DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the March 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  [back to top]

Dear brothers and sisters in the GCTS-Charlotte community,

As dean, I spend considerable amounts of time "outside" the seminary among supporting churches and friends. This year has provided a lot of opportunity to meet non-students in our new BibleJourney program. Here’s what I’m finding: 1. People have a high degree of respect for Gordon-Conwell – for the institution as a whole, for the faculty, and for you, the students (and alumni). 2. They have a deep thirst for God's Word and for practical biblical insights for ministry and life. 3. Churches come in more varieties than ice cream, but they are basically managing the same core activities: worship, community life, outreach and discipleship. They are also all dealing with the same challenges: communication, commitment, change, conflict, etc.

I trust that, wherever you serve, you keep God’s Word and His Spirit central and that you bring mature judgment to the daily challenges that threaten to undo His work in the world. Though the Church will always come under attack, the success of its mission is ultimately guaranteed. “The gates of hell will not prevail against it”

Dr. Tim Laniak, Dean

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2. SPRING INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR MAKE-UP  [back to top]

Students who have missed the recent IS506 Integrative Seminar, Conversing with Lausanne, can make up the seminar by doing the following:
To make up the seminar:

1. Complete the entire pre-seminar assignment as listed in the previous Integrative Seminar information letters.
2. Listen to the entire seminar recording. This should be available online on the Charlotte website.
3. Return to Dr. Klipowicz written answers to pre-seminar questions (A-D) plus a two page written response to the seminar recording with a make-up fee check of $25 made out to GCTS.

To access the recordings:

1. Go to [www.gcts.edu](http://www.gcts.edu)
2. On the home page on the left you’ll see a list of icons beneath the “lifelong learners” heading. Click the “iTunes” logo (disc and music notes) and it will launch iTunes on your computer after you follow the instructions it gives. (If you do not have iTunes on your computer, it should allow you to install it for free or you can find it at apple.com).
3. After iTunes launches it will go to our iTunes U page. Then look under the “From the Pulpit” section for Charlotte Integrative Seminars.
4. You will then see each lecture available to listen or download.

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

Proctoring Policy: 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.

Library Resources: The libraries of Gordon-Conwell are pleased to make available new resources on campus and online. These resources include:

- **BibleWorks 8** is the premier original languages Bible software program for Biblical exegesis and research. It comes with Greek, Hebrew, and Septuagint Bibles for your computer, as well as translations in English, German, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and more! BibleWorks is available on library computers.

- **JSTOR collections III, IV, and V** provide full-text access to 538 journals in a wide variety of fields, including education, history, religion, sociology and psychology. JSTOR access is available on the library database and journal title sites.

- **PsycINFO** provides systematic coverage of the psychological literature from the 1800s to the present including records from the 1600s and 1700s. PsycINFO contains bibliographic citations, abstracts, cited references, and descriptive information to help users find what they need across a wide variety of scholarly publications in the behavioral and social sciences. PsycINFO is accessible through EBSCOhost on the database site.
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 at [http://www.accordancebible.com/store/details/?pid=UASc8.4](http://www.accordancebible.com/store/details/?pid=UASc8.4). 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](mailto:bmayer@gcts.edu), or the Cooley Center fellow, Mark Poe [mpoe@gcts.edu](mailto:mpoe@gcts.edu) by email. More information on this policy can be requested by email or found in the library.

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 one reserve book may be checked out at a 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](http://www.atla.com/ctlc/ctlc.html).

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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](mailto:2010edition) is for students who enrolled in Spring 2010 and after.

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.
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.

5. **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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 fellow student, Stephen Moua, who recently lost his mother to cancer.
- Please pray for Andrew Walker, a student, who lost his father a few weeks ago.

6. **REGISTRAR'S REMARKS**

**Email:** Please check your Gordon Conwell email. You are responsible for ALL information sent there. It is VERY important.

**Summer Registration:** The summer schedule is online to view. You will receive information to register at the end of the month to your GCTS email.

**Graduation:** applications for May and October are due. If you have not filled this out to graduate, you must contact the Registration office ASAP.

**Webpage:** The Registration webpage has been updated. Please look over this for important information.

**Sakai:** If you have problems with Sakai please contact the help desk at [helpdesk@gcts.edu](mailto:helpdesk@gcts.edu).

You must still check your CAMS portal for verification of registration.

7. **SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD**

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

**Home for Sale By Owner:** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1660 sq.ft. home for sale less than one mile from Gordon-Conwell. Well-maintained and includes a new kitchen floor, kitchen ceiling fans, kitchen ceiling speakers, fresh paint through most of the house, new deck, new vapor barrier in crawl space, new roof, living room, master bedroom features a large walk-in closet and master bath has 2 sinks and garden tub. **$162,900.** Call Danny Imes at 704-999-3784 for more information or to arrange a showing.
Round-table discussions: *What the contemporary church can learn from Neglected Voices.* Every Friday in March, the seminary community is invited to a series of round-table discussions. During these informal interactive events, we will focus our attention on a particular neglected group, in the hopes that our understanding of Christ and the global and historical church would be enlarged.

