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ARTIST'S WORK BLENDS WORDS WITH IMAGES

DAYTON, Ohio -- Paintings by Gaylen J. Stewart that use words and images and rely on Christian themes will be shown Feb. 5-26 in the University of Dayton Rike Center Art Gallery. Stewart will lecture on his work at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Rike Center Room 206. Admission to the exhibit and lecture is free and open to the public.

"Words are an important aspect of my work," said Stewart. "Even though visual images embody meaning that can't be captured in words, words have the power to communicate what images cannot. Over the last several years my paintings have dealt with my spiritual concerns directly relying on Christian themes, imagery and symbols. In my paintings, I become a stand-in for humanity and a reference to Christ."

A full-time professional painter, Stewart received his master of fine arts degree from Ohio University, where he also served as a visiting instructor. Stewart has travelled to Rome and Florence, Italy, and Athens, Greece, and has participated in several group and solo exhibitions across the United States.

The lecture will be followed by a reception at 8 p.m. in the Rike Center Gallery. The reception is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.