DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the August 2011 edition of E-Notes. E-Notes is the electronic newsletter for the Gordon-Conwell Seminary community in Charlotte. Monthly up-to-date and relevant information regarding the seminary will be sent to student GCTS mailboxes. If you want to have your E-Notes discontinued, please e-mail Scott Smith at ssmith2@gcts.edu.

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1. THE DEAN’S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in the GCTS-Charlotte family,
We now stand at the threshold of our 20th year as a campus! Those of us on staff began the celebration with our annual “day of prayer and feasting.” We worship God as we tell stories that feature his faithfulness. We wish our incoming class a special blessing as we watch God pull together current and future pastors, counselors, leaders, and teachers. Each class is like a wave spreading the Kingdom deeper and further into this needy world.

Keep your eyes and ears open for news of anniversary activities this year. You’ll find exceptional events from now until the end of 2012. Integrative Seminar (with our famous pig-pickin’) will turn our eyes toward the Bible in the digital age, with special guests that have unique access to global trends. We’ll be welcoming our new OT professor, Dr. Cathy McDowell with a Cooley Center lecture in October. We will launch our newly publicized MAR-Hybrid program in January. The interest is already extremely high. In February, GCTS will host a rare collection of artifacts related to the history of the Bible. You’ll hear more about a fine arts series, gatherings with alumni, and other anniversary events. This is just to whet your appetite!

Let’s honor God together this year. He is worthy of all our praise!
Yours in Christ,

Timothy S. Laniak
Dean and Professor of Old Testament
2. FALL INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

Saturday, August 27, 2011, 9:00 am to 3:45 pm
The Transforming Word: How Does Reading the Bible Change Our Lives?
How Do Our Lives Change How We Read the Bible?

Those attending are invited to join us for lunch at our Annual Pig Roast!

Students check your GCTS email for more details regarding the event.

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3. THE LIBRARY NOOK

The Library and Bookstore will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

Library Hours:
- Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 am. – 6:00 p.m.

Scanning Now Available:
The library is pleased to offer free scanning as an alternative to paper copying. The library’s two copy machines now have this capability. For a demonstration on scanning, please see one of our librarians.

Library Online Resources: The libraries of Gordon-Conwell are pleased to offer online resources to the Gordon-Conwell community. Please click here for the resource page. For information or assistance contact the Library technologist, Matt Wasielewski, at mattwaz@gcts.edu.

Robert C. Cooley Collection Usage Policy for Researchers: In addition to the print resources, the Center contains a research computer with the latest software and technological resources designed to enhance research in biblical studies and early Christianity. Students and researchers interested in the specific resources available can find them listed here. Researchers and students wishing to use the collection for specific research projects must make an appointment by contacting the library director, Dr. Robert Mayer (bmayer@gcts.edu), or the Cooley Center fellow, Mark Poe (mpoe@gcts.edu) by email. More information on this policy can be requested by email or found in the library.

Courtesy of the Robert C. Cooley Collection in Biblical Archaeology and Early Christianity, two valuable new collections are now located on the reference shelf. The first is the *Brill Encyclopedia of the Ancient World.* This revision is the standard reference for subjects relating to ancient and classical history and is an excellent source for research into biblical backgrounds. For those of you engaged in biblical studies, you will find the *Encyclopedia of the Ancient World (Cooley DE5.N4813)* a valuable reference tool for research. In addition, we are beginning to collect a standard for English translations of early Christian writings, the *Fathers of the Church* series published by the Catholic University of America Press. For those in CH501 or exploring
early Christian backgrounds, these texts will prove helpful to your research. Currently, we have about 25 of the over 100 volumes and will be adding more as time goes on. You can find this at Cooley BR60.F3. Both of these new sets are located with the sets on the reference shelf.

Reminder: When you use a reference book or other text in the library, please do not re-shelve the book. We have had a number of books mis-shelved which means that other students cannot find them. When you’re finished, you can place them in the wire bins on the desks or return them to the circulation desk and the staff will re-shelve them. Thank you for your help.

