DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the August 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 Scott Smith at ssmith2@gcts.edu.

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1. THE DEAN’S DESK

Dear sisters and brothers,

As the calendar turns our attention to a new school year, we anticipate a number of very significant launching moments. This Friday a dozen or more “spiritual sherpas” will be gathering at the “Sabbath House,” a home that was recently donated to the seminary. Sherpas are members of the larger GCTS community (alumni and friends) who want to support our students by providing prayer, counsel and encouragement. In this way they will help carry your load. The sherpas will be an extension of our Spiritual Life Committee which you’ll hear more about in the days ahead.

The faculty and staff will also have our second annual “Day of Prayer and Feasting” on August 11. (Yes, we believe in fasting, but feasting is biblical too!) We will reconsecrate ourselves, our chapel, offices and common spaces for God’s work this coming year. On August 20-21 we will host our new students for their Orientation. This has become an increasingly rich time of spiritual encouragement and practical resourcing.

The Integrative Seminar with pig pickin’ will follow on August 28. Another great community tradition at GCTS – Charlotte. Another opportunity for feasting!

We pray that God is fortifying each of you for this new year. We all carry a heavy load, but His grace is more than sufficient.

See you soon,
Dr. Tim Laniak, Dean

P.S. Keep your eyes open for a 50% discount sale on Logos systems for GCTS students at the end of this month.

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2. FALL INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

The Fall Integrative Seminar is scheduled for August 28, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. The theme is “Maintenance or Mission? Posturing the Church for Ministry in the Post-Christian Culture.” This will also be the day of the Charlotte campus’ annual Pig Picking!

All students intending to participate must register for it as they would any other course. To register, include "Fall Integrative Seminar IS505" on your fall registration form. If you have already registered for fall classes, simply complete an Add-Drop form and submit it to the Registrar's.

There is a pre-assignment which includes reading the excellent, short book, The Celtic Way of Evangelism by George Hunter (Abingdon, 2000) and answering several reflection questions. Additional information regarding this event will be sent shortly by e-mail and postal mail.

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3. THE LIBRARY NOOK

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.

Online Library Resources: The libraries at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary offer a host of online research resources to students, staff and faculty.
• Databases are accessible to hunt down articles and books, perform Greek word studies, view primary sources for church history, and much more!
• Journals are available online in subjects ranging from theology and biblical studies to psychology and pastoral ministry.
• Netlibrary offers eBooks in theology and biblical studies.
• Tutorials are also available to help with using library databases and researching specific subjects.

New 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 at: http://www.accordancebible.com/store/details/?pid=UASc8.4.
Researchers and students wishing to use the collection for specific research projects must make an appointment. Appointments should be made by contacting the library director, Dr. Robert Mayer (bmayer@gcts.edu), and 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.

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 one reserve book may be checked out at a 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

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.

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

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 earnestly for Dr. Gary Parrett and his family. Dr. Parrett, who teaches at our Hamilton campus, was seriously injured in a bus accident in Korea last week. He is in critical condition and faces months of recovery in a Korean hospital.
- Carol Wooten, fellow student was in a car accident and has sustained injuries to her brain, neck, back and knee. She has spent two months in recuperation thus far; please keep her in your prayers for continued healing.
- Keep in prayer various students who will be traveling internationally on mission trips this summer.

6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

Fall 2010 Registration is now open: The registration form and the schedule are available online for your convenience. Only use the add/drop form (available online) to make changes to your schedule after you’ve submitted the registration form. The deadline for submitting your fall registration form was Wednesday, August 2. Contact registration ASAP if you still need to register. Given the current financial circumstances, the seminary can no longer offer under-enrolled classes. If a course does not meet the minimum enrollment requirement, the course will be cancelled. Therefore, it is imperative that you submit you contact the registration office ASAP if you hope to register for classes in the fall so that we have ample time to make a decision and notify professors/students. We would hate to cancel a course only to learn later that enough students had planned to enroll but just failed to act in a timely manner.

Semlink: Remember that registration for Semlink courses is now online.

CAMS portal: If you are trying to see your class schedule, make sure you choose the correct term on the upper right hand side to see your courses for a given semester.

7. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

Clinical Pastoral Education: CMC-Randolph will offer Clinical Pastoral Education this fall, from October 11, 2010 - March 25, 2011. It is an Extended Unit of CPE because the 400 hours required for this course are “extended” over a number of weeks to require less time on campus per week for the students. Each year CMC-Randolph has a Summer Intensive course from June to mid-August. This is a 10- or 11-week program designed for seminarians or other full-time students who can spend 40 hours+ per week in the program. For more information, contact Terri Bolotin, terri.bolotin@carolinashealthcare.org.

Home for Rent: A 3br/2ba home is for rent in the Southbridge Forest subdivision off of Smith Rd, which is less than a 5 min. drive from Gordon-Conwell. The address is 14721 Cane Field Dr., Charlotte, NC 28273. Christian owners are offering low rent to bless a family; $800/month (negotiable). 1,643 square feet on a .25 acre lot, ranch style, 2-car garage, gas fireplace, HUGE
walk-in closet attached to master bathroom w/built-in shelving & shoe racks. Can be fully or partially furnished if desired (ideal for missionary family on home assignment or any family in transition). Completely fenced-in backyard – great for young kids, neighborhood park literally behind the house w/playground, covered picnic area, & open field (maintained by the Homeowners’ Association). Available starting September 17th or 18th. If interested, email us – Jen & Marcus Baeder: marcus.baeder@sim.org or call Jen’s cell at (973) 234-7999.

**Condo for Rent:** A 2 br/2 ba condo is for rent. The address is 5204 Amity Springs Drive, Charlotte, NC 28212. It has 980 square ft., central heat/air, all electric, washer/dryer, microwave, dishwasher, security system, carpeting and parquet flooring in kitchen. Adequate storage room as well as large closets. Backyard has large common area/lawn, nice patio, tennis courts and swimming pool privileges, plus workout room. $495/month plus utilities. If interested, contact Rebecca Albright at lightupalife@earthlink.net or (336) 267-8991 (Answering service). Photos available via internet.

**Room Available:** A local family is offering room and board in exchange for approximately 10 hours of childcare per week. Live in a light, bright walk-out basement within 10 minutes of the GCTS campus in exchange for making sure two school age kids get their breakfast and make the bus in the morning, and then be there by 3:30 p.m. to meet the bus in the afternoons. Since I am single mom, I am looking for a single woman for this living situation. Given my rotating work schedule, this will be for 7 school days during every two-week period. Please contact Karla Newman at karla.newman@yahoo.com or (704) 618-2955. My twins have high-functioning autism, which means they will require little attention/work, but the right person must be able to embrace “quirky” kids. You will have 1,000 sq.ft to yourself and a quiet house most of the day. I need someone for this situation by August, although you could move in before then.

**Room Available:** Christian female is renting out a room in her house. House is near the North Davidson’s Arts District in Charlotte, within walking distance to Amalie’s. Rent is $350 plus 1/2 utilities. If interested, call Danielle at 704.806.8804.

**Todd Carrouth Scholarship Winner:** Congratulations to Melody Reid, GCTS-Charlotte student, who was awarded the Todd Carrouth Foundation Scholarship this spring. Melody was selected along with two other Duke University students to receive this grant.

**Free Television:** After replacing some equipment, GCTS-Charlotte has a 32” TV available for free donation to a local church or ministry. The TV set is quite large and bulky and is missing the buttons on the front, but is in working order and comes with a remote. We cannot guarantee its condition and cannot transport it from the campus but will offer it for free to the first offer available for pickup. Please contact Drew Edwards at dedwards@gcts.edu or (704) 527-9909.

**Answering the Call Conference:** Ed Stetzer, John Hull, Jim Tomberlin and John Armstrong will speak at the “Answering the Call” conference on August 6 – 8 in Chicago, IL. The intention of the conference is to offer vision and strategies for renewal in the historic, mainline denominations. For more information, visit www.mainlinecall.org.

**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 Dr. Thomas Schreiner, 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.

