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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the May 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 sklipowicz@gordonconwell.edu.

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1. DEAN'S DESK

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Dear brothers and sisters,

In this early May message I'd like to encourage us to pray for those who will cross the threshold of commencement on the 15th. (Note: you're all invited to both Baccalaureate and Commencement.) There's cause for congratulation and celebration. There's also cause for intercession as these precious friends engage in new or existing ministries more fully. Extending the reign of Christ is not only important work; it is dangerous business. Anything of eternal value will be met with opposition (John 16:33; 1 Pet. 5:8).

Prayerfully yours,

Tim Laniak

2. GRADUATION CEREMONIES

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Baccalaureate will be held **Friday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Dr. Russell C. Rosser, Adult Pastor at Carmel Baptist Church, will speak. A reception will follow the service.

Commencement will be held **Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m.** Dr. William E. Pannell, Arthur DeKruyter/Christ Church Oak Brook Professor of Preaching at Fuller Seminary will speak.

Both services will be at Nations Ford Community Church, 5901 Nations Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28217.

3. SIMON CHAN LECTURES

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Simon Chan, Earnest Lau Professor of Systematic Theology at Trinity Theological College in Singapore, will speak at GCTS-Charlotte on Thursday, June 10 and Friday, June 11. Exact times and lecture titles will be forthcoming. Dr. Chan will be doing a four lecture series in *Global Christianity: Conversations on the Church, Spirituality and Liturgy*.

Dr. Chan is the author of *Man and Sin*, *Pentecostal Theology and the Christian Spiritual Tradition*, *Spiritual Theology: A Systematic Study of the Christian Life* and *Liturgical Theology: The Church as Worshiping Community*. He is also the associate editor of the *Global Dictionary of Theology* and the *Dictionary of Mission Theology*.

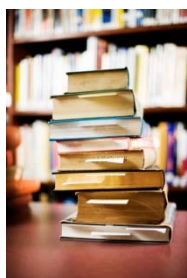
4. THE LIBRARY NOOK

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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.

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 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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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 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.

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 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.

- Pray for Scott Roberts' sister, Dana Mortone, who has been experiencing some issues with blacking out and recently underwent a heart procedure to explore possible reasons for her blacking out.
- Pray for Sam Gonzalez as he struggles with heart problems, diabetes and cholesterol issues.

7. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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Summer Registration: If you have not registered for summer, please send in your registration ASAP! All Semlink and non-scheduled courses are to be registered with a date by **June 11** to be included in the summer term.

When registering for Semlink course online REMEMBER if you have taken 1 course or attended an Integrative Seminar, you are considered an on-campus student.

IS502: If you are planning to attend the Research and Writing Seminar with Dr. Mayer this summer, on July 10 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, please put this on your registration form.

Fall schedule: is being finalized. Check your GCTS email for updates soon.

Graduates: Regalia is available for pick-up in the Registration Office from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Regalia must be picked up **before May 10**. Please arrive an hour early for each graduation service.

8. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Student Council: The GCTS-Charlotte Student Council is seeking new members. The Student Council is an advisory team of current students with the following responsibilities:

- Be the students' voice - representatives of and advocates for student needs, questions and concerns regarding opportunities to better fulfill GCTS's mission
- Through gathering student feedback, proactively help identify and prioritize "mission gaps" and surface and share potential solution ideas with appropriate decision makers
- Be representatives of and are advocates for faculty and staff needs and initiatives that require student input and/or leadership
- As invited, engage in helping identify and prioritize "mission gaps" from a faculty/staff perspective and sharing potential solution ideas

The Student Council is seeking a diverse representation of the student body with regard to degree program, gender, ethnicity, age, etc. If you know of a student(s), or if you yourself are interested, please email your nominations to dschlabach@gcts.edu. Nominations should include: the student's name, 2-4 sentences about why they are being nominated, and how you know them. Please put "Student Council Nomination" as the subject of the email.

Free Television: After replacing some equipment, GCTS- Charlotte has a 32" TV available for free donation to a local church or ministry. The TV set is quite large and bulky and is missing the buttons on the front, but is in working order and comes with a remote. We cannot guarantee its

condition and cannot transport it from the campus but will offer it for free to the first offer available for pickup. Please contact Drew Edwards at dedwards@gcts.edu or (704) 527-9909.

Revisiting the House of God: GCTS Charlotte invites you to attend a one-day forum on Urban and African-American leadership with Drs. William Pannell and Rick Gray. The forum will be held Thursday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an aim to renew and equip pastors and church leaders. There is no cost, but an RSVP is required. To RSVP, contact Dr. Alison Littauer at alittauer@gordonconwell.edu or (800) 600-1212 by May 1.

Answering the Call Conference: Ed Stetzer, John Hull, Jim Tomberlin and John Armstrong will speak at the "Answering the Call" conference on August 6 – 8 in Chicago, IL. The intention of the conference is to offer vision and strategies for renewal in the historic, mainline denominations. For more information, visit www.mainlinecall.org.

5th Annual Little Rock Day: Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church in Uptown Charlotte is hosting their annual spring revival meetings from Wednesday, May 19 – Sunday, May 23. Rev. Dr. Daran H. Mitchell from First A.M.E. Zion Church in Brooklyn, NY will be speaking. For more information, visit www.littlerockamezion.org or call (704) 334-3782.

