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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the May 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](mailto:ssmith2@gcts.edu).

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Dear brothers and sisters,

As many of you finish up your papers and exams for this semester, some of you are doing it for the *last time!* We wish a special congratulations to our graduates. And we trust that all of you will enjoy a sense of closure as the spring terms comes to its end. It is helpful to pause at the thresholds we cross, rejoicing at what God has done for us and what he has disclosed to us. The journey comes in stages. Let's all celebrate the last hill we've climbed with God's help.

You are in our prayers,

Dr. Timothy S. Laniak, Dean

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2. FALL INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR [back to top](#)

**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?

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### 3. GRADUATION [back to top](#)

#### **Charlotte Campus 2011 Graduation Weekend**

Please join us as we celebrate the achievement of this year's graduates from Gordon-Conwell's Charlotte campus.

##### **Baccalaureate**

When: Friday, May 20, 2011 at 7:00PM  
Where: The Park Church (Beatties Ford Road)  
Speaker: Dr. Garth M. Rosell

##### **Commencement**

When: Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 10:00AM  
Where: The Park Church (Beatties Ford Road)  
Speaker: Dr. Ramez Atallah

##### **Location Information:**

The Park Church (Beatties Ford Road)  
6029 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte, NC 28216

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

#### **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 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. Tutorial pages are currently being created for all library resources. These pages will host help videos along with step by step instructions. We plan to make the updated tutorial page available by September. For more information or assistance contact the Library technologist, Matt Wasielewski, at [mattwaz@gcts.edu](mailto: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](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](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).

**Spring 2011 graduates:** Please return all borrowed library books to the library and pay any overdue fines no later than **Friday, May 13**. Failure to do so may result in you not being able to graduate as the library director must certify to the registrar that all books have been returned. If you have a question about books or fines, please stop by the circulation desk to check your record.

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5. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE [back to top](#)

**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.

**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.

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## 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.

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## 7. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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**Summer Registration:** We are still registering for summer classes. Please get your form in promptly. There is now a late fee of **\$25.00** as of 4/18/2011.

**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.

**Graduation:** Regalia and announcements have arrived. Please pick these up on Monday- Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Registration Office. If you haven't picked these up by the 19<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to pick them up at the church on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **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](mailto: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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## 8. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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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](mailto: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](http://www.gordonconwell.edu/current_students/pierce_fellowship).

- ✚ **"Reflective Pedagogy and Christian Practices" Seminar:** June 20 - July 1, 2011 at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Director is Dr. David I. Smith (Calvin College). This seminar will explore how recent work in various disciplines illuminates the nature of teaching as a practice, and in particular what it might mean to approach teaching in an educational setting as a Christian practice. Participants will study and discuss recent writing in philosophy, sociology, education theory, and theology dealing with the nature of social practices and of Christian practices. We will be seeking to understand how this work can inform the design of teaching and learning in such a way that connections between classroom teaching and Christian formation are clarified.

- ✚ **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. **New Price - \$149,900**. Call Danny Imes at (704) 999-3784 for more information or to arrange a showing. Also view the listing on MLS.

<http://tempo.carolinamls.com/Pub/EmailView.asp?r=287676659&s=CML&t=CML>

- ✚ **Home for Sale:** A staff member at Carmel Baptist Church has a home for sale at \$106,000 with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Ideal for someone in the Seminary who is looking for a place near the school. Contact Joe Bilbro, Realtor by phone at (704) 737-6601 or email at [joebilbro@gmail.com](mailto:joebilbro@gmail.com). View the listing from the link below.

<http://www.trulia.com/property/3049885777-2110-Preakness-Ct-Charlotte-NC-28273>

- ✚ **Town Home for Sale or Lease:** 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, single car garage town home for sale in the Stonecrest area. Located at the end of a quiet street with an open backyard and extra parking for guests. A spacious floor plan with lots of natural light, 9 foot ceilings on the main floor, formal dining room, large closets, master bath with dual sinks, tile floor, and a separate shower and garden tub. Neighborhood amenities include a pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and basketball court. \$169,900 or \$1,175/mth. Contact Melinda at [melindadyk@yahoo.com](mailto:melindadyk@yahoo.com).

- ✚ **Two abandoned kittens needing homes:** Two kittens were recently abandoned on our property in the Charlotte area and need good homes. They seem to be from the same litter, part Siamese, and about 1 month old. We would be happy to find a home for them together or individually. They would need some initial training and veterinary evaluation and care as we do not know their backgrounds but they seem to be in good health and responding well. Please let us know if you are interested at 252-562-3739 or [dedwards@gcts.edu](mailto:dedwards@gcts.edu).

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## 9. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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✚ **Associate/Assistant Pastor, Hispanic Ministry:** New City Fellowship of Fredericksburg, VA is seeking an associate/assistant pastor to help meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people in our congregation and community by teaching and showing them that our ultimate hope lies only in Jesus Christ. Also to promote the NCF vision of racial reconciliation with an emphasis on ministry to Latinos; bringing a greater racial balance to the congregation, while helping build relationships between non-Latinos and Latinos. Please see the job descriptions located on the bulletin board in the student lounge. If interested, complete the questionnaire found on the bulletin board. Send the questionnaire, sermon, resume, and a picture to Eugene River's, head of the pulpit committee, at [eugenejr@aol.com](mailto:eugenejr@aol.com) and Pastor Bob Becker at [bobbecker@newcityfellowship.org](mailto:bobbecker@newcityfellowship.org).

✚ **Youth Minister Assistant:** Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte is in need of an assistant to the Ministers of Youth & Children in their upcoming Vacation Bible School and Ridgecrest Summer Camp Programs. This is a Temporary position from May thru August. If interested, call Tom Carton at (704) 575-1301 (cell) or (704) 376-1571 (office) or email at [thomascarton@pritchardmemorial.com](mailto:thomascarton@pritchardmemorial.com).

✚ **Director of Children's and Youth Ministry:** Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Children's and Youth Ministry for 30 hrs. per week. The Director will plan and implement activities for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade as well as middle and high school. The DCYM will also be an important resource for adult ministries in conjunction with the pastors. The ultimate goal of our Christian Education program is to provide spiritual development opportunities through fellowship, worship, mission work and bible studies. For more information, check the GCTS-Charlotte Student Lounge bulletin board. You can contact Rev. Chad Neal at [rfuquayvarinap@nc.rr.com](mailto:rfuquayvarinap@nc.rr.com) or send resume to: Attn:Personnel Committee, Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church, 307 North Ennis Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC, 27526

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## 10. 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. To find out more about 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 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.