

**SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE  
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - FALL 2020**

**Term I**

**Thursdays only, August 20-September 24, 2020 (7:00-8:45 PM)**

***SW102 Wednesday AM class will meet August 19-September 23 (10:00-11:45 AM)***

**REQUIRED COURSES:**

**SW 101A      DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING I\***  
**SW 102              (Discipleship II must be taken during Term II)**

\*This course is also offered on Wednesday mornings as **SW102** with Mrs. Jane Cutrer and Mrs. Jodi Ware, Guest Speaker, Dr. Don Whitney (August 19 -September 23 from 10:00-11:45 AM)

**Instructors:** Mrs. Caffy Whitney and Mrs. Selwyn Parker, Guest Speaker, Dr. Don Whitney

**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

**Text:** *The Pastor's Wife: Strengthened by His Grace for a Life of Love*  
by Gloria Furman (Crossway) ISBN 9781433543838

**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. John Wilsey and Mrs. Mary Mohler,  
Guest lecturers: Mrs. Kari Akin, Mrs. Tanya York

**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      A CLOSER LOOK AT OT: AMOS**  
(approved by IMB for spouses' college credit)

**Instructor:** Dr. T.J. Betts

**Text:** *Amos: An Ordinary Man with an Extraordinary Message*  
by T.J. Betts (Christian Focus) ISBN 1845507274

**Description:** Through this study of Amos, we will be reminded of the importance of the Word of God in our lives. The aim will be to make the messages of this book come alive for the students by paying particular attention to what they teach us about God and how He uses human agents to accomplish His purposes. Special emphasis will also be placed on developing a theology of ministry so the students will have a sounder biblical understanding of God's claim upon them and their husbands.

**SW101E      WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Sharon Beougher

**Text:** None to be purchased

**Description:** The Bible has 187 women by name and hundreds of nameless women. We can learn priceless lessons from them to see what God wants to teach us on how to be a godly woman; on the other hand, we can also learn from others in God's Word some mistakes to avoid. In this course we will take a look at Esther, Ruth, Jochebed (Moses' mother), the Hebrew midwives, Naaman's wife's maid, the Proverbs 31 woman, Rahab, Lydia, Mary and Martha, Mary, the mother of Jesus, Lois, Eunice and others. We will also learn how to do a biographical Bible study. Students will be expected to write a personal application from the life of each woman we study to turn in weekly, and will choose a woman about whom to write a biographical study to turn in the last week. The readings for each week will come from the Bible.

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**Term II**

**Thursdays only, October 8-November 12, 2020 (7:00-8:45 PM)**

*SW202 Wednesday AM class will meet October 7-November 11 (10:00-11:45 AM)*

**REQUIRED COURSES:**

**SW201A      DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING II\***  
**SW202      (Discipleship I must be taken during Term I)**

\*This course is also offered on Wednesday mornings as **SW202** with Mrs. Jane Cutrer and Mrs. Jodi Ware  
(October 7--November 11 from 10:00-11:45 AM)

**Instructors:** Mrs. Caffy Whitney and Mrs. Selwyn Parker

**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

**Text:** *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:**

**SW201C CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT**

**Instructor:** Dr. Andrew Walker

**Class Coordinator:** Mrs. Christian Walker

**Required Texts:** *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis  
*The Gathering Storm* by R. Albert Mohler, (Thomas Nelson)  
ISBN 978-1400220212 (release date 6/2/2020)

Note: Reading will be assigned from both books. Students will not be required to read both books in their entirety.

**Description:** This course will look at areas of controversy commonly facing Christians. Issues will include topics like (1) Arguments for God's Existence; (2) Doctrine of Scripture; (3) Sexuality and Gender; (4) Marriage, Family, and Children; and (5) Christianity and Politics. We will have a session for Q/A as well with Dr. Walker and Dr. Mohler.

Students will have the privilege of thinking through these important issues with one who is on the cutting edge of discussing these issues in the public square. Assignments will include short quizzes, reading reports and a short paper on an issue of the student's choice. Assignments will be graded by Mrs. Walker.

**SW201D MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Mary Mohler

**Text:** *A Life that Says Welcome: Simple Ways to Open Your Heart and Home to Others* by Karen Ehman, (Revell) ISBN 0800731395

**Description:** Join us for this elective as we explore the many methods of practicing hospitality. We will first look at the biblical basis for this often lost art. We will then look at areas specifically related to ministry. Some of the many topics include serving your own family, recipe and menu organization, event planning at home and at church, etiquette, hospitality in writing, evangelistic hospitality and overcoming challenges. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate hospitality as a part of this course. Practical assignments correspond to the weekly topics.