DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the November 2011 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,
It’s that time of year when we feel the tide pulling us toward holidays (usually with mixed emotions) and seminary pulling us towards assignment deadlines (always with mixed emotions!). Like me, you’re probably tired of clichés including “I’m so busy, I need to slow down” and “Let’s celebrate the true meaning of Christmas this year.” Maybe you’ll also wonder if it’s worth making New Year’s resolutions too. I can’t offer you a silver bullet when you’re overwhelmed, but I can ask you, right now, to recognize that we are not in control of our lives - and that God is. We’ll inevitably find ourselves slipping back into anxiety, frustration or despair. When you do, just keep coming back to this grounding reality: “God is God and I am not.”

God bless you with an awareness of his breath-taking presence,

Timothy S. Laniak
Dean and Professor of Old Testament

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1. NEXT INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR (IS503)

The Spring Integrative Seminar, Greening Up or Browning Out: Reflecting Upon Vocational Resiliency in Ministry (IS503) will be held on January 28, 2012.

Be sure to register for the Integrative Seminar!
2. THE LIBRARY NOOK

Library Hours:
- Monday - Friday  8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday       9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Scanning Now Available:
The library is pleased to offer free scanning as an alternative to paper copying. The library’s two copy machines now have this capability. For a demonstration on scanning, please see one of our librarians.

Library Website: The libraries of Gordon-Conwell are pleased to offer a new design to the website. Now it’s easier than ever before to find print and electronic resources, contact library staff, and utilize helpful tutorials. New website orientation videos are available plus a new section to keep up on the latest library news. For information about the new functionality please contact the Library technologist, Matt Wasielewski, at mattwaz@gcts.edu.

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 here. Researchers and students wishing to use the collection for specific research projects must make an appointment by contacting the library director, Dr. Robert Mayer (bmayer@gcts.edu), or the Cooley Center fellow, Mark Poe (mpoe@gcts.edu) by email. More information on this policy can be requested by email or found in the library.

Reminder: When you use a reference book or other text in the library, please do not re-shelve the book. We have had a number of books mis-shelved which means that other students cannot find them. When you’re finished, you can place them in the wire bins on the desks or return them to the circulation desk and the staff will re-shelve them. Thank you for your help.

3. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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.

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.
4. 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.

5. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

**Spring Registration is now open!** The deadline for spring registration is **Monday, November 28**. Registration forms received after November 28 will result in a $25.00 late registration fee. Please fill out a registration form as soon as possible. Remember to use an add/drop form for any changes in your registration.

**Integrative Seminar:** Remember to register for the Integrative Seminar, IS 503 – Vocational Proficiency. If you have already registered for Spring, please use an add/drop form to add this to your schedule.

**Semlink Deadline** for Spring 2012 is **Friday, February 24**. All Semlink courses must be registered online.

**Scheduling an Exam:** Contact Trish King at king@gordonconwell.edu at least 48 hours in advance.

**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 (SP-12).

**Graduation Applications:** We are now accepting applications for May 2012 and October 2012. The last day to apply for May/Oct. 2012 graduation is **January 20**. The last day to revoke May 2012 graduation application and avoid the $150 graduation fee is **February 3**.

**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 make 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 **co-requisites of both OT500: Old Testament Survey and/or 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 must be completed before or 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 done 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

**REMINDE**: 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.

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6. 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](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.

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7. STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

Greetings fellow seminarians! Student Council is here to serve as your voice. If you have suggestions, concerns, or perhaps would like to attend a meeting to share ideas, email us at studentcouncil@gordonconwell.edu.

At 6:15 pm prior to Friday Chapel services, there will be someone available to pray with you from the Student Council or Spiritual Life Council. They will be located in the front left hand corner of the Chapel. Seminary can be challenging. Let us help keep you uplifted.

-GCTS Charlotte Student Council

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8. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

**Special Announcements**: We are thrilled to announce that Zachary Kael Horne was born on October 3, 2011 to Joni and Nate, and Rowan Elizabeth Boyce was born on October 19, 2011 to Dr. Kelly and Michael Boyce. Both Dr. Boyce and Joni will be on maternity leave until January 2012.

