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Pastor from St. Louis, Mo., is Guest Speaker for Dimensions Program

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—A pastor from St. Louis, Mo., is the guest speaker for the Martin Luther King Jr. observance at Gardner-Webb University, held during Dimensions on Jan. 22. The program, which begins at 9:25 a.m. in the Tucker Student Center, is free and open to the public.

The Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Bobo Sr. leads West Side Missionary Baptist Church. Under his guidance, the church has added a second location and offers three worship services on the weekends. The services are also streamed live on the church website. The congregation supports outreach ministries to the community, the nation and the world.

Bobo's visit was arranged by Dr. Robert Canoy, dean of the School of Divinity. The two met in 1981 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS) in Louisville, Ky. "I was in my first semester and he in his last," Canoy shared. "We were in a Greek exegesis class on the Gospel of Luke. He was bright and witty, and I was pleased to meet him then and to become close friends."

Canoy has also invited Bobo to be a featured speaker for the summer 2019 Pastor's School hosted by the School of Divinity. The Dimensions program will give area pastors a preview. "His preaching is biblically informed, relevant and powerfully delivered," Canoy described. "Dr. Bobo embodies the best in pastoral ministry."

Bobo, a native of Detroit, Mich., is a graduate of Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. He received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from SBTS. He also serves as the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri. He is past president of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Department, where he served youth around the world.

He is active with the parent body of the Baptist World Alliance, giving leadership on global issues in the church. Bobo is also serving as chairman of the Foreign Missions Board for the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. He is also the founder of Sharing Hope International Ministries, which ministers globally as well as locally, to instruct, preach, and minister to the needs of the lost and downtrodden.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-2155 or email disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

Gardner-Webb University's Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and also to promote a sense of community. Dimensions programs are held on Tuesdays at 9:25 a.m. in the Tucker Student Center. More information is available by calling 704-406-4277.

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