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## *Community Invited to Monday-Thursday Evening Services June 23 through July 25*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Crossroads Worldwide Summer Camp

2014 will begin its 19th consecutive year at Gardner-Webb

University on Monday, June 23. For five weeks, the ministry will immerse over 4,000 youth campers in a variety of worship experiences. Nightly worship services, held Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m., are open to the community. The final week of camp is slated to conclude on July 25.

Crossroads began in 1995 when Gardner-Webb alumnus and renowned evangelist Clayton King ('95) answered what he calls “a God-given, lifelong vision for me to do a summer camp ministry.” Since then, nearly 50,000 students have experienced Christ’s love and grace through Crossroads summer camps and have given more than one million dollars toward missions.

The camps are designed to promote sound Biblical teaching and discipleship, helping campers to grow in their relationships with Christ and fellow believers. In addition to a variety of worship experiences and exciting activities (including outdoor adventure challenges, Ultimate Frisbee, swimming, and musical jam sessions in a recording studio), the students enjoy five days of teaching and spiritual exploration focused on a central theme.

“Our theme this summer is ‘The Gospel,’ and we’re praying for students to repent of their sin and trust Christ for salvation,” King shared. “We’re also excited to teach how the same gospel that saves us is the gospel that forms us spiritually and teaches us to be disciples of Jesus.”

Students will attend breakout workshops helping them apply aspects of that theme to their lives. Each year, Crossroads staff members review the schedule to offer as much time for individual reflection and prayer as possible. Corporate worship and teaching times are held each morning and evening, and feature King along with a variety of other speakers, teachers, and worship leaders.

“One of our focuses this summer will be on how the gospel directs our relationships—friendships, dating, and marriage—as outlined in scripture,” King offered. “In a culture that constantly throws confusing messages at teenagers about love and sexuality, we want to stand firm on what the Bible says, beginning in Genesis and affirmed by Jesus. We also want to show how God offers grace and forgiveness for past mistakes.”

Each evening at 7 p.m., students will gather for worship services in the Paul Porter Arena that are also open to the public. Crossroads staff asks that community members sit in the upper portion of the bleachers, leaving the floor and the lower bleachers for students.

More information about Crossroads Worldwide and Clayton King Ministries is available at [crossroadsworldwide.com](http://crossroadsworldwide.com).



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