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Community Invited to Evening Services, Monday – Thursday at 7 p.m. through July 25

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

2013 began its eighteenth consecutive year at Gardner-Webb

University on Monday, June 24. For five weeks, the ministry will immerse around 4,000 youth campers in a variety of worship experiences focused on this year's theme, "One." Nightly worship services, held Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m., are open to the community. The final week of camp will conclude on July 26.

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, more than 43,000 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, musical jam sessions in a recording studio), the students enjoy five days of teaching and spiritual exploration focused on a central theme. This year's theme, "One," focuses on the ways in which believers are unified in Christ and then prompted to serve in one accord.

"Last summer, we focused on how Christ dwells in the hearts of believers," said Justin Brock, Crossroads camp director. "This year, we are building on that theme. We want the campers to understand that having a relationship with Christ means that He dwells with them wherever they are and then provokes them to action that will impact the world."

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, his wife Charie, and local pastor Matt Orth (Broad River Community Church), with worship music led by Carl Cartee.

Each evening at 7 p.m., students will gather for worship services led by King and Matt Orth, Crossroads' ministry director. The public is invited to attend those services, held in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. 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, including information about the upcoming annual Winter Conference at Gatlinburg, is available at crossroadsworldwide.com.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).