

**SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - FALL 2019**

Term I

**Thursdays only, August 22-September 26, 2018 (7:00-8:45 PM)
SW102 Wednesday AM class will meet (10:00-11:45 AM) 8/21-9/25**

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW 101A DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING I* (Discipleship II must be taken during Term II)

*This course is also offered on Weds mornings as SW102 with Mrs. Jane Cutrer
(August 21-September 25 from 10:00-11:45 AM)

Instructors: Various Faculty and Staff wives;
Mrs. Caffy Whitney coordinates PM sections

Text: *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, by Donald Whitney (NavPress)
ISBN 1576830276

Description: This course encourages the development of a believer's obedient relationship with Jesus Christ. Personal devotion, prayer, Scripture memorization, and evangelism are emphasized. Using a small group setting, this course as well as the following consecutive one, Discipleship II, fosters friendship, camaraderie and accountability as students spend 12 weeks learning and growing together toward Christlikeness.

SW101B ESSENTIALS I (Essentials II must be taken during Term II)

Instructors: Various Faculty and Staff wives; coordinated by Mrs. Mary Mohler

Texts: *The Pastor's Wife: Strengthened by His Grace for a Life of Love* by Gloria Furman (Crossway) ISBN 1433543834

6 Simple Steps by Diana Davis (New Hope)

ISBN 159669422X

Optional additional text: *Lose the Halo, Keep the Wings* by Virginia Wilson
(complimentary copies provided in class of David and Wilson books)

Description: The first half of our core courses in our practical curriculum, Essentials I deals with your calling as a Christian; your calling as a wife; your influence on children; time management; listening skills; and practical budgeting matters. Essentials II must be taken during the subsequent term so students make a 12 week commitment when registering for this course. Topics may or may not be taught in the order listed due to scheduling but all will be covered in either Essentials I or II. You will love this course as you learn from a team of faculty wives who have a passion for their particular topic.

SW101C BAPTISTS THEN AND NOW

Instructors: **Dr. Tom Nettles, Dr. John Wilsey and Mrs. Mary Mohler**

Text: None to be purchased

Description: BAPTISTS THEN is a short course in Baptist history that encompasses the first three weeks of this six week course. Topics include: the origins of Baptists and Southern Baptists; key personalities and events as the convention grew; and controversies such as anti-missionary schism, the Landmark Movement and the rise of liberalism. BAPTISTS NOW seeks to explore the programs and structure of our denomination. We will trace the Cooperative Program and show how it is known as the most effective and efficient denominational mission system in the world. The roles of our Southern Baptist seminaries and agencies will be laid out. We will also look closely at our missionary sending agencies through the eyes of those who have been commissioned as missionaries. All of these elements will be studied from the perspective of a ministry wife who wishes to be better informed about our denomination.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW101D INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Instructors: **Drs. Rob Plummer and Brian Vickers**

Text: *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible* by Robert Plummer (Kregel)
ISBN 082543498X

Description: The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the goal of interpretation. In so doing we shall look at the part that the Holy Spirit plays in interpretation, how to arrive at the meaning of biblical text as well as their present day implications, and to learn how to interpret the various literary genres (poetry, prophecy, parable, etc.) found in the Bible. These professors will teach this important class on a certificate level, as is the case with all SWI classes. They will provide a plethora of resources related to the book, including powerpoint presentations, lesson plans, discussion guide, etc. The goal is that students will be prepared to teach a group of women in their church a class on biblical interpretation.

SW101E PLAYING HYMNS

Instructor: **Mrs. Sharon Beougher**

Text: None to purchase in advance. We will provide music in class.

Description: Have you ever wanted to learn to play the piano OR have you wished that you had kept it up as a child? This course will teach how to read notes for the right and left hand and will teach basic chord patterns so that you could play worship songs or hymns with the right

hand melody and various chord patterns with the left hand. Access to a keyboard or piano is required as well as regular practice times for about 20-30 minutes five days a week.

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Term II

Thursdays only, October 10-November 14, 2019 (7:00-8:45 PM)

SW202 Wednesday AM class will meet October 9-November 13 (10:00-11:45 AM)

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW201A DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING II* (Discipleship I must be taken during Term I)

*This course is also offered on Wednesday mornings as SW202 with Mrs. Jane Cutrer (October 9--November 13 from 10:00-11:45 AM)

Instructors: Various faculty and staff wives; Mrs. Caffy Whitney coordinates PM Sections.

Text: no new text—same as Term I

Description: This course is the second half of the Discipleship Training course, which encourages the development of a believer's obedient relationship with Jesus Christ. Personal devotion, prayer, scripture memorization, and evangelism are emphasized.

SW201B ESSENTIALS II (Essentials I must be taken during Term I)

Instructors: Various faculty and staff wives; coordinated by Mrs. Mary Mohler

Texts: no new texts—same as Term I

Description: This course is the second half of the Essentials core course. This course may only be taken subsequent to the completion of Essentials I during Term I this fall. You will gain insights in these two courses that will shape your walk as a ministry wife for years to come.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

NEW FOR FALL 2019!

SW201C CLOSER LOOK AT THEOLOGY: The Centrality of Scripture to the Christian Life

Instructor: **Dr. Bruce Ware**

Text: *Knowing Scripture* (expanded edition, 2016) by R. C. Sproul (IVP)
ISBN 0830844686

Description: Learn what makes the Bible a fully unique book, and the most important book for our lives. Marvel that it comes from God, with God's own revealed words and divine authority, and so it alone can guide us faithfully and accurately in what we believe and how we should live. Attention will be given to Scripture's inspiration, inerrancy, illumination, and sufficiency. The course ends with considering how we may best read and digest the Bible for our everyday lives.

SW201D INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Instructors: Drs. Robert Jones and Jeremy Pierre

Grader: Dr. Peggy Parr

Text: *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change: Helping People in Need of Change* by Paul David Tripp (P&R Publishing)
ISBN 0875526071

Description: This course will give students a basic overview of how counseling is a ministry of the Word by which people come to understand the interplay between their situation, their responses, and God's grace in Jesus Christ. The course will focus on: (1) what biblical counseling is and what it involves; (2) the role of the counselor in biblical counseling; (3) the place of counseling in the ministry of the local church, with special emphasis on the importance of women counsel in women in Titus 2 ministries.

SW201E PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR THE MINISTER'S WIFE

Instructor: Mrs. Katherine Magnuson

Text: *Speak Up With Confidence* by Carol Kent (Navpress)
ISBN 0785283404

Description: You will learn basic speaking skills that will be valuable throughout your years in ministry in this popular yet intentionally small class. You will have opportunity for practical application as you prepare and deliver a self-introduction, speaker-introduction, personal testimony, devotional and topical presentation. You will benefit greatly from this course whether you are fearful and inexperienced or confident speaking in public.