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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the June 2011 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 Scott Smith at ssmith2@gcts.edu.

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1. THE DEAN'S DESK

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Dear brothers and sisters,
 After a heartwarming weekend of graduation activities, we on the staff and faculty feel tired but fulfilled. The formal and informal testimonies of God's work in our students' lives were extraordinary. We have so much to be thankful to the Lord for. Let me say how grateful we are also to you, our students, for being responsive to our educational process with all of its demands. True transformation is only possible when we engage this process together, in humility before the One who promises to "complete his good work in us."
 May God grant you times of retreat and rest this summer,

Timothy S. Laniak
 Dean and Professor of Old Testament

2. FALL INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

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Save the Date: August 27, 2011

The Transforming Word: How Does Reading the Bible Change Our Lives?
 How Do Our Lives Change How We Read the Bible?



Those attending are invited to join us for lunch at our Annual Pig Roast!

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

The Library and Bookstore will be closed July 2 – 4 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. Normal operation will resume Tuesday, July 5.

Library Hours:

- Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Library fines accrued from 2010 through May 1, 2011 have been placed on student accounts. Those with fines will see them on their next GCTS bill summary. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dr. Robert Mayer, the Senior Librarian, at (704) 940-5821 or bmayer@gcts.edu

Library Online Resources: The libraries of Gordon-Conwell are pleased to offer online resources to the Gordon-Conwell community. Please click [here](#) for the resource page. For information or assistance contact the Library technologist, Matt Wasielewski, at mattwaz@gcts.edu.

Robert C. Cooley Collection Usage Policy for Researchers: In addition to the print resources, the Center contains a research computer with the latest software and technological resources designed to enhance research in biblical studies and early Christianity. Students and researchers interested in the specific resources available can find them listed [here](#). Researchers and students wishing to use the collection for specific research projects must make an appointment by contacting the library director, Dr. Robert Mayer (bmayer@gcts.edu), or the Cooley Center fellow, Mark Poe (mpoe@gcts.edu) by email. More information on this policy can be requested by email or found in the library.

Courtesy of the [Robert C. Cooley Collection in Biblical Archaeology and Early Christianity](#), two valuable new collections are now located on the reference shelf. The first is the *Brill Encyclopedia of the Ancient World*. This revision is the standard reference for subjects relating to ancient and classical history and is an excellent source for research into biblical backgrounds. For those of you engaged in biblical studies, you will find the *Encyclopedia of the Ancient World (Cooley DE5.N4813)* a valuable reference tool for research. In addition, we are beginning to collect a standard for English translations of early Christian writings, the *Fathers of the Church* series published by the Catholic University of America Press. For those in CH501 or exploring early Christian backgrounds, these texts will prove helpful to your research. Currently, we have about 25 of the over 100 volumes and will be adding more as time goes on. You can find this at **Cooley BR60.F3**. Both of these new sets are located with the sets on the reference shelf.

Reminder: when you use a reference book or other text in the library, please do not re-shelve the book. We have had a number of books mis-shelved which means that other students cannot find them. When you're finished, you can place them in the wire bins on the desks or return them to the circulation desk and the staff will re-shelve them. Thank you for your help.

New Harold-Lindsell Library FAQ: Curious about how many books to check out or where the reserve shelf is? Perhaps you need a book from our main campus library or from a seminary in our regional consortium. Visit the new [Library FAQ website](#) for answers to top questions.

New Library Tutorial Website: Library staff are continually making improvements to the [Library Tutorial website](#). Step by step instructions including videos are available to learn how to search the online catalog, access online resources, and see who to contact when help is needed.

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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.

Bookstore Renovations: The bookstore will undergo a major renovation during the week of June 20th through the 24th. Only textbooks will be sold during this time. All other sales will be suspended until construction is complete.

Gordon-Conwell Partnership with Christian Book Distributors: Textbooks can be ordered online by visiting the online [GCTS Bookstore](#). Prices are competitive and free shipping is available to campus zip codes beginning with 019, 021, and 282 – Minimum order of \$25. Once there, click “textbook finder” in the upper left of the screen to search for required and recommended textbooks.



Mentored Ministry manuals available for digital download! Charlotte and Jacksonville students now have the option to purchase the manual from Christian Book Distributors or the Charlotte campus bookstore. **Note:** The manual has two editions. The [2010 edition](#) is for students who enrolled in Spring 2010 and after. The [2008 edition](#) is for students who enrolled before Spring 2010.

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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.

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Fall Registration: Fall registration will be open the week of June 13. Please make sure you check your GCTS email for the correct Fall registration form and information.

