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Greene Lectureship Features Dr. Danny West, Recently Retired from Gardner-Webb

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Topic of the Free Event is ‘Preaching as the Task of Sacred Relinquishment’

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Dr. Danny West, who recently retired from Gardner-Webb, is the guest speaker for the C.O. and Eliza Greene Lectureship on March 7 at the University. His topic for the two sessions will be “Preaching as the Task of Sacred Relinquishment,” allowing the sacred text to provide the primary voice for the sermon. There is no cost to attend and the event is open to pastors, students and lay persons.

“I am humbled to be speaking at the C.O. and Eliza Greene lectures,” West noted. “The Greens left an incredible legacy of service to God’s church in this region and I am proud to be affiliated with this noble event.”



▲ Dr. Danny West

Before his retirement, West served as director of the Pittman Center for Congregational Enrichment (<https://gardner-webb.edu/resources/community-resources/pittman-center/>) and director of the Doctor of Ministry program for the School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb. He was also the Randall Lolley Chair of Pastoral Studies. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned an M.Div., Th.M., and Ph.D. in preaching and theology. He is the author of multiple articles and sermons published in a variety of publications. He and his wife, Jeanne, currently reside on Oak Island, N.C.

Established in 1993 in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. C.O. Greene of Lawndale, N.C., the Lectureship was established to preserve the legacy of excellence in pastoral ministry characterized by Greene, who served for approximately 14 years as director of Missions for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association (now Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association). Prior to that ministry, Greene served as pastor of four churches in Cleveland County and of two other churches in North Carolina. The Lectureship is administered by the Pittman Center for Congregational Enrichment and funded by family members, friends, and members of churches where the Greene served as pastor. Held annually on the GWU campus, the Lectureship's purpose is to address various dimensions of pastoral ministry.

West commented, "My lectures will focus on the most central facet of pastoral ministry, that of preaching.

In recent years my academic (and pastoral) interests have explored the organic images of preaching, as opposed to the many popular methods that are wholly predictable and rigid."

The first session will be from 10 a.m. to noon in Blanton Auditorium, Hamrick Hall. The second session is from 1 to 2 p.m. in Dover Chapel. Lunch will be on your own. For more information, contact Lisa Hollifield (<mailto:lhollifield@gardner-webb.edu?subject=C.O.%20and%20Eliza%20Greene%20Lectures>).

Learn more about the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity. 

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