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Guitarist to Share Music and Life Stories During Dimensions Program

By Jill Blank, Communications Intern

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Award-winning guitarist Doyle Dykes will visit Gardner-Webb University on Tuesday, Sept. 1, to speak at the University’s Dimensions program, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. The program is open to the public.

Dykes will share stories about his life, his passion for music, as well as his skills on the guitar. His musical influences vary from the country tunes of Chet Atkins to the rock ‘n’ roll stylings of The Beatles. Dykes has developed his own distinct sound that amazes audiences with skill, while capturing hearts with sincerity and soul.

Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University shared, “Early on in my ministry at Gardner-Webb University, two students introduced me to Doyle Dykes and asked me to consider booking him for a Dimensions program. Impressed by his remarkable talent as a guitarist, I booked him for the Fall of 1999, and he has been a student favorite ever since. Without a doubt, Doyle is the most gifted guitarist I have ever heard, but he is also one of the most humble, Christian men I have ever met.”

Dykes has performed multiple times at the Grand Ole Opry and has been awarded “Instrumentalist of the Year” twice by the International Country Gospel Music Association. Currently, he is traveling across America performing in various churches and will be making a stop in Shelby, N.C., to teach a guitar master class at Shelby Music Center starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

For more information about Dykes, visit doyledykes.com.

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).