- **Schedule of events:**
  - March 11 – Dr. Myatt on Immigrants
  - March 18 – A missionary on Bible translation
  - March 25 – Dr. Alison Littauer on early church fathers
- **When:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Room 127

**The Screwtape Letters:** Coming to Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts, 430 South Tryon Street, in a limited engagement.

Saturday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m.
Three Great Offers available! Act Now & Save!
Limited number of $29* seats! (Reg $38) Use code HPR29
SAVE $10* when you buy two tix! (Reg $48 & $59) Use code HPR11
SAVE MORE on groups of 10 or more! Call 866.476.8707

**Drinking Chai and Talking about God:** *How to Use Your Seminary Education in the Muslim World, Make a Living, and Make Hundreds of Friends in the Process*

- **Speaker:** Leonard N. (Len) Bartolotti, Ph.D., is a consultant to faith-based organizations, and a noted speaker, lecturer, author, church mobilizer, and mission educator. Dr. Bartolotti is affiliated with an international consultancy agency working in the Islamic world, and is a member of the Board and Executive Committee of an association of international Christian organizations serving the people of Afghanistan through training and capacity building
- **When:** April 1 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Room 140

**2011 ETS Southeast Region Meeting:** Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, GA is sponsoring the 2011 Southeastern Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society on March 25-26, 2011 at First Baptist Church (2100 Hwy 138 NE, Conyers, GA, 30013). The theme for the meeting is: *Theological Dialog within the Evangelical Community*. Dr. Millard Erickson, professor of theology at the Kairos Institute in Trinidad, is the guest speaker. Student can submit papers on the conference theme “Theological Dialog” or topics other than the conference theme will be accepted. For more information visit the ETS website at: [http://www.etsjets.org/region/Southeast_overview](http://www.etsjets.org/region/Southeast_overview)
Has the LEFT BEHIND series left Scripture behind?: Thinking from the Future to the Present: Christ and the Book of Revelation. Speaker, Dr. Gordon Isaac, professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary presents a 3 day lecture series on the Left Behind books. All the lectures will take place at the historic Johns Island Presbyterian Church Sanctuary located at 2550 Bohicket Rd, Johns Island, SC 29455. For questions or to register by April 8 call (843) 559-9380.

- Thursday April 14 - 7pm - What’s All the Fuss About?
- Friday April 15 - 7pm - Turning Points in End-Times Thinking
- Saturday April 16 - 10am - Reclaiming the Christian Imagination (Catered lunch to follow. Reservations required - $12.50 per person)

8. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Program Director: Charlotte Rescue Mission Rebound men’s program, a residential, 12-step, Christian based recovery program is seeking a full time Program Director. Responsibilities include complete program management from annual budget to daily operations. This is a “hands on” Executive Staff leadership position for the Mission’s drug and alcohol recovery program for homeless or at risk of being homeless men. Active involvement with 12-step program a plus. Minimum Bachelor’s Degree in Counseling and/or NC Certified Substance Abuse Counselor in good standing required. Preferred Master’s degree and L.C.A.S. Full benefits package available. Submit resume to resumes@charlotterescuemission.org. List degrees and NC Substance Abuse certifications in subject line.

Young Adult Minister: First Baptist Church (American Baptist) of Morgantown, WV is seeking a full time young adult minister, working under the leadership of the Senior Pastor. Adherence to, acceptance of, and promotion of Biblical truth, Christ-like living, and common Baptist convictions are expected. Located near the main campus of West Virginia University, and emphasis on outreach to campus is expected. FBC hosts a West Virginia Baptist Convention -sponsored college Christian fellowship, Baptist Campus Ministry; involvement in coordinating activities with this group may be expected. Salary with benefits; compensation based on training and experience. Two year initial contract. No specific requirements for education experience. If interested, submit resume by March 10, 2011 via email (preferred) to fbc.mgt.search@gmail.com or to Search Committee; First Baptist Church; 432 High Street; Morgantown, West Virginia 26505.

Youth & Young Adult Director: Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) in Charlotte, NC is seeking a full-time Youth and Young Adult Director. WPC is a 425 member PCUSA church is currently serving approximately 70 middle and high school youth and 20 young adults. Prior related experience, a youth ministry degree or seminary training, sound Biblical knowledge, and strong relationship/planning skills are desired. Visit our website at http://westminstercharlotte.org/ to view a job description. Resumes may be sent to David Coats at dcoats@carolina.rr.com.

9. THE PIERCE CENTER

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.
**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.