DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the May 2012 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@gordonconwell.edu.

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1. THE DEAN’S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters,

The seminary has many new exciting programs underway: the hybrid MAR, Korean intentional residency, BibleJourney, and a new Theological English as a Second Language experience. We are thrilled to have some of these planes lifting off and others of them on the runway. While some of these programs are helping us reposition our role in the life of the Church, I want to remind you that our primary energies are given to you, our graduate students. We believe that your commitment to our rigorous masters and doctoral programs yields the highest level of transformation and ministry preparation. We will soon send off a new wave of graduates with great confidence, and we will welcome over one hundred new students to begin the process as our 21st class.

Thank you all for your collegial spirit, your serious engagement, and your countless contributions to make a GCTS degree what it is. God bless you as you finish this term – whether it is your first, last or somewhere in the middle!

In His name,

Dr. Tim Laniak
Dean and Professor of Old Testament
2. Fall 2012 INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR (IS504)  

The Fall 2012 Integrative Seminar (IS504), *Between Heaven, Earth, and Cyberspace; Exploring the Potential of Online Spiritual Formation*, will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

3. THE LIBRARY NOOK  

**Adjusted Library Hours through June 30:**

May 7 - 31:
- Monday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

Closed Memorial Day Holiday (May 26 - 29 2012)

June 1 - 30:
- Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

For concerns or questions related to the schedule change, please contact the library.

**Used Books:**

Come visit the Library’s Used Book table – all hard-cover books are $0.25, and all paperbacks are $0.15! You never know what you might find. Buy books for yourself or let us know if you are aware of a ministry that needs book donations.

**Library Lost & Found:**

The library now has a lost and found box for items that are forgotten or abandoned in the library. If a student suspects that something has gone missing, please speak to someone at the circulation desk or contact the library by phone at (704) 940-5821 or email hllibrary@gordonconwell.edu. Proof of ownership is required for claiming.

**Scanning Available:**

The library is pleased to offer free scanning as an alternative to paper copying, which continues to cost ten cents per page. The library’s two copy machines both have this scanning capability, as well as scanning instructions posted nearby.

**Borrowing from Other Campuses:**

Did you know books can be mailed to you from the South Hamilton and Charlotte libraries? For instructions please visit the Book Requests Page.
4. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE  

Adjusted bookstore hours through June 30:

May 7 – 31: (No change)

- Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

June 1 - 30: (Opening later)

- Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

50% off Book Sale:
A selection of books is now on sale to help clear out Spring inventory. These were required textbooks that you may need for an upcoming class or wish to add to your personal library.

Gordon-Conwell Partnership with Christian Book Distributors:
Textbooks can be ordered online by visiting the online GCTS Bookstore. Prices are competitive and free shipping is available to campus zip codes beginning with 019, 021, and 282 – Minimum order of $25. Once there, click “textbook finder” in the upper left of the screen to search for required and recommended textbooks.

Mentored Ministry manuals available for digital download!
Charlotte and Jacksonville students now have the option to purchase the manual from Christian Book Distributors or the Charlotte campus bookstore. Note: The manual has two editions. The 2010 edition is for students who enrolled in Spring 2010 and after. The 2008 edition is for students who enrolled before Spring 2010.

5. PRAYER REQUESTS  

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 Student Lounge. Know that we will keep your concerns and requests confidential.

Graduating Counseling Student Claire Ruth and her husband Andrew have accepted a two-year fellowship with Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in NYC that will have them living and working in Zambia for a year. Claire and Andrew would love your prayers as they embark on this adventure. Here’s the church website, where they’ll eventually have a blog: http://www.mapc.com/about/news/mapc-has-new-phillips-talbot-global-ministry-fellow.

6. REGISTRAR’S REMARKS  

Summer Registration: The deadline for Summer 2012 registration was April 27, 2012. You may still register for classes that have not yet begun; however, a $25 late fee will be applied to your student account.
Scheduling an Exam: Contact Anna Gruntz at agruntz@gordonconwell.edu at least 48 hours in advance. Name Anna as your proctor for all Semlink exams taken on campus and request that exams be emailed to her.