Rooms for Rent: An SES graduate is seeking to rent out two rooms in his home in Matthews. The first room is 147 sq. ft. with a shared bathroom. Rent is \$300/month plus utilities (cable/internet, power, water, gas). The second room is the master bedroom, 110 sq. ft. with personal bathroom. Rent is \$350/month plus utilities. If interested, please contact Paul Johnson at (951) 833-6108.

Roommate Wanted: Four female students, two of whom are students at GCTS, are seeking a fifth roommate for their 5 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom home in Indian Trail, NC. Rent is \$280/month plus utilities. If interested, contact Dionne at (336) 202-7948.

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. If you have any questions you'd like to ask before you decide, contact Dr. Maria L. Boccia at (704) 940-5835.

Discover Day: GCTS-Charlotte's next Discover Day will be held on Saturday, June 5 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.

Logos Bible Software Training: Logos is hosting a training in Atlanta, GA on May 18-19. The cost is \$225. To register or find out more information, visit www.mpseminars.com or email info@mpseminars.com.

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.

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, deniseflanders@gmail.com.

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.

9. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Media Services Specialist Student Worker: Media Services Specialist Student Worker: GCTS-Charlotte is seeking Media Services Specialist (MSS) Student Workers from the Charlotte campus to facilitate the understanding, use, and growth of media practices and technologies to further the mission of this campus and the entire institution. This position will report to the Media Services Manager on campus and work with the rest of the Media Specialist team. Collaboration will also take place with IT and Media Services personnel throughout the institution. Tasks often associated with this job include but are not limited to: video production (shooting, editing, authoring, etc.), live audio production, classroom multimedia equipment operation and troubleshooting, basic computer support, student technology assistance, and many other functions. Previous experience and competency in such areas are preferred but not required. MSS Student Workers are put on a weekend rotation to share coverage of Friday night chapel and Saturday morning class support shifts through each semester. The position requires 10 hours of work per week and weekend rotation availability. If interested, please provide a resume and explanation or example of work by contacting [Drew Edwards](mailto:Drew.Edwards) at (704) 527-9909 or dedwards@gcts.edu. *We are seeking to fill two positions to begin no later than September 1, 2010.

Youth Pastor: The Ridge Church in northwest Greensboro, NC is seeking a part-time youth pastor. Please send resume to The Ridge, 7101 Pleasant Oaks Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410.

Children’s Ministry Coordinator: The Ridge Church in northwest Greensboro, NC is seeking a part-time children’s ministry coordinator. Please send resume to The Ridge, 7101 Pleasant Oaks Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410.

Middle and High School Ministry Director: First Presbyterian North Palm Beach, in Palm Beach, FL, is seeking a full-time middle and high school ministry director. For more information, visit the website at firstpresnpb.org or contact Eddie Nabhan at (561) 282-8038. If interested, send resume to fnpbyouth@gmail.com.

Executive Pastor: River Oaks Community Church, EPC, in Clemmons, NC, is seeking an Executive Pastor. River Oaks is an outreach-focused church with approximately 1,500 attending each week. For a complete job description, please email Frank Carter, Executive Pastor Search Team Chairman, at frank@riveroakschurch.org.

Part-time Latin Teacher: [Palisades Episcopal School](#) in Charlotte, NC is seeking a part-time Latin teacher. If interested, send cover letter, resume, and three references to Karin Hughes, Head of School, at khughes@pescharlotte.org.

Operation Christmas Child Church Relations Intern: Samaritan's Purse is seeking a Church Relations intern for Operation Christmas Child to help strengthen relationships with past and current OCC partner churches. Basic duties include support of Field Office staff in their contact with churches and representing the ministry of OCC in communication with multiple churches. Some local travel required. Apply online at www.samaritanspurse.org. Position is 40 hrs/week from July – November. Positions available in Charlotte and multiple other cities nationwide.

Director of Undergraduate Ministries: The Center for Christian Study, a non-profit Christian ministry adjacent to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville is seeking a male Director of Undergraduate Ministries for Men, and a female Director of Undergraduate Ministries for Women. For more information, or to apply, contact Dr. William Wilder at bill@studycenter.net. Please respond by May 28.

Music Director: [Christ Our Hope Church](#), PCA, in Wake Forest, NC, is seeking a part-time Music Director/Worship Team Leader. The position is 15 hrs/week and the man hired will be responsible for planning and conducting music for regular and special worship services and vision-casting in this area. If interested, contact Mike Anderson at (919) 570-9717 or christourhopemusic@gmail.com.

Church Planters: [New Life Authentic Christian Community](#), a multi-site church in Conover, NC, is seeking church planters to continue site growth. The church has plans for nine more sites in their area. If interested, please email officeconover@gmail.com or send a resume to New Life, 4639 Country Home Road, Conover, NC 28613.

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. 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.

12. MEDIA HELP FILE

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The Media Helps Program is an initiative to provide resources to our communities, to both the students on campus and the city of Charlotte as a whole. Our mission statement is: "The MHP is

committed to enabling churches and other non-profits to pursue excellence in media by planning, learning, refining and collaboration of media skills and strategy to help our world in positive ways."

Our goal will be to understand and assist these groups with the unique challenges they face, the significant messages they portray and the audiences/constituents they wish to serve.

This "column" in E-notes will serve as a sharing space for ideas about issues the MHP will target and provide announcements as to the events the program sponsors, encourages, and groups it participates with.

Please contact Drew Edwards at dedwards@gcts.edu if you have comments or questions regarding the program.