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Betty Shoopman Addresses Faith Through Artwork

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Dimensions program at Gardner-Webb University welcomes Betty Shoopman, an artist who has always known the love of scribbling, coloring and drawing. Shoopman finds that an artist's most important aspect is believing in her own capabilities while encouraging others to do the same by utilizing what God has given them. The program will take place Tuesday, Sept. 18 in the Lutz Yelton Convocation Center's Paul Porter Arena at 9:25 a.m.

"It's important for students to see the message of the Gospel bring shared in different ways," said Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister at GWU. "I've often heard it said that the message of the Gospel never changes, but the methods do."

Although Shoopman paints a variety of subjects, her oil painting, "The Walk to Emmaus," is her most famous. The painting depicts the feet of Jesus and of two disciples walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem on the evening after the resurrection. It has won multiple awards, including People's Choice Award at the 2007 Celebrate the Arts festival in Gulf Breeze, Florida, and emphasizes one of Shoopman's main themes: reevaluating faith through up-close points of view.

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 Tuesdays at 9:25 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). 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.