CAMS Portal: Please check your CAMS portal to verify that you are registered. If you have an outstanding balance, you will not be able to be registered until you pay off your account. To verify your registration, check your CAMS portal and be sure to choose the correct semester (S1-12).

GCTS Email: All important messages go to your GCTS email. Please check these weekly. You are responsible for what is sent to this email.

Sakai: If you have problems with Sakai, please contact the help desk at helpdesk@gordonconwell.edu. You must still check your CAMS portal for verification of registration.

Payment: When you pay on CAMS, please be sure to choose the Charlotte campus; if you fail to choose the correct campus, there will be a hold on your account.

Requirement Changes: Several courses now have pre- or co-requisites of both OT500: Old Testament Survey and NT501: New Testament Survey or demonstration of having passed the Bible Competency exams. These courses are:

- TH502: Theology Survey II
- NT502: Interpreting the New Testament
- OT 600-Level Exegesis Courses

A co-requisite is a course which may be completed concurrently with another course. For example, this change will mean that in order to take TH502: Theology Survey II, a student must have completed TH501 and one (or some combination) of the following:

1. Passed the OT and/or NT Competency Exams
2. Passed the OT and/or NT Survey courses prior to taking TH502
3. Be enrolled in the OT and/or NT Survey courses while taking TH502

Hybrid Courses: There are still a few seats left for the following hybrid courses this Summer 2012 term. Please include these on the Summer 2012 Registration form under Non-Scheduled Courses.

- New Testament 501-O (NT501-O)
- Church History II 502-O (CH502-O)

REMINDER: Most of your questions can be answered by looking at the Academic Calendar and the Student Handbook online. All students are responsible for knowing this material.

7. THE PIERCE CENTER

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. To find out more about the Pierce Fellowship, visit our website at 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.
8. STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

Student Council is here to serve as your voice. If you have suggestions, concerns, questions about what we’re doing, or if you would like to attend a meeting, please feel free to speak with us directly, or email us at studentcouncil@gordonconwell.edu.

Though we don’t meet over the summer, we are still available and accessible via email – shoot us a note to let us know how you’re doing, what you need and how we can pray for you. Monthly meetings will resume in September.

Currently we are **nominating new members**. If you would like an active role in improving student life, or know someone else who would, please email us with that nomination at studentcouncil@gordonconwell.edu.

-GCTS Charlotte Student Council

9. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

**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 Gregory Roberts at groberts@gordonconwell.edu.

**Male Roommate Wanted**: Gordon-Conwell student seeking a male roommate for the Charlotte area as soon as possible. Contact Thomas Hill at 601-842-8881 or thill@gordonconwell.edu.

**Home for Rent**: A 3 bedroom and 2 1/2 bath home in Charlotte is available for rent over the summer. The owners work as missionaries and are able to work from anywhere as they will be away this summer for the birth of their grand-daughter with Down’s syndrome and congenital heart defects. If interested contact Sue Wilson at suzbramas3@yahoo.com.

**Ranch-Style Home for Rent**: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath Ranch style house in Charlotte, Steele Creek area, 4 miles from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The neighborhood has a Jr. Olympic sized swimming pool & a sand volleyball court and is located 3 miles from the Rivergate Shopping Center (Harris Teeter, Super Target, Bi-Lo, Marshalls, Home Depot, restaurants, etc). Nearby walking trails; non-smoking house; no pets. The room has a walk-in closet and you will have your own full bath and common areas will be shared. Rent is $400/month, plus half utilities. For more information, please contact Amanda Stone at mandaiwu@hotmail.com or 704.295.4801 (w); 704.236.7975 (c).

