business Development  
West Tennessee Healthcare*



“It is hard to put into words the personal pleasure and satisfaction that comes from observing the life and ministry and contributions of David S. Dockery, this exceptionally gifted man who now for ten years has served as president of Union University. These have been years of remarkable growth in every single facet during times when challenges to maintain a solid Christian witness in higher education are almost beyond counting.”

### Darold H. Morgan

*President Emeritus  
Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention*



## 1995-2005 INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### 1995

- December 8 – David S. Dockery unanimously elected as the fifteenth president of Union University. At the time, the annual budget was \$18 million, the fall enrollment was 1,972 and 388 students were graduated.

### 1996

- Web site went on-line and all students received internet e-mail accounts.
- New Core Values adopted: Excellence-Driven; Christ-Centered; People-Focused; Future-Directed.

- Five year strategic plan, “Vision and Values 2001,” unanimously approved by Board of Trustees.
- Tom Rosebrough named Dean, School of Education.
- Mike Duduit named Executive Vice President.
- New Christian ethics major launched.
- Adoption of new university hymn, “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.”
- Inaugural Address: “Toward a Great Commandment University.”

### 1997

- M.A.Ed program initiated.
- M.Ed. program revised.
- Established: Center for Christian Leadership, The Center for Scientific Studies,

The Institute for International and Intercultural Studies, and The R.G. Lee Center.

- Hosted inaugural Scholarship Banquet, which raised \$125,000 for student scholarships.
- Listed in top tier of liberal arts colleges in the south by U.S. News and World Report for the first time in institution’s history.
- Dr. Charles Baldwin named to new endowed chair: The O. P. and Evalyn Hammons Chair of Pre-Medical Studies with gift from Dr. Edward Hammons.
- Germantown extension program started with 60 BSN students.
- Board of trustees approved new campus Master Plan to guide the university in early years of the 21st century.

- New political science, sports medicine and sports management majors launched.

### 1998

- Received \$2.4 million gift from James Ayers for support of new campus Master Plan.
- Celebrated University’s 175th Anniversary with 175-foot birthday cake.
- Lady Bulldogs won the NAIA Women’s Basketball National Championship.
- The Second Annual Scholarship Banquet welcomed Lady Margaret Thatcher as speaker.
- \$60 million “Building A Future” campaign initiated – largest campaign University’s history (originally \$35 million; extended to \$60 million).
- Received \$3 million commitment for support of campus Master Plan from Benny and Norma Fesmire.

- Carla Sanderson installed as provost.
- Jimmy Davis named associate provost.
- Added men’s soccer and women’s volleyball as varsity sports.
- Established Robert E. Craig Service Award in honor of Union’s thirteenth president.
- Naming of Union University Drive by City of Jackson.
- “Discovering My Design” program launched.

### 1999

- \$3 million commitment received from Roy L. White.
- Established Founders’ Day lecture and celebration.
- Kimberly Thornbury named dean of students.
- Student publication, The Torch, won a Gold Crown Award from The Columbia University Scholastic Press Association.
- Offered five on-line courses

- Completed two new residence halls.
- Publication of “The Future of Christian Higher Education,” edited by David S. Dockery and David P. Gushee.
- Completed Hammons Hall (24,000 square foot facility) for campus bookstore, classrooms, and advancement/alumni office space.
- Added men’s and women’s cross country as varsity sports.
- Recognized for the first time by The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development.
- Third Annual Scholarship Banquet featured General Colin Powell.
- The Colin Powell Scholarship established at Union University.
- Kimberly Drewry of Fort Worth, Texas became the 20,000th graduate in Union history.



“Dr. Dockery has done what few college presidents have been able to do. He has successfully instilled his vision for Union University into the hearts of Trustees, Faculty, and the Student Body. I believe all of this has been possible because David Dockery is a man who sincerely puts God first.”

**Jerry Tidwell**

*Pastor  
Ellendale Baptist Church  
Board of Trustees  
Union University*



“I can think of no other leader in Christian higher education who has done in ten years what David Dockery has done at Union University. What David has done as president of Union is bigger than Union - it's entered into the vanguard of the cause of Christ. Here we have a leader among leaders.”

