

Former U.S. Mint director addresses Business Through the Eyes of Faith



Christians are called to be change agents and can bring about change through the moral and ethical decisions they

make, Edmund Moy said during Union's Business Through the Eyes of Faith luncheon.

"I believe that all Christians without exception are called to full-time Christian ministry," Moy said. "Some of that full-time Christian ministry is going to be as pastors who equip their congregation to go out and do full-time Christian ministry. But for many of us, it's going to be in our workplace."

Moy, former director of the U.S. Mint and aide to President George W. Bush, was the guest speaker for the March event, which is sponsored by the McAfee School of Business Administration. It is designed to encourage and equip members of the West Tennessee business community to integrate their Christian faith into their workplaces.

"I got several compliments about Moy's address," said Keith Absher, dean of the McAfee School of Business Administration. "People related to him. They wanted to hear more."

Moy also spoke in several business classes while he was on campus, and "he was really at his best talking to students one-on-one," Absher said. "It meant a lot to them."

Moy also gave Union's commencement address in May 2004. He said two of his best employees at the White House – Andrea McDaniel and Josh Trent – are both Union alumni.

"One of the things that has attracted me to spending more time at Union University was the wonderful training they got, not only in academics, but in how to integrate their faith into all aspects of their life, including their workplace," he said. ☞

Save the date: Tony Blair visits Union October 3

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair will be the keynote speaker for Union University's 14th annual Scholarship Banquet Oct. 3 at Jackson's Carl Perkins Civic Center.

Blair served as prime minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1997-2007. He was also the leader of Great Britain's Labour Party from 1994-2007 and the Member of Parliament for Sedgefield, England, from 1983-2007.

"In recent years Mr. Blair has become one of the most admired men in the world with his many efforts to promote good will through numerous means such as his faith foundation, his sports foundation, his charitable work and many other laudable efforts," Union University President David S. Dockery said. "The Union community will be pleased once again to bring a major world leader to West Tennessee."

Blair's memoir, *A Journey: My Political Life*, was released in September 2010



and made *The New York Times* Best Seller list within a week of its release.

The annual Scholarship Banquet has become one of the premier events in West Tennessee each year, and is Union's primary fund raising event for its student scholarship fund. All told, Union's Scholarship Banquets

have generated more than \$5 million for student scholarships.

Previous speakers have included George H.W. Bush, Margaret Thatcher, Condoleezza Rice, Mikhail Gorbachev, Laura Bush, Rudolph Giuliani and Colin Powell.

Tickets for this year's event are expected to go quickly. Sponsorship opportunities are available now at all levels. For ticket information, including table sponsorships and individual balcony seating, contact Union's Office of University Relations at (731) 661-5050. ☞

Union to begin new academic journal

Union University will initiate a publishing project that begins next year with a semi-annual academic journal.

The journal has the working title *Religio et Eruditio*, which is the university motto. As the name implies, the journal will address issues of faith and learning from an evangelical perspective. Each edition would

include four to six articles, a running column by the editor and reviews.

The journal will be led by an editorial board consisting of Union University faculty members as well as others from outside the university community. Hunter Baker, associate dean of arts and sciences, and C. Ben Mitchell, Graves Professor of Moral Philosophy, will serve as the journal's senior editors. ☞



Union students volunteer their time at Liberty Garden Park during Campus and Community Day. The students helped by shoveling and laying mulch around the park.

More national honors for community service efforts

For the fifth straight year, Union University has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America's communities.

"It is one thing to be recognized once among this prestigious group of institutions, but to be recognized for five straight years speaks volumes about the quality of Union students, staff and faculty," Union President David S. Dockery said. "We're honored to receive this significant award for the fifth straight year."

Union is one of only about 100 institutions in the nation that have been named to the honor roll every year since its inception.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. This year, 511 institutions were named to the honor roll.

The award is given by the

Corporation for National and Community Service. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

Union University serves the community in many ways throughout the year. Its largest event is the annual "Campus and Community: A Day of Remembrance and Service," in which the university sends out dozens of teams across Jackson and West Tennessee for various service projects. More than 1,000 students, faculty and staff participated in the event in 2010.

