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## *Annual Event Offers Ministers Opportunity to Learn and Reflect on Church Themes*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University's 2016 Pastors' School, an annual three-day educational retreat for pastors and students of ministry and theology, is scheduled for May 30 through June 1 at GWU. Baylor University's Dr. Joel Gregory will serve as the keynote speaker for the event, which is sponsored by the Pittman Center for Congregational Enrichment as a means of connecting to area ministers and encouraging the work of the local church.

Gregory holds the George W. Truett Endowed Chair in Preaching and Evangelism at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University (Waco, Texas). Gregory will address the theme, "Preaching and Synchronicity: Watching God's Calendar and Noting His Time." In addition, the 2016 School will also feature guest speaker Dr. Al Cadenhead, who retired in 2015 after more than 46 years in ministry—including the last 17 years as Senior Pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C. Cadenhead currently works part time as the assistant vice president for church advancement in the Office of Church Relations at Gardner-Webb. Morning devotionals will be offered by Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University.

According to Dr. Danny West, director of Ministry Leadership and professor of preaching at Gardner-Webb, the goal of the annual Pastors' School is to offer ministers the chance to learn, converse and reflect on topics related to church ministry, and to hear from leading thinkers on pressing current issues. "For me, the Pastors' School is a time of renewal of both body and soul," West shared. "Ministers are by nature 'givers' and one of the dangers in ministry is allowing the pressures of ministry to deplete our spiritual resources. Our school is designed to allow ministers to be challenged and inspired by outstanding ministry practitioners, to enjoy much needed fellowship with other ministers, and to carve out moments for rest and relaxation. We attempt to incorporate all of these ingredients into our three-day event."

Registration is \$75 for participants, \$30 for additional church staff or spouses, and free for students. The cost of meals is \$40. Lodging in campus apartments is available for \$60 per night.

For more information about the Pastors' School, visit [gardner-webb.edu/pastors-school](http://gardner-webb.edu/pastors-school) or contact Lisa Hollifield at (704) 406-3855 to register.

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