



DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the September 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 sojourners,
 Let me begin by welcoming over one hundred new students to our community! What a treat it is to have your experiences and gifts among us as we begin the journey of a new school year. Whether you have just come through the New Student Orientation or the Integrative Seminar, you are aware of our eagerness to be attentive to God's Spirit. As the modules launch, let's be mindful of how God shapes a unique learning and worshipping community in each course. We are active participants in this joint venture with Him.

You have our prayers,
 Dr. Tim Laniak, Dean

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 will be ready September 21.
- 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.

through CITRIX, beginning on September 26, 2009. In light of this change, please note:

- BibleWorks will continue to be available at each campus, on library and/or computer lab computers.
- BibleWorks will be available for purchase at a greatly reduced price (\$250 - a savings of \$90) from the Gordon-Conwell South Hamilton BookCentre. This offer is available from **September 8-18** and is available to students from all seminary campuses. To order, contact the BookCentre at the South Hamilton campus by phone (978.646.4015) or by email (books@gcts.edu). There will be an \$8.00 shipping fee for those who cannot pick up their copy at one of the four GCTS campuses. An email will be sent notifying purchasers when BibleWorks is available for pick-up.

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.

New on the Reference shelf: Ancient Christian Doctrine series edited by Thomas Oden and Gerald Bray, volumes 1 and 2. This five-volume set expounds the doctrine of the Nicene Creed and offers contemporary readers the opportunity to study for themselves key writings of the early church. "Following each phrase of the creed, the volumes present selections from the works of the early church which best illuminate its meaning as early Christians understood it." Structured in the same manner as the Ancient Christian Commentary series, students taking courses in church history and theology will find this an especially welcome resource. It is located with the reference sets at REF BT98.W4. We anticipate that the last three volumes will be released within the coming several months.



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.

6. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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Fall textbooks: are available for purchase. For those of you shopping for the best price, please compare our prices to other sources. We do try to competitively price our books and often times we can match the price of other retailers. Plus you do not have to worry about shipping or a book being backordered. We encourage you to purchase your books early while we have them in stock.

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.

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.

Pray for recent graduate Nick Leone as he prepares for cancer surgery on October 13.

Pray for mentor George Smazik and his wife, Ann-Britt. George, a former SIM missionary, has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

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Fall Registration Deadline: If you have not registered please fill out the registration form found online. You can fax it to (704) 940-5858. We will notify you if the class is already full. The Deadline to register for a Semlink, Mentored Ministry or Counseling Practicum is Oct. 2. To verify if you are registered for a class, please check your CAMS portal. Select FA09 term and you will see your schedule.

Winter Graduation Deadline: September 18 is the last day to submit an application for December completion and January graduation. The graduation form is found online under academic forms for the Charlotte Campus.

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 5, 6 is the make-up weekend for inclement weather.

Reminders: All students should check their gcts email. This is how we communicate any changes through the registration office.

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.

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Fall Cooley Center Lecture: Dr. Robert E. Cooley will speak at GCTS – Charlotte on Monday, October 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dr. Cooley's topic will be "The Land of Israel: From Archaeology to Theology." Following the lecture, there will be a Q&A session with Dr. Cooley, as well as Dr. Grams and Dr. Laniak, the Center's Director and Curator. Light refreshments will be provided beginning at 6:30 pm.

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).

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.

GCTS-Charlotte Recycling Program: The campus has just 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.

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/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. If you have questions about ETS or the meeting, contact Dr. Myatt at 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 or 704-942-8306.

House for Rent in Uptown: Gordon-Conwell alumni are seeking female renters for two rooms in their 3-br home in Uptown Charlotte. (One room is currently being rented by a female). \$400/person per room, not including utilities. Home only available to be rented through December 2009. If interested, contact Shawn Stinson, stinson.shawn@gmail.com.

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.

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.”

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

House Cleaning Help: Fellow seminarian with large house and kids needs help cleaning her house near Rea Road & Colony. Twice a month for \$100 each clean, 1 or 2 individuals can work together. If interested, please call Catherine Lindsay at (704) 779-5321.

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 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.

Part-time Musician: [St. Jude's Mission](#), Anglican Mission in America, in Huntersville, NC, is seeking a part-time musician to lead music on Sundays. If interested, contact Clay Thompspon, (704) 502-9588 or claywthompson@me.com.

Minister to Students: Pritchard Memorial Baptist is seeking a full-time youth pastor. If interested, contact Thomas Carton, administrator, at thomascarton@pritchardmemorial.com.

Children's Ministry Intern: [Renew Church](#) in Charlotte is seeking a part-time, paid Children's Ministry Intern to oversee Children's Ministry on Sunday morning. Estimated 5-7 hrs/week. If interested, contact Pastor Mike Paolicelli at (704) 800-1207 or mike@godfactor.com.

Worship Arts Intern: [Renew Church](#) in Charlotte is seeking a part-time, paid Worship Arts Intern for about 7 hrs/week. If interested, contact Pastor Mike Paolicelli at (704) 800-1207 or mike@godfactor.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. 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.