**James Emery White**

*Founding and Senior Pastor  
Mecklenburg Community Church  
President  
Serious Times  
Charlotte, N.C.*



“I know of no Christian or secular university president who combines multiple gifts as well as Dr. Dockery. His ability to incorporate personal faith, superb scholarship, enviable administrative skills, sincere diplomacy and authentic interest in the entire Union community is phenomenal. In the latter category, he knows not only names and responsibilities; he remembers the needs and celebrates the joys of his people. Through his leadership, Union's strong position among all Christian colleges and universities is secure.”

**Ralph Leverett**

*Professor of Special Education  
Union University*



“I have on many occasions praised David Dockery and held him up to Christian academic leaders—Catholic and Protestant alike—as a model university president. When it comes to the Christian mission in contemporary higher education, he knows what needs to be done and he knows how to do it. Indeed, he has done it at Union University. By all objective measures, David's tenure at Union has been splendidly successful.”

**Robert P. George**

*McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence  
Princeton University*



“Over the last ten years, I have seen Union getting stronger both academically and spiritually. Dr. Dockery's emphasis in these two areas has made Union into a better university. The scholarly output of the faculty in book publication and professional articles is evidence of academic strength. I attribute both these things to Dr. Dockery's leadership.”

**Walton Padelford**

*Professor of Economics  
Union University*



*November 20, 2000: Jim Ayers and David S. Dockery help with the official ribbon cutting at Jennings Hall. The 45,000 square foot building is named for Ayers' grandparents, William and Laura Jennings.*

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- Carls-Schwerdfeger Endowed History Lecture established with Martin Marty as speaker.
- CCNE accreditation received.
- Todd Brady named minister to the university.

**2000**

- \$1.2 million gift from R. C. Ryan to establish R. C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies and Ryan Endowed Scholarship.
- Crabtree Family Life lectures established with endowment gift from Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Crabtree.
- Began MSN degree in Nursing Education and Nursing Administration.
- Started Ed.S. degree in Educational Leadership.
- Union ranked in Top Ten of Liberal Arts Colleges in the south by U. S. News and World Report.

- Celebrated opening of new campus in Germantown. Dedication address offered by Former Secretary of Education William Bennett.
- Barbara McMillin named dean, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Completed 45,000 square foot Jennings Hall (named in honor of grandparents of James Ayers) for departments of music, communication arts and Christian studies.
- Fourth Annual Scholarship Banquet featured Mikhail Gorbachev.
- Board of trustees received report of completion of “Vision and Values 2001” plan.
- Unanimously approved new “Vision and Values 2005” plan.
- “Union Forum,” now in its second year, becomes a major community program.
- New digital media studies major launched.

**2001**

- University history (1823-2000) “So Great A Cloud of Witnesses,” completed by James Baggett, retired dean and professor of history.
- New engineering program launched.
- Completed Miller Bell Tower and Great Lawn area, and established Miller Endowed Scholarship with \$1.75 million gift from Mrs. Opha Miller.
- Center for Faculty Development launched.
- New Mission and Identity Statement unanimously approved.
- John Major, former prime minister of Great Britain, served as speaker for Fifth Annual Scholarship Banquet.
- The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (MAIS) degree program initiated.
- Academic Master Plan approved which

- included new Doctor of Education program (first doctoral program at Union University).
- Level V status granted by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- NASAD and NCATE accreditations received.

**2002**

- New baseball and softball fields named in honor of Benny and Norma Fesmire.
- Carl F.H. Henry honored Union University with naming rights for Carl F.H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership.
- Emma Waters Summar Library renovation completed.
- Ryan Center received 1615 Geneva Bible as generous gift from David and Linda Shoaf.
- Charles Colson Professorship of Faith and Culture established.
- Harry L. Poe named as first Colson Professor.

- Sixth Annual Scholarship Banquet featured former Secretary of State James A. Baker III.
- Cardinal & Cream named best overall campus newspaper in 2002 at Baptist Press Excellence in Journalism Conference.
- Publication of “Shaping A Christian Worldview,” a volume by The Union University Faculty, edited by David S. Dockery and Gregory A. Thornbury.
- Union suffered more than \$2 million damage to campus from F1 tornado in November.
- For the seventh straight year Union was selected as one of America's 100 Best College Buys. The report recognized Union as having the highest G.P.A. and highest ACT scores among entering freshmen compared with five other institutions listed from Tennessee.
- Establishment of Minority Scholarship Program.
- “Jackson Reads” and “Town and Gown”

- programs developed.
- ACS and CAAHEP accreditations received.

