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E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the January 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 send an e-mail to Dr. Steve Klipowicz at sklipowi@gcts.edu.

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1. SPRING 2009 INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

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The Spring 2009 Integrative Seminar, *How High the Fences?: Examining Relationship Boundaries in Ministry*, will be held on **Saturday, January 31** from 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Integrative seminars are **required** for all degree students. Students must **register by January 24, 2009** by submitting a Drop-Add form with the following registration information, Spring Integrative Seminar IS503. Students should complete the required pre-seminar assignments and bring them in writing to the event. An e-mail was recently sent to students providing details for this event. If you have not received the e-mail, contact Dr. Klipowicz immediately at sklipowi@gcts.edu.

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2. CHAPEL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

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3. OVERSEAS MISSIONS PRACTICUM 2009

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What are you doing this summer? Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's OMP 2009 teams will travel to Zimbabwe, India, Croatia, Thailand/Myanmar/China, Mexico, Ukraine, Lebanon/Syria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. Participants will receive two course credits in missions and the option of two units of mentored ministry. Submit your application by **January 23** to kgalinas@gcts.edu. More information and applications are available at http://www.gcts.edu/ockenga/missionscenter.

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4. COOLEY LECTURES: JAN. 15-16

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Students and guests are welcome to attend the 3rd Annual Robert C. Cooley lectures delivered by Dr. Jim Hoffmeier, a noted archaeologist on Israel and Egypt, of Trinity Evangelical Theological Seminary. For any questions concerning the lecture events, please contact Mark Poe at mpoe@gcts.edu or (704) 435-6408.

Schedule:
Thursday, January 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Recent Excavations in Sinai and the Exodus from Egypt

Where is Mt. Sinai and Why It Doesn't Matter?
Friday, January 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

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5. 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.

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6. 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 third week of January 2009. To avoid having a fine posted to your account, please check with the circulation desk no later than Tuesday, January 19 to make arrangements for payment. Please see the FAQs for an explanation of the library fine policy.

New on the Reference shelf: We continue to add new commentaries to the sets held on the reference shelf. Reference sources cover a wide range of materials in biblical studies, counseling, theology, church history, southern regional history, and practical theology. If you have a suggestion for inclusion on the reference shelf, please email Bob Mayer.

Books on reserve: Required books for January and Spring classes will be going on the reserve shelves during January 2009. 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.

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7. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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Sacred Encounters from Rome to Jerusalem by GCTS-Charlotte Alumni Tamara Park is now available at the bookstore. The book captures her conversations about God with nuns, spies and backpackers along an ancient pilgrim route. All are welcome to join Tamara for a Book Release Party on January 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Warehouse 242 church.

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. Stop by the bookstore on weekdays until 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays until 2:00 p.m.

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** open until 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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8. 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 Dr. Laniak and the students on the current Israel trip for safety.
Pray for student Wayne Dickert who is undergoing medical testing for an acute illness.

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9. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.

Youth Director: Bethel Presbyterian Church (PC USA) in Cornelius is seeking a part-time ministry director for middle and high school youth. If interested, please contact Pastor Bill Cain at (704) 892-0546 or bcain@bethelpc.com.

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10. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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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. You may add the Integrative Seminar (IS503) to the regular registration form. Forms may be faxed to (704) 940-5858, mailed, turned in at the seminary registration office or left in the library.

IS502 Research/Writing Seminars:
Open to all students:
IS502 CC: February 4, 11, 18, 6:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m. (Registration deadline: Jan.31)
IS502 CD: March 4, 11, 18, 6:30-9:15 p.m. (Registration deadline: Jan. 31)

Bible Competency Make-Up Exams: The make-up exams for those who matriculated in Fall '08 will be given Friday, January 30 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in room 227. Please send an email to Joni Horne at jhorne@gcts.edu to sign up.

Graduation Deadlines: **January 23, 2009** is the deadline for applying for May 2009 graduation.

Students must file a Graduation Form with the Registration Office by this date. This form can be downloaded from the Charlotte page of www.gcts.edu under Campus Info, Charlotte Academic Forms. The student will be notified of degree requirements that have not been met.

February 6, 2009 is the last day to revoke May 2009 graduation application in order to avoid the $110 graduation fee.

Exegesis Registration: All students who intend to take a Greek exegesis course in SP09, but did not have a Greek exegesis course in FA08 are required by the Bible Division to take a Greek Competency quiz. This should be completed by the time of or at the January integrative Seminar. To set this up, contact Dr. Grams at rgrams@gcts.edu.

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.

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11. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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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.

Babysitter Available: First-year divinity student with 9 years of child-care experience is seeking babysitting opportunities. Please contact Carrie Myatt at cmyatt@gcts.edu or (980) 939-1176.

Home for Rent: 2,500 sq. ft., 3 br/2 ba, convenient to I-77 and 85, $1,100/month. Contact (704) 523-8938 for more information.

Rooms for Rent: Several rooms are available in a home in the Heritage community for $550 - $600/month. Internet and utilities included. Contact Dr. Emmett Cooper at honeyword@aol.com or (352) 457-4444 for more information.

Room for Rent: A furnished room less than 1 mile from Gordon-Conwell is available for $400/month, including utilities. For more information, contact deborahhware@yahoo.com.

Condo for Rent: A two story, three-bedroom condo is available in Charlotte for seminary students for only $660 per month. If you are interested, e-mail Julie at wakebasketball06@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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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.