



## Dr. David W. Dockery

April 20, 1955 - October 9, 2019

PRINCETON – Dr. David Wayne Dockery, 64, of Princeton, West Virginia passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Born April 20, 1955 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, he was the son of the late George Jackson Dockery and Annie Magdalene Brown Dockery.

David was a 1973 graduate of Tuscaloosa High School and a 1977 graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He earned a Master of Divinity (1980) and a Doctor of Ministry (1985) from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

David served as pastor of Highland Creek Baptist Church in Martinsville, Indiana (1978-1981); associate pastor of Colonial Avenue Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia (1981-1986); pastor of Fairlawn Baptist Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia (1986-1990); and pastor of First Baptist Church in Princeton, West Virginia since July 15, 1990.

David is survived by his wife of 42 years (June 25, 1977), Maribeth Halsell Dockery; his daughter, Lydia Ruth Dockery Parkey, her husband Justin, their two sons, George Ellis Parkey and Thomas Edgar Parkey of Jonesboro, Arkansas; his son, Andrew David Dockery, his wife Maggie, their two sons, Jackson Calvin Dockery and William Andrew Dockery and their daughter due in February 2020; two sisters, Linda Griffin and her husband Mike of

Northport, Alabama and Rebecca Sikora and her husband Jim of Huntsville, Alabama, their children and grandchildren. David is also survived by the Halsell family and his church family.

The celebration of David's life will be at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 12, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Princeton with the Rev. Branan G. Thompson and Pastor Andrew S. Maynor officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Building Fund at First Baptist Church, 1116 Mercer St., Princeton, WV 24740.

The family will receive friends Saturday, October, 12, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. until service hour at the First Baptist Church in Princeton.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to David, or share condolences with the family, please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
1116 Mercer Street  
Princeton, WV 24740

## Memorial Service

OCT **12.** 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. David W. Dockery



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**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - October 13, 2019 at 10:18 AM

JS

Wow! What a blessed filled life for one who was a committed servant of his SAVIOR and LORD JESUS. Well done!

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**Josephine Sweet** - October 13, 2019 at 04:45 PM

MW

Pastor Dockery was always very kind, considerate and caring towards my mother, Jeanette Casey and our family over the years of being near neighbors to First Baptist. His wife and family and his church family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time as you grieve his loss in your family and church. We also rejoice for and with him that he is enjoying life with Jesus and joy unspeakable.

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**Mary Walkup** - October 15, 2019 at 01:51 AM

  
Aaron  
Allen

I am deeply saddened up David's passing. He was a very kind and caring person towards everyone including my family where he was the Pastor for over 8 years. He was one of God's greatest servants to preach the word of the Lord. God bless you David and your wife and family and also your church. Prayers to you and your family as they grief in your loss. But the Lord has picked up a wonderful person as you were kind and gentle to everyone. Enjoy talking to you and fellowshipping with you at the church and at the baseball park. Rest in peace Pastor David Dockery

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**Aaron Allen** - October 17, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ *Dr. David W. Dockery*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *God bless his family and his church family. Such a life for the lord!  
He was such a blessing to hear speak.*

**Charles Farley** - October 16, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ *David will always be remembered as a wonderful, caring man who did God's work. He will be missed in the lives and hearts of many and leaves behind a beautiful family. We will see him again, as God promises.*



**Karen Kibble** - October 13, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ *David was a very kind and caring man, I made him a cd of his xrays to take to a doctor. Then in a few days he brought me a box if candy in appreciation of my kindness to him , which I was only doing my job . He will be missed he was a very caring man. Love and prayers to his family ❤️🙏*

**Linda Steele** - October 12, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ *David had such a kind spirit. He was always smiling and knew how to bring laughter to those around him. I will surely miss joking around with him. The world is a better place because of him.*

**Mr. and Mrs. M.L.Bradley** - October 12, 2019 at 11:03 AM

DK

“ David was the Pastor of Fairlawn Baptist Church when Del accepted Christ and he was there when our youngest son was born. I have some wonderful memories of David taking Lydia to see the parade with us and a trip to the Kendall farm, memories of a family enjoying time our family, many fond memories. He was a family oriented man.

Diane Kendall - October 12, 2019 at 10:57 AM

TW

“ Thinking of you all during this time. Hugs and prayers.  
Tina White-Huddleston



Tina White-Huddleston - October 11, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. David W. Dockery.