**2003**

- Campus again damaged by tornado that brought devastation to City of Jackson.
- Seventh Annual Scholarship Banquet featured former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.
- “Day of Remembrance” service day begun to thank the Jackson community for their help following the 2002 tornado.
- Board of trustees established M. E. Dodd Denominational Service Award in honor of Union graduate who is known as “The Father of the Cooperative Program,” which was established in 1925 to fund the work of Baptist missions, education, and benevolent causes.
- Fall enrollment surpassed 2,800 for first time.

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May 24, 2003: At Union's spring graduation, President Dockery celebrated with son Ben who was awarded a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

"Over the past decade of service with President David S. Dockery, certain special qualities of leadership have become evident to me. Dr. Dockery knows and models quality academics; wants to educate the head as well as the heart; puts first priority on people; has had the vision to elevate Union to national recognition; loves God and puts service above self; somehow combines all the above. Priceless!"

#### Thomas R. Rosebrough

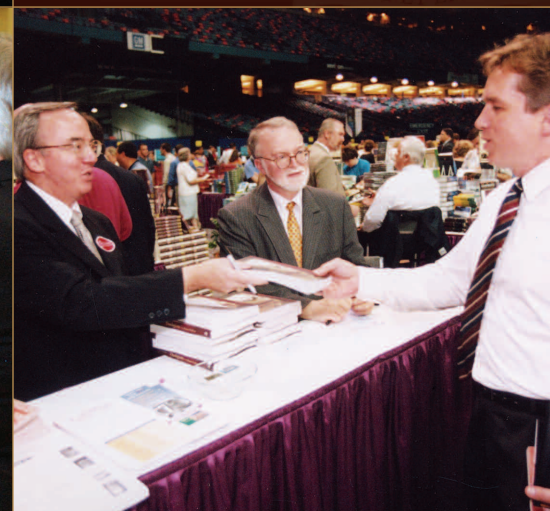
*Dean, College of Education and Human Studies  
Union University*



"Dr. Dockery blesses us with his gift of a clear vision of an even more perfect Union University. He then provides us abundant campus and community-wide opportunities to work with him to make that vision a reality. He moves among us as a highly talented thinker, communicator, visionary, motivator and implementer. In all of this, he stretches us and seeks to expand God's rule on earth."

#### Roland Porter

*Associate Professor, School of Business  
Union University*



"In his 1996 inaugural address, Dr. Dockery called for Union to be a Great Commandment (Matt 22:36-40) university. Almost one decade later, during his FOCUS week dinner presentation to the 2005 incoming freshmen class and during his fall convocation address to the Union family, Dr. Dockery remained consistent in his call. I truly feel blessed to work under his leadership, and I consider it an honor to serve Union during his tenure."

#### Jacqueline Taylor

*Assistant Dean of Students  
Union University*

"Dr. Dockery is a great scholar, a visionary leader, and a Christian statesman. Over the past decade, he has led Union University into a golden era of growth and influence. Thanks to his leadership, Union now stands in the front rank of Christian institutions – providing a model of Christian scholarship and intellectual engagement. By any measure, this has been an incredible decade for a great institution."

#### R. Albert Mohler Jr.

*President  
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*



"An effective leader has the personal gifts to see a vision, the courage to risk himself to attempt to make it happen, and the ability to bring the best out of others and himself in the process thus assuring the best opportunity for success. To sustain these gifts one must have a deep awareness of Christ's presence in the world and a commitment to serve Him. This is David Dockery."

#### Jim Moss

*West Tennessee Healthcare*



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- More than 700 students were graduated.
- Annual budget reached \$40 million.
- Gary Carter named senior vice president for business and financial services.