**Female Roommate Wanted**: Looking for a roommate to occupy vacant room. 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath partially furnished townhome 5 minutes from Northlake Mall, close access to I-77 & 485. Washer/dryer, dishwasher and other appliances included. You will have your own bedroom and bathroom and designated parking spot. Rent is $415/month, plus utilities, which usually round out to about $50 per person. Move in as early as March 31, 2012. Please contact Brittany Gardner at bgardner927@gmail.com if interested!

**Town Home for Sale**: Town home in Fort Mill for sale. Take the virtual TATE TOUR [www.allentate.com/2067145](http://www.allentate.com/2067145) that gives a good perspective of the property. There's also
some helpful community information. Feel free to contact Malcolm & Liz McGregor at SIM International during work hours if you’d like to chat, 803-802-7300.

**Town Home for Rent:** Town home for rent in the Savannah Neighborhood in Steele Creek, located at Intersection of South Tryon and Moss Road, one mile from Gordon Conwell. Town home has three bedrooms and three full bathrooms, gas fireplace, ceiling fans, and all appliances with over 1,550 square feet of space! Perfect for small family or three roommates! Rent is $900 which includes water and sewer. Amenities include outdoor pool and exercise room. Please contact Nick Dusenbury, GCTS Grad (2006) at (704)577-1238.

**Car for Sale:** 1998 Chevy Lumina, 142K miles, good condition, well maintained, 20/30 city/hwy mpg. $2,000, negotiable. Please contact mboccia@gordonconwell.edu or 919-225-6853.

**Introduction to Aramaic Directed Study:** Dr. Harlow will offer a 3 credit hour introduction to Biblical Aramaic this summer, as a directed study. Exact dates are to be determined but it will roughly run from May 15 to Aug 15. Location and frequency of meeting times is TBD. **Prerequisite is Hebrew 1 and 2.** Students interested in pursuing further graduate work in OT should consider this course. Any others with interest are welcomed, of course. If you have any questions contact Dr. Harlow at jharlow@gordonconwell.edu.

**The Goodwin Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing:** Submissions due June 1 for the 2012 Competition in recognition of graduate student essays that demonstrate creative theological thinking and excellence in scholarship. 1st Place: $2,000. 2nd Place: $1,000. 3rd Place: $500. And a $500 prize goes to the professor of the winning student. **Eligibility Requirements:** The writer must be a masters or doctoral student. The submission must be an original, unpublished essay. Dissertation chapters are not eligible for submission. **Submissions must be postmarked by June 1, 2012.** For more information visit www.theologicalhorizons.org/writing.htm. **Inquiries:** Theological Horizons 1841 University Circle, Charlottesville, VA 22903 USA. Email: info@theologicalhorizons.org. Tel: 434.244.2839.

**Available Scholarships for GCTS Students:**

**The American Baptist Church (ABC) Denominational Fund** – American Baptist students attending a seminary not related to American Baptist Churches USA are eligible for grants in the amounts of $750.00. **Application deadline is May 31.** Ph: 800-ABC-3USA. Website: www.abc-em.org.

**Daniel R. Hoover Trust Fund** – Applicants must demonstrate an ability to provide some of their own financial support. **Applicant deadlines are three times per year:** May 15, September 15, and January 15. Ph: 888-237-5517.

**Intensive Bible Training Seminars Offered:**

The Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove is offering a series of Intensive Bible Training Seminars featuring several seasoned theologians and pastors representing the top theological seminaries in the nation. Among them is Gordon-Conwell President Emeritus, Dr. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. who will expound on The Revelation of Christ. For more information, please visit The Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove at http://www.thecove.org/Event/list-events-by-type/seminars/.

**Intensive Bible Training Seminar: The Revelation of Christ**

**with Walt Kaiser, July 9-13, 2012**

Jesus taught us to pray, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.” It is Christ Himself—standing at the beginning and the end of history—who, even now, is establishing His coming kingdom. This intensive Bible training seminar will immerse you in the magnificence and sovereignty of the Lord and will encourage you to explore the eternal hope unveiled in God’s Word. Take home an informed and inspired understanding of the Bible’s most misunderstood book, Revelation.

