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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the December 2009 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 sklipowi@gcts.edu.

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1. DEAN'S DESK

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Dear friends,

The race has begun. The *rac*es I should say. The important race to finish all of your semester's work well – with the right amount of thoughtful reflection and speed! The (overblown) race between "Black Friday" and Christmas Eve to get all of your Christmas gifts purchased! But most significantly, the race to be in spiritual rhythm with the Advent season.

"Advent" comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "coming." It was originally used to signal the historic coming of Christ, beckoning Christians to join mystically with those who for centuries awaited God's Messiah. Advent then took on another mystical dimension, that of preparing ourselves for Christ to enter our personal lives afresh. We sing, "O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today."

But why should I refer to celebrating Advent as a "race"? For the same reason the writer of Hebrews exhorts us, in KJV English, to "*labor* to enter into that *rest*" (Heb. 4:11). The Sabbath rest which undergirds all true holy days does not come naturally, especially during this season. So let's do whatever it takes to engage our souls in the rhythm of Advent.

Warmly,

Tim Laniak, Dean

2. SPRING INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR, JANUARY 30, 2010 [back to top](#)

The Spring Integrative Seminar is scheduled for January 30, 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."*

Students intending to participate must register for it as they would any other course. To register, include "Spring Integrative Seminar IS505" on your spring registration form. If you have already registered for spring classes, simply complete an Add-Drop form and submit it to the Registrar's office before January 25, 2010.

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. Please refer to the email sent in November to your GCTS email account for more detailed information.

3. COOLEY LECTURES, JANUARY 14 & 15, 2010 [back to top](#)



This year's Robert C. Cooley lectures will be delivered by [Dr. Craig Evans](#) on January 14 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the GCTS Chapel. The topics will be 'Jesus and His World' and 'Jesus, Messianism, and the Dead Sea Scrolls'.

There is no required registration. Dr. Evans has written extensively on these subjects and is an engaging speaker. Please plan to come and bring some friends.

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December Holiday Hours:

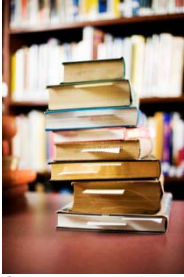
- **Wednesday, Dec. 23** **8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday – Sunday, Dec.24 – Jan.3** **CLOSED**

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.

5. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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Semlink textbooks: The bookstore stocks textbooks for Semlink courses that can be taken as part of a Charlotte degree program. Please contact [Alvis Yates](#) to inquire about the availability of Semlink texts.



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.

6. 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.

- Please pray for Dr. Rollin Grams and his family. Dr. Grams' father recently had a stroke and he is the primary caregiver to his wife who has Alzheimer's disease. Ask God for healing and wisdom!

7. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

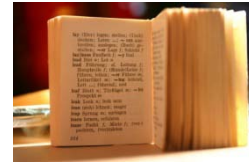
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MC501 Coming this Summer: The Charlotte campus will be scheduling MC501, Spiritual Formation for Ministry as a class room course during the summer of 2010. Previously available only through Semlink, MC501 will be a valid substitute for MC591, Dynamics of Spiritual Life for all degree programs. This class will be dual taught by Dr. Steve Klipowicz and Reid Satterfield, Director of the Charlotte Pierce Center for Discipleship.

Church Planting Class: A special class on church planting will be offered this Spring at GCTS-Charlotte. Church Planting and Growth (WM/EV665) will be held during the third weekend module beginning February 19 – 20. This practical class will focus on the theory and methodology of pioneering new churches in a variety of contexts. This would be an invaluable class if you are currently starting a church or intending to do so in the near future.

Dr. Steve Klipowicz, who planted a church for his first ministry, will be the lead professor with Dr. Mike Moses, the founder of Lake Forest Church in Huntersville, as the assisting instructor. Various other church planters will be involved as guests through the semester. WM/EV 665 can be counted as a missions or evangelism class, in addition to it qualifying as a ministry elective or general elective. It would also be a great class for someone who is planting a church to audit.

Writing Seminar: For all returning students that matriculated since FA08 you are required to take IS502. This will be an all day event on January 16. Please fill out the registration form and put IS502 section CA. There is a limited amount of room so please register as soon as possible.



Bible Competency Test: Students that matriculated in Fall 2009 have one final opportunity to take the bible competency test. The test will be offered on Fridays in February from 4:00- 6:00 p.m. Please email Joni Horne at jhorne@gcts.edu to sign up.

