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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the November 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. DEAN'S DESK

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Dear brothers and sisters,

This time in the semester is like being 3/5 of the way through your program. There's no turning back on the commitments you made, but it seems nearly impossible to get it all done before the deadline. I hope you'll take comfort from the fact that we have over 600 Charlotte students who finished their degrees, even though every semester seems to present unique challenges.

These alumni are going to provide a treat for you during Advent (which begins Nov. 29 this year). You'll be receiving a special email word of encouragement designed by those who have gone before you. This seems fully in keeping with

the image in Hebrews 12 of a "great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us. God knows we need encouragement from those who have finished the race.

With hope and prayer,
 Dr. Tim Laniak, Dean

2. SPRING INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR, JANUARY 30, 2010

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The Spring Integrative Seminar is scheduled for January 30, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. The theme is "Maintenance or Mission? Posturing the Church for Ministry in the Post-Christian Culture." Further details regarding this required event will be sent in the next few weeks.

Students who wish to make up the recent fall integrative seminar, "Seminary or Cemetery?" should complete the following procedure:

- Obtain make-up video from the library desk and view. Video is available in library.
- Complete a four-page interactive essay reflecting on the video presentation. If you completed the seminar pre-assignment, simply return that instead of the essay.
- Turn in essay to Dr. Steve Klipowicz along with a \$25 check for make-up charges (Make sure you include your student number).

Make-ups should be completed by December 1, 2009.

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 our Chapel Fellow, [Matt Hemsley](#), 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 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](#).

5. THE LIBRARY NOOK

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November holiday hours:

- Wednesday, Nov. 25 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (closing early)
- Thurs. – Sat., Nov.26-28 CLOSED

Library Hours:

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

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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.

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Semlink textbooks: The bookstore stocks textbooks for Semlink courses can be taken as part of a Charlotte degree program. Please contact [Alvis](#) to inquire about the availability of Semlink texts.



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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.

8. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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Church Planting Class: A special class on church planting will be offered this Spring at GCTS-Charlotte. Church Planting and Growth (WM/EV665) will be held during the third weekend module beginning February 19 – 20. This practical class will focus on the theory and methodology of pioneering new churches in a variety of contexts. This would be an invaluable class if you are currently starting a church or intending to do so in the near future.

Dr. Steve Klipowicz, who planted a church for his first ministry, will be the lead professor with Dr. Mike Moses, the founder of Lake Forest Church in Huntersville, as the assisting instructor. Various other church planters will be involved as guests through the semester.

WM/EV 665 can be counted as a missions or evangelism class, in addition to it qualifying as a ministry elective or general elective. It would also be a great class for someone who is planting a church to audit.

Writing Seminar: For all returning students that matriculated since FA08 you are required to take IS502. This will be an all day event on January 16. Please fill out the registration form and put IS502 section CA. There is a limited amount of room so please register as soon as possible.

Spring Integrative Seminar: Will be held on Saturday, January 30. This will be IS505 section CA. Note this on your registration form.

Bible Competency Test: Students that matriculated in Fall 2009 have one final opportunity to take the bible competency test. The test will be offered on Fridays in February from 4:00- 6:00 p.m. Please email Joni Horne at jhorne@gcts.edu to sign up.

Spring registration: is now open. Please check your GCTS email to find the Spring 2010 registration forms. Note there have been changes in the schedule. The last day to register for Spring classes is **Dec. 2**. Given the current financial circumstances we are facing, the seminary can no longer offer under enrolled classes. If a course does not meet the minimum enrollment requirement we will be forced to cancel the course. Therefore, it is imperative that you submit your registration form by **Dec. 2** so that we have ample time to make a decision and notify professors/students.

Spring Graduation: January 22 is the last day to submit an application for May graduation. The graduation form is found online under academic forms for the Charlotte Campus. Graduation will be held Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Reminders: All students should check their GCTS email often. This is how we communicate any changes through the registration office. Remember that your GCTS email can be forwarded to your personal account.

We are still in the development stages of the online registration portal. The seminary has recently hired a full-time project manager who will make online registration his top priority. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

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

Check your student portal: Use this to confirm registration and to see if your grades have been posted.

9. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Robert C. Cooley Lectures: This year's lectures will be delivered by [Dr. Craig Evans](#) on January 14 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. The topics will be 'Jesus and His World' and 'Jesus, Messianism, and the Dead Sea Scrolls'. There is no required registration. Dr. Evans has written extensively on these subjects and is an engaging speaker. Please plan to come and bring some friends.

Discover Day: GCTS-Charlotte's next Discover Day will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010. If you know of someone who has been considering seminary, encourage them to apply early!

Participate in MACC Research Project: We are starting a study and we need you to consider participating. Oxytocin is a hormone which is important for parenting, sex, and romantic relationships. We need your help for a study looking 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.

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, please contact us by email at gctsoxytocinresearch@yahoo.com. To respond, please copy this email address to use in your response. If you have any questions you'd like to ask before you decide, please contact Dr. Maria L. Boccia at (704) 940-5835.

