DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the December 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@gordonconwell.edu.

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Tis’ the season for clichés – like "don't forget the reason for the season." I can't find any new way of wishing you new inspiration from the birth of Christ, but I hope you will! This is also the season for review and resolutions. I have already found great insight from summarizing this past year and looking for patterns. Some patterns are personal choices. Some are evidences of God's sovereign activity. Out of these patterns we have reason to consider adjustments in our behavior and clearer focus on the leading of the Great Shepherd.

May He direct your paths,

Timothy S. Laniak
Dean and Professor of Old Testament

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2. NEXT INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR (IS503) back to top

The Spring Integrative Seminar, Greening Up or Browning Out: Reflecting Upon Vocational Resiliency in Ministry (IS503) will be held on January 28, 2012.

Be sure to register for the Integrative Seminar!
3. THE LIBRARY NOOK

Library Hours:
- Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 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 Website: The libraries of Gordon-Conwell are pleased to offer a new design to the website. Now it’s easier than ever before to find print and electronic resources, contact library staff, and utilize helpful tutorials. New website orientation videos are available plus a new section to keep up on the latest library news. For information about the new functionality please contact the Library technologist, Matt Wasielewski, at mattwaz@gcts.edu.

Robert C. Cooley Collection Usage Policy for Researchers: In addition to the 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.

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.

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.

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 Student Lounge. Know that we will keep your concerns and requests confidential.

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## 6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

**Spring Registration:** The deadline for spring registration was Monday, **November 28**. You can still register for spring classes; however, you will receive a $25.00 late registration fee. Please fill out a registration form as soon as possible. Remember to use an add/drop form for any changes in your registration.

**Integrative Seminar:** Remember to register for the Integrative Seminar, IS 503 – Vocational Proficiency. If you have already registered for Spring, please use an add/drop form to add this to your schedule.

**Semlink Deadline** for Spring 2012 is Friday, February 24. All Semlink courses must be registered online.

**Scheduling an Exam:** Contact Trish King at tking@gordonconwell.edu at least 48 hours in advance.

**CAMS Portal:** Please check your CAMS portal to verify that you are registered. If you have an outstanding balance, you will not be able to be registered until you pay off your account. To verify your registration, check your CAMS portal and be sure to choose the correct semester (SP-12).

**Graduation Applications:** We are now accepting applications for May 2012 and October 2012. The last day to apply for May/Oct. 2012 graduation is January 20. The last day to revoke May 2012 graduation application and avoid the $150 graduation fee is February 3.

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

**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:** When you pay on CAMS, please make sure to choose the Charlotte campus; if you fail to choose the correct campus, there will be a hold on your account.

**Requirement Changes:**
Several courses now have pre- or co-requisites of both OT500: Old Testament Survey and 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 may be completed 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
REMINDER: Most of your questions can be answered by looking at the Academic Calendar and the Student Handbook online. All students are responsible for knowing this material.

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7. 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.

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.

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8. STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

Greetings fellow seminarians! Student Council is here to serve as your voice. If you have suggestions, concerns, or perhaps would like to attend a meeting to share ideas, email us at studentcouncil@gordonconwell.edu.

At 6:15 pm prior to Friday Chapel services, there will be someone available to pray with you from the Student Council or Spiritual Life Council. They will be located in the front left hand corner of the Chapel. Seminary can be challenging. Let us help keep you uplifted.

-GCTS Charlotte Student Council

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9. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

Student Volunteers needed for the Museum of the Bible Exhibit: Gordon-Conwell Charlotte will be hosting an exhibit of The Green Collection, a compilation of 40,000 biblical antiquities from February 10-13, 2012. We will be in need of student volunteers to work as ushers and ticket takers during those three days. Each day will be divided into two six-hour shifts, and we will need roughly ten students per shift. You help will be greatly appreciated to sign up, please register at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/theliving, or you can contact Scott Smith in the Dean’s Office at 704-527-9909 ext.5833.

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 Gregory Roberts at groberts@gordonconwell.edu.

House for Rent: Available for 6 months - December 30, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The house sits on a half-acre wooded lot with fenced in back yard in Indian Trail. It's a two-story, 3 bedroom and 2.5 bath, single family home. Ideal for a young family or a roommate pair. Rent is $650 per month plus utilities. Cost is negotiable based on willingness to help with the upkeep of home and yard. Please call Pete or Amy Frank at 704-296-2399 or email petefrank@gmail.com if interested.
**Metrolina Midwinter Conference:** Gordon-Conwell Seminary and the Metrolina Baptist Association announce the mid-winter EQUIP & RENEW conference featuring our own President, ethics lecturer Dr. Dennis Hollinger. The Metrolina Midwinter Conference, *open to students and alums*, will be held Tuesday January 31, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at GCTS – Charlotte. Dr. Hollinger is a frequent speaker in churches, pastors’ conferences, seminars, colleges and academic forums, and is the author of 3 books dealing with ethics, including his newest “The Meaning of Sex.” (2010)

In his book, Dennis Hollinger counters the confusion, arguing for an inherent, God-given meaning to sex. This meaning provides a framework for a wholistic biblical sexual ethic that adequately addresses contemporary moral issues, such as premarital sex, sex within marriage, homosexuality, reproductive technologies, and faithful living in a sex-saturated world.