## 2004

- Record fall enrollment of 2,919, with first time students totaling more than 800 for first time in Union's history.
- Ranked in top tier of U. S. News and World Report for eighth consecutive year.
- Established College of Education and department of continuing education.
- CRNA program (MSN in nurse anesthesia) approved by trustees to begin January 2006.
- West Tennessee Healthcare provided a \$2.5 million gift to help launch the CRNA program.
- Former President George H. W. Bush was

- speaker for Eighth Annual Scholarship Banquet, which raised more than \$500,000 for student scholarships, bringing total raised for student scholarships to more than \$3 million for the eight annual banquets.
- Charles Fowler named senior vice president for university relations.
- Completed "Building a Future Campaign" raising \$69.6 million.
- Undergraduate research program successfully started.
- More than 1,000 donors in month of December, largest number of donors ever in one month.
- Board of trustees received report of completion of "Vision and Values 2005" plan.
- Unanimously adopted "Union 2010: A Vision For Excellence" with great enthusiasm.
- School of Business ranked among Top 10

- Business Schools among all church-related institutions by Business Reform Magazine.
- Keith Absher named dean, School of Business.
- Hosted significant conference on Intercultural Competencies.

## 2005

- Tim Smith named dean, School of Nursing.
- Dedicated Hundley Center for Academic Enrichment.
- School of Education named winner of Model of Excellence Award from the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education.
- Master of Christian Studies (MCS) program initiated in School of Christian Studies.
- Cardinal & Cream named second best campus newspaper among all colleges and

- universities in the south at the Southeast Journalism Conference.
- Started women's soccer program as varsity sport.
- Lady Bulldogs won their second NAIA Women's Basketball National Championship.
- Developed new soccer complex and Fesmire Athletic Field House.
- Started construction of White Hall, a 63,000 square foot building for chemistry, biology, and nursing.
- Announced eleventh "seven-figure gift" during current administration (11 of 13 largest gifts in Union history).
- Union SIFE team (Students in Free Enterprise) won 12th consecutive regional title.
- Datatel Technology migration for entire campus.
- More than 900 students graduated.
- More than 3,500 (non-duplicating) total

- students for entire year.
- Trustees adopted \$45.6 million budget.
- Record number of annual donors (more than 4,000)
- Rich Grimm named vice president for enrollment services.
- Former Senate Majority Leader, Bob Dole, speaker for Ninth Annual Scholarship Banquet. Nearly \$500,000 raised for student scholarships.
- David S. Dockery elected as chairman of the board of directors for the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.
- Faculty of 155 (83 percent with terminal degrees) compared with faculty of 110 (69 percent with terminal degrees) in 1995.
- Faculty research and scholarship recognized in various national publications.
- CSWE accreditation reaffirmed.
- NCATE reaffirmation.

- COA-AANA initial accreditation.
- SACS 2007 Reaccreditation Plan approved by President's Council.
- Union University listed in U.S. News and World Report in top tier of master's degree granting institutions for ninth year in a row.
- Record fall enrollment of 2,981.
- Announced \$110 million campaign in support of "Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence" ✝

## 1995-2005 PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## 1996

- "Ephesians: One Body in Christ" (Nashville: Convention, 1996).
- "The Best of A.T. Robertson," compiler (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1996).



“For most students at the ‘run-of-the-mill’ university, the president is someone who sits in a big office, meets with the donors, and speaks a few times a year. Not so at Union University. Here, Dr. Dockery is as likely to be cheering on the Bulldogs at the Fred Delay gymnasium or giving wisdom to a senior about the best graduate schools to which to apply. When Dr. Dockery cast the vision for Union to be ‘People Focused,’ I am confident that he had the student body at the front of his mind.”

### Kimberly Thornbury

*Dean of Students  
Union University*



“As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Dr. Dockery’s election as president, we thank God for bringing him to guide our beloved Union. We thank God for the faithfulness of Dr. and Mrs. Dockery’s untiring leadership. I pray that this decade will mark the beginnings of many more years of their leadership at Union University.”

### Phil Jett

*Pastor  
Englewood Baptist Church  
Jackson, Tenn.*



“The exponential growth of Union University is evidence of Dr. Dockery’s exceptional leadership. As Dr. Dockery makes decisions about Union’s future, it is apparent that he realizes a successful learning community must be equally balanced in all academic areas. Through the implementation of Union 2010, Dr. Dockery continues to lead Union with an admirable intelligence and humble spirit.”

### Karie Thomas

*President  
junior class*



*The president enjoys meeting the families of Union graduates. There are a lot more names to remember in recent years: in 2004-2005 alone, Union graduated a record 918 students.*

“For the past decade, his opening convocation addresses have served as a road map to the soul for the university’s administration, students, and faculty. They speak of the retrieval of conviction, commitment, and community in the modern university from a distinctively Christian philosophy. To us, Dr. Dockery serves not only as 15th president of a great institution: he is a visionary, scholar and pastor.”