Union also participates in local service projects every year on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and the university sends out about 20 Global Opportunities teams annually. These GO teams participate in mission trips across the country and around the world. ☞

Union Debate claims second consecutive championship



For the second year in a row, Union University's debate team won the International Public Debate Association National Championship Tournament, held in April at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

IPDA is one of many debate organizations in which colleges and universities compete.

After a weekend of competing against students from other schools in the varsity, novice and professional divisions, Union students won two tie-breaking debate rounds that determined which team would place first.

The team also won the season-long Varsity, Novice and Scholastic individual sweepstakes, which are awarded to students based on their records from all the tournaments in one season.

"The novices brought fresh energy and new perspectives to the team," debate team coach Web Drake said. "The varsity continued to thrive."

Drake helped to create the Union debate team, which just completed its third season. The students on the team learn critical thinking and quick decision-making skills, and a thorough knowledge of contemporary issues, he said.

Alison Holcomb, a freshman who was president of her high school debate team before joining Union's team, was a semifinalist — one of the top four of more than 50 debaters in the varsity division at the tournament. ☞

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Town and Gown series focuses on child welfare



The welfare of children within the context of communities and the effects of social forces hindering that well-being formed the subject of a spring Town and Gown series.

Mary Anne Poe, professor of social work and director of Union's Center for Just and Caring Communities, said the course material came from a viewpoint of imagining a future that is just and caring for all children.

Among the lectures offered during the series, which ran from April 4-May 2: "Children and the Arts," by Nigel Goodwin, of Genesis Arts Trust in the United Kingdom; "The State of the Child in Tennessee," by Linda O'Neal, director of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth; "Photography: Envisioning Opportunity," by Jim Veneman, assistant professor of communication arts at Union; "The Power of Imagination," by Hal Poe, the Charles Colson Professor of Faith and Culture at Union; and a panel presentation on the topic "Imagining a Just and Caring Future."

The live sessions on the Jackson campus were simulcast to Union's Germantown campus.

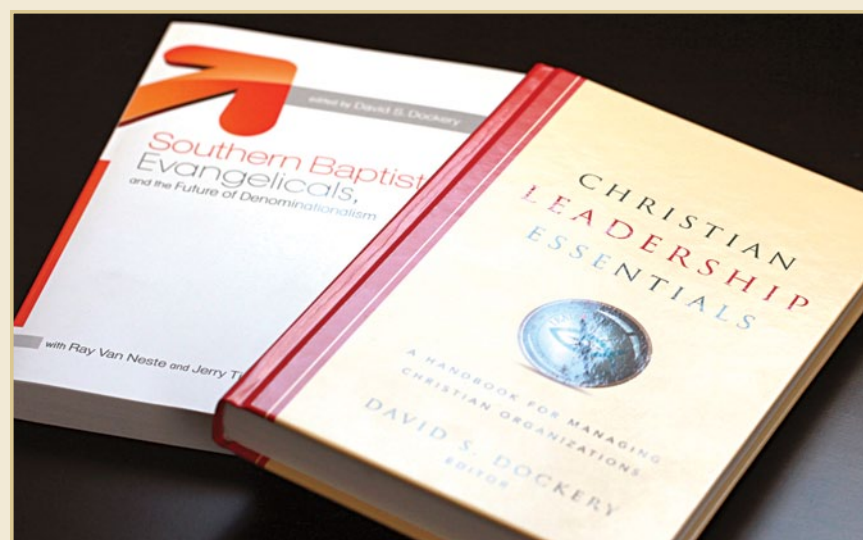
The Town and Gown series is an opportunity for community members interested in various topics to attend lectures and participate in discussions in a classroom setting. The classes are free and open to the public. ☞

CultureFest promotes Christian diversity

In a culturally diverse society, Christians should be willing to embrace Christians from other cultures and backgrounds, Peter Cha told Union University students during the second annual CultureFest.

"Are they merely traveling companions, or do you relate to them as your brothers and sisters in Christ

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Dockery books focus on denomination and leadership

Two new books from Union President David S. Dockery explore the essentials of Christian leadership and the role of Christian denominations.

