



DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the November 2008 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 send an e-mail to Dr. Steve Klipowicz at sklipowi@gcts.edu.

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1. SPRING 2009 INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

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The Spring 2009 Integrative Seminar, *How High the Fences?: Examining Relationship Boundaries in Ministry*, will be held on **Saturday, January 31** from 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. More details regarding the event and the pre-seminar assignment will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

2. GCTS STUDENT LODGING NETWORK

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Due to rising travel costs, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary—Charlotte wants to help reduce the expense of travel to campus this fall. At this time we have several families willing to provide free or inexpensive lodging for out-of-town students. **If you are seeking a place to stay for a weekend module class** for free or for a small fee, 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](#).

Find a Ride

If you know the names of the students in your class and want to locate potential car-mates, you can access the Student Directory on the CAMS student portal to find possible classmates in your area and contact them.

3. COOLEY LECTURES: JAN. 15-16, 2009

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Students and guests are welcome to attend the 3rd Annual Robert C. Cooley lectures delivered by Dr. Jim Hoffmeier, a noted archaeologist on Israel and Egypt, of Trinity Evangelical Theological Seminary. For any questions concerning the lecture events, please contact Mark Poe at mpoe@gcts.edu or (704) 435-6408.

Schedule:

Thursday, January 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Recent Excavations in Sinai and the Exodus from Egypt

Friday, January 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Where Is Mt. Sinai and Why It Doesn't Matter?

4. THE LIBRARY NOOK

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Welcome new Gordon-Conwell students! If you missed new student orientation, stop by the library so that we can quickly introduce you to the library collection and the services we have for you. We have a one-sheet introduction to library policies and procedures to read before you check out your first library books. Please allow a couple of extra minutes the first time you borrow books so that the circulation desk staff can get your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address into the library circulation system.



Online library systems undergoing maintenance: Over the summer, the Gordon-Conwell libraries have been updating our cataloging, circulation, and online catalog delivery systems. This is an ongoing process and when it is complete, we hope that you will notice faster connections and easier access. This process should be complete by early autumn but between now and then, there may be extended times when the online catalog is down and online databases may be inaccessible. We appreciate your patience. If you are traveling to use the library from outside of Charlotte, call ahead to make sure that systems are operating.

Overdue Books: Note that the **standard borrowing period for library books is four weeks.** You may renew books by phone, online, or in person provided that someone else has not placed a "hold" on the item you wish to renew. **Overdue fines are twenty-five cents per book per day,** and if you accumulate over \$10.00 in fines on your account, you will not be permitted to check out books unless you receive permission from the library. One important way you help the seminary community is by making sure you promptly return books by their due dates. If you have questions about renewing books, please contact the library staff.

New on the Reference shelf: Abingdon Press has just released volume three of the New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. This new edition offers complete coverage of biblical and theological topics and is located on the reference shelf at REF. BS440.N445 2006. – Two new commentary sets have been added to reference shelf. The New Beacon Bible Commentary is written from a Wesleyan theological perspective and currently features volumes on Romans and Jeremiah. You will find it with the commentary sets at REF. BS491.2.B433 2008. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible "enlists leading theologians to read and interpret Scripture for the twenty-first century" with the goal of providing "guidance in reading the Bible under the rule of faith." You will find the first six volumes of this series with the commentary sets at REF. BS491.2.B66 2005.

Books on reserve: Many 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. Please note that no more than two reserve books may be checked out at one time, and that the fine for late reserve books is **one dollar per book per day**.

Fall 2008 Library hours:

- Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Requesting books from Goddard Library: 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.

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 located 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. CTLC now has a website that will allow you to find information and directions to member institutions, CTLC use policies, and links to online catalogs of three CTLC members. Go to www.atla.com/ctlc/ctlc.html for more information.

Jon and Sue Neuhs Bookstore

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.

Bookstore hours are weekdays from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If those hours are inconvenient, please contact the library staff so that we can arrange a time to help you. We are happy to help you outside of regular bookstore hours provided that you call or e-mail ahead.

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 Dr. Sid Bradley and his family because of the recent loss of his sister.

Pray for Heather Deifell who is undergoing testing for pain and health issues with the left side of her body.

Pray for Professor Edward Keazirian and his family as they mourn the loss of his father.

Pray for Dr. Robert E. Cooley as he has been diagnosed with myelodysplasia.

6. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

Graphic Designer: Forest Hill Church in Charlotte is seeking a full-time graphic designer. Resumes should be sent to tanya.kobylarz@foresthill.org.

Associate Pastor for Administration & Community Ministries: First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, NC is seeking a senior-level pastor who will be responsible for all administrative operations. More information is available at www.fbcw-s.org.

Music and Technology Intern: [Davidson United Methodist Church](#) in Davidson, NC is seeking an intern to coordinate rehearsals for our talented youth worship band and assist with worship technology and multi-media elements during Sunday evening youth group. This internship is 5-7 hours per week, \$60/week. For more information or to submit a resume, contact [Kristen Twitchell](#), Director of Youth Ministries, (704) 987-9949.

