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Annual Event Offers Ministers Opportunity to Learn and Reflect on Church Themes

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Registration is now open for Gardner-Webb's 2014 Pastors' School, a three-day educational retreat for pastors and students of ministry and theology, May 26-28 at GWU. Kyle Matthews, Dove Award-winning singer and songwriter, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event.

Matthews will address the theme, "Struggling Together to Communicate the Gospel in a Post-Christian Culture." In addition, the 2014 School will also feature several special guest speakers Kathy Naish, pastor of First Christian Church (Lincolnton, N.C.); David Blanton, pastor of Fallston Baptist Church (Fallston, N.C.); David Smith, retired pastor of First Baptist Church (Lenoir, N.C.); and Kent Cranford, pastor of Loray Baptist Church (Gastonia, N.C.). Morning devotionals will be offered by Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian life and service and senior minister to the University.

The goal of the annual Pastors' School is to offer ministers the chance to learn, converse and reflect on topics related to church ministry, and to hear from leading thinkers on pressing current issues. Keith Dixon, associational missionary at the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, attends the school each year.

"There's something refreshing about renewing relationships—about sharing with one another about your situation, your ministry, that kind of thing," Dixon reflected. "I've always thought its pretty interesting to find out we're not all alone. We've really all got kind of the same issues—the same problems. We find out how we each cope with it too. It is just a refreshing time where you don't have all the pressures that you have on a day to day basis."

Registration is \$60 for participants, \$30 for additional church staff or spouses, and free for students. The cost of meals (five meals) is \$30. Lodging in campus apartments is available for \$60 per night.

For more information about the Pastors' School or the Pittman Center for Congregational Enrichment, visit gardner-webb.edu/pastors-school or call John Bridges at 704-406-3008.

2013 Pastor's School at GWU:



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