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Two Weeks in Wait

Worship in Wait Resumes with Remembrance

by Amy West
Senior Editor

Divinity School Convocation is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 11:00 AM in Wait Chapel. However, you may have noticed that the signs around Wingate Hall read differently, "A Community Remembers: Reflections on 9/11, An Interfaith Worship Gathering." Which is it? The answer is simple—both.

We will witness the regular regalia of convocation that we experience each semester, i.e. the robed faculty with their funny hats and fancy medals. The speaker, Veronice Miles, is the Ruby Pardue and Shelmer D. Blackburn Instructor of Homiletics and Christian Education here at WFUDS. Miles's experience in both the church and the academy ensure a message that is thought-provoking, profound, yet practical.

With the date of the service falling on September 11, a remembrance service is only fitting. This will be a time of reflection for people of many faiths from across campus and the community. As with any Interfaith service, we can expect to hear scriptures and prayers from different traditions that will enrich all of us. In order to promote this event more widely it will also serve

as the opening service for the Worship in Wait Series.

For those of you who are new to Wake Forest and wondering what makes Worship in Wait special here is what you need to know. The series is co-sponsored by the Office of the President, the Divinity School, and the Office of the Chaplain. They work together to bring "a variety of distinguished preachers from diverse traditions" and "respond to contemporary issues within the context of ecumenical worship." It is a fantastic opportunity to hear from some of the greatest preachers and teachers of our time. These services take place either on Tuesday mornings during regularly scheduled Divinity School Chapel or on Sunday evenings.

In its inaugural year, which was just last year, we experienced worship with greats such as Fred Craddock, James Forbes, and Molly Marshall among several other distinguished guests. Each service was unique and exhilarating.

This year's first speaker is Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown, Asso-

ciate Professor of Homiletics at Candler School of Theology. The service will be on Tuesday, September 18 at 11:00 AM in Wait Chapel. Dr. Fry Brown has published numerous books including *God Don't Like Ugly: African-American Women Handing on Spiritual Values*. Her research interests include



Dr. Teresa Fry Brown recently published articles for *Those Preaching Women, Vol. 3*; and *The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual*.

homiletics with an emphasis in African American and womanist styles, and womanist ethics, sociology, and history focusing on African American spiritual values.

Every chapel service is vital to the community of WFUDS, but these upcoming two will have a lasting impact on the Wake Forest and Winston-Salem communities

at large. We look forward not only the words of our renowned guests but also to gifts and talents that will be offered from students and faculty of Wake Forest University.

Information and quotes taken from the Worship in Wait website, www.wfu.edu/chaplain/worship/index.html. Check the website for more information about upcoming speakers and events.

Student Spotlight on

Eileen, I Fall, I Come to WFUDS...

by **Steven Fuller**
Design Editor

If you ever have the chance to meet our esteemed president, Eileen Ayuso, for "cawffee" one day, you will find that she is much more than a displaced Yankee. She's a displaced, Yankee Catholic, or at least she used to be. Raised a Roman Catholic in Staten Island, Eileen found grace in the Christian faith but could not reconcile her ideas of faith and community with the Roman Catholic community she grew up in.

She sought refuge in the warm South with her husband and four children several years ago. Yet before she found



Get to know our President Eileen Ayuso.

God's warm, beating heart in the South, she came into a new relationship with the Church through her neighbor who was a United Methodist minister in New York. In her new United Methodist community, Eileen found the kind of personal relationships and community engagement that she lacked in her previous church experience. However, she was not yet eager to join the ministry.

Having worked for an investment trust company, handling mutual bond funds in New York and then handling the advertising budgets for a cruise line based out of Seattle, Eileen's warm heart sought a new vo-

cation in Winston. Her social justice leanings led her to work for a non-profit organization in Winston where she "personed" the phones for the disenfranchised. Calling senators and congresspersons, constituents and congregants, Eileen got the word out in Forsyth County concerning legislation that affected the poor and marginalized. Though this fed her hunger to help the less-fortunate, she did not have the "hands-on" opportunities she wanted. But with four children in different stages of their education, Eileen needed an ideal situation for her to be able to begin her ordination track and move toward the gospel-centered, justice-oriented, hands-on ministry she wanted to enact.