**Logos Bible Software:** 50% off discount on Logos Bible Software valid with minimum of 50 units per program during 8/25/2010-9/15/2010. Discount valid on: Original Languages Library, Scholar’s Library, Silver, Gold, or Platinum. Open to all faculty and students. Orders will be
charged when enrollment period ends. Order now at www.logos.com/Academic/gcts/50Students or call (800) 878-4191.

**The Fund for Theological Education:** The Fund for Theological Education offers fellowships to entering and second-year seminary students with gifts for leadership and a call to pastoral ministry. Visit www.thefund.org/programs for details on eligibility and nomination/application forms.

**CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SEMINARY**
- Congregations nominate candidates, commit funds
- Candidates: entering M.Div. students age 35 and under with 3.0 GPA
- $1,000 to $5,000 matching fellowships and leadership conference

**VOLUNTEERS EXPLORING VOCATION**
- Fellowships for recent participants in faith-based volunteer service organizations
- Entering M.Div. students age 35 and under with 3.0 GPA
- $2,500 fellowship and leadership conference

**MINISTRY FELLOWSHIPS FOR SECOND-YEAR SEMINARY STUDENTS**
- Deans/presidents of ATS-accredited institutions nominate candidates
- For full-time M.Div. students age 35 and under with 3.3 GPA or higher
- $10,000 fellowship and leadership conference

**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 Dustin Schlabach, dschlabach@gordonconwell.edu.

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8. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Youth Pastor:** Gracesprings, a young church plant in the Matthews area, is seeking a Youth Pastor. Gracesprings Church also operates a Christian school, called Grace Academy. The duties of the Youth Pastor include teaching Bible courses at Grace Academy as well as leading our youth group. This is a full-time position with extremely flexible hours and good pay. Grace Academy operates from morning until noon and there are no classes on Fridays, which provides ample time for studies and classes. If interested, please contact Jon Dillon at dillon@graceacademync.com.

**Part-time Youth Minister:** Uptown Church is seeking a part-time director of youth ministry. This will be a 20 hour/week position, which will work to implement the philosophy of youth ministry for our growing number of students in the 6-12th grades. Interviews for this position will take place in early June. If interested, contact Assistant Pastor Dave Kulp at davekulp@uptownchurch.org.

**Associate Pastor:** New Hope Presbyterian Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin is seeking a full-time associate pastor. Responsibilities include shepherding the congregation, preaching, evangelism, mission trip planning, visiting homes, evangelism, etc. If interested, contact Dave Keller, office@nhopc.org or (920) 468-8565.

**Media Services Specialist Student Worker:** GCTS-Charlotte is seeking Media Services Specialist (MSS) Student Workers from the Charlotte campus to facilitate the understanding, use, and growth of media practices and technologies to further the mission of this campus and the entire institution. This position will report to the Media Services Manager on campus and work with the rest of the Media Specialist team. Collaboration will also take place with IT and Media Services personnel throughout the institution. Tasks often associated with this job include but are not limited to: video production (shooting, editing, authoring, etc.), live audio production,
classroom multimedia equipment operation and troubleshooting, basic computer support, student technology assistance, and many other functions. Previous experience and competency in such areas are preferred but not required. MSS Student Workers are put on a weekend rotation to share coverage of Friday night chapel and Saturday morning class support shifts through each semester. The position requires 10 hours of work per week and weekend rotation availability. If interested, please provide a resume and explanation or example of work by contacting Drew Edwards at (704) 527-9909 or dedwards@gcts.edu. We are seeking to fill two positions to begin no later than September 1, 2010.

**Company Chaplain:** Pharr Yarns, LLS, a manufacturing company in McAdenville, NC is seeking a company chaplain. This position has traditionally been full-time, but could be part-time as well. The chaplain provides spiritual care and counseling to a diverse company population. Applicant must be able to speak Spanish. If interested, contact Mel Collins, VP of Human Resources, at (704) 823-2330.

