



# divinity

at Wake Forest University



## A school in Christ's service

*Divinity School prepares to open its doors in August 1999*

**A** School of Christ's service." Those words were sometimes used to describe the nature of monastic communities in the Christian tradition. In those environs men and women nurtured spiritual gifts of prayer, contemplation, study and daily work. Some gave themselves to a more cloistered life of intercession and reflection, while others moved out into the world as teachers, preachers and scholars.

After more than a decade of prayer and preparation, the Wake Forest University Divinity School opens its doors to students in August of 1999, the final year of the twentieth century. The initial faculty has already been named, and most are already in Winston-Salem. Applications from students are already being processed. Curriculum has been developed and the first catalogue prepared. Scholarships are being tallied and given out. Amid all those details, persons continue to ask: "What is the nature of this new school, so long anticipated?" As students arrive, and identity takes shape, I hope that we will continually confess that we are "a school of Christ's service," in all the complexity that such a simple phrase entails. What might that mean? Consider these brief observations.

1. The mission of the Wake Forest University Divinity School is to educate women and men for Christian ministry

in the church, the academy and the world. Its primary objective is to serve the church by preparing persons for parish ministry, as well as for vocations in counseling, higher education and related areas.

2. The Divinity School is also a resource for churches, providing opportunities for continuing education of clergy and laity and the contribution of faculty members to research and publication of biblical, historical, theological and pastoral studies.
3. The Divinity School is Christian by tradition, ecumenical in outlook and Baptist in heritage. Those three elements inform the school's identity as it seeks to prepare students for work in the ever-changing environment of the church and the world.
4. The school is centered in a core faculty offering instruction in the classical disciplines of biblical studies, church history, theology, homiletics, spirituality and pastoral care.
5. Adjunct faculty from inside and outside the Wake Forest University community provides studies in a variety of related disciplines.

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## Two more join core faculty

**T**he Divinity School has appointed two more members of its core faculty. Alexandra R. Brown and James M. Dunn will join the faculty as visiting professors in the fall of 1999.

Brown, who heads the religion department at Washington and Lee University, will serve a one-year appointment as an associate professor of Biblical studies. Dunn, who is stepping aside as executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to join the Divinity School, will be a professor of Christianity and public policy for an extended period. The Baptist Joint Committee is an agency that deals with religious liberty and separation of church and state for nine Baptist conventions and conferences in the U.S.

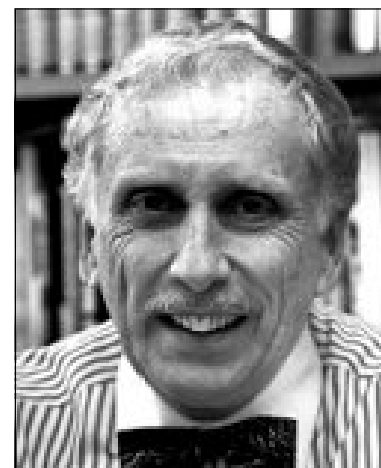
At Washington and Lee, Brown has been associate professor of religion since 1993 and head of the religion department since 1996. She joined the school's faculty in 1987. During her tenure there, she has also been visiting associate professor of New Testament at The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Brown earned her doctorate in religion in 1991 at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. She received the master's in divinity in 1980 at Yale Divinity School and a bachelor's degree in religion in 1977 at Duke University. She is a prolific author and the recipient of many awards and fellowships.

"As a younger scholar, Alexandra Brown brings to the Divinity School academic strength, theological commitment and feminist awareness," said Biblical scholar Phyllis Trible, associate dean and professor of Biblical studies here. "I am delighted that she will help us launch the first year of the school by teaching the foundational courses in New Testament."

Dunn, who has led the Baptist Joint Committee since 1981, announced in October that he was stepping aside as executive director but will remain active on a part-time basis in a different role. He holds a doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Seminary. In addition, he has done post-doctoral study at the London School of Economics and Political Science changing his Th.D. to a Ph. D. He has served as a pastor, a campus minister and college teacher. For 12 years, he was

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Newly appointed to the Divinity School faculty are Alexandra R. Brown and James M. Dunn.