The Divinity School at Wake Forest University was that op-

portunity. As Eileen put it, "the time was right, money was right and place was right." Even though situational circumstances brought her here, the community is what has made her happy to be here. She said that she "loves chapel," having the opportunity to experience "so many different services in one setting" means a lot to Eileen. She also added that she loves the faculty, how closely she is able to interact with them. And academically, she has been able to take classes such as Religion and Human Rights that speak intimately to her vocational calling. So although Eileen's dialect may sound foreign to these parts, her heart and calling appear to be exactly where they should be.

Ministry Minute—Tablet Welcomes Incoming Staff

by **Pete Zimmerman**
Staff Writer

Five fresh faces now work for The Tablet. Steven Fuller is not new to Wake but is new to The Tablet. Steven works as an intern with homebound members of Centenary United Methodist. He received his degree in English literature and was certified to teach. He participated for over 12 years at New Community Church, his father's church plant here in North Carolina. Steven looks towards vocational ministry, with pastoral ministry as a part of that calling. Steven is currently working on putting together an album of original music.

Charles Smith hails from Missouri but was born in North Carolina. He is married to third-year Stephanie Swanson.

They met one another at William Jewell, a liberal arts college that, like Wake, is formerly Southern Baptist. Charles wowed the coffeehouse with his violin skills and also enjoys cards, golf, and Harry Potter. He feels called into academia, wanting to be a professor one day.

Ben Wright was also born in North Carolina but was raised in Virginia. He attended Elon University. After Divinity School he wants to study comparative theology and work towards a PhD. The head of the religion department at Elon first sparked his interest in graduate studies. Ben worked as a mobile DJ quite successfully and is, "a big fan of music and reading." He is pleased to be at Wake and is amazed by the community here. As he

says, "Even the faculty is really great!"

Pete Zimmerman grew up in Texas, also living some in Georgia and Hawaii. Pete graduated from Baylor and also completed some coursework at Truett Theological Seminary. He worked in social work as a welfare-to-work coordinator and as a program director in a psych center working with substance abuse. Pete wants to become a church planter and possibly work in college ministry. His other ministry interests include chaplaincy, working with the spiritual but not religious, and also empowering those who have been through spiritual and religious abuse.

Donna Maree comes to us during a time in which she and all four of her children are in school. Her oldest goes to For-

syth Tech, while her 19 year old attends UNC Chapel Hill. Her younger two are 17 and 11, and they attend North Forsyth and Northwest Middle School. Donna was the first baby born in North Carolina on New Years Day the year she was born. She graduated from Salem College with majors in Business Administration and Accounting. In 1994 she began her initial discourse with the AME Zion Church. She has been in her current position as youth minister for four years. She loves going to the mountains and walking but is currently spending time with Deante her grandson.

All five new staff members are excited about making The Tablet an informative and vital part of community life at Wake Forest Divinity.



The Burning Bush

“Pain Pills and Pot”

By Justin Williamson
Staff Writer

Actually, these are two items I am not extremely familiar with; however, a couple of weeks ago as I was sitting under the awkward, three-quarter full moon, listening to Willie begin to round out a cool summer evening at Carolina Crossroads with these words, I knew a little about what he was saying.

Yes, it took this Texas boy having to come to North Carolina to see Willie Nelson in concert for the first time. That is kind of like Peter catching Jesus on his Back To Earth tour at some ritzy temple in Missouri!

“Too many pain pills, too much pot. Thought I was superman, but I’m not” is how he

sang it. My song would be a distorted echo in the same key as I reflect on some of the ways I have found to relax in this community.

Voice. We all come to divinity school seeking to better understand our voice, if not to find it. Through all the Phases and Stages that one goes through here at WFUDS there is no getting around the reality that we just have So Much to Do. If it were only work we would have plenty to require the occasional use of Both Ends of the Candle, but experiencing the richness of this community would never happen if we did not put our work down from time to time.

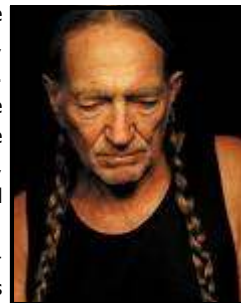
So we do, but there always comes that point, after the trip down Whiskey River and the

occasional Bloody Mary Morning, when, feeling Too Sick to Pray we realize The Party’s Over. With our pretences drowned away we are left raw and exposed, looking in the mirror. The reasons we are drawn together in the first place, however, are real, as we need each other’s light.