Southern Baptists, Evangelicals, and the Future of Denominationalism, published by B&H Academic, includes chapters from a variety of Southern Baptist and evangelical leaders, based upon their presentations at a 2009 conference at Union.

Ray Van Neste, associate professor of biblical studies at Union, and Jerry Tidwell, Union's senior vice president for university relations, served as the conference coordinators and assisted with the book.

In the preface, Dockery writes that the world has seen significant changes over the past 50 years, and Christian denominations that reached their peak 50 years ago are now struggling to discover their place in a new age.

"The contributors to this volume are not pessimistic about the future; we are hopeful, largely because of Christ's promise to His church," Dockery writes.

"Yet, we recognize that we find ourselves at a propitious moment when important questions about change, continuity, unity, and diversity need to be raised in light of the challenges around us. We not only want to raise the questions but look for answers that are faithful to our confession and our heritage."

Another recent release is *Christian Leadership Essentials: A Handbook for Managing Christian Organizations*, also published by B&H Academic. Dockery edited this book with the intent of exploring the essential qualities necessary for leading Christian organizations and institutions.

"Faithfulness to the gospel and to institutional or organizational mission will not happen apart from the renewing power of God's Spirit and the development of godly and well-equipped leaders," Dockery writes in the book's introduction. "From a human perspective the need of the hour is leadership, Spirit-enabled leadership."

Both books are available at LifeWay Christian Stores and at online retailers such as Amazon.com. ☞

Scholarship Symposium showcases student research

Academic research, usually reserved for graduate study, is increasingly common for Union undergraduates. Just look at the growth in Union's annual Scholarship Symposium, an event which showcases student research.

In 2004, the first-year abstract for the event included students from 10 disciplines. Now in its eighth year, the 2011 abstract includes 17 disciplines, 100 faculty advisors and research work from 209 students.

Among the work represented: a working wind tunnel from engineering students; completion of an unfinished Dickens novel by English students; and organic means to discourage endoparasites from biology students.

Randall Phillips, associate professor



of family studies and director of research at Union, said practice in communicating ideas and processes is one of the most beneficial aspects of the symposium for students.

"Being able to communicate is a distinctive of the liberal arts," Phillips said. "Give these students a chance, and they can show you what they can do."

More information about this year's event can be found at www.uu.edu/research. ☞

Netland wins top academic award

An article about 20th century Japanese novelist Shusaku Endo by John Netland, professor of English and chairman of Union's English department, was awarded best article in the *Christianity and Literature* journal at a 2011 national conference of academics.

At the meeting of the Modern Language Association in Los Angeles, Netland received the 2010 Lionel Basney Award for Best Refereed Article from the Conference on Christianity



and Literature. His article, "From Cultural Alterity to the Habitations of Grace: The Evolving Moral Topography of Endo's Mudswamp Trope," was published in the journal *Christianity and Literature* in 2009.

From the award citation: "(Netland's article) speaks both to those already familiar with the Japanese Catholic novelist and to those who have yet to encounter him; the former will be enlightened and the latter intrigued." ☞

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because you worship the same God and because you're claimed by the same God?" Cha asked.

Cha, associate professor of pastoral theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, was the guest speaker in chapel as part of Union's CultureFest event, which is designed to promote cross-cultural communication and to celebrate cultural diversity.

Cha encouraged the Union community to be one of racial and cultural unity, he also warned against cultural "blind spots" and underestimating each culture's ability to create certain idols and sinful practices.

CultureFest also included displays in the main hallway of the Student Union Building from students, faculty and staff representing different cultures and regions of the world. Using artwork, artifacts, clothing, music and food samples, the displays offered glimpses and tastes to the cultural diversity that exists in the Union community, with 44 states and 30 countries represented.

"I think CultureFest exceeded our expectations," said John Netland, Union University English professor. "The student displays were exceptional. There was a palpable excitement in the hallway of the SUB, and it was such a joy to see students take such interest in the many cultures represented."

The day concluded with an "open mic" night in Barefoots Joe, with students singing and reciting culturally diverse music and literature.

