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Husband-Wife Duo Deliver Message of Gospel through Theater and Comedic Relief

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University Dimensions Program will welcome a husband and wife duo who use the mediums of theater and comic relief to deliver messages of the gospel on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 9:25 a.m. at Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center's Paul Porter Arena.

As part of "Acts of Renewal," Jim and Carol Shores strive to create and produce excellent theater that glorifies God and leads audiences toward hope, goodness and hunger for God. They have performed at over 60 colleges and universities, including Harvard (Cambridge, Mass.), Asbury (Wilmore, Ky.) and Gordon Conwell Seminary (South Hamilton, Mass.).

Highlighting the realities of hard issues students face on a daily basis, the Shores use humor, heart and an honest style to communicate with their audience. Subject matter includes relationships, community and family issues, and struggles with addiction, doubt and faith.

"It is important to recognize that while the message of the gospel never changes, there are ever-changing mediums through which that message can be conveyed," said Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president of Christian Life and Services and senior minister at Gardner-Webb University. "Jim and Carol are well-known for communicating the gospel through Christian theater."

Carol, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, developed the Worship Arts major at Montreat College (Montreat, N.C). She now teaches workshops nationally helping churches develop arts integration, creative worship, as well as theatre in worship. Jim is the head of the Communications major at Montreat College.

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 each Tuesday at 9:25 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. More information is available at 704-406-4277.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University blends a liberal arts core curriculum with more than 55 specialized major and minor programs, a comprehensive academic experience grounded in a Christian environment of service, leadership, and intellectual freedom.