New Harold-Lindsell Library FAQ: Curious about how many books to check out or where the reserve shelf is? Perhaps you need a book from our main campus library or from a seminary in our regional consortium. Visit the new Library FAQ website for answers to top questions.

New Library Tutorial Website: Library staff are continually making improvements to the Library Tutorial website. Step by step instructions including videos are available to learn how to search the online catalog, access online resources, and see who to contact when help is needed.

4. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

Regular bookstore hours:
- Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- We are happy to help you outside of regular bookstore hours provided that you call or email ahead.

Bookstore Renovations: The bookstore renovations are complete and is now open for business.

Gordon-Conwell Partnership with Christian Book Distributors: Textbooks can be ordered online by visiting the online GCTS Bookstore. Prices are competitive and free shipping is available to campus zip codes beginning with 019, 021, and 282 – Minimum order of $25. Once there, click “textbook finder” in the upper left of the screen to search for required and recommended textbooks.

Mentored Ministry manuals available for digital download! Charlotte and Jacksonville students now have the option to purchase the manual from Christian Book Distributors or the Charlotte campus bookstore. Note: The manual has two editions. The 2010 edition is for students who enrolled in Spring 2010 and after. The 2008 edition is for students who enrolled before Spring 2010.

5. PRAYER REQUESTS

Gordon-Conwell faculty, staff and students meet on Wednesday mornings in the chapel at 9:15 a.m. to pray for students, the seminary, and special needs that arise. Please join us! Students can place prayer requests in the Prayer Box located in the Seminary break room. Know that we will keep your concerns and requests confidential.

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6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

**Fall Registration** is still open. However, the deadline has passed and you will owe a $25.00 late fee. Please fill out a registration form as soon as possible.

**Course Information:** Please check your CAMS portal and choose the correct semester (FA-11).

**CAMS portal:** Please check your CAMS portal to verify you are registered. If you have a balance outstanding, you will not be able to be registered until you pay off your account.

**Graduation Applications** are on the website. If you are applying for a January graduation date, the deadline for this application is September 16th.

**GCTS email:** All important messages go to your GCTS email. Please check these weekly. You are responsible for what is sent to this email.

**Requirement Changes:**
Several courses will now have *co requisites of both* OT500 Old Testament Survey and/or NT501 New Testament Survey, or demonstration of having passed the Bible Competency exams. These courses are:

- TH502, Theology Survey II
- NT502, Interpreting the New Testament
- OT 600-Level Exegesis Courses

A co requisite is a course which must be completed before or concurrently with another course. For example, this change will mean that, in order to take TH502 Theology Survey II, a student must have completed TH501 and done one (or some combination) of the following:

1. Passed the OT and/or NT Competency Exams
2. Passed the OT and/or NT Survey courses prior to taking TH502
3. Be enrolled in the OT and/or NT Survey courses while taking TH502

**Sakai:** If you have problems with Sakai, please contact the help desk at helpdesk@gordonconwell.edu. You must still check your CAMS portal for verification of registration.

**Payment:** Please make sure when you pay on CAMS to choose the campus Charlotte, if not there will be a hold on your account.

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7. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

**Student Lodging Network:** GCTS - Charlotte has several families willing to provide free or inexpensive lodging for out-of-town students. **If you have a guest room** that you would like to make available to students on Friday nights during the school year or **if you are seeking to save lodging costs** by staying with a local family during weekend or week-long module classes, email Scott Roberts at groberts@gordonconwell.edu.

**Media Student Worker:** Don't have time for steady work? Want to earn a few bucks? GCTS-Charlotte Media Services is looking for people willing to work special events. No prior experience is required, desire to learn and emphasis on quality is desired. Training is provided. Contact mwinson@gordonconwell.edu.
Roommates Wanted: Two roommates needed beginning mid/end of September for 3 bedroom/2 bathroom house with swimming pool. Location in southeast Charlotte, 10-15 minutes from Uptown, South Park Mall, YMCA & minutes from McAlpine Park (6+ miles of trails & soccer fields). Easy access to I-485/77/85 & roughly 20-30 minutes from GCTS. Rent is $400/month plus utilities (totaling close to $500-S525/month). Contact Maria Popa at poppa@gordonconwell.edu or ralucampopa@gmail.com for more info or to schedule a visit.

