

Biography – J. Jason Hawkins

J. Jason Hawkins is President and CEO of First United Bank and Trust Company, headquartered in Madisonville, Kentucky. Jason has worked at First United for over 20 years, and prior to his current role, held the positions of Chief Financial Officer, Investment Officer, and Trust Officer.

Jason is a career banker with over 30 years of experience. He graduated from Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in Finance and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA).

Under Jason's leadership, First United Bank has earned national recognition as one of the Best Banks to Work For by American Banker for four consecutive years (2022-2025). In 2025, the bank ranked No. 12 overall nationally, No. 9 among banks with less than \$3 billion in assets, and claimed the top spot in Kentucky. Founded in 1996, First United Bank operates seven branches across Hopkins, Ohio, Daviess, and Crittenden counties, with 107 employees and almost \$600 million in assets.

Jason currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Kentucky Bankers Association Board of Directors and was appointed to the Board of Directors of First United Bancorp, Inc. and First United Bank and Trust Company in July 2025. He is active in the community and currently serves as a board member of Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville, Madisonville-Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation, and the Salvation Army. He is also a member of Madisonville Noon Kiwanis and serves on the finance committee for Southside Baptist Church.

Jason and his wife, Jessica, have six children: Landon, Lincoln, Cutter, Everett, Tory, and Laban.