**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.
Mother-in-law suite for rent: 1BR apartment with kitchenette available January 1. $400 includes all utilities, cable, wifi, and laundry. Only 2 miles from uptown Charlotte and can walk to shops and restaurants in Myers Park. Pictures available if interested. Contact Mike at 704.975.5610 if interested.

House for Rent: Available for 6 months - December 30, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The house sits on a half-acre wooded lot with fenced in back yard in Indian Trail. It's a two-story, 3 bedroom and 2.5 bath, single family home. Ideal for a young family or a roommate pair. Rent is $650 per month plus utilities. Cost is negotiable based on willingness to help with the upkeep of home and yard. Please call Pete or Amy Frank at 704-296-2399 or email petefrank@gmail.com if interested.

House for Rent: Available October 1, 2011, $550/month and $550 deposit. The house has a large kitchen/dining area, stove and refrigerator, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, central heat and air, large screened porch, convenient to I-77 and I-85. For more information call 704-523-8938.

Female Roommate Wanted: A 31 year old graduate student looking for someone to move into a house in Matthews to share a home around December or January. The house is furnished, has a washer/dryer and dishwasher. You will have your own bedroom and bathroom. Rent will be $400 a month plus half utilities which will be approximately $130. If interested please call 919-522-9380.

Apartment for Rent: Ground level, 1 bedroom, partially furnished apartment with private entrance available immediately in Ballantyne area. Rent is $850 per month and includes electricity, water, Direct TV, and wireless internet capability. Single person preferred, references and background check required; no pets and no smoking please. Call Kathy Eichenbrenner at 704-543-8496.

Home for Rent: Available late November 2011, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, and 2 car garage, 1,643 square feet, ranch style home. It is partially furnished (if desired), less than 5 minutes from GCTS, and $825/month. If interested email Jean Lee at jeanne777@aol.com or call her at 973-292-6255.

Uganda Mission Trip Opportunity: A mission trip to Uganda with the organization Visiting Orphans is from March 9 - 18, 2012. The estimated cost is $3000 - $3400 (depending on departure airport and flight costs). If interested contact Jordan Reich at 704-458-9379 or jordangaitherreich@gmail.com. For more details about the sending agency and to fill out an application online go to www.visitingorphans.org.

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: http://www.gordonconwell.edu/prospective_students/online_master_arts_religion_degree or contact De'Leathia Hightower at onlineprograms@gordonconwell.edu or (855) 211-2474.
9. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Internship/Mentored Ministry Opportunity:** Renaissance Church is a non-denominational multi-ethnic church plant in South Charlotte. We focus on reaching the unchurched and helping them to become disciples of Jesus Christ, who in turn go out and make disciples. We are offering a mentored ministry / internship position. For more information, please visit [www.RenChurchCharlotte.com](http://www.RenChurchCharlotte.com) and call 704.964.3360.

**Mobilization Coordinator:** South American Mission (SAM) is looking for a Mobilization Coordinator to proactively disciple inquirers in the decision making process about missions. The position requires administrative and relational abilities, and familiarity with ministry. If interested contact Kirk Ogden at kirk@samlink.org or 803-280-5701.

**Part-Time Director of Children’s Ministries:** Philadelphia United Methodist Church in Fort Mill is looking for a Director of Children’s Ministries (part-time). The position includes coordination and oversight of all ministries related to children (infant - 11 years old). Applicants must possess or be in pursuit of a degree in a related field or demonstrate prior experience. The church will consider combining this position with the one in Youth Ministries for a full-time position. For more information, please contact the church office at 803-548-0102 or through the church website at [www.pumcfortmill.org](http://www.pumcfortmill.org).

**Part-Time Director of Youth Ministries:** Philadelphia United Methodist Church in Fort Mill is looking for a Director of Youth Ministries (part-time). The position includes coordination and implementation of ministries for study, fellowship, and mission for 12-18 year olds. Applicants must possess or be in pursuit of a degree in a related field or demonstrate prior experience. The church will consider combining this position with the one in Children’s Ministries for a full-time position. For more information, please contact the church office at 803-548-0102 or through the church website at [www.pumcfortmill.org](http://www.pumcfortmill.org).