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*Dimensions Program Will Feature Gentry and Hadley Eddings on Feb. 7*

**By Katie Furr, ('20) GWU Intern for Communications**

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—A couple who understands all too well the meaning of both loss and forgiveness will be speaking at Gardner-Webb University on Feb. 7 for the Dimensions program. This event will be held at 9:25 a.m. in Stewart Hall of Tucker Student Center on GWU's main campus and is free and open to the public.

photo of Gentry and Hadley Eddings

Gentry Eddings, who is a Charlotte-based pastor, and his wife, Hadley, lost their two children in a car accident two years ago. The driver pleaded guilty to two counts of involuntary manslaughter. Investigators said he had illegal drugs in his system at the time of the crash. In the aftermath, this couple spoke to the man and offered their forgiveness. Now, the two speak about their story, spreading a message of hope and forgiveness even in the most unimaginable circumstances.

“All of us at times need to be reminded of God’s ability to bring beauty from ashes,” said Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president of Christian Life and Service and Senior Minister to the University. “The story of Gentry and Hadley Eddings offers that reminder in a beautiful and powerful way.”

Recently, the couple announced that they are expecting twins this summer. They continue to share their message of God’s grace.

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](http://gardner-webb.edu).

***Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 10 days prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4253 or email [servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu).***