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Office of University Communications

November 30, 2011

Dear Gardner-Webb Family and Friends,

It is my pleasure to bring you Christmas greetings, and to present Gardner-Webb University's 2011 Advent Devotional Book.

The season of Advent is a very special time for Christians, a time to anticipate the coming of Emmanuel and the emergence of His grace in our lives. But Advent is also important corporately, for the Church and for our University, because it is in Christ's appearance among us that we find our true identity. In Him, as Paul writes to the Colossians, we are qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. In Him, we who were once not a people are now God's people, a holy nation charged with the privilege of bearing his light in a dark world. In Him, we find purpose.

My prayer this holiday season is that you find joy in the abundant evidence of that inheritance in your lives. As always, thank you for your faithful friendship to our University, and for your unfailing support of Gardner-Webb's mission to be a beacon of light in the darkness. May this Advent Devotional Book be a special blessing to you and your family as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

A. Frank Bonner