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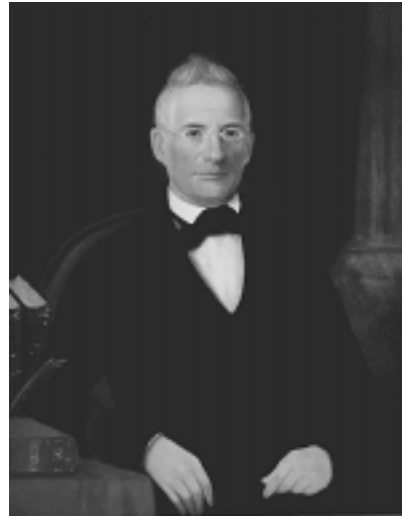
## Dean's message

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6. A first-year colloquium brings together all students and faculty for theological reflection.
7. A senior research project offers directed study with an individual faculty member.
8. Mission immersion opportunities offer occasions for experiential learning in rural church, urban church or international church encounters.
9. Every effort is made financially and academically to encourage full-time status from students.
10. Students and faculty facilitate an environment of free discussion of issues, openness to diverse ideas, and collegial dialogue.
11. Worship in campus chapel services, retreats, and congregational experience is encouraged and cultivated.

The Divinity School begins at a time of what I call permanent transition in American, indeed, global, religious life. Old systems are disappearing, realigning or being redefined. New religious structures and systems are a long time coming. Students must be prepared for new ways of networking, connecting and responding to these continued transitions. A diverse core faculty, which exists within the even greater diversity of a university, is one way to provide students with breadth and depth in learning. Strenuous educational requirements are essential to challenge the best gifts of each student. Through it all we must remain "a school of Christ's service," declaring with St. Paul: "As God's ministers, we try to recommend ourselves in all circumstances by our steadfast endurance; We recommend ourselves by innocent behaviour and grasp of truth, by patience and kindness, by gifts of the Holy Spirit, by unaffected love, by declaring the truth, by the power of God. (II Cor 6:4ff)

**Bill J. Leonard**  
Dean



## Wait fellowships announced

*Theology, ministry award to honor Wake Forest founder and wife*

A major fellowship in theology and ministry has been established for Divinity School students.

The Sarah and Samuel Wait Fellowships in Theology in Ministry—named for Samuel Wait, the first principal of Wake Forest, and his wife—will be awarded each year to up to eight students entering the master's of divinity program. The scholarship covers all tuition and fees, and provides a stipend for living expenses.

"This fellowship is a testament to the importance of our heritage as we prepare to open the school," said Scott Hudgins, director of student recruitment. "Because our master of divinity program will be spiritually and intellectually demanding, the fellowship will provide a level of support students need to focus fully on their studies and formation for ministry."

The awards are renewable for up to three years based on academic achievement and will be awarded to those students who show exceptional promise for Christian ministry.

"The fellowships are also a fitting tribute to a remarkable man and woman who were not only historic figures in the life of this university, but in North Carolina Baptist life," Hudgins added. "The Waits helped educate a new generation of clergy in North Carolina. The Divinity School will build upon their legacy of preparing learned ministers and leaders for lives of service."

Although not originally from North Carolina, the Waits left an indelible mark on its Baptist heritage. As Wait was serving a church in New Bern in the 1820s, he was struck by the absence of community among the state's Baptist churches and the deficiencies of a clergy that he deemed too ill-prepared and educated to relate Biblical truths. The Waits set about filling those voids by creating the association of churches that later became the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the publication that became the Biblical Recorder, and the institute that became Wake Forest University.

For three years, the Waits and their small daughter, Ann Eliza, crisscrossed the state in their wagon building support for the convention, college and periodical. Sarah made hats to support their work and they depended on the kindness of strangers for basic necessities.

"Preparing men and women for active Christian service is what the Divinity School is all about and it is in honor of the Waits' vision that these new scholarships are awarded," Hudgins said.

Nominees must demonstrate academic achievement and promise for Christian ministry. Candidates must be nominated by people who can attest to their qualifications.

Wait Fellowship recipients will be announced after Feb. 1, 1999. To request a nomination form, write to the Wait Fellowship Program, Wake Forest University Divinity School, P.O. Box 7719, Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109. Contact the school's Office of Admissions by phone at (800) 393-4244 or via e-mail at [hudginsj@wfu.edu](mailto:hudginsj@wfu.edu).

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## Admissions review process underway

The faculty committee on admission began reviewing applications the first week in December for the Master of Divinity Program that starts in August 1999. Offers of admission, scholarships and financial aid will be made beginning in February 1999.

Applications may be made at any time. Prospective students may obtain admissions packets by writing the Office of Admissions at the Divinity School or by downloading applications from the school's Web site at [www.wfu.edu](http://www.wfu.edu).

All prospective students are invited to attend one of three upcoming open houses on Dec. 7, 1998, Jan. 30, 1999 or March 2, 1999. The events, which included tea with Dean Bill J. Leonard, are designed to answer questions about theological education as well as acquaint prospective students with the Wake Forest community. Lectures, campus tours and the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Office of Admissions are also available during these dates.

Divinity School applicants are required to have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. They must also provide supplementary materials that include prior academic transcripts, a written essay addressing personal and vocational motivations for pursuing theological education and Christian ministry, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, and supporting letters of recommendation.

