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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the March 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](mailto:sklipowi@gcts.edu).

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## 1. DEAN'S DESK

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Dear brothers and sisters,

I trust you are all off to a strong and stable start in our spring semester. Perhaps I should call it our winter semester with all of the snow we've seen. Two separate class cancellations is a record for us.

I was personally excited about our first Black History Month celebration during February chapels. Please let me know your impressions. We'd like to make this a meaningful annual tradition.

You (and your families) are in our prayers as you seek to juggle so many priorities. May God meet you when you find those focused times for reading, research, and reflection. The One who has called you will equip you to be the kind of disciple He has in mind.

Yours,

Tim Laniak

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## 2. GRADUATION AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

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**John D. Tate Memorial Award:** an annual award of \$200.00 is given to a graduating senior who is a candidate for the M.Div. and the ordained pastoral ministry. Candidates must submit a brief

essay defining their understanding of the nature of the Christian pastoral ministry. Email the Hamilton dean's office for application (jboggs@gcts.edu). Essays are due Monday, March 22.

**Robert C. Cooley Scholarship for the Study of Early Christianity:** \$7,500 stipend to an advanced student for full time study in Early Church History in preparation to pursue seminary or university doctoral studies in Early Christianity toward a vocation in teaching/scholarship. (NT or NT Theology applications will also be accepted.) Email the Hamilton dean's Office (jboggs@gcts.edu) for more information. Applications due Monday, March 22.

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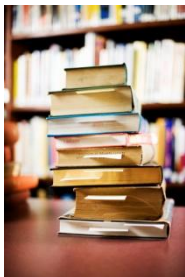
### 3. THE LIBRARY NOOK

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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.

**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](http://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](http://www.atla.com/ctlc/ctlc.html).

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#### 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](http://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.

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#### 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 students preparing for graduation this spring. Ask the Lord for strength and perseverance for them in completing their final courses and assignments. Also ask for peace and guidance as the "grads" seek placement in various vocations.

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#### 6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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**Summer registration:** will be open in the middle of March. We will be adding IS502 dates to the schedule.

**All Semlink courses:** can now be registered for online. Go to [www.gcts.edu](http://www.gcts.edu). Open the Charlotte page. Scroll down to Semlink (Distance Learning). When this opens, go to Register for a Course. Use the Semlink Online Registration Form. Important item to keep in mind: If you have attended an Integrative Seminar or taken a class on campus, you are considered an on-campus student. Your starting date should be entered as fourteen days from the day you register or later.

**Scheduling a Library Proctor:** Please notify Joni Horne ([jhorne@gcts.edu](mailto:jhorne@gcts.edu)) or Trish King ([tking@gcts.edu](mailto: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.

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## 7. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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**Conversations on Women in Ministry:** Many of those attending the conversations on Women in Ministry at Dr. Boccia's home last fall have asked for a follow-up meeting. This month brings two opportunities to continue this discussion, again at the home of Dr. Boccia. On Friday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m. there will be a discussion based on the recent book by Philip Barton Payne, *One in Christ: An Exegetical and Theological Study of Paul's Letters*. (It is not necessary to have read the book before the meeting). A meeting will also be held Saturday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss some of the implications for issues related to marriage and the family. Once again, Dr. Bob Wright and Julia Castle will be joining us and leading the discussions. If you have any questions contact [Dr. Myatt](#) or [Dr. Boccia](#). All members of the GCTS community are invited, along with spouses and friends.

**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 at [gctsoxytocinresearch@yahoo.com](mailto:gctsoxytocinresearch@yahoo.com). If you have any questions you'd like to ask before you decide, contact Dr. Maria L. Boccia at (704) 940-5835.

**Greek Exegesis Coach needed:** A student struggling to complete Greek exegesis would appreciate a volunteer to help coach her in her final two courses. Interested students can contact [Dr. Steve Klipowicz](#).

**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](mailto:kboyce@gordonconwell.edu).

**Town home for Rent:** A seminary family is seeking to rent out their town home in Ballantyne for beginning May 15. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, lovely yard, end unit, facing pool in a quiet community. \$900/mo includes grounds fees. Rent can be shared by 2-3 students. Preference given to Gordon-Conwell students; outside the GCTS community, references required. 6 month minimum. If interested, contact Dr. Alison Littauer weekdays at (800) 600-1212.

**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](http://www.ratiochristi.org) for more information.

**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](https://our.ptsem.edu/ics/Campus_Life/Multicultural_Relations/LIVE_Symposium.jnz).

**Evangelical Theological Society Annual meeting:** The ETS Annual 2010 meeting will be held Wednesday – Friday, November 17-19, 2010. The meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on the theme “Justification by Faith.” The three plenary speakers are Pastor John Piper (Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis), the Rt. Revd. N. T. Wright (Bishop of Durham) and Dr. Frank Thielman (Presbyterian Professor of Divinity, Beeson Divinity School). To become a student member of ETS and begin receiving the quarterly Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society, visit [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org).

**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](mailto: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), indicating in what ways you wish to serve and what weekends you will be available to help.

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## 8. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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**Nanny needed:** A family in the Cotswald area of Charlotte is seeking a nanny to watch 2 children two full days per week. These days could be either M/Th or M/W from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. We have a 3 year old boy (Ian) and a 1 year old girl (Isabella). If interested, please contact Lynn at (704) 451-0514 or [lynnaraujo@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnaraujo@hotmail.com).



**Director of Worship and Evangelism:** [Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church](#) in Pittsburgh, PA is seeking a full-time director of worship and evangelism. For more information, contact Steve Agnoli at [steve.agnoli@verizon.net](mailto:steve.agnoli@verizon.net) or (412) 996-6934.

**Part-time Worship Leader:** Newell Baptist Church is seeking a part-time worship leader. This individual must be comfortable working with both traditional/contemporary and choir/praise team. In time, this could work into a full-time position. This is a perfect position for a student who is studying to go full-time into music ministry. If interested, send resume to:

[preacherman88@yahoo.com](mailto:preacherman88@yahoo.com) or C/O Worship Leader Search Team, 9115 Newell Baptist Church Rd., Charlotte, NC 28213.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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## 11. THE PIERCE CENTER

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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](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.