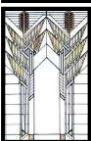
The moon is awkwardly three-quarters full because it is at this point when the absence of fullness and fullness are at the same time most tangible. As the moon reflects light from the sun, I look up at the man reflected there and think to myself that, more than anything, “You Look Like the

Devil,” in all the ways you are incomplete. But listening to Willie’s raw, weathered voice I cannot help but hope that however my voice ends up sounding, when I get to be his age I could still sing a Song For You.

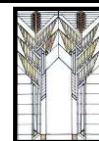
So I take another look around at the community here and after listening to all the voices that surround me I am encouraged, enlightened, and am able to begin to hear my own voice in concert with you. Lying there, looking up at the moon with its fullness only just coming into view, nowhere near full, I know that it is waxing.



The contemplative Texas songwriter, Willie Nelson. Image provided by Google



A Window into Stepping Stones



by Ben Wright
Staff Writer

The Pilot Mountain Baptist Association’s newest ministry has a fresh approach to helping the state’s homeless: help them help themselves.

The PMBA’s Stepping Stones ministry aims at providing homeless families with a means out of their current situation through occupational education and residential placement. Eligible families are placed in a fully furnished home for 24 to 36 months. During this time job training and assistance with finding employment is provided.

The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty reports that 3.5 million Americans will experience homelessness in a given year. Accord-

ing to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, families make up approximately 41 percent of the homeless population, with the majority being single mothers and their children.

Karen Taylor, PMBA Community Missionary, explained that the association initially takes care of the family’s rent, utilities, food, and other expenses. This assistance gradually decreases as the family enters the workplace and is capable of funding these things. The goal of the program is self-reliance.

Eligible families are discovered through reference from the Salvation Army. The Moorefields will be the first family to receive the benefits of the Stepping Stones program.

Composed of three children and their two parents, the family suffered financially when the father lost his job due to a back injury. Medical bills have been large as their 8-month-old son was born with an irregular esophagus. Baptist Medical Hospital has recently replaced it with a new artificial one they built him.

In addition to housing and employment, the families are paired with local churches and congregational families who serve as mentors throughout the Stepping Stones process. Occasional assessments of the tenets’ development, to insure progress, will also be performed.

The association acknowledges that this is not the solution to the problem. “It’s a

Band-Aid; it’s a much needed Band-Aid. When you have a boo-boo you got to put a Band-Aid on that,” said Taylor.

Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines has stated his support of the PMBA and the many other organizations that are addressing this issue. Taylor said she believes that a solution will only be found through the collaboration of all parties working toward this cause.

The PMBA is giving all of this year’s Jim Hamblen Missions Offering to the Stepping Stones ministry. Their goal is to raise \$25,000. For more information on how to get involved with the program, look under the “Ministries” section of the PMBA website: www.pmba.org.

Mark Sandlin: A [Familiar] Voice Crying Out

Alumni Update

by **Chrissy Tatum**
Staff Writer

Tucked away on the outskirts of downtown Greensboro rests a quaint Presbyterian church led by WFUDS's own alumni, Rev. Mark Sandlin. The church, decorated with beautiful flowers, provides a very peaceful aesthetic; however, those who venture inside the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship are challenged by the prophetic words of pastor Sandlin who consistently urges his congregation to be anything but comfortable, relaxed, and at ease with the way things are in this particularly traditional congregation.

Mark's messages are a product of his own experience in the working world as well as his theological training at Wake Div. His occupational background varies from I.T. and

Personnel Director, to Price Accountant, to Pastoral Minister. With bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and English, one might expect that a minister with such a broad range of training and expertise might approach ministry from a slightly unique perspective. Pastor Sandlin acquired all of his experience over the course of many years spent struggling with a curiosity about professional ministry. In fact, one of the first pieces of writing this English major produced was a first grade attempt at explaining why he wanted to be a missionary. After years of dissatisfaction in his secular jobs Mark had an experience of calling that he could not deny. He had tried out many different careers, and had much success, yet his heart was not content. Resulting from sev-

eral strange coincidences that caused him to consider theological education more seriously, Mark decided to begin to investigate divinity schools. The following summer while building a house on a mission trip to Mexico, his pastor asked him how his job was going. Mark answered the question honestly, confessing that he was unhappy despite his success. The pastor responded, "You know Mark, I never thought that was right for you." This was enough to convince Mark that his desire to go to divinity school in pursuit of a career in ministry was

legitimate and undeniable. When speaking of this experience Mark insists that "what you read into that experience is not my understanding of the Providence of God, it's just the way the circumstances worked out." Yet he is convinced that God specifically called him through these experiences.