The Divinity School seeks to admit a limited number of students who:

- ▲ exhibit in their previous academic record a strong potential for graduate-level work;
- ▲ demonstrate through their commitments, experience, and references exceptional promise for ministry;
- ▲ clearly articulate a commitment to Christian vocation; and
- ▲ give evidence that they will benefit from as well as enhance theological education at Wake Forest University.

For further information about the Divinity School application process, call contact Scott Hudgins, Director of Student Recruitment, by phone at (800) 393-4244 or via e-mail at [hudginsj@wfu.edu](mailto:hudginsj@wfu.edu).

### GIVING news

New financial aid opportunities for the Wake Forest University School of Divinity have reached a total endowment of \$175,000 in seven scholarship/internship programs. They include:

**The William and Myrtle Ray Scholarship Fund** has been established by former Wake Forest University Editor William Ray (B.A. '66) in honor of his paternal grandparents. It will provide financial aid for a student from Forsyth County. Dr. Ray, a resident of Palm Beach, Fla., is executive director of the Palm Beach (Fla.) County Cultural Council and organist at Palm Beach's St. Edward's Catholic Church.

**The William Kay and Velma McGee Internship in Prison Ministry** is the first pledged internship in the Divinity School for a prison ministry chaplain program in Forsyth County. Dr. McGee helped found the Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy and was elected its president in 1978, a position he held until his death in 1983. Mrs. McGee was the first woman elected as First Vice President of the Baptist State convention of N.C., the first woman to serve on the county school board and the first president of the state Women's Missionary Union. The McGee internship was made possible by the couple's four daughters—Betsy McLean of Jackson, N.C.; Kay Phillips of Pinnacle, N.C.; Joy Jacobs of Greensboro, N.C.; and Velma Ferrell of Chapel Hill, N.C.

**The A.T. Greene Jr. and Kathryn A. Greene Scholarship** is given in memory of their parents by Kay E. Greene of Tryon, N.C.; A. Hugh Greene of Jacksonville, Fla.; Jane Greene Bateman of Columbia, S.C.; and Margaret Greene Hayes of Kernersville, N.C. Preference will be given to Baptist students from North and South Carolina.

A.T. Greene, a native of Spartanburg, S.C., was a leader in Baptist life until his death in 1974. Kathryn Abee Greene, originally of Hickory, N.C., has served on the staff of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in North Carolina, and was later elected President of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in South Carolina.

**The D. Swan Haworth Memorial Scholarship Fund** has been established in honor of The Rev. Dr. David Swan Haworth ('27) through Mrs. D. Swan Haworth and the Snyder Memorial Baptist Church Foundation of Fayetteville, N.C.

After a 30-year career as a pastor, Dr. Swan served as professor of the psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Seminary for

12 years and became one of the pioneers in the specialized ministry of pastoral counseling. He retired from the seminary to join the faculty of the School of Pastoral Care in 1972 and became the first fulltime director of pastoral counseling and training.

**First Baptist Church of Greensboro** has earmarked scholarship funds for the ministerial education of Baptist students. The scholarship will be awarded based on need and academic ability, according to Pastor Ken Massey.

"I'm thrilled to pastor a congregation that recognizes the value of theological education," Massey said. "Visionaries from this church wanted to insure that Baptists continue to prepare men and women for ministry in a free and faithful tradition. So when Southern Baptist seminaries made a decisive shift to the theological and ideological right, members of First Baptist responded to the need for alternative sources of theological training."

The founding **Wake Forest University Divinity School Board of Visitors** has also established a one-time gift in its name.

"There will never again be a founding Board of Visitors," said Vice Chairman Rebecca Wiggs, a Mississippi attorney. "We as a board and a community wanted to do something. We felt like this was the best thing we could do as a group and we hope future Boards will also consider such gifts."

**The Dean and Dorothy Kaufman Internship in Urban Ministry** will provide financial aid for both long and short-term stints in urban ministry work at Manhattan's Metro Baptist Church, home of the Walter Rauschenbush Center. It is part of an effort by the Wake Forest Divinity School to establish a larger program recognizing the particular issues facing urban churches, ministries and ultimately society, according to Scott Hudgins, Divinity School Director.

After years of serving pastorates at several large churches including Woodmont Baptist church in Nashville, Tenn., and Providence Baptist in Charlotte, Dean and Dorothy Kaufman retired to Manhattan to head the Walter Rauschenbush Center, named for the well-known proponent of social gospel who practiced his outreach program in New York City's Hell's Kitchen neighborhood at the turn of the century.