October 11, 2019 at 03:43 PM

JW

“ We are so very sorry to here about Dr. David Dockery's passing. In realilty, what a promotion he is having with his Lord and Savior. Our paths crossed several years ago and he was indeed a man of God who never changed. Prayers for his loving family.  
James & Janice Brooks Wiblin

Janice Wiblin - October 11, 2019 at 02:13 PM

KH

*I am very sorry to hear about David's passing. He was indeed a man of God, a smile and warm handshake whenever we would meet. Thoughts and prayers for Maribeth and his family.*

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**Kathy Hazelwood** - October 11, 2019 at 11:50 PM

DD

“ *While at the baseball field during rains, we would ask David to help us out to avoid rain outs. He would always respond, "I'm in sales not management." What a great man. My sincerest condolences to Andrew and the family. Prayers for strength and comfort!*

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**David Daisey** - October 11, 2019 at 11:45 AM

AH

“ *I remember David from high school days at Tuscaloosa High School. Even at that time he had his goals set to make a difference, and he had his eyes set on eternal things. He had a servant's heart and was able to fulfill his purpose through the ministry. Many people know what a difference he made in each of their lives. God bless his family and his church as both move forward without him.*

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**Alan Hartley** - October 11, 2019 at 09:00 AM

JB

“ *Please except our deepest condolences. David was a true man of God. He always had a smile and helping hand. Rest on angel wings. Jeremy and Rochelle Ball*

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**Jeremy and Rochelle Ball** - October 11, 2019 at 04:20 AM

BH

“ David was a wonderful person he was always there to help others. He was so compassionate. When my family needed help or assistance he was always there. When my mother passed away his words of comfort and encouragement are still remembered today. I know God blessed me and my family in knowing him and experiencing his great faith, and love for others. Our prayers our with Maribeth and his family during this very difficult time and always.

Betty Hebbert - October 11, 2019 at 12:01 AM



I agree

Freda Bolin - October 11, 2019 at 09:16 AM



Yes he was a great man.

Freda Bolin - October 11, 2019 at 09:17 AM

JL

“ An individual who stood tall in my opinion by his grace and leadership. A man of God who I had the opportunity to talk to on 2 different occasions and it was a pleasure to speak with Dr. Dockery. R.I.P. Dr. David Dockery



John O. Lowe - October 10, 2019 at 11:47 PM



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October 10, 2019 at 11:13 PM

DM

“ David was such a kind and wonderful man who greeted everyone with a smile no matter where you were. He helped me and my family when we lost our daughter. He had so much compassion and understanding. We have lost a good man here but in our hearts we know he's not suffering and we will meet again. I pray that God is with the family providing them comfort and love through this difficult time.

*Debbie McClanahan*

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**Debra McClanahan** - October 10, 2019 at 10:44 PM

JW

“ Maribeth...you and your family are in my heart and in my prayers. I'll never ever forget the impact that David had on my life at CABC.

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**Jan (Byrum) Winston** - October 10, 2019 at 10:32 PM

RI

“ God Bless the Family.



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**Richelleldavis** - October 10, 2019 at 09:55 PM

DC

“ A true man of God and shepherd to the flock... his kindness knew no bounds and his Godly wisdom will be missed. Heaven gained a true saint, but his legacy will continue here on earth for years to come!! God Bless and comfort his family and friends.

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**David Calfee** - October 10, 2019 at 09:54 PM

RA

“ Randy and I were so sad to hear of David’s passing but so happy for him that he is free of sickness and home with his Father. Our love to Maribeth and family and also his church family.  
*Rev. Randy and Rhonda Adkins*

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**Rev, Randy & Rhonda Adkins** - October 10, 2019 at 09:52 PM

OL

“ Olivia lit a candle in memory of Dr. David W. Dockery



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**Olivia** - October 10, 2019 at 09:38 PM

DA

“ I’m so sorry to hear of David’s home going but know he is at peace and pain free. Prayers for comfort and peace to all of his family.

*Denise Langford Ashcraft  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*

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**Denise Ashcraft** - October 10, 2019 at 09:30 PM

JT

“ David was such an important role model for me growing up in Roanoke VA during his involvement with Colonial Avenue Baptist Church. He and his wife Maribeth became very close with our family, and were such a positive influence on our community. It is many fun times I remember with the Dockery family. His impact was immense. My memory will live on of this important man.