The event was planned by several campus groups, including the Intercultural Community Council, MOSAIC, International Students and Mu Kappa. ☞



Union athletics update: Conference titles and national recognition

The men's and women's basketball teams combined for 61 wins in the 2010-11 season, with the women falling just short of a national championship three-peat.

The Lady Bulldogs lost to Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 65-59 in a rematch of the previous 2010 national title game. Ranked atop the NAIA Division I polls throughout the season, the ladies finished with a 35-2 record and a TranSouth conference championship.

The men's team finished 26-7 and earned an at-large bid to the NAIA national tournament.

Union sophomore Brett Barry was voted TranSouth Golfer of the Year and his coach Andy Rushing received a third consecutive conference Coach of the Year honor. Union won the conference title and qualified for the national NAIA tournament.

Union softball finished with a 41-15 overall record and advanced to the conference title game. It was the most wins for a Union squad since 2005. Union baseball claimed its second conference title in three years, advancing to the NAIA national tournament. In the conference tournament, third-seeded Union lost the first game of the tournament but came back with four straight wins, averaging 10 runs/game to claim the title. 🏆

Conference explores art, culture and theology



University conference on art, culture and theology.

"We are here today to enable one another to bear that burden," said Goodwin, executive director of Genesis Arts Trust, a ministry for

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School of Pharmacy serves in Belize

When Houston Wyatt arrived in Belize in January as part of a mission trip, it was the first time he had ever left the United States.

"We went to help those people in any way we could," said Wyatt, a third-year pharmacy student at Union University. "We were helped just as much as they were, as far as seeing how they live and how grateful and humble they were about the situation they were in."

Wyatt was one of 35 people from the Union School of Pharmacy who traveled to Hattieville, Belize, in Central America to do a variety of ministry and health care work among the impoverished there. The group included 25 students and 10 faculty, staff and community partners.



After working among residents and at schools during the day, the team led services at a local church in the evening. Josh Clarke, admissions coordinator for the School of Pharmacy, and Doug Duncan, a pharmacist from Dyer, Tenn., shared the preaching duties and pharmacy students gave testimonies and led in worship. 🏆

GO Teams span the globe

Two Union University students stepped out of the glaring sun into a cool, dim coffee shop in Tampa, Fla., to see if they could get a picture with Alex Rodriguez.



The New York Yankees third baseman had just walked in and said no to the picture, but then Rodriguez's girlfriend, actress Cameron Diaz, walked through the door.

While she was waiting for her drink, the two students introduced themselves and explained to her that they were walking in that area of Tampa, praying. They asked if they could pray for her as they walked, and explained that it was the love of Jesus that compelled them to love others.

Diaz asked them to pray for the people who did not have as much as her and commended them for what

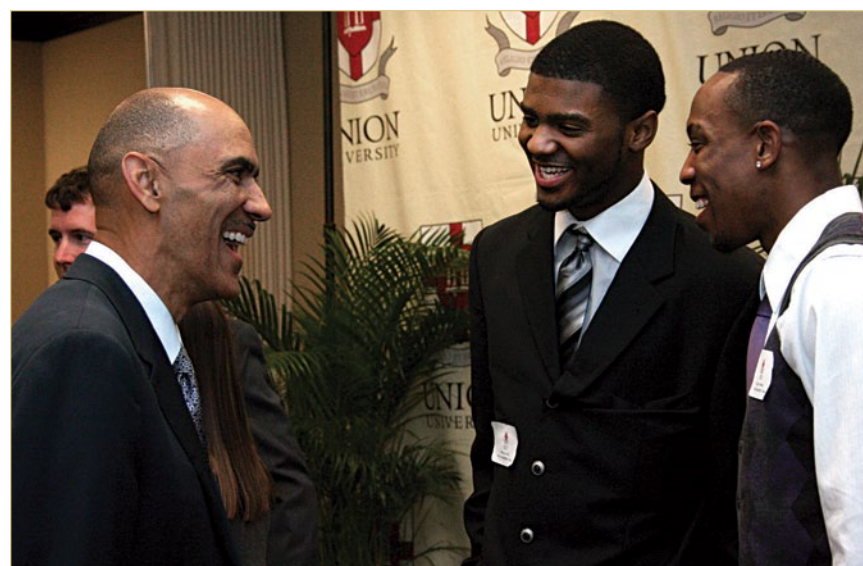
they were doing.