TOP: The four daughters of William Kay and Velma McGee have established an internship in prison ministry at the Divinity School in their parents' names. ABOVE: Dean Bill J. Leonard, right, with Pastor and Mrs. Ken Massey, whose congregation, First Baptist Church of Greensboro, has established a scholarship fund at the school.

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### January

- 9—BILL LEONARD—American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C.  
 9—PHYLLIS TRIBLE—St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Montclair, N.J.  
 10—PHYLLIS TRIBLE—St. James Episcopal Church, New York City  
 12—BILL LEONARD—High Point Ministerial Alliance, High Point, N.C.  
 16-17—BILL LEONARD—College Park Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.  
 16-17—JAMES DUNN—Second Baptist, Lubbock, Tex.  
 22-23—JAMES DUNN—Florida CBF, First Baptist Church, DeLand  
 25—BILL LEONARD—Jarvis Lectures, East Carolina University, Greenville  
 25-31—SAMUEL WEBER—visiting lectures, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.  
 28-29—BILL LEONARD—Staley Lectures, Greensboro, N.C.  
 30—BILL LEONARD—Divinity School Open House, Wake Forest University  
 31—JAMES DUNN—worship, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas Tex.

### February

- 2—JAMES DUNN—Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex.  
 3—BILL LEONARD—chapel and lectures, Fort Worth, Tex.  
 8—JAMES DUNN—Mt. Vernon Baptist Assn., Arlington, Va.  
 25—SAMUEL WEBER—Wallingsford, Lenten Bible Study

### March

- 2—BILL LEONARD—Staley Lectures, Lyons College, Ark.  
 2—Divinity School Open House, Wake Forest University  
 4—SAMUEL WEBER—Wallingsford Presbyterian Church, Lenten Bible study  
 7-10—PHYLLIS TRIBLE—Haskell Lectures, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio  
 11—SAMUEL WEBER—Wallingsford Presbyterian Church, Lenten Bible study  
 12-13—BILL LEONARD—Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Wake Forest University  
 18—SAMUEL WEBER—Wallingsford Presbyterian Church, Lenten Bible study  
 23—JAMES DUNN—Truett Seminary, Waco, Tex., church-state issues  
 25—SAMUEL WEBER—Wallingsford Presbyterian Church—Lenten Bible Study

### April

- 9-11—BILL LEONARD—Arkansas Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
 23-24—BILL LEONARD—Tennessee CBF Speaker, Second Baptist Memphis, Tenn.  
 April 30-May 2—PHYLLIS TRIBLE—Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

### May

- 2—PHYLLIS TRIBLE—Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.  
 10-11—JAMES DUNN—Council on Christian Higher Ed., Cary, N.C.  
 14-15—SAMUEL WEBER—Baptist Conference Center, White Oaks  
 18—PHYLLIS TRIBLE—Marble Collegiate Church, New York City

### August

- 2-7—SAMUEL WEBER—Pilgrim's Rest Retreat Center—Mars Hill, N.C.

### October

- 12-13—Wake Forest University Divinity School Opening Convocation Events

## Continuing Education for Clergy and Laity

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### February 1-2, 1999

"Transitions in Worship Styles: From the 'Traditional' to the 'Contemporary'" is the theme of The Wake Forest Ministers' Seminar 1999, featuring The Rev. Thomas Anderson Langford III and others. The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day in the Pugh Auditorium at the Benson University Center. Reservations are required. There is an \$80 registration fee.

### April 12-13, 1999

The Albritton Lectures will feature Dr. E. P. Sanders of Duke University.

### May 3, 1999

"Preaching in the 21st Century" with The Rev. Dr. James Forbes, senior minister of The Riverside Church in New York City. As part of the Spring Preaching Lectures, the event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Benson University Center, 401 D. Reservations are required. The registration fee is \$50.

**For further information**, contact the Office of Continuing Education, The Divinity School, Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7719, Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109, phone (336) 758-3747, or check the Web at [www.wfu.edu](http://www.wfu.edu). E-mail may be addressed to [divinity@wfu.edu](mailto:divinity@wfu.edu).

## New faculty

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executive director of the Christian Life Commission, the social action agency of Texas Baptists. In addition, he has appeared on all of the major network news programs including The Today Show and Nightline and has been a frequent guest on television documentaries.

"Dunn is recognized inside and outside the Baptist community as one of the foremost analysts of church-state issues in the United States," said Divinity School Dean Bill J. Leonard. "In his work at the Baptist Joint Committee, James has faithfully articulated Baptist 'ways' of responding to matters of religious liberty, justice and hope."

At Wake Forest, Brown and Dunn will be part of a new faculty that includes Tribble, formerly at Union Theological Seminary in New York City; theologian Frank Tupper, formerly at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky; and Samuel Weber, a Roman Catholic priest and Benedictine monk who is an expert on church history and spirituality.

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