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Program Features Experiences of Dr. Joseph Webb

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—A Gardner-Webb University professor shared his experiences from the Civil Rights Movement and related those events to modern issues during a program, “True Freedom: From the 1960s to the Present,” on April 20 in the Tucker Student Center.

Dr. Joseph Webb

Dr. Joseph Webb, professor of communication and new media at Gardner-Webb, experienced the civil rights era as a college student. During the GWU program, he discussed the meaning of human freedom, how people’s decisions impact the ability of others to live freely, and how individuals can examine their own actions instead of shifting blame to others.

The event was sponsored by Life of the Scholar (LOTS) and the Center for Christian Ethics and Social Responsibility (CCESR).

“The LOTS Committee and the Center hope that this will move us toward some larger events and open discussion on the issues that still exist in this nation regarding race and freedom,” shared Dr. Tom LeGrand, CCESR director. “The end of the Civil Rights Movement did not end the need to fight for civil rights. Movements begin us on a journey toward a goal, but the necessary work long outlives the movement itself. Learning the history of the 1960s from eyewitnesses like Dr. Webb is essential to understanding why we must continue to stand for the rights of all human beings who are denied freedom.”

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for career success and for engaged, responsible citizenship in their professional, civic, and spiritual communities.