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GWU Alum Carl Cartee and Mike Bass to Serve as Featured Guests

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb has always been a place where its students can zealously worship the Lord, and the University is once again extending an opportunity to the youth of Cleveland County to do just that. All middle school to college age students are invited to attend the Cleveland County Youth for Christ Rally (YFC), on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in Stewart Hall, located inside the Tucker Student Center.

There is no admission fee for the event, and all churches are encouraged to bring their youth regardless of the denomination. GWU Alumnus and Dove Award Winner Carl Cartee will lead the congregation in worship, while Mike Bass from Solid Rock United Methodist Church-Community Campus, located in Raeford, N.C., will deliver the ministry message.

Cartee, who now lives in Nashville, Tenn., is a staff writer for Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing and the artist-in-residence at Fellowship Bible Church in Brentwood, Tenn. He is also the founder of Mighty Oak Records and along with his wife Heather, also a GWU Alumnus, started the annual Inspire Worship Conference.

“A plain and simple definition of worship is your mind’s attention and your heart’s affection,” said Cartee. “Now it could be towards anything; your car, your school, your girlfriend, whatever. But when we place the attention of our mind and the affection of our hearts on God, that’s worship.”

Bass is the campus pastor at Solid Rock UMC and is also the dean and professor at the Solid Rock School of Theology. In addition to authoring three books, he also earned his Ph. D. in Theology from Northwestern Theological Seminary and is a graduate of the pastor’s course of study from Duke University Divinity School, in Durham, N.C. Unafraid of diving into tough topics about God’s Word, Bass uses his blog, reapthevision.com, to connect with a younger audience. He posts almost every week to provide insight on the church and its teachings.

The first 150 guests at the rally will receive a free Frisbee, to reserve your seat or for more information call 704-349-8701. You can also email any questions to clevecoyouthrally@gmail.com or follow them on Twitter @youthrally1.

First started in the early 1940s, YFC now reaches young people everywhere, working together with local churches to raise lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. For more information on YFC, visit www.YFC.net.

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