Female Program and Ministry Leadership Internship: Davidson United Methodist Church in Davidson, NC is seeking an intern who is comfortable with United Methodist/Wesleyan theology, energetic and willing to help youth engage in their spiritual journey. This internship is 10-12 hours a week, \$100/week, generally on Sunday evenings and Wednesday nights. For more information or to submit a resume, contact [Kristen Twitchell](#), Director of Youth Ministries, (704) 987-9949.

Navy Opportunities: The Navy is seeking Chaplains to be spiritual and emotional guides for a large and diverse group of Sailors, Marines, Coastguardsmen, and their families. For more information, see <http://www.navy.com/careers/officer/clergy/>.

Children's Ministry Coordinator: [Ebenezer Presbyterian Church](#) (ARP) in Rock Hill, SC is seeking a full-time children's ministry coordinator. For more information, contact emailus@ebenezerarp.org or (803) 366-5119.

Pastor: First Presbyterian in Dalhart, TX is seeking a preaching and teaching elder. For more information, contact Al Abdullah at dral@xit.net or (806) 676-7894.

Summer Internship: [North Shore Baptist Church](#) in the Queens area in New York is seeking 2009 summer interns for ministry opportunities. For more information, please contact Pastor Ed Moore at northshorebaptist@verizon.net or (718) 229-7223.

Youth Minister: [Light of Christ United Methodist Church](#) in the Ballantyne area is seeking a part-time (20 hrs/week) youth minister. If interested, send a resume to youthminister@locumc.org.

Youth Minister: A new Anglican church in Hickory, NC is searching for an experienced youth minister to work part-time. If interested, contact Rev. Smith Sharpe at scsharpe@charter.net.

IT Specialist: Christ Covenant Church (PCA) in Matthews, NC is seeking someone to provide on-site technology assistance to the Christ Covenant staff and CDS teachers in a Help Desk approach. The successful applicant will have excellent people skills, a willingness to learn, and a passion for technology as well as technical knowledge. Should have 1-2 years experience in a technical trouble-shooting role. Contact Margie Johnston at (704) 814-1007 or mjohnston@christcovenant.org for more information.

Administrative/Personal Executive Assistant: Part-time executive assistant needed for a Christian woman located in the South Park area, Charlotte, NC who serves on national and local ministry boards of directors, teaches locally, and participates in community events. Flexible hours, but primarily days, Monday through Friday. Must be able to work in two office locations and use own car to travel between them. If interested, send cover letter & resume to assistant2000@gmail.com.

Director of Christian Formation: The Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal/Anglican) in York, SC is seeking a part-time Director of Christian Formation. Under the supervision of the rector (pastor) this person will oversee the Christian Formation program, offered for all ages. 15 hours/week. For more information, go to www.goodshep.net.

Part-time Nanny: Babysitter needed in Fort Mill, SC for well-behaved 3 yr. old boy. Schedule will be 1-2 mornings/week with occasional afternoons. \$8/hour. Please inquire at (803) 547-2652.

Children's Pastor: River Oaks Community Church (EPC) in Winston-Salem is seeking a full-time children's pastor. If interested, contact Trish Flowers at trish@riveroakschurch.org.

Small Group Intern: Are you interested in being a paid intern in a vital small group ministry in a Charlotte church? If so, contact Dr. Klipowicz to learn more about this promising opportunity.

Chaplain Candidate Scholarship Partnership: The US Army Chaplaincy Corps is charged with the responsibility of insuring that our Army's Soldiers and families are cared for spiritually. Scholarship opportunities are available to interested students that may provide financial aid and potential tuition credit. For more information visit the website at www.goarmy.com/chaplain/.

7. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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Spring Registration: Registration for Spring 2009 is just around the corner. Watch for an email from the Registrar giving all the instructions and deadlines. **Paper forms** will be used to register for all courses and will be available soon at www.gcts.edu on the Charlotte homepage under Charlotte Academic Forms. Forms may be faxed to the Registration Office at (704) 940-5858, mailed or dropped off in person. If the Registration Office is closed, forms may be given to library staff.

IS502 Research/Writing Seminars:

Open to students who began in Fall 2008:

IS502 CA: January 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (registration deadline: Dec. 15)

Open to all students:

IS502 CC: February 4, 11, 18, 6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. (registration deadline: Jan. 31)

IS502 CD: March 4, 11, 18, 6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. (registration deadline: Jan. 31)



Friday Registration Office Hours: The office will be open until 6:25 p.m. on Friday evenings whenever classes are meeting.

CAMS Portal Sign-In Reminder: Be sure to begin your sign-in with gcts\ in front of your normal sign-in: (example:gcts\jdoe).

Bible Competency Make-Up Exams: The make-up exams for those who matriculated in FA08 will be held Friday, January 30, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the seminary. Please send an email to Joni Horne at jhorne@gcts.edu to sign up.

