



DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the April 2010 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 Dr. Steve Klipowicz at sklipowicz@gordonconwell.edu.

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1. DEAN'S DESK

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Dear brothers and sisters,

I trust that you each celebrated holy week in meaningful ways that brought honor to the risen Lord and renewed passion to your soul. I let Handel's Messiah roll over me at the beach, putting the historical pieces of the good news into place one song after another.

During April and May our prayers for you take a decided turn for protection and focus. Your course work has led you to a point where synthesis and integration are within reach. We trust that you will be able to minimize distractions and let your learning be full and rich. Join us as we pray especially for our May graduates here and in Jacksonville. May these sojourners finish their seminary trek with

confirmation of their calling and the Lord's presence as they move beyond the degree into the next phase of ministry.

Peace,

Tim Laniak

2. GRADUATION CEREMONIES

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Baccalaureate will be held Friday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Commencement will be held Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. Both services will be at Nations Ford Community Church, 5901 Nations Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28217.

3. THE LIBRARY NOOK

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Library Hours:

- Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Proctoring Policy: Please note the new library policy for proctoring exams and quizzes. Students are expected to make every effort to have their exams proctored outside of the seminary before scheduling a proctoring appointment with the registrar's office. Students having exams proctored in the library must read and sign a one-page statement of library proctoring policies before beginning their proctored exams.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the standard borrowing period for library books?

Four weeks

Can I renew books online?

Yes, you can renew books [online](#), by phone or in person provided that someone else has not placed a "hold" on the item you wish to renew.

What is the fee for overdue books?

Overdue fines for upstairs books are **25 cents** per book per day. Overdue fines for reserve books are **\$1.00** per book per day. If you accumulate \$10.00 in fines you will not be permitted to check out books unless you receive permission from the library.

Can I check out reserve books?

Yes. Professors place specific titles on reserve for use by students in the library. Normally, reserve books are to remain in the library, but may be checked out for up to one week with consent of the instructor and the library. No more than two reserve books may be checked out at one time, and the fine for late reserve books is **\$1.00 per book per day**.

How do I request a book from the South Hamilton campus?

Please consult the Charlotte library homepage at www.gordonconwell.edu/charlotte/library for specific information on requesting books from Goddard library. No more than six books may be requested.

Can I check out books from other seminaries in the area?

Yes, you can check out books from other theological libraries in the **Charlotte Theological Library Consortium**. The Harold Lindsell Library at Gordon-Conwell-Charlotte is a member of the Charlotte Theological Library Consortium (CTLC), a group of seven theological libraries in the greater Charlotte and piedmont region of North Carolina. Gordon-Conwell students enjoy library privileges at each CTLC member institution subject to the rules of the consortium and each member institution. For more information, visit www.atla.com/ctlc/ctlc.html.

4. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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Gordon-Conwell Partnership with Christian Book Distributors: Now you can order textbooks online through a unique partnership with Christian Book Distributors. Our prices are competitive and you can go to www.gordonconwell.edu and click "Visit the GCTS Bookstore." Once there, click "textbook finder" in the upper left of the screen and it will allow you to search for textbooks.

Spring textbooks available: You may also purchase textbooks at the GCTS Charlotte bookstore, although our supplies are limited.



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.

5. PRAYER REQUESTS

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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.

- Pray for students preparing for graduation this spring. Ask the Lord for strength and perseverance for them in completing their final courses and assignments. Also ask for peace and guidance as the "grads" seek placement in various vocations.
- Pray for Dr. Boccia at the recent death of her father.
- Pray for Dr. Joel Harlow as he concludes his trip to China.

6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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Summer registration: is open.

All Semlink courses: can now be registered for online. Go to www.gcts.edu. Open the Charlotte page. Scroll down to Semlink (Distance Learning). When this opens, go to Register for a Course. Use the Semlink Online Registration Form. Important item to keep in mind: If you have attended an Integrative Seminar or taken a class on campus, you are considered an on-campus student. Your starting date should be entered as fourteen days from the day you register or later.

Scheduling a Library Proctor: Please notify Joni Horne (jhorne@gcts.edu) or Trish King (tking@gcts.edu) at least 24 hours in advance of the time you wish to take your exam. Proctoring may begin at 9:00 a.m., but must be finished 30 minutes before library closing.

7. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Revisiting the House of God: GCTS Charlotte invites you to attend a one-day forum on Urban and African-American leadership with Drs. William Pannell and Rick Gray. The forum will be held

Thursday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an aim to renew and equip pastors and church leaders. There is no cost, but an RSVP is required. To RSVP, contact Dr. Alison Littauer at alittauer@gordonconwell.edu or (800) 600-1212 by May 1.