CAMS portal: Please check your CAMS portal to verify you are registered. If you have a balance outstanding, you will not be able to be registered until you pay off your account.

GCTS email: All important messages go to your GCTS email. Please check these weekly. You are responsible for what is sent to this email.

Requirement Changes:

Several courses will now have *co requisites* of *both* OT500 Old Testament Survey and/or NT501 New Testament Survey, or demonstration of having passed the Bible Competency exams. These courses are:

- ♣ TH502, Theology Survey II
- ♣ NT502, Interpreting the New Testament
- ♣ OT 600-Level Exegesis Courses

A co requisite is a course which must be completed before or concurrently with another course. For example, this change will mean that, in order to take TH502 Theology Survey II, a student must have completed TH501 and done one (or some combination) of the following:

1. Passed the OT and/or NT Competency Exams
2. Passed the OT and/or NT Survey courses prior to taking TH502
3. Be enrolled in the OT and/or NT Survey courses while taking TH502

Sakai: If you have problems with Sakai, please contact the help desk at helpdesk@gcts.edu. You must still check your CAMS portal for verification of registration

Payment: Please make sure when you pay on CAMS to choose the campus Charlotte, if not there will be a hold on your account.

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- ✚ **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, email Scott Roberts at groberts@gordonconwell.edu.
- ✚ **Pierce Fellowship:** If you are interested in applying to be a Pierce Fellow, *the application deadline for the coming school year is **June 15, 2011***. For more information, requirements and a copy of the application, visit our websites:

http://www.gordonconwell.edu/current_students/pierce_fellowship.
- ✚ **Media Student Worker:** Don't have time for steady work? Want to earn a few bucks? Charlotte Media Services is looking for people willing to work special events. No prior experience is required, desire to learn and emphasis on quality is desired. Training is provided. Contact mwinson@gordonconwell.edu
- ✚ **Vacation Condo for Rent:** GCTS student is offering use of charming one bedroom condo at discounted rate for GCTS students at Lake Lure, NC. Resort has a lake beach, 3 pools, 2 golf courses, tennis courts, boating, spa, restaurants and gorgeous views. Condo has king-sized bed and kitchen area for dine-in option. Nightly rates are \$65 Sun - Thurs and \$75 Fri /Sat. Contact Mary Reitano at (704) 574-3113 for more info.
- ✚ **The Louisville Institute:** Pastoral study project grants and sabbatical grants are offered through the Louisville Institute. Full description of the program, including eligibility rules, proposal guidelines, and application forms, are available at www.louisville-institute.org or by calling (502) 992-5431.
 - **Pastoral Study Project Grants:** Pursue your passion for study with a sustained season to read, reflect, collaborate, and write. The Louisville Institute grants pastoral leaders time away from the office to invest their energy in projects that matter for the whole church. Grants of up to \$15,000 make it possible to take time away from the press of your workplace and pursue a project you have long desired to undertake or complete. *Grant proposals are due **August 15***.
 - **Sabbatical Grants for Pastoral Leaders:** The Louisville Institute offers leaders of Christian ministry institutions sabbatical opportunities for rest, reflection, renewal, and recreation. Grants of \$10,000 (eight weeks) or \$15,000 (twelve weeks) will be awarded for an uninterrupted time to refresh you and revitalize your ministry. *Proposals are due **September 1***.

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- ✚ **Pastor:** First Baptist Church in Lafayette, Indiana is seeking a pastor. If interested, contact Harry Mohler at holmohler@comcast.net for more information. Visit our website at www.firstbaptistlafayette.org to learn more about our church.
- ✚ **Bi-Vocational Associate for Outreach:** Magnolia Street Baptist Church has an immediate need for a Bi-Vocational (15 hours/week) Associate Minister for Outreach in North Central Greensboro, NC. Urban Baptist Church redevelopment on major thoroughfare targeting multi-ethnic, children, single mothers, cross-generational, and geographic location. This is a front line mission supported by a small core group and abundant resources. Spiritual leadership, accountability, initiative, organization, creativity, collaborative team style make success possible. Event planning, promotion, volunteer coordination, and advance strategies a must. Church planters/networkers/technology/music a plus. Thorough interview & continual ministry review process. Submit profile, statements of faith, training, experience and credentials with a required Church or Pastor Recommendation. Compensation competitive, based on experience. Apply to msbcpastor@gmail.com.

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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. To find out more about the Pierce Fellowship, visit our website at http://www.gcts.edu/current_students/pierce_center_disciple_building. *The application Deadline for coming school year is **June 15, 2011**.*

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.