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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the February 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. INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR MAKE-UP PROCEDURE [back to top](#)

The make up procedure for the Spring 2009 Integrative seminar, "How High are Your Fences" (IS503) is listed below. Students who desire credit for this event should complete the following and send the required paperwork and payment to Dr. Steve Klipowicz by March 31, 2009.

1. Obtain the seminar video from the library (available by February 20, 2009)
2. View entire video
3. Complete a four page reaction paper **or** submit the required pre-seminar assignments*
4. Return paper and check made out to GCTS for \$25 to Dr. Steve Klipowicz

Students who have completed the pre-seminar homework do not need to write the four-page paper. Simply turn in your pre-assignment work with a written statement that you viewed the video and a check for \$25.

2. CHAPEL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES [back to top](#)

Friday night chapel services will resume February 6 for the spring term. If you have gifts and talents that can contribute to the spiritual vitality of our campus, you are encouraged to participate 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 Dr. Steve Klipowicz indicating in what ways you wish to serve and what weekends you will be available to help.

3. FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

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Warm greetings from the dean's office – where I haven't been for most of the last month! Thirty-five of us had a transformational trip to Israel and Sinai. We thank God for protecting our sojourners as we interacted with biblical history and theology "from the ground up." We'll find a way to get some pictures on the website soon for you to see. For those who couldn't make it to Mt. Sinai, the Cooley Center had record turnouts for lectures about the biblical Exodus and Wilderness traditions. Many thanks to Dr. Grams, Mark Poe, and the others who helped in planning it!

This month has also been formative for those in Counseling retreats, one-week intensives and D.Min. residencies. The Integrative Seminar capped it off with great interaction on personal and professional boundaries. Again, our thanks go to those whose planning made these events go off so well.

I'm also delighted to report that we welcomed close to forty new students in January. In spite of (because of?!) these economic times, people are sensing God's call to ministry and seeing the need for theological training. May their tribe increase! If you have any friends or associates in ministry that may not have considered seminary, pass along a brochure about the school. Jonathan and Octavia are eager to assist as we all recruit for the school. We'll welcome as many as God sends our way.

As the spring modules begin, let's keep our focus centered on the One who calls us into this unique learning and worshipping community. The Student Council and a new Spiritual Life Committee are working diligently to cultivate an atmosphere conducive to both. To these ends, keep an eye out for more Friday afternoon opportunities to connect with each other and our Good Shepherd.

In His shalom,
T.S. Laniak

4. GCTS STUDENT LODGING NETWORK

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GCTS - Charlotte has several families willing to provide free or inexpensive lodging for out-of-town students. **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. Additionally, **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 know someone who does, please email Denise Flanders.

Find a Ride

If you know the names of the students in your class and want to locate potential car-mates, you can access the Student Directory on the CAMS student portal to find possible classmates in your area and contact them.

5. 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.

Spring Holiday Closings

- President's Day, Monday, February 16
- Easter, Friday – Sunday, April 10 – 12



Outstanding library fines for 2008 will be posted to student accounts the first two weeks of February.

New on the Reference shelf: A wonderful new two-volume reference set titled the *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America* is now available. Edited by Michael McClymond, the Encyclopedia is “the first academic reference work devoted explicitly and wholly to the topic of religious revival in the context of the United States and Canada” with topics ranging from Jonathan Edwards to the Brownsville revival. Students with interest in theology and church history will find this resource especially helpful. Look for it on the reference shelf at REF. BV3773.E53 2007.

Books on reserve: Required books for January and Spring classes are now available on the reserve shelves behind the circulation desk. Many 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.

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.

6. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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January and Spring textbooks are now available for purchase. 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 we often 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.



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.

7. 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 student Glenna Tasedan who is serving as a missionary in Labrador, Canada and for the leaders of the churches there.

Pray for student Stephen W. Hiemstra whose son Stephen Raza needs a kidney transplant.

8. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Are you interested in more ministry opportunities? Check out www.ministrylist.com.

Worship Leader: St. John's Episcopal Church, on Carmel Rd. in Charlotte, is seeking a part-time

worship leader to develop a contemporary worship service. For more information, contact Rev. Tim Clayton at (704) 366-3034 or tim@saintjohns-charlotte.org.

Visual Media Intern: Forest Hill Church is seeking a part-time visual media intern to work 15 hours/week. If interested, send a resume to tanya.kobylarz@foresthill.org.

Summer Internship: [Keys Presbyterian Church](#) (OP) in Key West, FL is seeking summer interns. Food and housing provided. If interested, contact [Pastor Ed Moore](#) at (718) 229-7223.