Room Available: Room available in a small apartment in the Myers Park area. It is $337.50 each month, plus utilities, which has not exceeded $400.00 as of yet. Safe neighborhood and nice, quiet neighbors. Nice, pleasant roommate. Excellent location for running/walking. (Very close to Queen’s University, Movie Theater, Freedom Park, Hospitals, Starbucks, Restaurants, etc. Not far from uptown Charlotte.) No contract, just a month's notice before leaving. Available October 1st. Call Kristen Sease at 704-207-4146.

Parenting Seminar: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. as Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church presents John K. Rosemond. John is on a mission to help America’s parents claim loving leadership of their families. Since 1971, John has worked as a family psychologist in various settings, including private practice to writing and public speaking. To date, he has written 14 best-selling books on parenting and family life, including Parenting by The Book; and The Well-Behaved Child: Discipline that REALLY Works. His TV appearances include 20/20, Good Morning America, The View, The Today Show and CNN. $10 per person before August 24th, $15 after. Please call or email the church office for tickets at 704-588-0686 or www.pleasanthillpresby.com.

Growing Healthy Families Conference: Southeast Pysch is having their 2011 Fall Conference on Thursday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Friday, September 30, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Church at Charlotte. Shonda Schilling and Dave and Ellen Verhaagen are the featured speakers. Shonda is the wife of retired Boston Red Sox All-Star, Curt Schilling, the mother of four with unique and special needs, New York Times bestselling author, and a cancer survivor. Dave is a nationally-known psychologist and Ellen is an educator and mother of four. Register online at www.southeastpsych.com or call Patsy at 704.552.0116. Register before September 9, 2011 for a discounted fee.

Online MAR Degree Program: Gordon-Conwell is now accepting applications for its online Master of Arts in Religion degree program. Beginning in January 2012 students will take two 8-week courses per semester with a one-week campus residency mid-term. Students must come to Charlotte five times in three years to satisfy the 50% residency requirement for the degree. Current students may take up to six online courses. For more information check out the degree program on our website: http://www.gordonconwell.edu/prospective_students/online_master_arts_religion_degree or contact De’Leathia Hightower at onlineprograms@gordonconwell.edu or (855) 211-2474.

8. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Children’s Minister Wanted: Grace Academy & Church in Matthews is in need of a part-time Children’s Minister primarily for K-5th Grade but also responsible for finding volunteers for nursery and preschool ages. This is an ideal position for someone seeking experience while attending seminary. Go to www.gracespringschurch.com to see the School and Church’s doctrinal statement. If interested email James Dawkins at dawkins@graceacademync.com or call 704-814-9077.
**Director of Community Group Ministry Wanted:** Lake Forest Church in the Lake Norman area is searching for someone with the passion, giftedness, creativity and demonstrated experience to further develop a sermon based Community Group Ministry. A key strength needed for this position is strong leadership of Community Groups in place with 49 current groups and over 65 percent of Ministry Partners involved. This position will be responsible for overseeing and further developing the Community Group Ministry for both of LFC’s campuses. If interested, please email resume to Suzanne Powell at spowell@lakeforest.org.

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9. THE PIERCE CENTER

**Fellowship:** Each year Pierce Fellowships are awarded to returning students who have exhibited a commitment to walking in intimacy with Christ and helping others on their journey with Christ. This is the essence of discipleship. To find out more about the Pierce Fellowship, visit our website at [http://www.gcts.edu/current_students/pierce_center_disciple_building](http://www.gcts.edu/current_students/pierce_center_disciple_building).

**Mission:** The mission of the Pierce Center for Disciple-Building is to prepare ministry leaders who prioritize intimacy with Jesus Christ and the development of effective disciple-building skills within the context of a healthy Christian community.