Alumnus Mark Sandlin delivers prophetic messages each week challenging his congregation to adjust to the changing needs of the community."

God continues to work in Mark's life, urging him to preach controversial changes explicitly calling the people of Vandalia Presbyterian to act out and positively reach their community in love, even if it is unconventional and unpopular.

Community in Review

Football Team Hopes to Build on Last Season's Success

by **Charles Smith**
Copy Editor

In 2006, the football team enjoyed a banner year which students, faculty, and alumni will all remember. The season included a few impressive and surprising wins, an electrifying atmosphere, and even a post-season appearance. But for the returning members of the Divinity School Intramural Flag Football team, 2006 is only the beginning.

This season the team hopes to increase its win total and try to win a playoff game or two. However, accomplishing

these goals will not be easy. After losing a few key players to graduation the team is hoping to rebuild with a strong incoming class and a more organized approach.

But football is not the only intramural sport being played this fall. In the past the Divinity School has also had strong showings in soccer and volleyball, both co-ed. Campus Recreation is also sponsoring water polo and table tennis. If you want more information about any of these sports visit the intramural website at www.wfu.edu/intramural.

Orientation Helps New Students Prepare for Success

By **Donna Maree'**
Staff Writer

Orientation is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to get acquainted. Getting to know individuals can often be a difficult experience. One has to be willing to stretch out of the zone of familiarity into the realm of what is not known. First year students were met with a new environment but, to their amazement, they were greeted with friendly faces and a warm atmosphere. The amount of participation from the 2nd and 3rd year students made the entire proc-

ess run smoothly. The materials covered and words spoken were very informative. One thing is certain - it was definitely well planned and organized and the treatment was outstanding. Lynn, a first year student said it this way, "It was quite useful, it was more than expected." Now that orientation has culminated, students are ready to receive the tools needed to be fruitful in this new journey.

The Worship Bulletin

Veronice Miles, professor of Homiletics, will be presenting the word for opening convocation on Tuesday, September 11 at 11:00 AM in Wait Chapel.

Larry Jones, United Methodist Campus Minister, will share the gospel for University Worship on Thursday, September 13 at 11:00 AM in Davis Chapel.

The '07 Homecoming Service of Remembrance will be held in Wait Chapel on Saturday, September 15 at 9:30 AM. This service is designed for those who are grieving or who want to remember members of the Wake Forest community who have died over the past year.

Teresa Fry Brown, from the Candler School of Theology, will preach as part of the Worship in Wait series on Tuesday, September 18 at 11:00 AM in Wait Chapel.

Garrett Vickrey, third year student, will be our first student preacher for Divinity School Chapel on Tuesday, September 25 at 11:00 AM in Davis Chapel.

If you are preaching locally and want to be included in The Worship Bulletin, email details of the event to thetablet@lists.wfu.edu.

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How will you celebrate?

Events around Wake Forest

Leisure

Hot Java—Cool Mugs, a coffee-roasting demonstration, will be held at Krankie's Coffee Shop at the Warehouse, 211 E. Third Street in Winston-Salem, on Tuesday, September 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. This event will also include a tasting of various coffees and a presentation on the history of the vessel.

Visual Feast, an art show which begins September 13 and runs through October 19, is being hosted by Associated Artists at 301 W. Fourth Street and will feature works contributed by several of their members. The show is free to the public.

Seeing Beyond Sight: Photographs by Blind Teenagers, a project by students at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind, is being displayed in the Sawtooth Building, 226 N. Marshall Street, beginning September 08 and remaining through November 10.

Rock the Block, a music festival featuring many different types of music, will be held in Downtown Winston-Salem at the intersection of Sixth and Trade Street from 6:00 to 11:00 PM on September 21. For more information go to www.rocktheblockws.com.

Perpetual Groove, a jam band favored by several Divinity Schoolers, will be in concert September 15 at Ziggy's located at 433 Baity Street. The show begins at 8:00 PM and costs \$15 for a walk-up ticket. Tickets are only \$12 if purchased earlier so visit www.ziggyrock.com to reserve yours.

Oscar and Felix, A New Look at the Odd Couple: A comedy by Neil Simon will be performed September 14, 15, 21, 22 and 27 through 29 at 8:00 PM and September 16, 23 and 30 at 4:00 PM at Korner's Folly, located at 413 S. Main St., Kernersville. If you are a fan of Neil Simon you will not want to miss this.