- Our two sessions on the conference day (Tuesday) will focus on workplace ethics and sexual ethics, and will examine the Christian’s response to the challenge of our morally rudderless age. At the end of the two presentations, a roundtable of local leaders will discuss application points.
- A buffet luncheon will be provided within the small registration fee of $15, but for alumni & current students the cost is $10. However, Registration is required. Register at the front desk before 1/20, or for more information, call Dr. Alison Littauer at 704-527-9909.

**7even Days that Divide the World:** Dr. John Lennox, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University, will be speaking about the Old Earth / New Earth Controversy at Southern Evangelical Seminary on December 30, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tickets are $20. For information go to [www.ses.edu](http://www.ses.edu) or call 1-800-77-TRUTH.

**Homiletics Hymns and Spiritual Conference:** A "Homiletics, Hymns and Spirituals Conference" will be held at Mayfield Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC on February 17 - 19, 2012. This is a conference on the connection between preaching and music in the African-American church. Guest Clinicians are Dr. Luke A. Powery, the Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary, and Dr. James Abbington, executive editor of the African American Church Music Series by GIA Publications (Chicago). Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church is located at 700 West Sugar Creek Road and their phone number is 704-596-7935. The early registration fee is $75 and must be postmarked by January 17, 2012. All materials including continental breakfast (Saturday) and lunch will be included. Payments can be made online at [www.mayfieldmemorial.com](http://www.mayfieldmemorial.com).

**House Rental:** Beautiful 3 bed/2bath ranch home with in-ground pool, over-sized 2-car garage and a large fenced back yard. Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac and 1 mile to Light Rail. Great room with fireplace and remodeled kitchen with ceramic floor and granite countertops. Pool and lawn service is included! Min Lease period: 3 mo. Pets will be considered with a pet fee. $1,200.00. Contact April at 704-975-4057

**Female Roommate Wanted:** A 31 year old graduate student looking for someone to move into a house in Matthews to share a home around December or January. The house is furnished, has a washer/dryer and dishwasher. You will have your own bedroom and bathroom. Rent will be $400 a month plus half utilities which will be approximately $130. If interested please call 919-522-9380.

**Apartment for Rent:** Ground level, 1 bedroom, partially furnished apartment with private entrance available immediately in Ballantyne area. Rent is $850 per month and includes electricity, water, Direct TV, and wireless internet capability. Single person preferred, references and background check required; no pets and no smoking please. Call Kathy Eichenbrenner at 704-543-8496.
**Home for Rent:** Available late November 2011, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, and 2 car garage, 1,643 square feet, ranch style home. It is partially furnished (if desired), less than 5 minutes from GCTS, and $825/month. If interested email Jean Lee at jeanlee777@aol.com or call her at 973-292-6255.

**Uganda Mission Trip Opportunity:** A mission trip to Uganda with the organization Visiting Orphans is from March 9 - 18, 2012. The estimated cost is $3000 - $3400 (depending on departure airport and flight costs). If interested contact Jordan Reich at 704-458-9379 or jordangaitherreich@gmail.com. For more details about the sending agency and to fill out an application online go to www.visitingorphans.org.

**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.

10. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Byington Opportunity:** Byington (research assistant) opportunity for the spring semester. Students interested in working with Dr. Laniak in our new hybrid course in OT Survey can contact him directly at tlaniak@gordonconwell.edu or call 704-527-9909. This is a great opportunity for those anticipating a teaching ministry and/or using the web for ministry.

**Lead Pastor Wanted:** Cornerstone Gospel Church, non denominational (non Pentecostal) church, is seeking a lead pastor who is a preacher-teacher, is highly relational and has a passion to reach the lost in our surrounding community. We are looking for a pastor with experience who has a Masters/Seminary degree. Cornerstone is located in Vienna, WV, a small family friendly community in the beautiful Mid-Ohio Valley. For more information please see www.churchjobs.net.

**Full-Time Senior Pastor Wanted:** Evangelical Methodist Church in Elizabeth City, NC is searching for a Senior Pastor. This role will be directing all leadership, staffing, training, preaching, counseling, and administrative duties for the church and remaining staff. Reports to and works with the Board of Stewards of the church on all policy and governance items. This pastor will also work under and in accordance with the Discipline of the Evangelical Methodist Church Denomination. For more information please contact Dick Coston, chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee at coston4848@roadrunner.com.

**Internship/Mentored Ministry Opportunity:** Renaissance Church is a non-denominational multi-ethnic church plant in South Charlotte. We focus on reaching the unchurched and helping them to become disciples of Jesus Christ, who in turn go out and make disciples. We are offering a mentored ministry / internship position. For more information, please visit www.RenChurchCharlotte.com and call 704.964.3360.