The Tampa group was one of 12 Global Opportunities Teams from Union that used Spring Break to minister in six stateside and six international locations. About 130

students were involved, visiting such places as Central America, Central Asia and Eastern Europe as well as Nashville, Memphis and Boston, among other locations.

In addition to the spring break teams, Union sent out teams in January to Botswana, East Asia, Germany and Israel. This summer, GO teams visit the Philippines, Central Asia and the Middle East.

Donors who wish to partner with GO Teams can make contributions online at www.uu.edu/giving or contact Campus Ministries at 731-661-5062. 🏆



Tony Dungy visits with Union basketball players Antoine Hall, junior DMS major, (center) and Skyler Vaden, junior sports management major (right) prior to his address at the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

Former NFL coach keynotes Golf and Gala

Today's youth need adults to be actively involved in their lives to encourage them to be "uncommon," according to former NFL coach Tony Dungy.

"You never know what small step can make a big difference in young people's lives," Dungy said.

Dungy was the keynote speaker for Union University's third annual Roy L. White Legacy Golf and Gala at the Carl Perkins Civic Center and completed a day that began with a golf tournament at the Jackson Country Club.

Dungy's wife Lauren introduced him and made some opening remarks about the challenges America's youth are facing today.

"Tony and Lauren spoke from the heart as they addressed serious and very real issues facing young people today," said Jerry Tidwell, Union's senior vice president for university relations. "We



are grateful to Roy and Martha White and other lead sponsors for helping to make this event possible."

Dungy became the first black coach to win the Super Bowl when he led the Indianapolis Colts to victory in 2007. He retired from coaching in 2008 and now serves as an

analyst for NBC's "Football Night in America." He is also the author of *The New York Times* bestselling books *Quiet Strength* and *Uncommon*. He and Lauren have co-authored a book for children that teaches acceptance of others.

The banquet event drew about 1,500 people, raising \$375,000 for the university. At the golf tournament earlier in the day, the MG Construction team of Cody Kail, B.J. Stanfield, Clay Mallard and Mills Hamaguchi took first place. 🏆

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Christian artists around the world.

Goodwin was one of several notable Christian artists who led the conversation at the two-day ACT Conference in April on the Union campus. Union's art department, which sponsored the conference, described it as "an international dialogue designed to cultivate meaningful Christian conversations with the arts that encourage artistic activity and innovation as well as biblical, theological and philosophical artistic reflection."

In addition to Goodwin, the conference featured addresses from Daniel A. Siedell, assistant professor of modern and contemporary art history, theory and criticism at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Mary McCleary, regent's professor of art emeritus at Stephen F. Austin State University. 🏆

Teach-out offered to former Lambuth students

Union University agreed to serve as an official teach-out institution in support of Lambuth University's efforts to cease operation on June 30. After being contacted by officials at Lambuth, the Executive Committee of the Union Board of Trustees authorized the Union University administration to work with Lambuth officials to provide this support to Lambuth students.

Union and several other universities worked closely with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to provide maximum flexibility in transfer of credits into equivalent programs, satisfaction of degree residence requirements and financial aid similar to what was available to Lambuth students.

The final number of Lambuth transfers won't be known until fall. 🏆

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A majority of Americans are frustrated by a U.S. political system that seems to ignore the voices and opinions of U.S. citizens, according to a prominent pollster.

"People want Republicans to lose, and they want Democrats to lose," said Scott Rasmussen, founder and president of Rasmussen Reports. "They want them both to lose at the same time, but haven't figured out a way to make that happen."

According to Rasmussen, such continued disregard for the will of the American public is why voters are sensing a growing disconnect between themselves and the government. Voters have concluded "that if we have to rely on politicians for change, well, there's really no hope," he said. "There is no trust in the process."

He cited the government bailouts as a catalyst to the most recent examples

a serious way. Nobody has bothered to explain why spending has gone out of control, Rasmussen said, and though Republicans have proposed various spending cuts, nobody is willing to address three components of the driving forces to governmental spending – Social Security, national security and Medicare.