A Right to Care, a one-woman show written and performed by Sarah Jones, will be performed on September 13 at 4 PM in the Joel Coliseum. Jones is a Tony Award-winning playwright and actor. Reservations are required for this show however admission is free.

Lecture

Jackson Senyonga will be giving a lecture entitled "Uganda: 25 years after Idi Amin" on Sunday, September 16 in Wait Chapel at 7:00 PM.

Gallery Talk at Reynolda House will be held on Tuesday, September 18. It will feature Allison Slaby as the speaker and will also include a tour of the new exhibition "Wings of Adventure." The event will begin at 5:30 PM and there is a cash bar reception immediately following. The cost is \$5.

Michael Franzese, the former Mafia boss, will be presenting a lecture entitled "Blood Covenant" on Tuesday, September 18 in Pugh Auditorium, which is located inside the Benson Center. The lecture will be held at 7:00 PM and please, for your own sake, be punctual.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming Birthdays

Chrissy Tatum 9/20

Jill Crainshaw 9/21

Dianne Horton 9/21

Attention First

Years!!!

It's your right and responsibility to vote in the SLC elections. You will find ballots in your box for the runoff for First Year Representative. Please return them to the SLC Box ASAP!



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Wayne A. Meeks,
Christ is the Question
Westminster John Knox Press, 2006
Paperback, 176pp.



Dr. Diane Lipsett, professor of New Testament and Christian origins, gives the inaugural recommendation for the year. Dr. Lipsett's comments: I am rarely drawn to sweeping treatments of any subject, but I find this recent brief work by Wayne Meeks remarkable and deeply rewarding. From his long, reflective experience as scholar and Christian, Meeks offers a series of essays showing that the search for Jesus is always a self-involving, interpretive process. He begins by surveying the "quest of the historical Jesus," along the way offering an elegant, witty overview of Western intellectual history. Meeks then shows how, from the earliest times, Jesus' followers have struggled for appropriate images to say who Jesus was. At the book's close, he turns to crucial questions: whether scripture can be said to speak with clarity and whether the revelation of Jesus can be called final and complete. Much is at stake in how we answer these questions, both in our faith communities and as we are called to conversation with those of other faiths. Meeks reflects, "...surely we have not seen the last surprise in God's plan to bring the unruly human denizens of creation into some kind of habits of justice and peace and love."

CLASSIFIEDS

Vocational News

The following job positions and others can be found in their entirety in the Office of Vocational Formation (Suite 303).

Weekend Youth Director needed for **Mt. Carmel UMC** 4265 Ebert Road Winston Salem 27127. Musical abilities would be helpful but not a requirement. Salary is commensurate to experience. Call 788-4183 to talk with Rev. Joe Collins

FBC Rural Hall is looking for a Children and Youth Director. 8 – 12 hours per week (includes Sunday School, Worship Service, and Wednesday night with other events.) \$10 - \$12 per hour. Will work with class schedule. Send resume and an interest statement to:

The Administrative Ministry Team
First Baptist Church of Rural Hall
P.O. Box 387
Rural Hall, North Carolina 27045

Questions should be directed to Dot Jones @ 983-3093 or Herschel Redding @ 969-2978.

Southside Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC has the position of Minister of Children and Family Enrichment available. Master's Degree from Southern Baptist Seminary preferred. Needs Administration/Planning, Communication, Teaching, and Ministry Vision as skills.

Tutor needed for 14 year old with ADHD. Hours: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please call Susan at 336-759-3959, x. 109.

Emerywood Baptist has two positions open: Minister of Congregational Life (spiritual formation/outreach) and Minister of Music, Fine Arts and Worship. Both are full time.
1300 Country Club High Point, NC 27262.

Full time salaried position as Director of Christian Education is available at **Clemmons Moravian**. Benefits Included. Send letter of interest to hrcommittee@clemmonsmoravian.org or P. O. Box 730 Clemmons, NC 27012

Kenansville Baptist Church has salaried position of Minister of Music available. Administrative, mentoring and musical skills needed. Contact Kathy Quinn at 910-296-0420 or kiquinn@embarqmail.com

Part time paid internship (\$10 an hour) to create college ministry at **Centenary UMC**. Dr. Steven Rainey is contact at 336-397-1332 or srainey@centenary-ws.org

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