

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 2020
Term III
Thursday evenings, January 30-March 5 (7:00-8:45 PM)
NO Weds. AM class is offered during Term III

REQUIRED COURSES:

(SW401A MUST BE TAKEN IN TERM IV AS THESE COURSES COMPRISE A 12 WEEK COURSE)

SW301A LEADERSHIP SKILLS I: Women and Evangelism

Instructor: Mrs. Sharon Beougher

Text: *Women and Evangelism* by Sharon Beougher
(out of print, copies will be loaned from SWI library)

Description: This course will challenge you in personal evangelism, give a variety of practical helps in how to share the gospel and help you answer some of the challenging questions people have about the gospel. Some specific topics that will be covered are: giving your personal salvation testimony, how to share the Bridge Illustrations, the importance of prayer in evangelism, how to use creative ideas for the purpose of evangelism, how to share the gospel to children and how to do basic follow up of a new Christian. Accountability groups of three will be used to continue spiritual disciplines and to gain practice in presenting some of these methods discussed. Leadership II must be taken during the subsequent term, so students make a 12-week commitment when registering for his course.

SW301B OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

Instructors: Dr. T.J. Betts and Dr. Tom Schreiner

Text: The Bible

Optional Text: *Holman Quicksource Guide to Understanding the Bible* by Kendall H. Easley (Holman Bible Publishers)
ISBN 0805494332

Description: You will be enriched as you study God's Word from Genesis to Revelation in this life changing overview course. Short quizzes are given weekly. Portions of both the Old Testament and New Testament are required reading.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW301C BIBLICAL PARENTING

Instructor: Mrs. Sarah Kimbell

Text: *Don't Make Me Count to Three* by Ginger Plowman (Shepherd Press) ISBN 9780972304641

Description: From diapers to diplomas, parenting is a glorious and challenging journey! This course is designed to provide Biblical instruction and practical wisdom on the high calling of training children "in the fear and admonition of the Lord." It seeks to provide Biblical frameworks for training and discipling children according to God's Word and then apply those principles to the different ages and stages of parenting with practical advice and examples from everyday life. No matter what stage you are in, this class seeks to bring clarity and personal encouragement for the task of parenting and equipping for ministry to mothers in our spheres of influence.

SW301D REDEEMING THE TIME

Instructors: Mrs. Mary Mohler and Mrs. Jodi Ware

Texts: *Freedom from the Tyranny of the Urgent* by Charles Hummel (IVP) ISBN 0830812873
(You will choose a second book from an approved list to be given at the first class meeting)

Description: This course will seek to explore the value of time management as it applies to ministry wives. We will first look at the Biblical basis for setting goals and priorities. Various types of organizational styles will be outlined. We will look at how issues such as perfectionism, procrastination, and the inability to say "no" hamper effective time management. Many practical issues will be discussed in detail including day planners; handling paper; avoiding clutter; home management; housekeeping and kitchen organization. Assignments will involve directly applying principles discussed in class and briefly reporting on progress made. This course is aimed at challenging those who are already skilled in areas of organization and motivating those who have room for vast improvement.

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Term IV

**Thursday evenings, March 12-April 30 (7:00-8:45 PM)
No class on April 2 or 16 due to Spring Reading Days and T4G**

**Wednesday AM class: March 11-April 29 10:00-11:45 AM
(Marriage and Family) No class on 4/1 or 4/15**

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SW401A LEADERSHIP SKILLS II: Women in the Home, Church and Community

Instructor: Mrs. Jessica Joslin

Text: *Word-Filled Women's Ministry: Loving and Serving the Church* by Gloria Furman and Kathleen Nielson, (Crossway) 978-1433545238.

Description: This course is designed to help the student understand what leadership looks like for women in the home, in the church and in the community. We will be identifying the character and skills that God praises in those who serve Him. We will also be personalizing the answers to the questions, "Where do I lead?" "Who do I lead?" and "How do I lead?" as we explore each woman's gifting and skills. The students will have the opportunity to put into practice what they have learned as they pray for and plan ways to lead in the spheres in which God has placed them.

SW401B BAPTIST BELIEFS

Instructors: Drs. Albert Mohler, Paul Akin, Dustin Bruce, Matthew Hall and Hershael York

Text: *The Baptist Faith and Message* by Charles S. Kelley Jr., Richard Land and R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (LifeWay) ISBN 1415852958

Description: Prepare to be tremendously enriched by this course on doctrine. The seminary's president and four of its deans/provost will introduce you to eleven doctrines of faith. They will teach as they would to church members or lay people on an undergraduate level. We believe you will find the text to be both readable and enlightening. Grades will be based on short quizzes given and graded by SWI faculty. The quizzes will cover study guides, notes and lectures. We predict you will use what you learn in this course for years to come. You will also gain a greater appreciation and understanding of what your husbands spend years studying.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW401C THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS—a new elective

Instructor: Mrs. Carol Orrick

Text: *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. ISBN: 978-1848717466.

Please obtain this exact version of the book. It is published by Banner of Truth

Optional Texts: *The Pilgrim's Progress. The Outlined Study Manual* by Barry E. Horner. ISBN: 978-0967084046.

Dangerous Journey by Oliver Hunkin. ISBN: 0802836194

Pictures from Pilgrim's Progress by C.H. Spurgeon. ISBN: 978-1788721738

The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. Oxford World's Classic. ASIN: B012YWKSSK

Description: The Pilgrim's Progress is probably the greatest Christian classic of all time. This delightful allegory was written by John Bunyan in 1678. It describes the journey of "Christian" who travels from the "City of Destruction" to the "Celestial City" (heaven). As we read about Christian's trials and joys we see our own Christian pilgrimage from a deeper, richer perspective. The class will center around group discussions of the book's themes and encouragements. There will also be short weekly homework assignments related to the book.

SW401D (Thurs.) MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

SW 402 (Weds.) *This class is offered on both Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings during Term IV*

Instructor: Mrs. Tanya York

Text: *Creative Counterpart* by Linda Dillow (Thomas Nelson) ISBN 0785263764

Description: This course will give biblical, practical and applicable principles concerning marriage and family. Each week we seek to retain or regain the true biblical perspective of marriage and family life that culture continues to challenge. We will consider the defining of your roles, conflict management, the specific needs of your husband, and ways to nurture your marriage and keep it fresh and growing. Included will be resourceful ideas for developing other family relationships such as in-laws and children. We will be encouraging and challenging each other as we enjoy our God-given responsibilities and opportunities of family.

SW401E SPIRITUAL HEALTH FOR THE MINISTER'S WIFE

Instructor: Mrs. Caffy Whitney

Text: *Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Life* by Don Whitney (NavPress) ISBN 1576830969

Description: This course is a life changing study and application of the personal spiritual disciplines of Meditation on Scripture, Prayer, Journaling, and Silence and Solitude specifically designed for the life of a ministry wife. This course will provide the biblical basis for practicing these disciplines, and instruct the women on the practical aspects of incorporating them into their busy lives as seminary wives. The class will also serve as a spiritual checkup using the text named above.