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 E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the October 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](mailto:sklipowi@gcts.edu).

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1. DEAN'S DESK

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Dear brothers and sisters,

GCTS-Charlotte made history this past weekend!

We had our first regional alumni-student gathering in Montreat, NC on Saturday night. It was a great time of fellowship, reminiscing, and networking. We had GCTS-Hamilton grads from the 70s, 80s, and 90s as well as CLT grads since 2000. The "mountain region" is one of four

regions, together with Charlotte, the Triad, and the Triangle. We are helping our alumni organize efforts in these regions so that they can be of help to each other, the school staff, and especially to you, our students. As we build our sense of regional identity we anticipate a stronger network for mentors, ministry sites, prayer partners, and ride-sharing, just to name a few benefits. You'll soon have contact information for the leaders in your region.



It is our goal to add quality and value to your seminary journey. Let us know if there's anything else we can do!

Yours,

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**T. S. Laniak**  
**Dean and Professor of Old Testament**

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## 2. INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR MAKE-UP PROCEDURE

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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 now available in the 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.**

The Spring Integrative Seminar is scheduled for January 30, 2010. The theme is "Maintenance or Mission? Posturing the Church for Ministry in the Post-Christian Culture."

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## 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.

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## 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 are seeking to save lodging costs by staying with a local family during weekend or week-long module classes, 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](#).

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## 5. THE LIBRARY NOOK

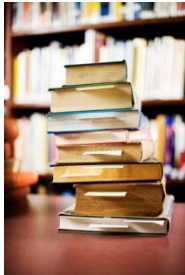
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### Library Hours:

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

**Library Holiday Closure:** The Harold Lindsell library will be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend holiday on November 26-29.

**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](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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## 6. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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**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.



**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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## 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.

PRAISE THE LORD! Student Scott Mielke has reported that our prayers for his young son, Noah have made a difference. Four-year-old Noah has been battling brain and spinal cord cancer the last year. Recent tests have revealed that the child is apparently cancer free.

Pray for GCTS graduate, Nick Leone, as he undergoes cancer surgery on October 13. Pray for Nick's complete recovery and spiritual well being.

Pray for our 100 new students who are facing the challenge of their first semester. Ask the Lord for health, finances, and wisdom for these new members of our community.

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## 8. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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**Fall registration:** ended on Oct. 2. Please see the academic calendar for the refund schedule if you drop or withdraw from a class. You will need to contact student accounts about this.

**Winter Graduation Deadline:** September 18 was the last day to submit an application for December completion and January graduation.

**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.



**Inclement Weather Date:** December 11 - 12 is the make-up weekend for inclement weather.

**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.

**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 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.

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## 9. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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**The Ethics of Working with Sexual Content in Therapy:** GCTS-Charlotte will host this counseling continuing education seminar on October 30, 2009. To find out more information about this seminar including continuing education credit criteria, registration fees, and other details please contact the Seminary Counseling office at (704) 940-5836 or email Kelly Stilwell at [kstilwell@gcts.edu](mailto:kstilwell@gcts.edu). You may also find out this information on our website at [www.gcts.edu/charlotte/cecounseling](http://www.gcts.edu/charlotte/cecounseling).

**Community Conversation on Women's Roles in Ministry:** Please join some of the GCTS faculty on October 16 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Dr. Maria Boccia's house to discuss exegetical and socio-cultural propositions in support of an egalitarian perspective. We will also talk about Biblical and practical strategies of navigating potential obstacles. Please bring your questions, comments, dilemmas and stories. Or just come and listen. Dr. Boccia's house is 5 minutes from the seminary; e-mail her for directions ([mboccia@gcts.edu](mailto:mboccia@gcts.edu)).  
*Please note that while Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary whole-heartedly affirms women serving in ministry, the seminary does not take an official position regarding women's ordination and embraces a variety of perspectives on this issue.*

**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](mailto: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.

**Meet Michelle Perry, author of Love Has a Face:** Michele Perry, author of *Love Has A Face... Mascara, a Machete and One Women's Miraculous Journey with Jesus in Sudan* will speak at Forest Hill Church on Monday, November 2, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m in room MC 102.

Michele opened a home for orphaned children in guerilla warfare territory in southern Sudan. With a deft pen, she counts unforgettable stories of life in the bush---stories that capture the stark realities of caring for more than one hundred little lives in the middle of a war zone-and of the love and mercy of God she's found there.

