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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the November 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 Scott Smith at [ssmith2@gcts.edu](mailto:ssmith2@gcts.edu).

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1. THE DEAN'S DESK

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Dear brothers and sisters,

I trust you are growing to appreciate God's sovereignty, even as life throws unexpected "curve balls" at us. Two of my closest friends are facing a devastating end to their marriages. One to a cancer that doctors said couldn't return. The other to a spouse whose untreated paranoid disorder prompted her decision to file for a divorce. In these moments, well meaning friends like Job's look for what you've done wrong or suggest that a faith formula will guarantee a desired outcome. Those of us who've prayed our hearts out sometimes find ourselves silenced by the enigma of a good God

who is in control of a world where awful things happen to us. I encourage you to read an article by our Provost, Dr. Frank James, on drawing near to this inscrutable God when we feel his absence most (<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2010/september/36.58.html?start=1>).

You are in our prayers,

Dr. Tim Laniak, Dean

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## 2. SPRING INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR, January 29, 2011 [back to top](#)

The spring 2011 Integrative Seminar, ***Conversing with Lausanne: Reflections on the Christian Movement from a Global Perspective***, will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the seminary from 9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. All master degree students are required to attend six seminars as a graduation requirement. More information regarding this event will be posted in the December 2010 issue of E-Notes.

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

### Library Hours:

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

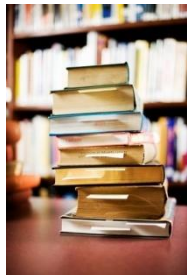
**Proctoring Policy:** Please note the new library policy for proctoring exams and quizzes. Students are expected to make every effort to have their exams proctored outside of the seminary before scheduling a proctoring appointment with the registrar's office. Students having exams proctored in the library must read and sign a one-page statement of library proctoring policies before beginning their proctored exams.

**Online Library Resources:** The libraries at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary offer a host of online research resources to students, staff and faculty.

- [Databases](#) are accessible to hunt down articles and books, perform Greek word studies, view primary sources for church history, and much more!
- [Journals](#) are available online in subjects ranging from theology and biblical studies to psychology and pastoral ministry.
- [Netlibrary](#) offers eBooks in theology and biblical studies.
- [Tutorials](#) are also available to help with using library databases and researching specific subjects.

**New 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 at: <http://www.accordancebible.com/store/details/?pid=UASc8.4>.

Researchers and students wishing to use the collection for specific research projects must make an appointment. Appointments should be made by contacting the library director, Dr. Robert Mayer ([bmayer@gcts.edu](mailto:bmayer@gcts.edu)), and 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.



### 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 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).

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**4. 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](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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**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.

- Dr. Parrett has made extraordinary progress. So much so that doctors are calling it a miracle. Although Dr. Parrett still faces a long road of rehab, he is walking on his own eating normal foods and engaging in regular conversations with family and staff. Please continue to pray for a full recovery and return to teaching.
- Pray for Dr. Harlow and his family as they grieve the loss of his mother, Vivian Harlow.

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## 6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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**Spring 2011 Registration:** is open! The [registration](#) form and [schedule](#) are available on-line for your convenience. Only use the add/drop form (available online) to make changes to your schedule after you've submitted the registration form. The deadline for submitting your Spring registration form is **December 1**.

**Registration forms received after Dec. 1 will result in a \$25 late registration fee.**

As stewards of God's resources, the seminary can no longer offer under enrolled classes. If a course does not meet the minimum enrollment requirement we may be forced to cancel the course. Therefore, it is imperative that you submit your registration form by **December 1** so that we have ample time to make a decision and notify professors/ students. We would hate to cancel a course only to learn later that enough students had planned to enroll but just failed to act in a timely manner. Contact Trish King [tking@gcts.edu](mailto:tking@gcts.edu) or Joni Horne [jhorne@gcts.edu](mailto:jhorne@gcts.edu) if you need assistance.

**Payment:** You must pay off any balance before you start your classes or you will be **de-registered**.

**Semlink:** Please remember to use the [on-line](#) registration form for Semlink courses. **Note:** all students that have ever taken a course on campus are considered a campus student. For this to be a Fall course, it must be registered by **February 25**

**CAMS portal:** If you are trying to see your class schedule, make sure you choose the correct term (SP-11) on the upper right hand side to see your courses for a given semester. If you have trouble, contact [helpme@gcts.edu](mailto:helpme@gcts.edu).

**Graduation:** forms are online- please submit to the registration office if you are planning on graduating May 2011. The date is May 21, 2010.