### Gregory Alan Thornbury

*Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology  
Union University*



“As a stakeholder in Union University, Class of 1975, I have witnessed a significant increase in my investment during president Dockery’s tenure. Under President Dockery’s leadership, the University has distinguished itself from its peers by consistently delivering a distinctive and unique product to its expanding customer base. Faith. Values. Results. Delivering a top quality product in a top quality manner. President Dockery, thank you.”

### Gary Grisham ’75

*President  
BancorpSouth*



- Four articles in Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology (Baker).
- Sermons in “1996 Minister’s Manual” (Harper).
- Spell Lectures, Mississippi College
- Southern Baptist and Roman Catholic Conversation (North American Mission Board).

## 1997

- Foreword to “A Theological Analysis and Critique of the Post Modernism Debate: Mapping the Labyrinth,” by Michael W. Nicholson (Lewiston: Meller, 1997).
- One article in Dictionary of Old Testament Theology (Zondervan).
- Chapter in “Baptist: Why and Why Not Revisited” (Broadman & Holman).
- Articles in “Biblical Illustrator” and “The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology.”
- Address at Memphis Theological Seminary

and the Pastors Conference of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

## 1998

- “Our Christian Hope: Bible Answers to Questions about the Future” (Nashville: LifeWay, 1998).
- Editor, “New Dimensions in Evangelical Thought: Essays in Honor of Millard J. Erickson” (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1998).
- General Editor, Holman Concise Bible Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1998).
- Foreword to “Midrash Criticism: Introduction and Appraisal,” by Charles Quarles (Lanham: University Press of America, 1998).
- Sermons in “1998 Minister’s Manual” (Harper).
- Day – Higginbotham Lectures,

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Visiting professor, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University.
- Keynote address, The International Mission Board Communication Symposium.

## 1999

- “Basic Christian Beliefs” (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1999).
- Editor with David P. Gushee, “The Future of Christian Higher Education” (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1999).
- Chapter in “Biblical Interpreters of the 20th Century: A Selection of Evangelical Voices” (Baker).
- Articles in Biblical Illustrator and Christianity Today.
- Consecration Service address, Beeson Divinity School.

- Tennessee Baptist Convention Doctrine Study Tour.

## 2000

- Foreword to “So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: The History of Union University,” by James A. Baggett (Union University Press, 2000).
- Articles in Biblical Illustrator, Faith and Mission, Christianity Today and The Southern Baptist Educator.
- Address at the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.
- Plenary speaker, Mississippi Baptist Convention.
- Led Union University trip to Oberammagau.

## 2001

- Editor with David A. Black, “New Testament Interpretation: Essays on Methods and Issues” (Nashville, Broadman & Holman, 2001).
- Editor with Timothy George “Theologians of the Baptist Tradition” (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2001).
- Articles in Biblical Illustrator, Southwestern Journal of Theology and Christianity Today.
- Address, Wheaton College Theology Conference.
- Powell Lectures, The Baptist College of Florida.
- Founders’ Day Lecture, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Plenary address, annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society.
- Hobbs Lectures, Oklahoma Baptist University.

- Plenary speaker, Florida Baptist Convention Theology and Ethics Conference.

## 2002

- Editor with Gregory A. Thornbury, “Shaping a Christian Worldview” (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2002).
- Articles in Books and Culture and Baptist and Reflector.
- Commencement address, Golden Gate Seminary.
- Commencement address, Azusa Pacific University.
- Convocation address, Houston Baptist University.
- Convocation address, Midwestern Baptist Seminary.
- Keynote address, annual meeting of the Consortium for Global Education.





January 15, 2005: The Union community rejoiced with the Dockerys as son Jonathan Samuel '02 married Sarah Elizabeth Phillips '02).



"Dr. Dockery is a leader in a league all of his own; his vision for the University is unparalleled. Dr. Dockery has demonstrated that an institution of higher learning can be both Christ centered and academically superior without compromise. This commitment to a Christian worldview and educating students who can show forth the love of Christ is the mission of Christian higher education, and no one does it better than Dr. Dockery."