Mexico Mission Trip: Dr. Joel Harlow will be leading a GCTS short-term missions trip to Mexico City from June 25 or 26 to July 3 or 4. Right now it's tentatively pricing out at around \$850. Participants will get first-hand experience working with OMS International (www.omsinternational.org) in such areas as ESL classes with children and adults, street ministry, home Bible studies, door-to-door evangelism, and more. Spanish is helpful but not required. If interested, contact Dr. Harlow at jharlow@gordonconwell.edu.

Research Help Needed: Please consider participating in a study the MACC department is conducting. We especially hope to include more men in our study and would greatly appreciate your contribution. Oxytocin is a hormone which is important for parenting, sex, and romantic relationships. Our study looks at how the hormone oxytocin in adulthood relates to whether or not someone's parents got a divorce while they were children, and later romantic relationships and relationships with their parents.

To be in this study, you must be 18 years old. You may participate whether or not your parents were divorced. We will ask you to make an appointment to come to a room on campus to complete the study. We will ask you to complete some questionnaires that will take 50-60 minutes, and to give us a urine sample in which we can measure oxytocin. For your convenience, we try to schedule these before class so that you need not make an extra trip to campus.

Everyone who completes the study will be entered in a drawing for two \$100 door prizes. If you are interested in learning more about this study, contact us at gctsoxytocinresearch@yahoo.com. If you have any questions you'd like to ask before you decide, contact Dr. Maria L. Boccia at (704) 940-5835.

House for Rent: 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom house with large backyard, washer/dryer included. Located in Charlotte's South End, within walking distance to Uptown and Dilworth. Rent is \$1150. If interested, contact Mike for more details at (704) 975-5610.

Town home for Rent: A seminary family is seeking to rent out their town home in Ballantyne for beginning May 15. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, lovely yard, end unit, facing pool in a quiet community. \$900/mo includes grounds fees. Rent can be shared by 2-3 students. Preference given to Gordon-Conwell students; outside the GCTS community, references required. 6 month minimum. If interested, contact Dr. Alison Littauer weekdays at (800) 600-1212.

Discover Day: GCTS-Charlotte's next Discover Day will be held on Saturday, June 5 at 9:00 a.m. If you know of friends or family who are interested in Gordon-Conwell – Charlotte, please have them to register online at the Charlotte website or call the Admissions Office at (704) 527-9909.

Logos Bible Software Training: Logos is hosting a training in Atlanta, GA on May 18-19. The cost is \$225. To register or find out more information, visit www.mpseminars.com or email info@mpseminars.com.

Evangelical Theological Society Annual meeting: The ETS Annual 2010 meeting will be held Wednesday – Friday, November 17-19, 2010. The meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on the theme "Justification by Faith." The three plenary speakers are Pastor John Piper (Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis), the Rt. Revd. N. T. Wright (Bishop of Durham) and Dr. Frank Thielman (Presbyterian Professor of Divinity, Beeson Divinity School). To become a student member of ETS and begin receiving the quarterly Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society, visit www.etsjets.org.

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, please email Denise Flanders, dflanders@gordonconwell.edu.

Chapel Ministry Opportunities: If you have gifts and talents that can contribute to the spiritual vitality of our campus, you are encouraged to participate in Friday night chapel services whenever possible. We are seeking students who can serve in the following roles: Worship leaders, singers, musical accompanists, hosts and hostesses, praying for other students, preaching or testimonies (short messages). If you are interested in volunteering, email our Chapel Fellow, [Matt Hemsley](mailto:Matt.Hemsley), indicating in what ways you wish to serve and what weekends you will be available to help.

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Children's Ministry Coordinator: [Harvest Community Church](#) in Huntersville, NC is seeking a part-time coordinator of Children's Ministry. The position is 15-20 hrs/week but could grow into a full-time position. If interested, please send resume to Pastor Jerry Barber, jerry@harvestcharlotte.com.

Nanny needed: A family in the Cotswald area of Charlotte is seeking a nanny to watch 2 children two full days per week. These days could be either M/Th or M/W from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. We have a 3 year old boy (Ian) and a 1 year old girl (Isabella). If interested, please contact Lynn at (704) 451-0514 or lynnaraujo@hotmail.com.

Director of Worship and Evangelism: [Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church](#) in Pittsburgh, PA is seeking a full-time director of worship and evangelism. For more information, contact Steve Agnoli at steve.agnoli@verizon.net or (412) 996-6934.



Part-time Worship Leader: Newell Baptist Church is seeking a part-time worship leader. This individual must be comfortable working with both traditional/contemporary and choir/praise team. In time, this could work into a full-time position. This is a perfect position for a student who is studying to go full-time into music ministry. If interested, send resume to: preacherman88@yahoo.com or C/O Worship Leader Search Team, 9115 Newell Baptist Church Rd., Charlotte, NC 28213.

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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. If you are interested in applying for the Pierce Fellowship visit our website at http://www.gcts.edu/current_students/pierce_center_disciple_building. The application deadline is May 20.

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.

