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Diapers, Baby Wipes, Infant Formula, and Cash Donations Accepted Now Through Oct. 30

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Nineteen people lost their lives. More than 300 people are living in disaster recovery centers because their homes were destroyed. Thousands more have begun costly clean up efforts, and more than 37,000 people have registered for disaster assistance from FEMA. South Carolina's devastating flood on Oct. 4 may be recorded as the most costly and destructive natural disaster in the state's history.

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To help those who lost nearly everything, the Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity has launched a supplies drive in conjunction with disaster relief efforts currently being coordinated by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina (CBFSC). The School of Divinity will collect diapers, baby wipes, and infant formula, as well as cash donations, through Oct. 30.

"We hope that we never have to open our hearts to others as a result of a natural disaster, but we all know that life is filled with unexpected interruptions that either bring out the best or the worst in us," said Dr. Robert Canoy, dean of the GWU School of Divinity. "We focus on our students—and faculty and administration—becoming ministers who 'Be, Know, and Do' the Christian faith. Part of what we 'do' is extend the love of Christ to others who are in need; we do this because we 'know' that Christ has loved us and that we all are on the way to 'be' more and more like Him through our ministry preparation. We give because this is who we are."

Items can be brought to the Koinonia Student Lounge, located in Lindsay Hall on the Gardner-Webb campus, and placed in designated boxes. For those who prefer to make a cash donation, visit cbfsc.org/sc-disaster-response for information on agencies that are assisting South Carolina citizens in relief efforts.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina (CBFSC) values cooperation and partnerships rooted in humility and shared values. They build relationships with one another and enable participants to more effectively engage in ministry and missions.

CBFSC respects the meaningful aspects of Baptist traditions and heritage and values exploration and innovation that enable believers to communicate the Gospel in ways that are powerful and meaningful within a contemporary context.

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).