DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the September 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,

I trust you have sensed God’s Spirit at work with the beginning of each class. For newer students, it may be quite new to integrate the heart and mind in this way. For veterans, it’s always important to remember to keep this alignment in place. Let me encourage you not to take this journey alone. You need fellow pilgrims, people with whom you can share your troubling questions and unexpected epiphanies. May God bless you as you make yourselves completely available to Him.

Yours in Christ,

Timothy S. Laniak
Dean and Professor of Old Testament

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2. FALL INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR MAKE-UP (IS501)

Students who desire to make up the recent fall integrative seminar, The Transforming Word (IS501), can receive credit by doing the following:

1. Listen to audio DVD of the event (will be available in the library by the end of September)
2. Complete a four page (double-spaced) interaction/reaction paper on the event and the theme. This paper should indicate the student has read articles on the topic of secondary orality and has become familiar with the concept.

3. Send the paper and a check for $25 made out to GCTS to Dr. Steve Klipowicz. Students who completed the pre-seminar assignment but did not attend the seminar should listen to the DVD from the library and only send their answers to the questions regarding the Ruth Spielmann article on secondary orality.

3. 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.

New Library Website: The libraries of Gordon-Conwell are pleased to offer a new design to our website. Now it’s easier than ever before to find print and electronic resources, contact library staff, and utilize helpful tutorials. 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.

Courtesy of the Robert C. Cooley Collection in Biblical Archaeology and Early Christianity, two valuable new collections are now located on the reference shelf. The first is the Brill Encyclopedia of the Ancient World. This revision is the standard reference for subjects relating to ancient and classical history and is an excellent source for research into biblical backgrounds. For those of you engaged in biblical studies, you will find the Encyclopedia of the Ancient World (Cooley DE5.N4813) a valuable reference tool for research. In addition, we are beginning to collect a standard for English translations of early Christian writings, the Fathers of the Church series published by the Catholic University of America Press. For those in CH501 or exploring early Christian backgrounds, these texts will prove helpful to your research. Currently, we have about 25 of the over 100 volumes and will be adding more as time goes on. You can find this at Cooley BR60.F3. Both of these new sets are located with the sets on the reference shelf.

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.
4. 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.

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.

6. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS  

**Fall Registration** is still open. However, the deadline has passed and you will owe a $25.00 late fee. Please fill out a registration form as soon as possible.

**Semlink deadline** for Fall is September 30th. All Semlink courses must be registered online.

**Course Information:** Please check your CAMS portal and choose the correct semester (FA-11).

**Scheduling an Exam:** Contact Trish King at [king@gordonconwell.edu](mailto:king@gordonconwell.edu) at least 24 hours in advance.

**CAMS portal:** Please check your CAMS portal to verify you are registered. If you have a balance outstanding, you will not be able to be registered until you pay off your account.
Graduation Applications are online, please fill them out and contact the Registration Office.

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: Please make sure when you pay on CAMS to choose the campus Charlotte, if not there will be a hold on your account.

Requirement Changes:
Several courses will 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

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.

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7. 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.

Cooley Patron’s Lecture: The Cooley Center is sponsoring the lecture "The Image of God in the Garden of Eden" on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Cooley Chapel at the Charlotte campus. Dr. Catherine McDowell - Assistant Professor of Old Testament, GCTS – Charlotte is the guest lecturer. Light refreshments will be served in the Rotunda area prior to and following the lecture. Cooley Center patrons and GCTS faculty, staff, and students are invited.

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.
Reaching Our Cities for Christ Lecture: New Life Theological Seminary is offering as part of the James and Ruby Ray Lectures, “Reaching Our Cities for Christ” on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. This fantastic training event will take place at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in their main sanctuary at 1117 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203. Author and Pastor John L. Thompson is the keynote speaker. John is a world renowned authority on urban ministry and discipleship; he has lived and served in the inner city of Chicago for almost 30 years. Also teaching is Dr. James Logan, Head of the Department of Urban Ministry at New Life Theological Seminary. The price of this one day event covers the cost of John’s book, Urban Impact: Reaching the World Through Effective Urban Ministry, and lunch at The Gathering Place. Register online at http://www.nlts.edu/17.html

Growing Healthy Families Conference: Southeast Pysch is having their 2011 Fall Conference on Thursday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Friday, September 30, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Church at Charlotte. Shonda Schilling and Dave and Ellen Verhaagen are the featured speakers. Shonda is the wife of retired Boston Red Sox All-Star, Curt Schilling, the mother of four with unique and special needs, New York Times bestselling author, and a cancer survivor. Dave is a nationally-known psychologist and Ellen is an educator and mother of four. Register online at www.southeastpsych.com or call Patsy at 704.552.0116. Register before September 9, 2011 for a discounted fee.

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.

Blood Drive: Gordon-Conwell is partnering with the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas to host a blood drive on Friday, October 28, 2011 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming as the event date approaches. If you would like to donate blood, please contact Maureen Manoly at mmanoly@gordonconwell.edu to sign up. Thank you for partnering with us in our endeavor to save lives!

8. MINISTRY/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Children’s Minister Wanted: Grace Academy & Church in Matthews is in need of a part-time Children’s Minister primarily for K-5th Grade but also responsible for finding volunteers for nursery and preschool ages. This is an ideal position for someone seeking experience while attending seminary. Go to www.gracespringschurch.com to see the School and Church’s doctrinal statement. If interested email James Dawkins at dawkins@graceacademync.com or call 704-814-9077.

Child Care Staff (Houseparent) Wanted: Joy Ranch, a Christian home for children in Woodlawn, Virginia, is looking for mature Christian couples and/or individuals who are at least 21 years of age for live-in child care positions. The Houseparent(s) will oversee the children’s physical care by ensuring the safety, training, record-keeping, transportation, on-going supervision, discipline and well-being of the children ages 5-17. Salary is $18,000/yr per person plus housing and benefits. For more information visit their website www.joyranch.org and contact Glenna Cox at 276-236-5578 or glenna@joyranch.org
9. 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.