**Scripture Focus:** Revelation

**Intensive Bible Training Seminar: Proverbs: God’s Guide for Life’s Choices**
with Woodrow Kroll, July 23-27, 2012

How would you like to have a “One-on-one” counseling session with God each day to gain His perfect insight? The book of Proverbs conveys God’s wisdom in all areas of your life, including marriage and family, friendship, wealth, and speech. Come discover the wisdom you need for virtually every daily issue you face.

**Scripture Focus:** Proverbs

**Intensive Bible Training Seminar: The Life of Christ**
with Michael Card, June 4-8, 2012

Each of the four Gospels tells the story of Jesus from a unique point of view. Come and gain a better understanding of what is distinct about each one and develop a clearer picture of who the Savior was and is. Engage with the life of Jesus on a deeper level and hear Him speak into your world today.

This Intensive Seminar in a classroom setting is designed to take a comprehensive approach to understanding a specific section of the Bible over the course of five days. The seminar begins with an afternoon session on Monday and concludes with lunch on Friday. [Single-day registration may be offered on a space available basis.]

**Scripture Focus:** The Four Gospels

**Intensive Bible Training Seminar: Diggin’ Deeper - Practical Principles for the Study of God’s Word**
with Mark Yarbrough, June 18-22, 2012

The Bible was given to us to profoundly change who we are, and studying it is vital to our daily walk. Explore the big picture of God’s Word from Genesis to Revelation and be equipped with practical tools for engaging Scripture. See dramatic change in your walk with the Lord as you deepen your love for His Word, ignite your passion to be a better student of the Bible, and learn how to teach others how to do the same.

**Scripture Focus:** Genesis to Revelation

**Online MAR Degree Program:** Gordon-Conwell is now accepting applications for its online Master of Arts in Religion degree program. Beginning in January 2012 students will take two 8-week courses per semester with a one-week campus residency mid-term. Students must come to Charlotte five times in three years to satisfy the 50% residency requirement for the degree. Current students may take up to six online courses. For more information check out the degree program on our website: [www.gordonconwell.edu/prospective_students/online_master_arts_religion_degree](http://www.gordonconwell.edu/prospective_students/online_master_arts_religion_degree) or contact De’Leathia Hightower at onlineprograms@gordonconwell.edu or (855) 211-2474.
10. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

House Mother Position Wanted: House of Hope of North Carolina near Raleigh, NC is seeking a House Mother. The goal of the House Mother is to provide an emotionally, physically and spiritually safe environment for residents while offering them grace, love, and discipline through Biblical principles. A full job description is in the Student Lounge or visit the website at www.houseofhopeofnc.org. Contact Sara Hughes, Executive Director of House of Hope of NC, at 919-550-8181 x 203.

Part-Time Worship Leader Wanted: Southside Baptist Church, 301 Elmhurst Road, Charlotte, NC is looking for a Christ-centered individual to lead our people in authentic and transformational worship. At 9:00 a.m. is the "Classic" Service and at 11:00 a.m. is "The Bridge" If you got talent, a humble spirit, a passion for God and a love for people, then contact Pastor Steve Kelly at rev.stevek@gmail.com or call 704-718-7165.

Leadership Assistance Needed: Covenant Keepers Youth Ministry (CKYM) needs additional leadership assistance with their youth group on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you have a passion for inner city ministry, this might be a good fit for you! CKYM has a mix of lower to middle income kids, ranging in age from 10 – 17, mostly from East Charlotte. CKYM meets at Briar Creek Community Church, 1451 Briar Creek Rd., Charlotte, NC 28205. Visit the church website at www.briarcreekchurch.org. If interested contact Courtney Craven at ccraven@nascar.com.

