

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER SERVICE

Gardner-Webb Hosts Memorial Day Observance on May 25

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Dr. Eric Davis, Three-time Alumnus, is Speaker for the Program

The Gardner-Webb Community Memorial Day Observance and Prayer Gathering will be held on May 25 at 9:30 a.m. in front of Hamrick Hall. Employee Support Manager and Lead Chaplain for Cleveland County Dr. Eric Davis, a GWU alumnus, is the guest speaker.



Vice President for Christian Life and Service and University Chaplain Josh Parrott will bring the welcome and give the invocation. The ceremony includes singing of the national anthem with Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Music Aaron Rice. A responsive reading led by Vice President for Advancement Nate Evans.

GWU President Dr. William M. Downs will introduce the guest speaker. Davis earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Gardner-Webb in 1995, his Master of Divinity in 2001 and his Doctor of Ministry in 2007.

Assistant Dean of Students Brian Arnold will have the remembrance of the fallen. Silence is observed as the bell tolls 21 times, the highest military honor to those who died defending our freedom and democracy.

Associate Vice President of Marketing Wilson Brooks will play Taps, and Associate Minister to the University for Student Ministries Neal Payne will have the benediction.

Gardner-Webb University is North Carolina's recognized leader in private, Christian higher education. A Carnegie-Classified Doctoral/Professional University, GWU is home to nine colleges and schools, more than 80 undergraduate and graduate majors, and a world-class faculty. Located on a beautiful 225-acre campus in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb prepares graduates to impact their chosen professions, equips them with the skills to advance the frontiers of knowledge, and inspires them to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others. Ignite your future at Gardner-Webb.edu.