#### Lisa Rogers '83

*OB/GYN, Jackson  
Board of Trustees  
Union University*



"If one looked at the achievements of Union University over the past 10 years and claimed the university's enhancements had required 50 years, it could be said that the university's leadership had been far beyond superior. But, to realize how far Union has come in a mere decade is an astounding testimony to the fact that David Dockery must in fact lead by divine inspiration. Jackson is blessed beyond measure by what Union University is and is to be, and all of us who profess to be leaders ought to constantly seek his counsel."

#### Charles Farmer

*Mayor  
City of Jackson*

"Dr. Dockery has accomplished more at Union in ten years than most people do in a lifetime. He's taken Union from being a lesser-known, regional-oriented institution, brought in a class-A faculty and has created a wonderful sense of community. I consider him a jewel for this school, for the kingdom of God and for Christian education in general. He and I have become good friends, and I trust him completely."

#### Charles Colson

*Prison Fellowship*



"I believe God is blessing Union because of Dr. Dockery's commitment to Christian education. The past ten years have been great and with Dr. Dockery's continued leadership and our support, Union can anticipate an even brighter future. Thank you, Dr. Dockery!"

#### Harry Smith

*Schilling Enterprises  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Union University*



"Dr. Dockery is one of the premiere educators in the United States. The growth of Union University numerically, financially, and spiritually under his leadership has been nothing short of phenomenal. I am grateful his sole purpose in life and work is to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### Morris H. Chapman

*President  
Executive Committee of the  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Nashville, Tenn.*



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## 2003

- Chapter in Festschrift in honor of Norman Gulley, "The Battle for Planet Earth" (Andrews University Press, 2003).
- Four articles in Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary (Holman).
- Articles in Southern Baptist Educator, Southwestern News, Biblical Illustrator, and Midwestern Journal of Theology.
- Keynote address, Azusa Pacific University Conference.
- Keynote address, Annual Faculty Leadership Conference of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.
- Keynote address, Fall Conference, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary.
- Inauguration address for President Evans Whitaker, Anderson College.

- Hawaii Baptist Convention Conference on Islam and Christianity.
- Tennessee Baptist Convention Evangelism Conference.
- White House Christian Fellowship.
- Keynote address, Oklahoma Baptist Convention Innovation Conference.

## 2004

- "Holman Guide to Interpreting the Bible," with George Guthrie (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2004).
- One article in "Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart" (Mohr).
- Sermons in "2004 Minister's Manual" (Jossey Bass).
- Articles in Biblical Illustrator and Southern Baptist Educator.
- Plenary address, Church Polity Conference,

- New Orleans Baptist Seminary.
- Address, Baylor University Conference on Christian Higher Education.
- Keynote address, University of Mobile Conference.
- Hester Lecture, The Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.
- Keynote address, Free Will Baptist College Conference.
- Union Trip to China with Consortium for Global Education (CGE).

## 2005

- One article in Touchstone.
- Torrey Lectures, Biola University.
- Plenary address, Today's Church Conference, New Orleans Baptist Seminary.
- Keynote address, Oklahoma Christian University Conference.

- Speaker, C. S. Lewis Institute, Oxford University.
- Led Union University trip to Greece/Turkey to trace "Footsteps of the Apostle Paul."

#### Other Presentations 1995-2005

- Palm Beach Atlantic University.
- Campbellsville University.
- Blue Mountain College.
- Brewton-Parker College.
- Tabor College.
- Dozens of Civic Clubs.
- Hundreds of churches, associations, and denominational meetings.

#### Boards/Commissions 1995-2005

- Board of Directors, Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (Chairman, 2005).

- Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Consortium for Global Education.
- Board of Directors, Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association.
- Board of Directors, Jackson-Madison County Library Foundation.
- Board of Directors, Thomas Jefferson Awards, Jackson Sun.
- Board of Reference/Senior Fellow, Wilberforce Forum/Prison Fellowship.
- Advisory Board, Birth Choice.
- Board of Directors, American Academy of Ministry.
- Executive Board, Tennessee Foundation for Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Board of Directors, Miller Foundation.
- Board of Directors, Fesmire Family Foundation.
- Commissioner, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

- Paul Harris Fellow, Downtown Jackson Rotary Club.
- Board of Directors, Hammons Charitable Foundation.
- Board of Directors, United Christian College Fund.
- Board of Directors, Christianity Today International. ✠

See more photos of  
David S. Dockery's  
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