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## *James Emery White to Discuss Religious Affiliations*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — The Dimensions program at Gardner-Webb University announces its 12th guest for the 2014-2015 academic year. Pastor and author James Emery White will share a message on religious affiliations on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 9:25 a.m. in Stewart Hall of the Tucker Student Center. The event is free and open to the public.

James Emery White is the founding and senior pastor of Mecklenburg Community Church (MCC) in Charlotte, N.C. He is also founder and president of Serious Times, a ministry that explores the intersection of faith and culture.

“Dr. White is a noted pastor, author, and scholar whom I felt led to invite to speak in Dimensions after reading an article about his most recent book, “The Rise of the Nones: Understanding and Reaching the Religiously Unaffiliated,” shared Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president of the Office of Christian Life and Services and senior minister to the University. “According to Dr. White’s research, one in five Americans identify themselves as having no religious affiliation. His book explores exactly who the “nones” are and how they can be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Mecklenburg Community Church began with a single family and has grown to an active regular attendance of 10,000 on four campuses. MCC experiences more than 70 percent of its growth from those who were previously not in church, and during its formative years was often cited as one of the fastest growing start-up churches in the United States.

For more information about White and Mecklenburg Community church, visit [ChurchandCulture.org](http://ChurchandCulture.org).

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