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Brian Burgess to Offer Messages During Celebration Week Programs

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—A minister, discipleship leader and Gardner-Webb alumnus will be the featured speaker for several upcoming services during GWU's annual Celebration Week, a time that unites the University community through a variety of worship opportunities. The events are free and open to the public.

**Brian Burgess** 

Brian Burgess, youth and outreach minister at Western Avenue Baptist Church in Statesville (N.C.), will be featured at Dimensions services on Jan. 26 and 28, both at 9:25 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC) on campus. Burgess earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Studies at Gardner-Webb. He regularly speaks at colleges, churches and summer camps about discipleship, overcoming adversity and boldly living the Gospel.

Burgess will also speak at 8 p.m. services on Jan. 26 and 28 in the Tucker Student Center. In addition to his messages, Gardner-Webb's Celebration Week will include the following opportunities for glorifying God with other members of the University community at 8 p.m. each night.

- Jan. 25 GWU alumnus Adam Velez will lead an outdoor acoustic worship and devotional service on the patio behind the Tucker Student Center.
- Jan. 27 Gardner-Webb students will share their testimonies in the Tucker Student Center.
- Jan. 29 A worship service in Dover Chapel will conclude the week.

For more information about Celebration Week and Dimensions, contact the GWU Office of Christian Life & Service at 704-406-4277.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4253 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and

leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).