**Children’s Ministry Coordinator:** Redeemer Presbyterian Church (www.redeemerws.org) of Winston, Salem, NC is seeking a part time Sunday Morning Elementary Education Coordinator. Redeemer Presbyterian would like to provide for the leadership resources required to nurture and equip the children of our congregation. To that end it is our desire to hire a coordinator to facilitate the 10-11 AM Equipping Hour classes on Sundays and mobilize volunteers around a common vision. The ideal candidate would be a highly relational and organized individual with a call to Children’s Ministry. This person should be an organized, self-starter who loves Christ and loves children & shares leadership among volunteers w/ a desire for the same. The position is a permanent hourly part time position, up to 20 hrs per week. For more information or to apply call Rob Alexander at 336.724.2217 ext 12 or email resume, three personal references, salary requirements or salary history and cover letter to: alexrw@bellsouth.net

**Coordinator of Student Ministries:** Berry College, in Georgia, is seeking a graduate in theological training with experience & passion for ministry in a college setting. The person will have administrative, programmatic, pastoral, and worship responsibilities. Berry has a largely secular academic program within a framework that is avowedly Christian in foundation, identity, and emphasis. The staff is “interdenominational” and students are diverse in their religious make-up, but most are from Baptist and “free church” backgrounds. The selectee would lead Sunday night worship in our main chapel. The person in this new position will be a critical player in the tremendous opportunity to expand and enhance our chaplain’s office ministries, particularly as we’re growing—with the largest class in our history arriving next month. View the listing at: http://www.berry.edu/business/hr/jobdetail.asp?JobCode=070910. If anyone is interested in applying, feel free to follow the link and/or make contact with the campus Chief of Staff Whit Whitaker at: awhitaker@berry.edu.

**Pastor:** Central Baptist Church in Spruce Pine is seeking a pastor. We are a small church in the NC mountains with an average attendance of approximately 75. We are searching for an effective communicator of well prepared sermons, a gifted teacher that enables the learning and understanding of spiritual truths, and a leader that will guide us in our vision of "Knowing God's Word, Showing God's Love, Growing God's Kingdom." Interested individuals may send resumes to Meredith B. Hoilman at meredithbhoilman@yahoo.com or to Central Baptist Church Pastor Search Committee, 431 Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

**Latin Teacher:** Palisades Episcopal School in SW Charlotte is seeking a part-time Latin teacher. The teacher would be teaching 3rd through 7th graders a total of 8 hours per week. Contact Kerin Hughes, Head of School, at 704.583.1825 or khughes@pescharlotte.org.

**Director of Christian Education, Youth Ministries and Technology Management:** The Village Chapel, an interdenominational setting, in Pinehurst, NC (http://www.thevillagechapel.net/) is in search of a Director of Christian Education, Youth Ministries, and Technology Management. If
You are interested in applying or have questions please contact Dr. Al Hill, Associate Pastor, at allhill@connectnc.net or (910) 295-6003.

**Youth Minister:** Southern Baptist church located in Hickory, NC, seeks a Youth Minister to serve a congregation averaging 100-150 with room for growth. Prefer applicant with ministry education or pursuing the same. Also prefer applicant to be married, but not required and couples are encouraged to apply. Applicant must be confident in what they believe, be able to state why and give their personal testimony. Musical abilities are a plus. Please send resume to youthpastorsearch@yahoo.com.

**Church Plant - Mentored Ministry Experience:** Twelve Mile Creek Church ([www.twelvemilecreekchurch.com](http://www.twelvemilecreekchurch.com)) began meeting in February 2010 at the Weddington Swim and Racquet Club near the crossroads of Matthews-Weddington Rd and Tilley Morris Rd in Weddington, NC. They are looking to provide Seminary students with potential field/mentoring ministry experience in a local church plant. While at Seminary studying church planting, teaching, and missions come to TMCC and experience church planting, teaching, and missions. The TMCC Mission Statement is to grow a Church through Expositional Bible teaching that makes Disciples, develops Leaders, and replicates itself by sending them out! The TMCC Core Values are 1)Ortho-doxy 2)Ortho-praxy 3)Expositional Preaching 4)Discipleship 5)Leadership Development 6)Church Planting 7)Missions 8)Investing and 9)Inviting. For more information contact Pastor Mark Patterson at mpatterson004@windstream.net, or call at 704.604.2961.

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**8. 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. If you are interested in applying for 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.