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Chip Luter is Dimensions Program Guest on February 4

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Dimensions program at Gardner-Webb University is pleased to present Chip Luter, the pastor of youth and young adults at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church (FABC) in New Orleans, La. Luter will share the gospel in a compelling message on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 9:25 a.m. in the Paul Porter Arena, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC).

Luter found his calling in August 2001, when he decided to become a minister of the gospel of Christ. In the fall of 2002, he began his journey at Dallas (Texas) Baptist University in preparation of fulfilling the call. Luter decided to go to work with his father, lead pastor at FABC, and preach to the youth of the congregation. Luter has a strong passion for people, especially teenagers, as he tries to help them build a relationship with Christ.

In 2012, Luter's father, Frank Luter, Jr., became the first African-American president in the Southern Baptist Convention's nearly 170 years of existence.

"Dr. Bob Carey recommended Chip as a Dimensions speaker," said Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University. "He had the opportunity to meet him when Chip's father was elected as the first African-American president of the Southern Baptist Convention. We're thrilled to have him speak on our campus." Carey serves as assistant professor and chair for the GWU Department of Communications and New Media.

Established in the 1940s, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church elected Frank Luter, Jr. as their pastor in 1986. Luter, Jr., committed himself to encourage the people by preaching, teaching, and living the word of God. Today, the church offers services in several locations – New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Houston. FABC's mission is to "Exalt the Savior," "Equip the Saints," and "Evangelize the Sinners!"

For more information on FABC, visit franklinabc.com.

Gardner-Webb University's Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and also to promote a sense of community. Dimensions programs are held on Tuesday at 9:25 a.m. in the LYCC. More information is available by calling 704-406-4277.

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