### Church History Tour Sponsored by RTS-Charlotte

GCTS students are invited to join Reformed Theological Seminary on a 13-day Christian Heritage tour to Scotland, England and France. The dates are March 10-22 and the tour will be led by Dr. Don Fortson, Professor of Church History at RTS, who has also taught at GCTS as a visiting professor. Participants will enjoy sightseeing, shopping and learn about the roots of American Christianity in the actual places where these events occurred. Those who would like to receive course credit for the trip can register for CH502 as a directed study or develop a research based course (CH860) in consultation with Dr. Fortson. The trip is very reasonably priced for this once in a lifetime experience. Check out [www.rts.edu/cht](http://www.rts.edu/cht) for a full itinerary and a pictorial tour from previous trips. Please disregard the website's instructions regarding course credit; registration for this tour as a credit bearing option will be handled by GCTS' Registration Office.

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## 7. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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**Annual Meeting - Evangelical Theological Society:** A group of GCTS-Charlotte students is planning to attend the ETS Annual 2010 meeting on November 17-19 in Atlanta, GA. For more information visit: [http://www.etsjets.org/annual\\_meeting\\_overview](http://www.etsjets.org/annual_meeting_overview). To become a student member of ETS and begin receiving the quarterly Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society, visit [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org). If you are interested in attending and would like to find students to

travel/room with, contact Carrie Myatt at [carrie.myatt@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.myatt@gmail.com). If you have questions about ETS or the meeting, contact Dr. Myatt at [amyatt@gordonconwell.edu](mailto:amyatt@gordonconwell.edu).

**Free Television:** 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. Contact Drew Edwards at [dedwards@gcts.edu](mailto:dedwards@gcts.edu) or (704) 527-9909.

**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 Anna Gruntz at [agruntz@gordonconwell.edu](mailto:agruntz@gordonconwell.edu).

**House For Sale:** 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom ranch on quiet cul-de-sac. Kitchen with breakfast nook and lots of countertop and cabinet space. Additional dining area and family room w/fireplace. Large master-suite w/walk-in closet and garden tub. Deck overlooks the fenced-in backyard. Unique architectural details. New roof in 2010. Community swim, tennis and clubhouse. Visit [8300bristolford.blogspot.com](http://8300bristolford.blogspot.com) for more information & pictures. \$133,900. Contact Denise Flanders, (336) 706-2608 or Mark Flanders (704) 302-0915.

**Rental Wanted:** Single Christian male moving to Charlotte in November looking for a rental and roommates. Contact Josh at (845) 380-4486.

**Roommate Wanted:** 31 year old female, health care professional seeking responsible roommate. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, two story home located at 932 Poindexter Drive 28209. Spacious, downstairs bedroom with private bath & 5' wide closet; move in ready. Large backyard and deck (with patio furniture, fire pit, hammock). Wireless internet, basic cable, washer/dryer, piano; basement with room for storage; fourth bedroom is an office/guestroom. \$650.00 per month rent; security deposit is one month's rent; additional utilities \$ 50-100 per month. Flexible lease terms, prefer at least 6 months; credit check to be completed; great location a few blocks from Freedom Park, East Blvd, South Blvd, light rail, CMC, Harris Teeter, Target. If interested, contact Melanie at [usc\\_mel@yahoo.com](mailto:usc_mel@yahoo.com) or (803) 603-3469.

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## 8. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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**Filming/Production Assistant(s) needed:** BibleJourney Lay Education courses will be on Monday nights from January 10 to March 28, from 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m. each evening. We are recording the sessions for further teaching, promotional, and training uses and are looking for person/persons who would be willing to film the sessions. A few other hours may be available for post-production/distribution work with the material. An understanding of and proficiency with camera equipment and video production is strongly preferred. Equipment and training will be provided by the seminary but industry/area experience is highly recommended for this position. If interested, contact Drew Edwards at (704) 527-9909 or [dedwards@gcts.edu](mailto:dedwards@gcts.edu).

**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 at (704) 527-9909 or [dedwards@gcts.edu](mailto:dedwards@gcts.edu). We are seeking to fill two positions to begin as soon as possible.

**Director of Youth Ministries:** Fair View United Methodist Church ([www.fairviewumc.org](http://www.fairviewumc.org)) is seeking applicants for the Director of Youth Ministries for approximately 10 hour a week. Bachelor's degree in related field and experience with youth preferred. Open until filled. Email resume and letter of interest to Carol Reid at [fvumc@windstream.net](mailto:fvumc@windstream.net).

**Guest Speakers:** Hoskins Ave. Baptist Church is seeking guest speakers to fill openings twice monthly. If interested, email Frank Trent at [ftrent@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ftrent@carolina.rr.com).

**Worship Internship:** McAdenville Wesleyan Church is offering a paid internship (\$100/week) for 6 months maximum beginning January 2011 with a review after 6 weeks. Responsible for 2 Sunday morning worship services along with the pastoral team. Contact Pastor Brian Matherlee at [pastorbrian@carolina.rr.com](mailto:pastorbrian@carolina.rr.com) or (704)824-1073.

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## 8. 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](http://www.gcts.edu/current_students/pierce_center_disciple_building).

**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.