Part-Time Minister of Music and Youth Ministry Needed: East Avenue United Methodist Church in Norwalk, CT is seeking a part-time qualified professional to develop and lead youth ministry and direct its music program. This leadership position will work closely with the pastor and have a broad range of responsibilities in both areas and is key to the church’s revitalization efforts. If interested please send a letter of introduction with resume to East Avenue United Methodist Church, ATTN: Pastor/SPR, 244 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06855 or via email to daleellen_k@hotmail.com.

Two Musical Internships Available: Covenant Presbyterian Church at 1000 E. Morehead St. in Charlotte has two available musical internships, one oriented toward traditional church music and one oriented toward contemporary musical expression. They are looking for students with a great attitude and good work ethic. Send submissions to jobs@covenantpresby.org. If you have questions about the positions contact: Stephen Talley for Traditional at 704-804-7581 or stephen.talley@covenantpresby.org; Daniel Heath for Contemporary at 704-804-7584 or daniel.heath@covenantpresby.org. A copy of both internship descriptions is in the Student Lounge here at GCTS-Charlotte.

Youth & Music Director Wanted: The Kirk in Greensboro, NC is seeking a full-time Youth & Music director. The Kirk is a non-denominational, three-year-old church plant with 100 commuting members and presently meets in a local YMCA for worship. The church began with 40 members in early 2009 and is growing 15-20% annually. If interested please provide a resume, a philosophy of youth ministry, and a philosophy of worship music ministry. A complete job description for this staff position is in the Student Lounge at GCTS. Visit the church website at www.thekirkofnc.org and you can contact Dr. Craig D. Childs, Sr. at kirkwarriors@gmail.com.

Pastor/Director for Worship and Discipleship Wanted: Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church is seeking a Pastor/Director for Worship and Discipleship. This position will be responsible for working alongside the pastor in overseeing the worship of the church and developing the discipleship ministries of the church. Candidates for this position must
have experience in leading worship, be in accord with the Westminster Standards, the Book of Church Order of the PCA, and our Statement of Faith. Candidates must also be willing to carry out the expressed philosophy of ministry included in the complete job description, which is in the GCTS student lounge. If you are interested in the position please submit your resume and/or ministerial data form to jobs@lakeosborne.org. Also include 3-4 samples of songs you have performed. Information about Lake Osborne may be found at www.lakeosborne.org. This is a full time position with benefits.

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, Minnesota is looking for a pastor/head of staff with 6+ years of experience. First Presbyterian Church is a welcoming, supportive church located in the beautiful and historic St. Croix Valley with 400+ members of diverse theological backgrounds, seeking a mindful, modern pastor to lead and inspire. Duties include worship responsibilities, pastoral care, and ministry. Please visit their web site at www.fpc-stillwater.org or see their CIF on the Church Leadership Connection web site where you can submit your PIF. If you prefer, you may email your PIF or resume to pnc@fpc-stillwater.org. A job description is in the GCTS Student Lounge.

**Ministry Position Available:** Christ Church, a church plant located in the mountains of Western Carolina, is looking for someone with a calling in music and pastoral ministry, and willing to supplement their income while serving on paid part time staff. The expectation is that the position will become full time in short order. Please contact Christchurchotv@frontier.com.

**Senior Pastor Position:** The Wading River Congregational Church, located on the North Shore of Long Island, is looking for a Senior Pastor. If you are interested, please contact the Church office at 631-929-8849 or www.wrcongchurch.org/php.index/pastoral-search.

**Minister of Youth Needed:** First Baptist Church of Lincolnton, NC is seeking a Minister of Youth with an appropriate Undergraduate Degree and Seminary Degree, desired. Also, the applicant must be able to plan, organize, and carry out events with youth and volunteers. First Baptist Church boasts more than 800 members with two Sunday morning Worship Services, blended and traditional style. To apply, please send your résumés via email at fbclinc@bellsouth.net with “Youth Search Committee” in the subject line.