

Campus Life



Hints for finding a church

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Finding a church has never been easy. Many people enjoy the comforts of their old church and the familiar faces. Everyone at your home church knows who you are, you've known your Sunday school teacher since you could walk and the pastor who performed your baby dedication probably performed your baptism.

But change can be a good thing. College is a time to branch out, which means the security of your home church is no longer there. Some, who are thinking the aforementioned reasons are a good excuse to get away from their home church, will make the transition with ease; others, who are already dreading the first Sunday away from their church, may have a few problems.

GWU does not require you to attend church nor does it have a Sunday chapel service. This gives you, the student, an opportunity to serve elsewhere in the community. Also, finding a church away from home is another step of independence.

Here are a few tips when searching for a church:

1. Ask people where they go to church. Many students will be happy to tell you where they attend and may even offer you a ride.

2. Look for information at the Campus Ministries office. Campus Ministries may be able to recommend a church that may suite you.

3. Look for a church that you feel welcome in. Don't feel pressured to attend a church just because your

friends are there.

4. Don't stick with the first church you find. Attend different services and compare. Also, just because you can't find a church within the first month of school, doesn't mean you should give up.

5. Try to find a church with a college class or ministry. Churches with college students or college aged people attending give you more people who can identify with you and the issues you may be facing.

For a quick reference, here are few churches in the Boiling Springs and Shelby area. This is not a complete church listing; however, it may help you get started. If you do need anymore help, ask a friend or go to the Campus Ministries. Most importantly, don't give up. Happy church hunting.

Methodist
Aldersgate United Methodist

Telephone: 704-487-8491
Address: 1207

W. Dixon Blvd. Shelby, N.C.
College Class? Yes

Web site: <http://home.carolina.rr.com/alderume>

General Info: The Sunday informal and somewhat contemporary service is at 8:30 a.m. A traditional service is held at 11 a.m.

Central United Methodist
Telephone: 704-487-6336

Address: 200 E. Marion St. Shelby, N.C.

College Class? Yes

General Info: The Sunday contemporary service is at 8:30 a.m. The formal service is held at 11 a.m. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.

Catholic

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Telephone: 704-487-7697

Address: 818 McGowan Road Shelby, N.C.

General Info: Mass is offered Monday through Friday at 8:30 p.m. A Communion service is held at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday. Sunday Vigil begins at 5:30 p.m. with Reconciliation from 4-5 p.m. Sunday morning Mass is 10:30 a.m.

Non-denominational
Grace Fellowship

Telephone: 704-484-9098

Address: 415 Polkville Road Shelby, N.C.

General Info: Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. A Sunday contemporary service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Christ Covenant Church

Telephone: 704-434-0222

Address: 805 McBrayer Homestead Road Shelby, N.C.

General Info: Sunday school meets at 9:30 a.m. and service begins at 11 a.m.

Lutheran
Ascension Lutheran Church

Telephone: 704-487-5679

Address: 300 N. Lafayette St. Shelby, N.C.

General Info: Sunday service begins at 11 a.m.

Baptist
Poplar Springs Baptist Church

Telephone: 704-487-8802

Address: 1106 Poplar Springs Church Rd. Shelby, NC

General Info: Sunday service begins at 11 a.m.

White takes position

Former GWU President Dr. M Christopher White recently accepted an Interim Presidential position at Chowan College, located in Muncieboro, N.C. close to the N.C. and Va. border.

The former President of Chowan, Dr. Stanley Lott, retired May 31. White started his position on July 1 and will remain at Chowan until a permanent President can be chosen.

White had served as the President of Gardner-Webb University for sixteen years previous to accepting this job as interim president. White has worked with various other universities in the past, including Elon University, and Emory University. Along with these administrative positions, White has also held many interim pastoral positions in churches throughout the Southeast.

-Kaylin Bowers

Students plug into campus life

Are you new to the Gardner-Webb campus and wondering how to get involved both on and off campus? No need to look any further. On August 19, 2003, Gardner-Webb will have its annual Club Fair on the quad, directly behind the Dover Campus Center.

From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., this fair will host various clubs and organizations at GWU, area churches and local Boiling Springs merchants. A poster sale will also be held in the bottom of the DCC where students can buy posters with selections ranging from Van Gogh to scenery and rock bands. A representative from Timely Treasures will be at the fair selling sterling silver jewelry and specialty gift items at a discount to GWU students.

What will you get by coming to the club fair besides free t-shirts, home-baked goodies and a bag full of pamphlets? It will help you get plugged into the activities of campus life that will fit you best—and it's a chance to see what you can get involved in around the area.

-Christina Tyler

CMU: fellowship

In the second Chapter of Acts, Luke records, "They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

I reflect on these words because it is a picture of the early Church. With all of the programs, events, and "Christian things" we see on a daily basis I think that we often forget the power of the fellowship of believers. I see in this passage that it was not man or woman who brought people to know Christ; it was the work of God through the lives of His followers. As a Student Ministry we desire to promote a passionate and enduring devotion to Christ among the students at GWU. With this said I invite each and every student to simply become authentic with life and with each other. I believe that we can take the early church as a model for us today.

We want to honor God with excellence in everything that we do as a ministry. Our intentions are to create an environment where you can love and be loved, teach and be taught, and minister to and be ministered to. I am excited about our opportunities to embrace this fellowship as the year begins. We invite each and every person to join us in this journey of knowing Christ and making Him known.

Grace and Peace,
Jay Denton
Campus Ministries Coordinator