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## *Concert Set for Friday, April 20*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Gardner-Webb University is proud to present the annual Gospel Explosion concert on April 20 at 7 p.m. in Dover Theater. The concert is free to GWU students, and community members can purchase tickets at the door for \$3.

The Gospel Explosion will feature two hours of high-energy praise and worship lifted to God through song and dance. Several local singers and gospel groups will perform along with the headliners, Gardner-Webb's E. Jerome Scott Gospel Choir.

Directed by GWU alumnus Chad Roseboro and GWU senior Canaan Grier, The E. Jerome Scott Gospel Choir, are a diverse group of students committed to honoring God through song and praise. Says spokesperson Adrian Purcell, "We all come from different places and have different backgrounds, but as a choir we are a family."

"Our mission," Purcell continued, "is to share the word of God in song, to exhibit unto others the joy in our hearts given by Christ. College students aren't known for being spiritual leaders. We want to show that there are young people who are willing to give their lives to Christ."

The choir is named for E. Jerome Scott, Gardner-Webb's former dean of students and a champion of education and equality in Cleveland County. Scott died suddenly of heart failure in 1995, but his spirit of enthusiasm for ministry, for students, and for Gospel music lives on through the Choir that bears his name.

While the Choir wants people to enjoy the Explosion performances, Purcell said the most important thing is that people leave feeling closer to God. "We want people to love our sounds, and be moved by our high energy in praise. But most importantly, we want people to go back to their residence halls or their homes feeling like they have been drawn closer into God's presence."

"We want people, as they sing along with us, to understand what they are saying and know that God is awesome and merciful and worthy to be praised."

For more about the concert, contact Purcell at [apurcell@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:apurcell@gardner-webb.edu).

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