DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the December 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 brothers and sisters,

A special greeting during this Advent season!

While meeting with a group of Biblical Theology Seminar students in Jacksonville this past weekend, we reviewed a paper entitled, “A Great Cloud of Witnesses.” Becka Gillespie began by recounting a vivid experience with Capuchin monks who worship at Our Lady of the Conception of the Capuchins church in Rome. The church is designed around rooms that house the bones of 4,000 monks who have passed to the next life. A plaque reads, “What you are now, we used to be; what we are now, you will be.” It may sound macabre that worship intentionally takes place among the dead, but it is biblical. The Lord’s table places us in the context of his death whenever we partake of it. Becka went through Scripture to demonstrate the ongoing importance of our sense of continuity with the greater community of God’s people, both globally and historically. In the words of Hebrews 12:1, we are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses” in our journey of faith. Think of the heavenly host encouraging us onward, led by Christ himself who came to defeat death.

This message is especially pertinent during a time of the year when we face the physical absence of loved ones. Trustee and alum, David Rogers, and student, Chris Brown, both departed quickly and without warning this year. Many of you will notice others “missing at the table” in your homes. Really, those who knew the Lord in this life are at the table already. They are sitting next to empty seats, waiting for us to join them. At the head of the table is the host, the Lamb of God. Our hope during this season is grounded in what he has done for us and enriched by the vision of his waiting for us with the multitudes who have gone before us.

May God renew your spiritual longing for Christ this Christmas.

You are in our prayers,

Dr. Tim Laniak, Dean

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2. SPRING INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR, January 29, 2011

The spring 2011 Integrative Seminar, *Conversing with Lausanne: Reflections on the Christian Movement from a Global Perspective*, will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the seminary from 9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. All master degree students are required to attend six seminars as a graduation requirement. For registration and pre-seminar information, please check your student email. Seminar information will also be sent via the U.S. postal system in December.

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3. THE LIBRARY NOOK

The Library and bookstore will be closing at 5:00pm, December 23rd and reopen Monday, January 3rd 2011 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

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

**Proctoring Policy:** 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.

**New Library Resources:** Starting in January the libraries of Gordon-Conwell are pleased to make available new resources on campus and online. These resources include:

- **BibleWorks 8** is the premier original languages Bible software program for Biblical exegesis and research. It comes with Greek, Hebrew, and Septuagint Bibles for your computer, as well as translations in English, German, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and more! BibleWorks will be available on computers in all four campus libraries.

- **JSTOR collections III, IV, and V** provide full-text access to 538 journals in a wide variety of fields, including education, history, religion, sociology and psychology. JSTOR access will be available on the library database and journal title sites.

- **PsycINFO** provides systematic coverage of the psychological literature from the 1800s to the present including records from the 1600s and 1700s. PsycINFO contains bibliographic citations, abstracts, cited references, and descriptive information to help users find what they need across a wide variety of scholarly publications in the behavioral and social sciences. PsycINFO will be accessible through EBSCOhost on the database site.

For more information on library online resources 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 at: [http://www.acordancebible.com/store/details/?pid=UASc8.4](http://www.acordancebible.com/store/details/?pid=UASc8.4)
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.

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](http://www.atla.com/ctlc/ctlc.html).

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### 4. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE back to top

**Spring textbooks available beginning Tuesday, December 14:** For those of you shopping for the best price, please compare our prices to other sources. We do try to competitively price our books and often times we can match the price of other retailers. Plus you do not have to worry about shipping or a book being backordered. We encourage you to purchase your books early while we have them in stock.

**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](http://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.

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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 Mary Bosco, a new MDIV student who has been diagnosed with a blood clot in her lung.
- Pray for God’s comfort for the family and friends of former student Chris Brown as they mourn his death.
- Please be in prayer for recent GCTS graduate Rev. Bob Roten and his wife Janice. Bob’s cancer has returned and he is considering treatment options.

