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# GUEST SPEAKERS

## DR. GUY SAYLES



Dr. Guy Sayles served as a pastor for over thirty years, most recently at the First Baptist Church of Asheville, NC. He's currently Assistant Professor of Religion at Mars Hill University, an adjunct faculty member at the Divinity School of Gardner Webb University, a consultant with the Center for Healthy Churches, a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Center for Ethics, and transitional pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Asheville. He is married to Anita Plunkett Sayles, also an ordained Baptist minister, and they have two grown children. His theological education includes a Doctor of Ministry from the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. He blogs at [FromTheIntersection.org](http://FromTheIntersection.org).

## DR. TRACY JESSUP



Dr. Tracy Jessup serves Gardner-Webb University as Vice President for Christian Life and Service and Senior Minister. A graduate of Gardner-Webb with a BA in Music, Dr. Jessup earned his MDiv degree at Samford University's Beeson Divinity School. He completed his PhD at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He also enjoys the opportunity to serve the local church through interim pastorates, pulpit supply, and preaching revival services. He and his wife, Teresa, have two children, Christian and Anna.

## DR. PAULA FONTANA QUALLS



Paula Fontana Qualls, Professor in the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy at GWU; teaches Hebrew Language and Old Testament. Paula has been involved in higher education and ministry for over 20 years. She received her Doctorate in Hebrew and Biblical Studies at Southern Seminary and trained in archaeological field work with Tel Aviv University. She has authored several publications and has held a variety of leadership positions at GWU and in the local church. Her passion is teaching and mentoring students.

## DR. WILLIAM WILSON



Dr. William "Bill" Wilson founded The Center for Healthy Churches in January of 2014. This followed his service as President of the Center for Congregational Health at Wake Forest Baptist Health since 2009. Previously he was Pastor of First Baptist Church of Dalton, Georgia, where he served since 2003. He brings over 33 years of local church ministry experience to the Center.

His denominational leadership has been extensive, including serving as the President of the Baptist General Association of Virginia in 1998. He is currently a member of the board for Baptist News Global and The Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. He is a certified coach and facilitator, and has experience as a consultant in numerous settings.

Dr. Wilson grew up in Greensboro, NC and Brentwood, TN, where his father pastored local congregations. He graduated from Murray State University, and went on to receive his Master of Divinity at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry at the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana.

Bill is a popular speaker and writer, and he brings to his role as the leader of the work of the Center a deep passion for the local church, as well as a commitment to the health and success of both clergy and congregations. He and Dr. Bob Dale have written a book together: *Weaving Strong Leaders: How Leaders Grow Down, Grow Up and Grow Together* (2016).

## "Leadership in Perilous Times"

### 2018 SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY, MAY 28

5:00 p.m. .... Registration  
*Ritch Banquet Hall*

6:00 p.m. .... Dinner

7:00 p.m. .... Opening Session  
*Dr. Guy Sayles and Dr. William Wilson*

#### TUESDAY, MAY 29

8:00 a.m. .... Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. .... Morning Devotion  
*Dr. Tracy Jessup*

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. .... Dr. Guy Sayles  
*Sustaining Leadership in Perilous Times*

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. .... Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. .... Dr. William Wilson  
*Practicing Leadership in Perilous Times*

12:00 p.m. .... Lunch

Afternoon ..... Rest/Recreation

5:30 p.m. .... Dinner

7:00 p.m. .... Community Worship  
*Dr. Paula Qualls*  
*Dover Chapel*

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

8:00 a.m. .... Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. .... Morning Devotion  
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12:30 p.m. .... Lunch and Adjourn