IT Specialist: Christ Covenant Church (PCA) in Matthews, NC is seeking part-time on-site technology assistant to the Christ Covenant staff and CDS teachers in a Help Desk approach. Should have 1-2 years experience in a technical trouble-shooting role. Contact Margie Johnston at (704) 814-1007 or mjohnston@christcovenant.org for more information.

Internships, Assistant Pastor and Student Pastor: Doers of the Word Christian Fellowship Church, an independent non-denominational church near GCTS-Charlotte, is seeking an Assistant Pastor intern and two Student Pastor interns. If interested, contact Reverend Belinda Stokes at (704) 583-0380 or revstokes@doersofthewordcfc.org.

Student Ministries Director: [Walhalla Presbyterian Church](#) in Oconee County, SC is seeking a full-time staff person to pioneer and develop a youth ministry from nursery to high school age youth. To apply, please email your resume to valig@bellsouth.net by February 28.



Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Internships: Carolinas Medical Center is offering the following internships in the spring:

- CPE/Pastoral Care Specialist (Dual Track program), CMC-Pineville, February 25 – June 25
- CPE Extended Fellowship, CMC- Main, March 3 – August 13
- Summer Evening Group, CMC- Mercy, April 14 – October 8
- Summer Standard, CMC- Main, June 1 – August 14

For more information, please contact Chaplain Terri Bolotin at (704) 355-5264.

9. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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All Students: Please be aware that courses often require work up to one month in advance. Please check syllabi as soon as they are available.

Greek and Hebrew Students: Students who have not used their Greek or Hebrew in the previous semester need to take a competency quiz. If you are in this category, contact your professor (or follow any instructions in the syllabus).

Counseling Courses open to other degree program students: The following courses are now open to students in any degree program. They fulfill ministry elective requirements for MDIV students and general elective requirements for other degree program students. Please see the course descriptions in the catalogue for further information about these courses.

- CO540 Helping Relationships
- CO614 Family Systems Theory
- CO710 Psychopathology
- CO709 Counseling in Addictive Behaviors
- CO718 Group Dynamics

Please note that the following courses are already cross-listed for other degree programs:

- CO/WM712 Cross Cultural Counseling
- CO/PC750 Crisis Counseling

- CO/MC642 Ministering to Women in Pain

Spring Registration: Registration is in progress. Forms for all types of registration such as on campus classes, Semlink, mentored ministry directed studies, etc. can be downloaded from the Charlotte page of www.gcts.edu under Campus Info, Charlotte Academic Forms. Include your payment intentions on the form and whether or not your address or phone number has changed. Forms may be faxed to (704) 940-5858, mailed, turned in at the seminary registration office or left in the library.

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 a.m., but must be finished 30 minutes before library closing.

10. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Townhouse for Rent: 3 br/3 ba condo in Princeton at Southampton (Ballantyne area). 1,800 square feet, \$1,300/month. If interested, contact Ana Smith, (704) 763-6024 or Scott Smith, (704) 763-1811.

Clergy Research Study: A doctoral student, John Cattich, is in need of clergy to participate in a research study for his doctoral work. To help clinicians learn to serve clergy and their families by participating, please contact John at (704) 682-7108 or jcattish@lu.edu.

Free Counseling Opportunity: Free, brief, confidential counseling or personality assessment from a counseling student is available occasionally during the year. *Volunteering allows both the opportunity of pursuing greater self-awareness and spiritual/personal growth while also contributing to the professional development of fellow GCTS students.* If interested, please send an e-mail to Dr. Kelly Breen Boyce at kboyce@gcts.edu with your name, contact information and whether you are interested in volunteering for counseling, personality assessment or both.

FATZ restaurant discount: FATZ on S. Tryon (near the school) has begun offering all GCTS students, staff, and faculty a 10% discount on food. Show your school ID card to receive the discount.

Liturgical Robe for sale: Black pulpit robe, alb and stoles for sale. They should fit a male in the 5'9" - 6'0," 180 – 220 lb range. Contact Rev. Richard Irwin at richirwinfz1@yahoo.com.

Student ID Card: Please have your student ID card with you at all times while on campus. Your ID card serves several purposes. It allows access into the building when class is in session and it is your Harold Lindsell Library card used to check out books. If a replacement card is needed, contact Scott Smith, Office Coordinator.

Lost and Found: If you believe a personal belonging has been left on campus or misplaced, contact Estella John at the receptionist desk, (704) 527-9909 or ejohn@gcts.edu. Items are held behind the front desk until someone comes to claim them.

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Afternoon with Leighton Ford: The Pierce Center for Disciple-Building is pleased to welcome Leighton Ford to share from his book *The Attentive Life: Discerning God's Presence in All Things*

on **Friday, February 20th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at GCTS—Charlotte. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to rsatterfield@gcts.edu by February 17.

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/piercecenter/>. The application deadline is June 27.

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.