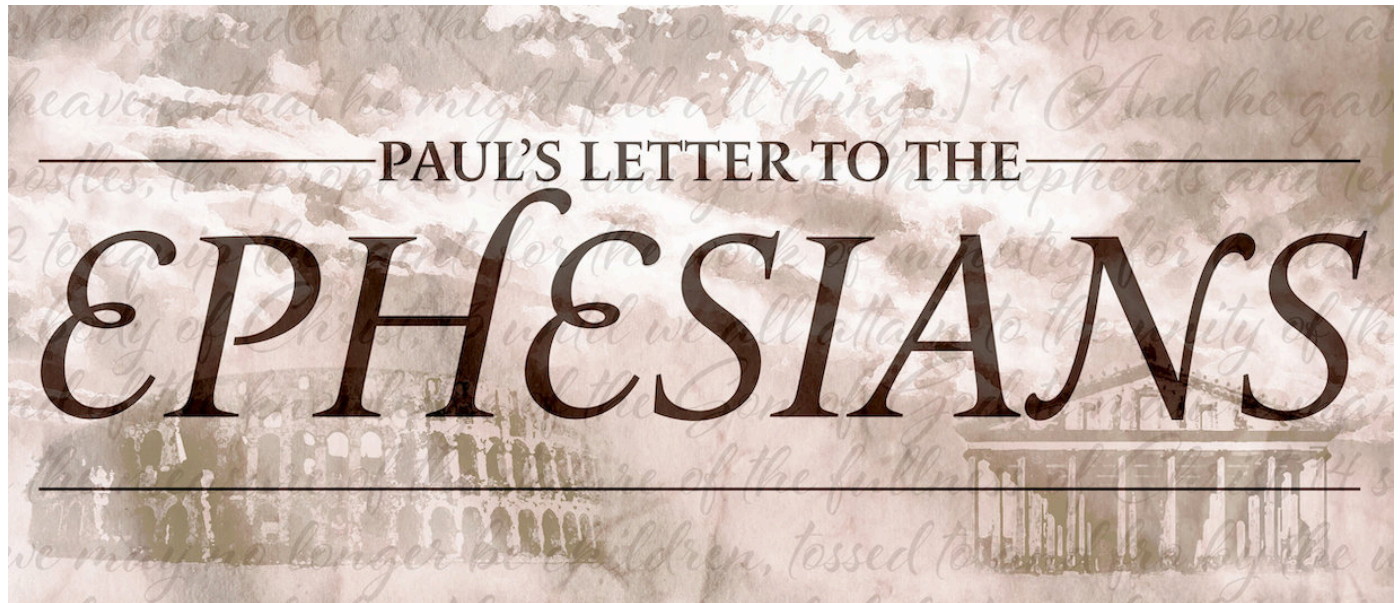


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Gardner-Webb School of Divinity Hosts Winter Bible Study Preview

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Dr. Jim McConnell Leads Overview of the Book of Ephesians

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity hosts the Winter Bible Study Preview on Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hope Hall, Tucker Student Center. School of Divinity Associate Dean Jim McConnell, professor of New Testament Interpretation, will lead the study of “The Letter to the Ephesians: Being the Church.”



The event is free, and lunch is included if participants RSVP by Nov. 4 to [Lisa Hollifield](mailto:lhollifield@gardner-webb.edu?subject=Winter%20Bible%20Study%20Preview) (<mailto:lhollifield@gardner-webb.edu?subject=Winter%20Bible%20Study%20Preview>).

McConnell will give an overview of the book of Ephesians in the New Testament. “I will be providing the historical background of the letter followed by a section-by-section explanation of the text,” he said.

He shared that his favorite verses from Ephesians are found in [Chapter 3, verses 14-21](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/ephesians/3.html) (<https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/ephesians/3.html>). “The author desires for the readers of the

letter to understand what is not possible to comprehend in a human way, namely the love of Christ for all people,” McConnell explained.

McConnell, a native of Indianapolis, Ind., joined the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity faculty in 2009. He teaches classes in all areas of New Testament as well as biblical Greek. The author of “[The topos of Divine Testimony](https://www.amazon.com/topos-Divine-Testimony-Luke-Acts/dp/1620327554) (<https://www.amazon.com/topos-Divine-Testimony-Luke-Acts/dp/1620327554>) in Luke-Acts (Pickwick, 2014),” as well as other articles and essays, McConnell focuses especially on Luke-Acts and Paul. He also serves as the associate editor of the journal, “[Review & Expositor](https://journals.sagepub.com/home/rae) (<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/rae>).”

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 10 working days prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4270 or email disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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