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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the February 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 sklipowi@gcts.edu.

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1. DEAN'S DESK

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Dear brothers and sisters,

As we prepare for a new semester I'd like to announce what I hope will become a new tradition for us. Many of you have chosen Gordon-Conwell because it is a community diverse in denomination, age, gender, and race. During the month of February we will celebrate Black History Month with special chapels on Saturday mornings from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Minister Avis Graves and members of University Park Baptist Church will be leading us in worship on these days. The speakers and topics will be Dr. Rod Cooper ("When God Sends Prophets" on 2/6), Dr.

James Logan ("Contributions of the Black Church to Today's Society" on 2/20), and Rev. Octavia Baker ("A Story of Passion: Freedom, Love, and Healing" on 2/27). Because of the special Friday evening dean's installation service on Feb. 12, classes on that chapel will not have a Saturday chapel. (Hopefully this won't be an annual tradition!) Please come with open hearts and minds as we reflect on the rich heritage of the African American Church in America.

One final note for clarity: **Classes will begin at 6:30 p.m.** on all modules except February 12-13. A time of meditation and reflection will begin in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. for those who can make it. The installation service on February 12 begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. This service will replace class time that evening.

Yours,

Tim Laniak, Dean

2. DEAN'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

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Please join Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary at Charlotte in celebrating the installation of Dr. Timothy S. Laniak on Friday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, 15000 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28278. Please RSVP to kmorton@gordonconwell.edu if you plan to attend.

3. THE LIBRARY NOOK

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Library Fines: There are a large number of library fines that will be charged to student accounts later this month. If you have a library fine, please stop by the library before February 15 to pay your fine in order to avoid having it charged to your student account.

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?

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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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New 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 various students who are out of work and are actively looking for jobs.

6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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Weekend Classes in February: All weekend classes in February will begin at 6:30 p.m., except for Friday, February 12. On February 12, chapel and Friday evening class will be replaced by the Dean's Installation Service at 7:00 p.m. and at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. For all other modules, a time of meditation and reflection will begin in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. for those who can make it.

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: Although 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.

Spring Graduation: January 22 was the last day to submit an application for May graduation. 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.

7. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Alumni Day: GCTS-Charlotte invites you to attend its first Alumni Day, "Beside Still Waters," on Saturday, February 13 from 8:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Drs. Leighton Ford, Garth Rosell, Gwenfair Adams and Maria Boccia will speak. The cost is \$25 for students, \$15 for spouses. Please register online: visit www.gcts.edu, then select the Alumni tab.

Welcome new GCTS-Charlotte staff: Please join us in welcoming Mike Winson, GCTS-Charlotte's new IT Technician.

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 by email at gctsoxytocinresearch@yahoo.com. To respond, copy this email address to use in your response. If you have any questions you'd like to ask before you decide, contact Dr. Maria L. Boccia at (704) 940-5835.

Birth Announcements: Matilda Vivian Reich (pictured right) came into the world on January 23, 2010 at 10:30 PM. Congratulations Jordan and family!



Additionally, **James Finley McGarity** was born last week. Congratulations Matt and Elizabeth!

Free Counseling: Another opportunity will be available this spring for four free, confidential counseling sessions with a Gordon-Conwell counseling student. If you or anyone you know would like to experience this personal and spiritual growth opportunity, please e-mail Dr. Breen Boyce at kboyce@gordonconwell.edu.

Women's Bible Study: A Bible Study for female students and seminary wives will begin Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. The group will meet in the Chapel at GCTS – Charlotte every Thursday to study Deuteronomy with the theme, "Remember! The Goodness of God." This ministry focuses on "meaty" inductive study, prayer time, worship and in-depth heart application of the Word. Dr. Alison Littauer, who spoke at Chapel several times this fall, will lead the study. No fee; love offering taken once. For more information, contact Alison at alittauer@gordonconwell.edu or Denise at dflanders@gordonconwell.edu. Visit the website at www.wowclt.blogspot.com.

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

Debate on the Existence of God: The organization Ratio Christi at UNCC is hosting a debate on the existence of God on March 24. Dr. William Lane Craig will be arguing for the affirmative and Dr. Michael Tooley will be arguing for the opposing view. Visit www.ratiochristi.org for more information.

Logos Bible Software Training: Logos is holding a training seminar in Henderson, North Carolina on February 11-12 at Central Baptist Church, 2574 Ruin Creek Road, Henderson, NC 27537. For more details and to register, visit mpseminars.com. If you have questions, contact (877) 237-3168 info@mpseminars.com.

L.I.V.E. Symposium III: The L.I.V.E. Symposium (Learning, Inclusion, Vitality, Exploration) is a special program designed to inform, and motivate domestic students from underrepresented population groups for graduate theological education and therefore future opportunities of service in the Church. This event will be held at Princeton Theological Seminary on March 17-20. The cost to registrants will be the travel to and from Princeton. Accommodations, meals and all materials for this three-day event will be covered by Princeton Seminary. For more information, visit https://our.ptsem.edu/ics/Campus_Life/Multicultural_Relations/LIVE_Symposium.jnz.

Evangelical Theological Society Southeast Regional meeting: ETS is hosting this meeting on March 19 – 20 at North Greenville University in nearby Greenville, SC. The theme for the meetings is: "Rediscovering Holiness: A Fresh Look at Spiritual Formation and Sanctification." The plenary speaker Dr. Bruce Demarest, friend of Dr. Myatt and former professor of Denver Seminary, and a well-known authority on Spiritual Formation. Information about registration and accommodations can be found here: <http://www.etsjets.org/regions/updates/8>.

Room for Rent: Room for rent within walking distance of Amalie's French Bakery in NoDa. Cute brick house with 2 bed/1 bath, fenced in back yard, and lovable dog (Penny). Please call Danielle (704-806-8804) for more details.

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.

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A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACNMP): ACNMP is seeking volunteers to minister in National Parks this summer. Volunteers have a full-time job as a seasonal employee and work with a team to lead interdenominational worship services on Sunday. For more information or to apply, visit www.acmnp.com. A 90-day commitment of service is required.

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>.

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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.