Graduation Deadlines:

January 23, 2009 is the deadline for applying for May 2009 graduation. Students must file a Graduation Form with the Registration Office by this date. This form is located on the Charlotte homepage of www.gcts.edu under Charlotte Academic Forms. The student will then be notified of degree requirements that have not been met.

February 6, 2009 is the last day to revoke May 2009 graduation application and avoid the \$110 graduation fee.

Exegesis Registration: All students who intend to take a Greek exegesis course in SP09, but who did not have a Greek exegesis course in FA08 are required by the Bible Division to take a Greek competency quiz. This should be completed by the time of or at the January Integrative Seminar. To set this up, contact RGrams@gcts.edu.

Student Papers: As previously announced, the Registration Office is no longer serving as the clearinghouse for returned coursework. If you desire to have your graded work (papers, exams, etc.) returned to you, you will need to enclose a self-addressed (postage paid) envelope with your final work. Assignments submitted without such packaging will be destroyed by the professor once grades are sent to the Registration Office.

Inclement Weather Date: December 5, 6 is the makeup weekend for inclement weather.

Scheduling a Library Proctor: Please notify [Joni Horne](#) or [Trish King](#) at least twenty-four hours in advance of the time you wish to schedule a proctoring appointment. Proctoring may begin at 9:00 a.m., but must be finished thirty minutes before the library is scheduled to close.

All students should consult the website frequently for schedule changes. You will be notified when the CAMS student portal is available for items that were previously a part of my.dot.

8. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Spring Integrative Seminar: The next Integrative Seminar will be held on January 31, 2009.

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 send an e-mail to 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.

Babysitter Available: First-year divinity student with 9 years of child-care experience is seeking babysitting opportunities. Please contact Carrie Myatt at cmmyatt@gcts.edu or (980) 939-1176.

Home for Rent: 2,500 sq. ft., 3 br/2 ba, convenient to I-77 and 85, \$1,100/month. Contact (704) 523-8938 for more information.

Rooms for Rent: Several rooms are available in a home in the Heritage community for \$550 - \$600/month. Internet and utilities included. Contact Dr. Emmett Cooper at honeyword@aol.com or (352) 457-4444 for more information.

Room for Rent: A furnished room less than 1 mile from Gordon-Conwell is available for \$400/month, including utilities. For more information, contact deborahware@yahoo.com.

Condo for Rent: A two story, three-bedroom condo is available in Charlotte for seminary students for only \$660 per month. If you are interested, e-mail Julie at wakebasketball06@yahoo.com.

Student ID Card: Please have your student ID card with you at all times while on campus. Your ID card serves several purposes. It allows access into the building when class is in session and it

is your Harold Lindsell Library card used to check out books. If a replacement card is needed, contact Scott Smith, Office Coordinator.

Lost and Found: If you believe a personal belonging has been left on campus or misplaced, contact Estella John at the receptionist desk, (704) 527-9909 or ejohn@gcts.edu. Items are held behind the front desk until someone comes to claim them.

9. THE PIERCE CENTER

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Community Concert of Prayer and Fellowship: All GCTS-Charlotte students, faculty and staff and their spouses are invited to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season on **Thursday, November 20** from **7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** at the **Charlotte campus**. The night will include a Concert of Prayer followed by a time of fellowship with dessert and hot beverages. Please RSVP to charlottepiercecenter@gcts.edu by November 14.

Pierce Center Roundtables: Throughout the year the Pierce Center will host a series of Roundtables. These events will provide opportunities for the GCTS community to discuss issues related to discipleship and spiritual formation.

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 June 27.

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.

10. MACC STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Counseling Central website: macc.gordonconwell.edu. The site is still being developed, but announcements are being posting regularly.

Students in Dr. Breen Boyce's classes: please remember to submit a postage-paid, flat rate, self-addressed envelope for returned coursework.

11. TECHNOLOGY TID-BITS

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Your GCTS ONE Account: GCTS ONE is your primary Gordon-Conwell IT account. You can use it to log into almost every service that Gordon-Conwell's IT department offers. Your GCTS ONE account consists of a username and password that are assigned to you when you matriculate (or pay your deposit). For most students, your username will be the first letter of your first name followed by your last name (e.g. jdoe). In the event that the username has already been taken, you will be assigned a unique number which will be added to your username (e.g. jdoe2).

IMPORTANT: Since your GCTS ONE account allows you to access your email, grades, account balances, schedules and other personal information, it is very important that you change the initial GCTS – CHARLOTTE

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password to something secure and that you do not share your password with anyone. Please contact the Helpdesk for detailed information about choosing passwords.

Your GCTS E-mail Address: Your Gordon-Conwell email address is also automatically created for you when you matriculate and it is based on your GCTS ONE username. It is created by adding the suffix "@gcts.edu" to your GCTS ONE username (e.g. jdoe@gcts.edu). If you experience any problems, please contact the helpdesk by e-mailing helpdesk@gcts.edu.