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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the May 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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From the Acting Dean's Desk...

I'm writing this message with a mix of emotions. In the capacity of Acting Dean during this academic year I have been drawn *outward* to the persons and institutions that share our vision and *inward* to the interior layers of the institution. Thinking, praying, and dreaming together with each of the groups that make up Gordon-Conwell has been exhilarating and inspiring. The prospect of making this appointment full time has also prompted some sober reflection about our pacing for the long haul, making the best use of sparse resources, and the seriousness of the various challenges we will face together in the next several years. In light of God's faithfulness in the past, the dedicated and gifted people who work in the institution, and the incredibly responsive students who submit their lives to the process of transformation, I am confident that "He who began a good work...will complete it."

My role will necessarily change as I complete the adjustment to life as permanent Dean (though this is *not* a life appointment!). I am very grateful to have worked with such great students in the classroom and will continue to serve you in other ways. My course load will be reduced to two per year, and I will support you indirectly by helping organize our efforts, raising awareness in the broader community, and building partnerships with ministries and organizations that share our Kingdom vision. We have already begun adding new structures to enhance the community's spiritual life, integrate our educational experience, and ensure that our relationship with you as life-long learners and coworkers in ministry will truly last a lifetime. I'll be open for any suggestions you have to make Gordon-Conwell the best possible experience for people training for ministry. Though our vision is comprehensive and even global in scope, we can realize it

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incrementally with your support and the guidance and blessing of the One who cares most for His people.

Thank you,
T. S. Laniak

2. GRADUATION AND BACCALAUREATE

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Anne Graham Lotz will speak at the GCTS- Charlotte Spring 2009 graduation ceremony, held on Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at University Park Baptist Church, 6029 Beatties Ford Rd., Charlotte, N.C., 28216. The Baccalaureate service will be held the evening before on Friday, May 15, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., with a reception following.

3. 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](#) indicating in what ways you wish to serve and what weekends you will be available to help.

4. 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](#). 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](#).

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 Dr.Laniak as he continues in his role as dean of the Charlotte campus.

Pray for GCTS graduates who are struggling spiritually since leaving the school's community.

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

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Are you interested in more ministry opportunities? Check out www.ministrylist.com.

Interim Youth Minister: Flint Hill Baptist Church in Fort Mill, SC is seeking an Interim Minister of Youth and Children for the summer of 2009. We are a Southern Baptist Church located just 3 miles from the Gordon Conwell Campus. 10 hours/week. For more information, contact Rev. Chris Autry at (803) 548-0672 or chrisautry79@yahoo.com.

Church Intern: [New Destiny Community Church](#), a recent church plant in Denver, NC, is seeking a volunteer/intern. If interested, contact Pastor Mike Teeter at pastormteeter@hotmail.com or (704) 947-3829.

Youth Director: [Lake Forest Church](#), EPC, is seeking a Director of Student Ministry to be responsible for middle and high school ministries. Must have 5 years experience working with youth. Send resume to spowell@lakeforest.org.

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NEW CLASS – TH603, Contemporary Theology and Theologians: Are you interested in missional theology? Want to know what is going on in the global church? Interested in the chance to interact first-hand with theologians from around the world? The majority of the contemporary global church is outside of North America and Europe; this course will focus on Latin American, African, and Asian perspectives as we survey issues of contemporary theology. In a nutshell, this will be a course in global theology as well as contemporary theology, with the conviction that you cannot do one without the other. You will have a chance to dialogue face-to-face with an active Latin American theologian, and hopefully via teleconference with others from other parts of the world. This course can serve as a theology or general elective. The course will be July 20-24 with Dr. Myatt.

Summer Registration: Summer registration is going on now. If you haven't registered please do so as soon as possible. For all Mentored Ministries, Semlink classes, and Counseling Practicums you can register until June 12. Check your Gordon-Conwell email for information and the correct registration form.

Fall Registration: Fall registration will open at the end of May. Please check your Gordon-

Conwell email for the correct registration form. 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.

10. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Women's Bible Study: Dr. Alison Littauer (who spoke at chapel a few weeks ago) is leading a bible study on the book of Hebrews for female seminary students and friends on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Southpark area. All women are welcome to join; contact Alison at deadguys83@aol.com for more information.

Surviving Seminary discussion group: Are you stressed out? You are not alone! All students from GCTS-Charlotte are invited to join this group to discuss stressors the seminary student encounters! Come to gain helpful tips to not only make sure you survive but also enjoy your seminary experience. Meetings will take place in Room 240, Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on May 6 and May 13. For more details, contact Sherri Buskirk (sbuskirk@gcts.edu) or Kelly Stilwell (kstilwell@gcts.edu).

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.

Carriage House Available: Christian family seeks single, female student to rent their carriage house in return for 8-12 hours of babysitting per week. If interested, please contact Sinclair or Robert McLean, (704) 277-3912 or sinclairmclean@carolina.rr.com.



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.

Free Counseling Opportunity: Free, brief, confidential counseling or personality assessment from a counseling student is available occasionally during the year. *Volunteering allows both the opportunity of pursuing greater self-awareness and spiritual/personal growth while also contributing to the professional development of fellow GCTS students.* If interested, please contact Dr. Kelly Breen Boyce at kboyce@gcts.edu with your name, contact information and whether you are interested in volunteering for counseling, personality assessment or both.

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.

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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/piercecenter/>. 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.