For more information about Michele, visit: [www.changethewayyousee.org](http://www.changethewayyousee.org) or [www.iris-sud.org](http://www.iris-sud.org). To RSVP, email Christina Wilking at [christina.wilking@foresthill.org](mailto:christina.wilking@foresthill.org).

**Rooms for Rent:** Homeowner wishes to offer rental housing for one or two single, Christian men. 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, rooms are not furnished. References requested. Contact Don at (803) 802-7598 or [firstprinciples@gmail.com](mailto:firstprinciples@gmail.com).

**Multicultural Conference and Festival:** This event, sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte, will be held Friday - Saturday, Oct.30 – 31 at First Presbyterian Church, 200 West Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. For more information, or to register, visit [www.presbyofcharlotte.org](http://www.presbyofcharlotte.org).

**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.

**FATZ Restaurant Discount:** FATZ Café on S.Tryon is offering GCTS students a 10% discount on meals. You must show your student ID card to receive the discount.

**GCTS-Charlotte Recycling Program:** The campus has furthered its efforts in being mindful towards environmental/creation care issues by starting a campus-wide recycling policy. Please be on the lookout soon in each classroom and break room areas for recycling bins for paper and drink containers including plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and glass bottles (clear, green, or brown). Please empty each bottle before placing them in a receptacle, but the cap can remain on or off. There is no need to sort them from each other. If you have any questions, contact Drew Edwards at [dedwards@gcts.edu](mailto:dedwards@gcts.edu).

**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](mailto: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/semlink/files/semlink\\_materials.pdf](http://ockenga.gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/semlink/files/semlink_materials.pdf).

**Annual Evangelical Theological Society meeting:** A group of GCTS-Charlotte students is planning to attend the Annual Meeting of the ETS on Nov. 18-20 in New Orleans, LA. For a draft of the meeting program, visit <http://www.etsjets.org/memo050109>. If you are interested in attending and would like to find students to travel/room with, contact Denise Flanders at [deniseflanders@gmail.com](mailto:deniseflanders@gmail.com). If you have questions about ETS or the meeting, contact Dr. Myatt at [amyatt@gcts.edu](mailto:amyatt@gcts.edu).

**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](mailto:jacksona@queens.edu) or 704-942-8306.

**Dr. Walt Kaiser will speak** at North Hills Community Church in Taylor, SC on August 20 – 22, 2010, on the topic "Messiah in the Old Testament."

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## 10. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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**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](mailto:dedwards@gcts.edu).

**Children’s Ministry Leader:** A church plant in Rock Hill, SC is seeking a part-time children’s ministry leader. If interested, contact Paul Peterson at (513) 600-6622 or email [thepaulpeterson@gmail.com](mailto:thepaulpeterson@gmail.com).

**Assistant Pastor Intern:** Doers of the Word Christian Fellowship Church in Charlotte, NC is seeking an assistant pastor intern. This position will include supervised ministry (possible Mentored Ministry opportunity), assisting the lead pastor, and preaching and teaching opportunities. Contact Rev. Belinda R. Stokes, Senior Pastor, at (704) 583-0380 or [revstokes@doersofthewordcfc.org](mailto:revstokes@doersofthewordcfc.org).

**Youth Pastor Intern:** Doers of the Word Christian Fellowship Church in Charlotte, NC is seeking a youth pastor intern. This position will include supervised ministry (possible Mentored Ministry opportunity), recruiting and training youth volunteers and teaching a youth bible class. Contact Rev. Belinda R. Stokes, Senior Pastor, at (704) 583-0380 or [revstokes@doersofthewordcfc.org](mailto:revstokes@doersofthewordcfc.org).

**Senior Minister:** Christ’s Church of Marion County, in Ocala, Florida, is seeking a senior minister who defines his ministry as preaching, teaching and equipping others to serve. Christ’s Church is a congregation of 100+ families. For more information, contact the church office at (352) 861-6182 or email [info@ccomc.org](mailto:info@ccomc.org).

**Administrative Assistant:** Christ Covenant Church has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant to the Pastors in the Shepherding and Discipleship office. The preferred candidate will exhibit strengths in administration, organization and have strong computer skills, especially with Microsoft Office products. To obtain a full job description, 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.

**Part-time Worship Leader:** [Newell Baptist Church](#), is seeking an interim part-time worship leader. This individual must be comfortable working with both traditional/contemporary and choir/praise team. In time, this position could work into a full-time position. Newell Baptist is an SBC church which has adopted the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message as it's doctrinal statement. If interested, send resume to: [preacherman88@yahoo.com](mailto:preacherman88@yahoo.com).

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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). 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.