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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the January 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,

After spending the last week in the tents of Bedouin in Jordan, I'm inspired by their unique mix of austere simplicity, gracious generosity, and attentiveness to the rhythms and realities of creation. (It took my wife Maureen a couple of days to face Sam's Club!) In this time of economic belt-tightening, perhaps an *apropos* New Year's resolution is to live more simply and give more generously.

As we look ahead to upcoming events, let me draw your attention to the Cooley lectures this week (Dr. Craig Evans), the upcoming Integrative Seminar on the Church ("Mission or Maintenance?"), and special assemblies during weekend classes in February on the heritage and contributions of the Black Church in America (Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). You're also all invited to the "Beside Still Waters" GCTS community weekend on Feb. 12-13 with my installation service on Friday night and worship and special sessions on Saturday morning with Drs. Leighton Ford, Garth Rosell, Gwenfair Adams, and Maria Boccia.

See you soon,

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 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.

Students, staff and faculty of the seminary are also invited to attend an open lecture to the seminary community on Thursday, January 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Dr. Evans will be presenting some of his current research on the Old and New Testament.

Students interested in academic study are further invited to discuss their interests with Dr. Evans on Friday, January 15, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

4. THE LIBRARY NOOK [back to top](#)

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

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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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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.

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 keep David Richards and his family in your prayers. David's grandfather passed away last week in Paducah, KY.

7. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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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.

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.

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Birth Announcement: Finally a son! Manasseh (Manny) Daniel Moffitt was born December 22, 2009 at 1:49PM, 9 lbs 13 oz 21 in. Cara is doing great.

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.

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.

Of special interest is the news that student members are encouraged to submit papers to be read at the conference. Cash prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be offered for the best student papers. Proposals must be submitted by Feb. 1. Information about registration and accommodations can be found here: <http://www.etsjets.org/regions/updates/8>.

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.

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.

BibleWorks Training: BibleWorks is holding a training workshop in Columbia, SC on Friday, January 22 at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Stavros Lecture Hall, Casey Education Building, 4201 North Main Street, Columbia, SC 29203. The cost is \$30. To register, visit <http://store.bibleworks.com/workshops.html> or call BibleWorks at (888) 747-8200.

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.

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.

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.

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](mailto:Matt.Hemsley@ptsem.edu), indicating in what ways you wish to serve and what weekends you will be available to help.

9. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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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>.

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.

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.