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*A Look . . .
At Southeastern Seminary*

Seminary Fulfills Great Need

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., grew out of the feeling of many of our Southern Baptists that there was a great need for a Seminary in the Southeastern section of the Convention.



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The Seminary was born as a result of a thorough study of theological education first authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1947, at St. Louis and concluded in a report at the Convention in May, 1950, at Chicago.

At that time the Convention approved the establishment of a seminary at Wake Forest to be called The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, agreed to purchase Wake Forest College campus as a site, and elected

trustees to plan for the opening of the Seminary.

The trustees secured a charter and accepted as the Articles of Faith for the Seminary the doctrinal statement approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1858 for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. They set up a budget, elected Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey as president, appointed other members of the faculty, and

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MUSIC AND RELIGION BUILDING
Houses the Seminary offices, classrooms and library.

authorized the opening of the Seminary in September, 1951.

PURPOSE

Since the opening of Southeastern Seminary, the administrative officers, faculty, and staff members have had as their primary purpose the training of persons committed to the Christian ministry. This includes not only those who will be pastors, but missionaries both home and foreign, evangelists, directors of religious education, and teachers of religion.

As an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Seminary is conscious of its responsibility to assist in furnishing leaders for its own denomination, but its facilities are open on an equal basis to students of all denominations and it is the aim of the Seminary to produce a leadership for the whole Christian movement.

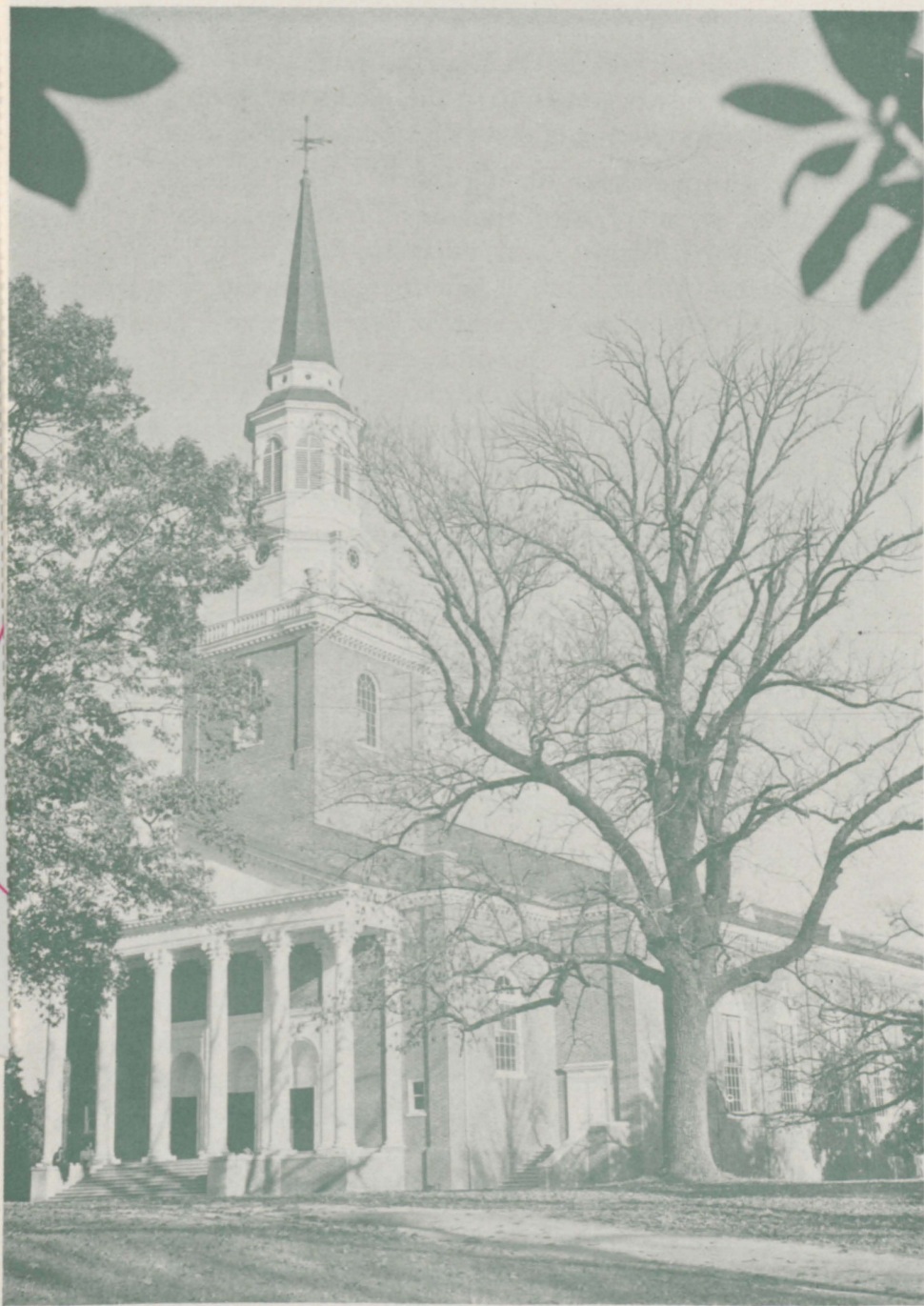
Seminary students are trained to arrive at a full understanding of the origins, content, and history of the Christian faith and of its applicability to the needs of the world.

