

UK Band: The Factory ministers to GWU

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The Factory is a revival team on a search for normal Christianity--Christianity that, according to them, seeks Christ above all else. This group of young adults from around the world is traveling to universities across the United States because they want to see people transformed to be more like Jesus. Their first stop was Gardner-Webb.

From Tuesday, Feb. 20 through Thursday, Feb. 22, The Factory praised with, preached to and challenged Gardner-Webb students to die to themselves and live for Christ.

"The key--the foundational thing that our lives have to come to--is that we have to die, so he [Christ] can live through us," said TrÈ Sheppard, The Factory's praise and worship leader, at Wednesday night's revival meeting.

The team preached that Jesus must be sought above all in order for revival to take place.

"Not even revival is the answer--seeking Jesus is the answer. Usually when people are seeking Jesus revival happens," said Sheppard.

The Factory is convinced that Christian young people are on a search for a deeper meaning in their lives than

what many have grown up learning in church.

"We believe there's something sleeping inside thousands of young people waiting to be awakened," said Sheppard. "Young people around the world aren't looking for a new strate-

Tuesday night's service. "God blew my face off," said senior Walter Miller. "The Word was the strongest we've heard this year at GaP."

The Factory challenged students to not only seek and live for Jesus, but also to turn this world upside down for him.

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gy—they've been systematized and strategized out. They're looking for Jesus."

The Factory came to GWU in the aftermath of Celebration Week. The student-led revival held in late-January saw many make commitments to Christ. Amy Armstrong, director of student ministries, wanted The Factory revival to serve as a follow-up to the student-led one.

"I wanted students to experience something new--a follow-up to Celebration Week that will keep us excited about going deeper with our faith," said Armstrong.

Excitement was evident after

"I've heard Christians called many things," said The Factory speaker Trent Sheppard on Tuesday night. "But, let me tell you what I have not heard people saying about Christians: 'These people have turned the world upside down.'"

Gardner-Webb students are responding to these challenges with enthusiasm.

"Finally somebody is speaking truth. It's about time we all stop just talking about stuff and get real. Reality starts with me and you seeking Jesus," said sophomore Aleasha Winters, after Wednesday night's meeting.

The Factory is a group of young adults associated with Youth With A

Mission (YWAM) and based out of England. Team members are from all over the world. They receive no pay for leading university revivals except for love offerings taken up at the meetings.

The team leaders are Mark and Krista Harris. Krista Harris graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1996. The Harris' chose to come to GWU because they knew that God was at work on this campus.

Tuesday night Krista reflected on her time at Gardner-Webb. She remembers spending time praying for the campus in the chapel. She challenged students, "Don't miss the opportunities God has given you here. Boiling Springs will be shaken because of you and the way you live your life."

The Factory encouraged students to not give up on God if they do not see revival right away.

"You don't have to seek God to see if he wants to move here--He does. We can't produce revival, but we certainly can prepare for it," said TrÈ Sheppard.

The Factory preached that young people do not have to go on living in complacency. Looking to the Book of Acts, they encouraged students to get back to normal Christianity.

"I'm sick of lesser living," said Trent Sheppard. "I'm aching for normal Christianity."

New shops here in Boiling Springs: What's coming

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Boiling Springs is growing. It may not be a raging metropolis or even a raging village, but it is expanding. Three new businesses have already opened their doors and several more have plans to move in.

Cleveland Physical Therapy was the first to open in the new strip mall on East College Avenue that will soon be called University Square. It is an extension of their main Shelby location and intended to better serve Cleveland County.

The Ink Link, which stayed in town for a few months, is gone and has been replaced by Kathy's Hair Place on North Main Street. Owned by Kathy

Hendrick, the store specializes in nails and hair and will offer tanning in the future.

"I hope to get a lot of business from Gardner-Webb students," Hendrick said.

Farther down College Avenue towards Shelby is a second new strip mall. It's first business is Maxwell Pool Supplies and Tanning. They have a large supply of tanning lotions that are 20 percent off for a limited time.

Several new restaurants are preparing to open their doors in the coming months.

Michelangelo's Pizza will be located in University Square two doors down from Cleveland Physical Therapy. This will be Michelangelo's fifth store location and their first in North Carolina.

Michelangelo's will also offer a delivery service. For students without cars this comes as very exciting news.

"We really feel they will do well," said Paul Bridges, owner of the University Square property.

According to Bridges, a Chinese restaurant is under contract for the property between Michelangelo's and Cleveland Physical Therapy. The restaurant will be the third location for the family-owned business. A name has yet to be decided, but it should be opening within the next two or three months.

"Boiling Springs is a great market," Bridges added. He has one more space for lease in University Square and hopes to fill it soon.

Mainstreet Media, across from campus on South Main Street, will shorten

the trip students currently make to get a movie, as they plan to open March 1.

The family owned business has renovated the property with new carpet, shelves and ceilings. They have also added a new automated check-out system. Mainstreet Media plans to offer extended hours including weekends. They have a competitive selection, from the most recent new releases to the old classics. DVD's are also in stock, along with Playstation, Playstation 2, Dreamcast and Nintendo 64 games.

Whether you looking for pizza delivery, movies, video games, a hair-do or a good tan, Boiling Springs offers more choices than ever before.

G.E.M. adds exciting option for students

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prepared for the working world," said Honts, "but will have an advantage in an increasingly competitive job market."

According to Judge Van Graham, GEM professor of Business Law and Ethics, the real-life experiences gained through the new program will make gradu-

ates more marketable.

"These days businesses have so many applicants they have to scan through the resumes," he explained. "Anything that allows our graduates to stand out is a good thing."

Not only will the new program help graduates achieve more in the business environment but, according to Judge John Gardner, GEM will be a "recruiting tool"

for GWU.

"Once word gets out that this type of program is available at Gardner-Webb," Gardner said, "we anticipate it will attract a lot of quality students to the program."

For students meeting the criteria for GEM and desiring more information, there will be meeting in Blanton Auditorium on Monday, March 12, at 4:00 p.m.

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