4. REGISTRAR’S REMARKS

Spring Registration is open. Even though the deadline was December 1, you may still register with a late registration fee of $25. Add/Drops do not incur fees at this time.

We have added PC511 Pastoral Counseling to Module 4, and PR602 CB Preaching on Tuesday nights.

Bible Competency Test: Students that matriculated in Fall 2010 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 jhome@gordonconwell.edu to sign up.

January 2011 Graduation: All course work must be completed and grades received by December 17, 2009.

May 2011 Graduation: Applications must be received by the Registration Office no later than January 21, 2011.

Integrative Seminar: Be sure to submit registration for the Integrative Seminar, IS506: Missions. Used an Add/Drop form if you have already submitted registration.

5. 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 Anna Gruntz at agruntz@gordonconwell.edu.

2011 ETS Southeast Region Meeting: Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, GA is sponsoring the 2011 Southeastern Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society on March 25-26, 2011 at First Baptist Church (2100 Hwy 138 NE, Conyers, GA, 30013). The theme for the meeting is: “Theological Dialog within the Evangelical Community”. Dr. Millard Erickson, professor of theology at the Kairos Institute in Trinidad, is the guest speaker. Student can submit papers on the conference theme “Theological Dialog” or topics other than the conference theme will be accepted. For more information visit the ETS website at: http://www.etsjets.org/region/Southeast_overview.

Female Roommate Wanted: A 2 bedroom & 2 ½ bath; beautiful townhouse located in Raintree neighborhood in south Charlotte on I-485 between Rea Road and Providence Road; close to Stonecrest and Arboretum shopping center. Roommate will have private bedroom, closet, and bath. Homeowner is GCTS-Charlotte Alumni. Call Carissa Kuhn at (704) 651-3432 for more details.
6. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Filming/Production Assistant(s) needed: BibleJourney Lay Education courses will be on Monday nights from January 10 to March 28, from 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. each evening. We are recording the sessions for further teaching, promotional, and training uses and are looking for person/persons who would be willing to film the sessions. A few other hours may be available for post-production/distribution work with the material. An understanding of and proficiency with camera equipment and video production is strongly preferred. Equipment and training will be provided by the seminary but industry/area experience is highly recommended for this position. If interested, contact Drew Edwards at (704) 527-9909 or dedwards@gcts.edu.

Senior Pastor: Mt. Zion United Church of Christ [http://mountzionucc.com/index.html] in China Grove, NC is in search of a senior pastor. If interested, contact Michelle Hunter at (707) 857-6085 or rbhunter@vnet.net.

Associate Director of Children’s Ministries: Matthews United Methodist Church is seeking an Associate Director who will focus on First-Third grade and children with special needs, including communication, marketing and supervision of volunteers. If interested, email resumes (including personal faith journey, education and experience) to Madeline@matthewsumc.org by December 15th.

Cuida Nueva - Borders Fellows Program: The Borders Fellows program is a ten month (August – June) intensive work and service internship on the U.S/Mexico border to integrate vocation with God’s heart for outreach, justice and reconciliation. Fellow’s responsibilities include serving the downtown residents and St. Clement’s Church, advocating for children and youth, engaging in community, building suburban-urban partnerships, and being transformed through education and training opportunities. For more information and requirements visit http://ciudadnueva.org/Site/Border_Fellows.html Contact Jennifer Martinez, internship coordinator, at internship@ciudadnueva.org with any questions.

Website and Social Media Coordinator: Christ Covenant Church and Covenant Day School have an opening for a Website & Social Media Coordinator. Primary responsibilities include maintaining the church & school websites, managing internet advertising strategies and social media, as well as working with the Communications Consultant regarding various aspects of information flow. Proficiency with web design software, specifically Adobe Dreamweaver is required. Qualifications include a personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Preference given to members of the Christ Covenant Church. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and a resume to Margie Johnston at mjohnston@christcovenant.org or call (704) 814-1007 with questions.

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.