That negativity can take its toll on a pollster who must daily confront statistics and polls indicating dissatisfaction with

Leading Pollster: Citizens Feel Ignored

Rasmussen spoke on campus in the Carl Grant Events Center as part of the 12th annual Union Forum luncheon lecture series in March. One of the nation's premier sources for public opinion information, Rasmussen has been an independent pollster since 1994 and is a frequent guest on FOX News, CNBC, BBC and other major media outlets.

Public opinion doesn't change in response to what politicians say, Rasmussen said, but changes based on what people encounter in everyday life – and such a dynamic has been a common theme in U.S. history.

That experience with everyday life is what has prompted Americans overwhelmingly over the past 40-50 years to support cuts in government spending and a reduction in the size of the federal government, Rasmussen said. But despite public support for that policy, the last year when government spending decreased from the previous year was 1953, the year Elvis Presley recorded his first single.

of political frustration in the United States and as evidence why people don't think politicians in Washington are talking about the nation's problems in



Rasmussen answers questions during a news conference before Union Forum.

the country's direction, he admitted. But despite the pessimism, Rasmussen said he has reason for hope because the American people overwhelmingly believe in the ideals that created the nation in the first place.

Another reason for optimism, Rasmussen explained, is that the American people are well ahead of their political leaders when it comes to embracing changes that are good for the nation. He expressed confidence that ultimately the voters will get politicians in place who line up with their viewpoints, which will result in a positive outcome.

"Ronald Reagan didn't create the tax revolt," Rasmussen said. "He simply rode the wave."

Union Forum programs are conducted in the fall and spring semesters. Sponsors this year included First South Bank, TLM Associates, West Tennessee Healthcare, The Jackson Sun and Trumbull Laboratories LLC.

Two key addresses highlight Black History Month observance

Two leading biblical scholars visited Union during Black History Month with messages of racial reconciliation.



Author Renita Weems spoke at the fourth annual Black History Month program, and drew a parallel between transitional generations among the Israelites and the modern-day black community.

"Moses my servant is dead," Weems said, quoting Joshua 1, when God appoints Joshua to lead a new generation of Israelites into the Promised Land. The chapter (in Joshua) captures the solemnity,

expectation, even the irony of the end of one generation and the beginning of another."

Growing up in the Deep South in the 1960s and then becoming the first black woman to receive a doctorate in Old Testament studies from Princeton Theological Seminary, Weems said she knows from personal experience the strides which her generation made in breaking down racial segregation and increasing opportunities for black Americans. She also acknowledged, though, that her generation left work for the next.

"It's now your turn, Joshua generation, to build even on our mistakes," Weems told the students in the audience.

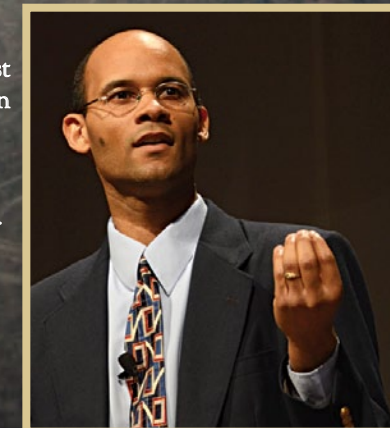
Weems is vice president of academic affairs at American Baptist College in Nashville.

Two days after that event, a New Testament scholar addressed the reconciling power of the gospel in a chapel address.

Jarvis Williams, assistant professor of New Testament and Greek at Campbellsville University, preached from Ephesians 2:11-22.

"Preach the gospel to whomever will listen to you, regardless of whether your audience is black or white or red or green or purple. It doesn't matter. Preach the gospel," Williams said. "Don't you dare believe the lie that there's a black gospel and a white gospel. There's one gospel. It's the gospel of the Jewish Messiah Jesus Christ, and that one gospel is the power of God unto salvation for Jews, as well as for Gentiles."

He stressed to the Union audience that their identity in Christ is more important than their racial identities, and challenged his listeners to embrace the reconciling power of the gospel and give their lives to proclaiming it to others.



Derique Cannon, sophomore engineering major, leads a song with the MOSAIC choir at the Fourth Annual Black History Month Program.