Grove Avenue Baptist Church was first built in 1890.
- After ten years the building burned down and the new church was rebuilt in 1901.
- A new wing was added in 1920 after the recovery of yet another fire.
- In 1977 VCU purchased the building and it has been used continuously by the university.
- The wing was recently demolished and rebuilt to better accommodate the student body.
In my design process, I was able to identify some important considerations project specific to my site. My idea of unity and the concept of light, although independent notions, are crucial elements which helped with the organization of the overall space. Another consideration is the importance of keeping the architectural entity and identity. The sanctuary should remain identifiable as what it was originally constructed. And my program consists of creating private dwellings for VCU faculty members.
I began my concept with trying to unite the two buildings the new and the old into one entity. The forms below show that progression and the thought of one and many. The challenge during this phase was to understand and explore all possibilities of this unity which may then translate into the transitions and connections of spaces.