Spring registration: The deadline for spring registration was Dec. 2. We are still accepting registration forms. Please download the form online and fax to the Registration office at (704) 940-5858.

Summer Schedule: Will be available next week on the Charlotte homepage of the GCTS website.

Spring Graduation: January 22 is the last day to submit an application for May graduation. The graduation form is found online under academic forms for the Charlotte Campus. Graduation will be held Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Reminders: All students should check their GCTS email often. This is how we communicate any changes through the registration office. Remember that your GCTS email can be forwarded to your personal account.

We are still in the development stages of the online registration portal. The seminary has recently hired a full-time project manager who will make online reg. his top priority. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

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

Check your student portal: Use this to confirm registration and to see if your grades have been posted.

8. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Charlotte Awake Prayer: Charlotte Awake is seeking volunteers for prayer on Wednesday, December 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in downtown Charlotte. Volunteers are needed to be available at a Prayer Tent set up at the corner of Trade and Tryon to pray with anyone who requests it, and also to prayer walk around the downtown area. If you would like to participate, contact Jill Milligan, jmilligan3@carolina.rr.com or (704) 587-0009.

Discover Day: GCTS-Charlotte's next Discover Day will be held on Saturday, March 20. 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.

Women's Bible Study: A Bible Study for seminary wives and female students (and friends) will begin Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. The group will meet in the Chapel at GCTS – Charlotte every Thursday to study Deuteronomy. Dr. Alison Littauer, who spoke at Chapel several times this fall, will lead the study. Dr. Alison has been teaching Scripture Study for 25 years through Focus on the Family, Community Bible Study and an interdenominational Bible Study, "WOW—Women of the WORD." She finished her doctorate in Church History in May of '09 from Gordon-Conwell Seminary. For more information, contact her at deadguys83@aol.com.

Crown Financial Seminar: Weddington United Methodist Church is offering Crown Financial Training in a one-day event on Saturday, January, 23, 2010. The seminar will be from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at 13901 Providence Road, Weddington, NC 28104. For more information, contact Keith, keith.lowder@weddingtonchurch.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, indicating in what ways you wish to serve and what weekends you will be available to help.

Seeking Housing: Female, MDIV student, 22 yrs. old, is seeking housing beginning in January 2010. Prefer close to campus and rent \$300-\$400 per month including utilities. Please call Sarah (719) 338-2385.

9. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Training Program: DART is currently accepting resumes from alums and spring graduating GCTS students interested in **social and economic justice issues** for their paid, four-month community organizing training program known as the DART Organizers Institute. The program begins July 18, 2010. To apply, send resume to: Ben MacConnell, the Recruitment Director at: ben@thedartcenter.org before December 15. You can also call him with questions: (785) 841-2680. To find out more about the DART center, visit www.thedartcenter.org. For a brief introduction to DART and the Organizers Institute, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shv8jeHyn0E>.

Teaching Coaches: Would you be interested in being a paid teaching coach for under privileged children and youth in the Charlotte area? A new innovative program, Ta-Da! is seeking to hire teaching coaches who would be available to academically mentor students nine hours a week in the late afternoons. Teaching coaches will be paid \$15 per hour after completing training. If interested, contact Dr. Steve Klipowicz at sklipowicz@gordonconwell.edu.

Associate Pastor: [First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church](#) in Gastonia, NC is seeking an Associate Pastor to share the pastoral role with the Senior Pastor. Role will include teaching, administrative and other leadership roles. If interested, please submit resume to mike@mikefosterassociates.com.

Community Care position: Mecklenburg Community Church is seeking a GCTS student pursuing a degree in Christian Counseling, or GCTS graduate, for a position in their Community Care ministry beginning January 1, 2010. This position can be either part-time or full-time. The Community Care department of Mecklenburg coordinates emotional and spiritual support to Meck members and attenders through classes, groups, counseling assessments and referrals. Students who have had Dr. James Emery White as a professor at GCTS are strongly encouraged to apply. If interested, please send cover and resume to ggoble@mecklenburg.org.

Summer Internship in New York: [North Shore Baptist Church](#) in New York City is seeking interns for the summer of 2010. Interns will obtain a summer job in the area and do ministry with the church. Lodging is free. If interested, contact Pastor Ed Moore at (718) 229-7223 or northshorebaptist@verizon.net.

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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.