To accomplish these ends, the Seminary is now expanding its faculty and proposes at all times to maintain a staff of teachers who are God-called to work in the Seminary and who are especially qualified for such tasks.

LOCATION OF SEMINARY

Wake Forest is a town of two thousand inhabitants in the center of a large area which offers the Seminary a great opportunity for training pastors and leaders for both rural and urban communities.

Located sixteen miles north of Raleigh, the capital of the state, Wake Forest is on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and at the intersection of U. S. Highway



THE NEW WAKE FOREST COLLEGE CHAPEL

The chapel in the Music and Religion Building is now being used by Seminary students until the college is moved to Winston-Salem.

Number 1 and North Carolina Highway Number 264. It is easily accessible by rail or highway from any part of the southern and eastern sections of the United States.

The Seminary plant consists of four hundred sixty-nine acres of land and buildings purchased by the Southern Baptist Convention from the trustees of Wake Forest College. On this land there are nineteen buildings used (at present by the college) for administrative, academic, athletic, hospital, dining, dormitory, heating, and other purposes, including the magnificent new chapel and the President's home; ten residential buildings; an athletic field; five all-weather tennis courts, a nine-hole golf course, and a concrete stadium seating 15,000; and approximately 200 acres of beautifully wooded land.

At present, while plans are being worked out to move Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem, the Seminary quarters are located in the comparatively new Music and Religion Building. It houses the administrative offices, library, classrooms, professors' offices, and a small chapel.

ENROLLMENT LIMITED

It is the desire of Southeastern Seminary officials to expand and make it possible to receive worthy students of all degrees of education. Right now, however, the limited amount of available space makes it necessary to curtail the enrollment and admit only students who have completed four years of college work or students who are of relatively advanced age and experience and who have completed at least a junior college course.

Since the preachers and others in this section of the country who wish to study for full-time Christian service may attend one of a number of colleges which

offer excellent preliminary training, the Seminary officers feel that it is best to accommodate students who are college graduates and who have no nearby seminary opportunity.

The long-range plan of the Seminary calls for the admission of all God-called men and women who are capable of further study, but due to the current shortage of housing and classroom facilities the enrollment will be limited until all of the buildings, now occupied by the college, are made available to the Seminary for the fulfillment of expansion plans.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As a new institution, Southeastern Seminary has not yet reached the point where it can provide students with anything more than emergency financial assistance. The present budget is not sufficient to bear a heavy load of student aid.

The Seminary is making every effort to place students in pastorates, realizing that most of the students are mature, experienced preachers who have indicated their progressiveness by coming to the Seminary the better to equip themselves for the gospel ministry.

It is the policy of the Seminary to give all students every possible assistance in obtaining church work as well as other types of employment, but it is almost compulsory that every student be prepared to carry his own financial load, at least for the first few months until work can be secured.

PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1952, TERM

Considered on the basis of applications on hand, Seminary enrollment in September is expected to double the present number of 95 students. In keeping

with the Seminary policy of expanding to meet the student needs, the faculty will also be doubled in view of the increased student body. Six additional faculty members are to be named before the September term.

The present student body lists students from all the states along the Atlantic Seaboard plus Michigan, New York, Tennessee, Alabama, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. Inquiries are now being received from the same areas and Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, upper New York state, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Arkansas.

All work offered at the Seminary in September will be required for the B.D. degree. It is the plan of the Seminary administration to add one additional year's work to the curriculum for at least the next three years. This will make it possible to offer work leading to the Master's degree in Theology by the 1954-55 session.

It is not contemplated that doctor's work will be offered before the Seminary has full possession of the Wake Forest campus, allowing room for the necessary expansion of the library, the addition of faculty members, and other facilities for graduate study toward the Doctor of Theology degree.

The Seminary library is rapidly expanding. From its start in June, 1951, the library has, in a short period of time, grown by gifts and purchases to 3,000 volumes with at least 1,000 more volumes on order. Bibliographies have been prepared on a highly selective basis, with practically every book in the library immediately usable for undergraduate study.

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