House for Sale or Rent: Dr. Steve Klipowicz and his wife will be moving out of their home in Tega Cay to provide live-in assistance for his ailing mother-in-law. His current house will be available to interested parties for rent or sale. Located ten minutes from the Seminary, the house is located in a very private, wooded location. The house has 3 full bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, and an attached one-car garage. Located on three levels, the home provides considerable privacy between living areas. The house could be available by early 2010. If interested, contact Dr. Klipowicz at (803) 370-5870.

Help needed: Do you have an hour to spare for \$20.00? Two people are needed to help move an appliance (no heavy lifting required). Please call Mike at (704) 975-5610.

Seeking Housing: Female, MDIV student, 22 yrs. old, is seeking housing beginning in January 2010. Prefers a place close to campus and rent \$300-\$400 per month including utilities. Please call Sarah at (719) 338-2385.

Rooms for Rent: Homeowner wishes to offer rental housing for one or two single, Christian men who are students, faculty or staff at GCTS. House is located in Indian Land, SC. You will have your own room and bathroom. One of you will be able to park in garage and have remote garage door opener (first come, first served). Located in quiet, newer residential neighborhood with homes built in 2007 and 2008. Share kitchen, washer/dryer, and family room. \$350/month, utilities extra, bring your own furniture since rooms are not furnished. References requested. Contact Don at (803) 802-7598 or firstprinciples@gmail.com.

Speakers needed for First Priority: First Priority at Marvin Ridge High School is seeking speakers for its Wednesday morning meetings at 7:10 a.m., before school begins. If interested in volunteering with this teenage Christian group, contact Josh Ferguson at (704) 930-9287 (cell) or (704) 849-6735 (home).

House for Rent: 5 bed, 3 bath home in South West Charlotte for rent. \$1350/month. Contact Brian Phipps, (913) 375-6831.

Hebrew Tutoring: A GCTS grad, James-Michael Smith, is offering Hebrew tutoring for \$15/hr or \$10/hr (per person) for group tutoring. He teaches Hebrew at Good Shepherd UMC. Contact James-Michael at jamesmichael7@yahoo.com or through his blog, The Discipleship Dojo at <http://gsdisciple.blogspot.com>.

Take advantage of Semlink courses as a personal resource: There is a student discount for Semlink Non-Credit courses at the price of \$25 (normally \$50). Order a class for personal enrichment! Call the Semlink Office at (978) 646-4144 to order. A current list of course available can be found at http://ockenga.gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/semink/files/semink_materials.pdf.

Room for Rent in SouthPark: A Christian female professional and graduate student is looking for 2 female roommates to share 4-br, 2.5-ba town home in South Park. The spacious town home has over 1,800 square feet and is mostly furnished. Rent is negotiable. There is plenty of parking, a neighborhood pool, tennis courts and lots of green space. Contact Anna Jackson, jacksona@queens.edu or 704-942-8306.

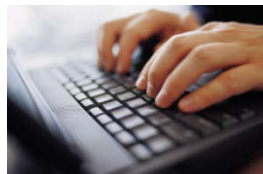
House for Rent: 3 br house for rent in southeast Charlotte (S. Tryon off Sandy Porter Rd.) No pets. \$725/month. If interested, call (704) 996-7891.

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Community Care position: [Mecklenburg Community Church](#) is seeking a GCTS student pursuing a degree in Christian Counseling, or GCTS graduate, for a position in their Community Care ministry beginning January 1, 2010. This position can be either part-time or full-time. The Community Care department of Mecklenburg coordinates emotional and spiritual support to Meck members and attenders through classes, groups, counseling assessments and referrals. Students who have had Dr. James Emery White as a professor at GCTS are strongly encouraged to apply. If interested, please send cover and resume to ggoble@mecklenburg.org.

Summer Internship in New York: [North Shore Baptist Church](#) in New York City is seeking interns for the summer of 2010. Interns will obtain a summer job in the area and do ministry with the church. Lodging is free. If interested, contact Pastor Ed Moore at (718) 229-7223 or northshorebaptist@verizon.net.



IT Student Worker: GCTS – Charlotte is seeking student workers that enjoy working with technology and helping people use technology. IT Help Desk student workers share the following tasks: provide technical support for faculty, staff, and students. Primary technologies supported: desktops and notebooks running Windows and Mac operating systems, printing, accessing CAMS Enterprise and Portals, access to GCTS email, wireless connectivity, voice mail access and phone set functionality. The IT Help Desk student workers use an online ticket tracking system. Help Desk student workers report to the Help Desk Manager. Work hours include daytime, evening, and weekend shifts. Basic competency in hardware and software is helpful and training will see that you are able to assist others. If interested, contact Drew Edwards at (704) 527-9909 or dedwards@gcts.edu.

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A Conversation on Missions and Formation: The Pierce Center invites all with a heart for missions and discipleship to attend this roundtable event on Friday, November 13 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in Room 241. Dr. Rollin Grams and Dr. Alan Myatt will join us as we discuss some of the missiological challenges facing the 21st century Church. Please RSVP to CharlottePierceCenter@gcts.edu.

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.