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Jonathan Lotz is Guest Speaker for Dimensions Nov. 6

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Jonathan Lotz, grandson of the late Rev. Billy Graham, will be speaking at Gardner-Webb University Nov. 6 at 9:25 a.m. for Dimensions. The son of Anne Graham Lotz, he is an ordained minister, who preaches regularly for revivals and retreats. The GWU program is free and open to the public and will be held in Stewart Hall inside Tucker Student Center.

Lotz was a guest speaker for Dimensions in 2014, and his visit this time has special meaning, said Tracy Jessup, vice president for the Office of Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University. “I intentionally asked him to speak on Nov. 6 as it is the day before what would have been his grandfather’s 100th birthday,” Jessup shared. “Hosting Jonathan on campus at this time is another way in which we can honor the life and legacy of Billy Graham. Although I have given him the freedom to share as God leads, I have asked him to consider speaking about some lessons he learned throughout life from his grandfather.”

He is also the third member of the Graham family to speak on Gardner-Webb’s campus. In 1971, his grandfather preached to a crowd of 3,000 in Bost Gymnasium. In 2008, Will Graham, the son of Franklin Graham, was the featured guest for a Dimensions program in Paul Porter Arena in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center.

Like his grandfather, Lotz is committed to preaching the word of God and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world in need of hope. No stranger to pain and suffering, he has experienced athletic disappointment, cancer, divorce and unemployment. His mother recently announced she is battling breast cancer. Lotz shares with audiences how God has brought him through challenge after challenge.

He has preached the Gospel in several states, including North Carolina where he makes his home, as well as in other countries. He has served on staff with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Build the Village, a missions organization in East Africa; and Park Cities Presbyterian Church (PCA).

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's Dimensions program seeks to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and to promote a sense of community. More information is available by calling the GWU Office of Christian Life & Service at 704-406-4277 or visiting gardner-webb.edu.

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