

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

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## 1. FALL INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR MAKE UP

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The make up procedure for the Fall 2008 Integrative seminar, "*Sweet and Sharp: Exploring Ministerial Applications of the Scriptures*" (IS501) is listed below. Students who desire credit for this event should complete the following and send the required paperwork and payment to Dr. Steve Klipowicz by October 31, 2008.

1. Obtain the seminar video from the library (available now)
2. View entire video
3. Complete a four page reaction paper **or** submit the required pre-seminar assignments\*
4. Return paper and check made out to GCTS for \$25 to Dr. Steve Klipowicz

Students who have completed the pre-seminar homework do not need to write the four page paper. Simply turn in your pre-assignment work with a written statement that you viewed the video and a check for \$25.

**SPRING INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2009.**

## 2. GCTS BED & RIDE 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. One of the current ideas is to lower expenses by providing inexpensive lodging for out-of-town students and to encourage carpooling when possible.

Right now the Bed & Ride Network is at a preliminary stage; we are currently establishing a network of available rooms in the area in private residences that will be free or of low cost.

1. **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](#).
2. **If you are seeking a place to stay for a weekend module class** this semester for free or for a small fee, 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. For additional help with this, contact [Denise](#).

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## 3. 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](http://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](http://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 by phone or by e-mail to inquire about the availability of Semlink texts.

**Regular 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.

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#### 4. 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. Robert E. Cooley as he has recently been diagnosed with myelodysplasia.

Pray for Heather Deifell's mother who is battling Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.

Pray for Dr. Tim Laniak as he assumes the role of acting dean of the Charlotte campus.

Pray for Trish King as she heals from a broken bone in her left ankle.

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## 5. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Are you interested in more ministry opportunities? Check out [www.MinistryList.com](http://www.MinistryList.com).

**Student IT/Media Worker:** The GCTS-Charlotte IT department is looking for a student who will work part-time as a media/IT assistant. The worker will have responsibilities to provide technical support for video-conferencing classes, chapel, and special events. In addition, the worker will help with video editing and other IT needs. The worker should be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except on Friday when the worker should stay through chapel. Some IT or video background is preferred and training will be available. If interested, contact Wade White at extension 5850 or e-mail at [wwhite1@gcts.edu](mailto:wwhite1@gcts.edu).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mjohnston@christcovenant.org) for more information.

**Pastor of Outreach and Missions:** Christ Covenant Church (PCA) in Matthews, NC has an immediate opening for Pastor of Outreach and Missions. This person will provide visionary leadership in the ministry of evangelism and outreach, both at home and abroad. To obtain a full job description and application, send a cover letter and a current resume to Margie Johnston at [mjohnston@christcovenant.org](mailto:mjohnston@christcovenant.org) or call (704) 814-1007 with questions.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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/](http://www.goarmy.com/chaplain/).

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## 6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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**New 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](mailto:jhorne@gcts.edu) to sign up.

**Graduation Deadline:** Please note that those students who plan to graduate in December 2008 should have filed a graduation form by September 19. Please contact the registrar immediately if you have failed to do so. Students graduating in May 2009 must file a Graduation Form by January 23, 2009. This form is located on the Charlotte page of [www.gcts.edu](http://www.gcts.edu) under Campus Info, Charlotte Academic Forms. This form should be sent to the Registration Office. The student will then be notified of degree requirements that have not been met.

**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](mailto: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 ([jhorne@gcts.edu](mailto:jhorne@gcts.edu)) or Trish King ([tking@gcts.edu](mailto:tking@gcts.edu)) 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.

**Reminders:**

**January 23, 2009** is the deadline for applying for May 2009 graduation.

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

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.

President Dennis Hollinger would very much like to send a warm welcome to new babies whose parents are currently part of the GCTS community. If you would like your baby to receive such a letter, please email Trish King ([tking@gcts.edu](mailto:tking@gcts.edu)) with baby's full name, date of birth, mailing address, and whether the father/mother/or both parents are students at the seminary.

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## 7. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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**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](mailto:kboyce@gcts.edu) with your name, contact information and whether you are interested in volunteering for counseling, personality assessment or both.

**Housing Available:** 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](mailto: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](mailto:ejohn@gcts.edu). Items are held behind the front desk until someone comes to claim them.

**Men of Valor Discipleship Conference:** The Men of Valor conference is at Central Church of God in Charlotte, NC on Saturday, November 1. This conference is for men of all ages (high school age +) from churches of all denominations. [David Delk](#), President of *Man in the Mirror*, and [Dr. Chuck Stecker](#), President of *A Chosen Generation* will speak. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.menofvalorcharlotte.eventbrite.com/>.

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## 8. MACC STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please begin checking the new Counseling Central website: [macc.gordonconwell.edu](http://macc.gordonconwell.edu). The site is still being developed, but announcements are being posting regularly.

The Tea at Dr. Boccia's originally scheduled for Saturday, October 4, is rescheduled for October 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Dr. Boccia at [mboccia@gcts.edu](mailto:mboccia@gcts.edu).

The Psi Chi induction will also be held Saturday, October 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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## 9. 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 which 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 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](mailto:helpdesk@gcts.edu).

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## 10. THE PIERCE CENTER

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**Vineyard Soul Sabbath:** The Pierce Center will be hosting its bi-annual Vineyard Soul Sabbath on **Friday, October 31st** at Rocky River Vineyards (<http://rockyrivervineyards.com/>). This will be a time of fellowship, feasting, and prayer. Don't miss out on this Sabbath celebration! The day will last from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., so students who have class that evening are able to attend. Please RSVP to Reid at [rsattefield@gcts.edu](mailto:rsattefield@gcts.edu) if you plan to attend. The cost is \$15 per person.

**Soul Care Groups:** The Pierce Center will host a special event on **Friday, October 24th from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** The purpose of this event will be to 1) inform/educate/train students about Soul Care Groups and 2) begin to mobilize students into Soul Care Groups. Soul care groups are life-giving groups where you can grow in your experiential knowledge of God. Recognizing that all seminarians are having their minds well-fed, soul care groups facilitate what their name implies—care for the soul. Want to be a part of one? Contact Reid at [rsatterfield@gcts.edu](mailto:rsatterfield@gcts.edu) or at (800) 600-1212.

**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. The first roundtable was Friday, September 19 and everyone had a great time with President Hollinger and his wife, Dr. Mary Ann Hollinger. This unique roundtable consisted of discussion around topics for future Roundtables.

**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.

**Our 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.