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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the June 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. FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

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Having just celebrated two GCTS commencements, my appreciation for our diversity as an evangelical educational community has been recharged. The graduates and families from CUME and South Hamilton, MA gathered in Gordon College's gym, representing dozens of nationalities, cultures, denominations, and vocational goals. Our hearts were stirred by Dr. Bill Pannell who reminded us to be both civil and subversive in our work for the Lord. A week later we gathered at University Park in Charlotte, male and female, black and white, pastors, counselors, and servants of all sorts, sending our graduates off with an inspiring message from Anne Graham Lotz on the Holy Spirit. (Contact the bookstore for a DVD of this message. It was remarkable!)

I write this brief note after another commencement. Today about fifty twelfth graders graduated from Union Academy in Monroe, NC, marking an historic occasion for another very diverse group of families. Ten years ago my wife Maureen and I began an effort that led to the founding of this character based charter school. We asked hundreds of families to dream about a public school that could transform children randomly mixed from every district and socio-economic classification across the region. We formed a value driven "village" to help raise our children. They joined the effort and helped construct a school that requires community service, rewards character, and promotes excellence in all things. One thousand children now attend a school where the demographic diversity of the area is perfectly represented.

I love diversity and I know God does. Not because it's politically correct. But because our Creator made a world full of variety and distinction. When different kinds of people become "brothers who dwell together in unity," we all catch a glimpse of John's vision in Rev. 5:9-10. The diversity in

heaven was anticipated by Pentecost, an annual holy day which also fell in the (biblical) calendar last week. We are the first fruits of the whole harvest, wheat and barley, Jew and Gentile. May God bless your summers which are likely filled with intense study, recreation, and more intense study (!)

Dr. Tim Laniak, Dean

2. CHAPEL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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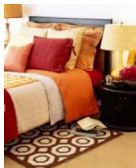
If you have gifts and talents that can contribute to the spiritual vitality of our campus, you are encouraged to participate in Friday night chapel services whenever possible. We are seeking students who can serve in the following roles:

- Worship leaders
- Singers
- Musical accompanists
- Hosts and hostesses
- Praying for other students
- Preaching or testimonies (short messages)

If you are interested in volunteering, email [Dr.Kelly Boyce](mailto:Dr.Kelly.Boyce) indicating in what ways you wish to serve and what weekends you will be available to help.

3. GCTS STUDENT LODGING NETWORK

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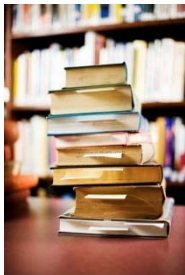
GCTS - Charlotte has several families willing to provide free or inexpensive lodging for out-of-town students. If you are seeking to save lodging costs by staying with a local family during weekend or week-long module classes, please email [Denise Flanders](mailto:Denise.Flanders). Additionally, if you 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](mailto:Denise.Flanders).

4. 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.



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.

5. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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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.

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.

Pray for GCTS graduates who are seeking jobs that fulfill their calling.

Pray for current students who are currently under spiritual attack on various fronts of home, work, and studies.

7. 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 an individual that will provide part-time on-site technology assistance in a Help Desk approach to the Christ Covenant staff and CDS teachers. If interested, send a cover letter and a current resume to Margie Johnston at mjohnston@christcovenant.org or call (704) 814-1007 with questions.

Graphic Designer: Forest Hill Church is seeking a graphic designer to be responsible for the creative design of graphic elements used in various printed pieces and on-screen, designing and/or collaborating on the design of Sermon Series graphics, "Connections" newsletter and miscellaneous projects for other ministries as assigned. If interested, send a resume to tanya.kobylarz@foresthill.org.

Library Volunteers: The Billy Graham Library is seeking volunteers to welcome guests, help them through the galleries, and pray with those who want to make a decision for Jesus Christ. Volunteers must be able to commit to 12 hours a month for at least six months. For more information, visit http://www.billygraham.org/BGLibrary_GetInvolved.asp to fill out an application.

8. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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Students taking Biblical Foundations for Christian Leadership can now find the syllabus in CAMS. Please note: *A SUBSTANTIAL amount of work is due before class begins on July 27.*

Fall Registration: Fall registration will open the second week of June. Please check your GCTS email for the correct registration form. If you are planning to take Preaching, you will need to fill out the registration form. We will notify you if you get in the class due to graduating seniors having priority on this course. If you have not paid off your summer tuition, you will not be able to register for the fall semester.

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.

9. MACC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Dr. Boccia's Group Supervision has been switched from Thursday to Friday. Dr. Breen Boyce and Dr. Boccia will now be offering group supervision on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. Please schedule in advance to secure your spot.

10. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Graduation DVD: To order a DVD of Baccalaureate and/or commencement, contact Drew Edwards at dedwards@gcts.edu. The cost is \$15 for a DVD of one service, or \$25 for both.

House for Rent: 4 br/2.5 ba house in Rock Hill, SC is for rent. The house is available June 15. Call (803) 984-0679 for more information.

Camp SonShine Volunteers needed: [Briar Creek Road Baptist Church](#) is seeking volunteers for its summer camp that runs June 16 - August 15, Monday – Friday, from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This may be an opportunity for a mentored ministry rotation and hands-on urban ministry experience. If interested, contact Rhonda Kinsey at (704) 492-9493.



2nd Annual Golf Tournament: GCTS-Charlotte will host this tournament to benefit the Partnership and Urban Ministry Scholarships on Monday, August 17, at 8:30 a.m. at Rolling Hills Golf Club in Monroe, N.C. For information about student player scholarships, contact Octavia Baker at obaker@gcts.edu.

Fall 2009 Integrative Seminar: *Seminary or Cemetery? Exploring Spiritual Vitality in Theological Education* will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. More information will follow.

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.