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**John Thompson** - October 10, 2019 at 08:57 PM

NW

“ David was always so kind to me and my family. I have many wonderful memories of him during the time our boys played ball together. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this very sad and difficult time. Prayers for the First Baptist Church as well for the loss of a wonderful pastor and friend. David was just a very special person and will be greatly missed by the entire community. I am so very sorry. Nancy (Caldwell) Walker

Nancy Walker - October 10, 2019 at 07:40 PM

JW

“ Maribeth and family,  
We are deeply saddened by the death of David. He was a very special man. We loved him so much and are going to miss him. His smile was contagious and his kind words and humor were always encouraging. Heaven got the best with David. You are in our prayers.  
Mike and Judy Wood

Judy Wood - October 10, 2019 at 07:33 PM

KW

“ Kaye Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. David W. Dockery



Kaye Williams - October 10, 2019 at 07:29 PM

KW

David was a kind and caring gentleman. I got to know him when he was attending Princeton High School basketball games. We often talked sports and I really enjoyed those times. Prayers for his family and many friends.

Kaye Williams - October 10, 2019 at 07:33 PM



*Rest in peace.*

**Kaye Williams** - October 10, 2019 at 07:34 PM

KB

“ *David lived his Christian witness and always had such a kind, loving spirit about him. There is rejoicing in Heaven today as God welcomes David home. Looking forward to seeing him again someday.*

**Kathy Butler** - October 10, 2019 at 07:27 PM

JR

“ *What a true friend. I met David in 1992 and had the opportunity to speak in his church. He touched a lot of lives while here in Mercer county. Praying that God will comfort the family at this most difficult time. Looking forward to seeing him in heaven.*

*John Ross*

**John Ross** - October 10, 2019 at 07:15 PM

DS

“ *DR. MENA AND STAFF purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Dr. David W. Dockery.*



**DR. MENA AND STAFF** - October 10, 2019 at 07:03 PM

JC

“ I have such special memories of growing up in Alberta Baptist Church with David and Maribeth. We always knew that he was very special and would make wonderful minister. I am so very sad to hear about his death. His family and church family will be in my prayers.

*Janet Caddell Crowder*

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**janet Crowder** - October 10, 2019 at 06:52 PM

MS

*Loving thoughts and prayers to you and family ❤️*

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**Marie Savage** - October 10, 2019 at 07:32 PM

BK

*Love and prayers to you and your family ! Ken and Bette Koskodan*

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**Bette Koskodan** - October 10, 2019 at 09:41 PM

DK

“ Prayers for all ... so sorry for your loss but Heaven is rejoicing !  
*Donna Savage Kitchen*

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**Donna kitchen** - October 10, 2019 at 06:47 PM

JG

“ David and I were roommates for about a year and a half at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. He and Maribeth have been very dear friends and a brother and sister in Christ since those days in the mid 1970s.

*David was a groomsman in my wedding. I married someone with Type 1 Diabetes, and rooming with David helped prepare me for life with a diabetic.*

*Joy and I are praying for Maribeth, her children and her entire family and church family during these days of grief. We are all looking forward to seeing David again in Glory!*

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**Joe Godfrey** - October 10, 2019 at 06:32 PM

LM

*David and I chose different paths after High School; however, God sent us on spiritual journeys that will be eternal. It has been a joy to serve God in vocational ministry. When we reflect on our journey, we see the lives touched and the blessings God has provided.*

*Maribeth, I do not know you, but I know what it means to have a loving and supportive wife. God bless you and your family as you move forward without David. I am praying for you, your family, and your church family.*

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**Larry Morrison** - October 11, 2019 at 12:07 PM

MH

“ David always treated me like family, and I will always be thankful for that.

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**Melissa Hill** - October 10, 2019 at 06:21 PM

SA

“*David and Maribeth were Christians that lived like Christ wherever they were. I admired Dr, Dockery for his kind spirit and compassion for unsaved people. His journey is over here on earth, but His rejoicing with God has begun.*  
*Sincerely, Charles and Susan Allen*



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**susan Allen** - October 10, 2019 at 06:07 PM

CB

*I knew David from the start of first grade. His life and testimony to God was just that, he lived in a way that anyone that met him knew he was a child of God. I know he will be missed by many, but he now finds himself where he has strived to be all his life. Prayers for strength and comfort for his family, and all that loved him.*

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**Clark Burrage** - October 10, 2019 at 06:17 PM

MC

*Love and prayers to you and your family.*

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**Mary A Cannon** - October 11, 2019 at 10:21 AM

LG

“*David was our pastor when we lost our daughter in 1995. He prayed with us and guided us as we prepared for her funeral. When we met with him at that time we were very distraught but I know I could see Jesus through his eyes.*

*Tom and Lynne Gilpin*

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**Lynne Gilpin** - October 10, 2019 at 06:05 PM

DC

“ *A man committed to Christ. He will be sorely missed. Love and prayers for his immediate family and church family.*

*Deborah Clark*

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**Deborah Clark** - October 10, 2019 at 04:54 PM