

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - FALL 2021, Term I
August 26-September 30, 2021 (Thursdays from 7:00-8:45 PM)

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW101A DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING I*
SW102 (Discipleship II must be taken during Term II)

*This course is also offered on Weds mornings as SW102 with Mrs. Jane Cutrer; Guest Speaker, Dr. Don Whitney. **The class will meet on August 25-September 29 from 10:00-11:45 AM.** Text and description is the same as the PM class posted below.

Instructors: Mrs. Caffy Whitney and Mrs. Selwyn Parker, Guest Speaker, Dr. Don Whitney
Text: *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, by Donald Whitney
(NavPress, 2014) 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* by Gloria Furman (Crossway, 2015) ISBN 9781433543838
Help! I'm Married to My Pastor by Jani Ortlund (Crossway, 2021)
ISBN 9781433569777

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 gain so much from Essentials as you learn from a team of faculty wives who each has a passion for her 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 INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Instructors: Drs. Rob Plummer and Brian Vickers

Text: *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible 2nd edition,*
by Robert Plummer (Kregel, 2021) ISBN 978-0825446665

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 a 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 guides, etc. The goal is that students will be prepared to teach a group of women in their church a class on biblical interpretation. (This class is approved by IMB as meeting the college course requirement for wives.)

SW101E THE ART OF COMMUNICATING WELL

Instructor: Mrs. Erin Austin

Text: To be determined

Description: Join us for this new and innovative course. We will spend three weeks honing the written word by practicing skills in e-mail communication, social media, and basic public relations. The second three weeks will focus on the spoken word: in particular, skills for public speaking and leading a small group discussion. This course will help you craft professional correspondence and will be also be helpful in the workforce as well as in different volunteer capacities within the church and the home.

SW101F CROSS CULTURAL MINISTRIES

Instructor: Mrs. Donna Martin and Guest lecturers

Text: *When It's Time to Go* by Brandi Biesiadecki
(a free copy will be provided to all registered students)

Description: The course introduces the Biblical foundation for missions. Contemporary issues will be explored including: the appointment process, cross cultural communication, practical issues in the missionary life. Guest speakers related to both NAMB and IMB will be a part of this class as well. Students will be expected to complete weekly assignments and participate in class discussions. Students will complete a final project based upon the student's integration of class lectures and resources, with her own personal pilgrimage. Students should complete and upload the survey posted on Canvas once they register for the class so as to help determine specific desired content for this unique class.

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - FALL 2021, Term II
October 14-November 18, 2021 (Thursdays only from 7:00-8:45 PM)

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
The class will meet on October 13--November 17 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 MORE BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Instructor: Dr. Robert Jones

Text: *Pursuing Peace: A Christian Guide to Handling Our Conflicts* by Robert D. Jones
(Crossway, 2012) ISBN 9781433530135

Description: *This is our second elective on biblical counseling. The first one is not a prerequisite but would be helpful to have taken. It will be offered again in the fall of 2022.*

Based on a Christ-centered, biblical counseling perspective, this course briefly overviews six topics that ministering wives might themselves face but will certainly face in loving and caring for women in their church: helping women handle past abuse; helping women handle sadness and depression; helping women handle worry, anxiety, and fear; helping wives handle living with an unbelieving husband; helping women handle relational conflict; helping wives handle marital betrayal. Grades will be based on weekly online quizzes over the reading, and a 3–4-page case study or self-counseling paper.

SW201D CLOSER LOOK AT THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Instructor: Dr. Bill Cook

Text: *40 Days in Mark* by William F. Cook (B&H Books, 2020) ISBN 9781535993449

Description: This course will be an exegetical study of the Life of Christ in the Gospel of Mark. The focus of the course will be the biblical text with attention given to how the life of Jesus is relevant and applicable to our lives and ministry in the 21st century. Dr. Cook's new book will be the text. Weekly quizzes will be given. Mrs. Jaylynn Cook will be the coordinator/grader. (This class is approved by IMB as meeting the college course requirement for wives.)

SW201E MY BODY, HIS TEMPLE; BODY IMAGE AND THE GLORY OF GOD

Instructor: Mrs. Cindy Martin

Text: *In His Image* by Jen Wilkin (Crossway, 2014) ISBN 1433549875

Description: We will discuss the way we view, treat, and use our bodies in light of the gospel. This 6-week course will cover areas of theology, nutrition, and counseling and how they impact body image. "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." Assignments will include a short paper discussing an area of health/wellness/nutrition that is significant to the student. She will elaborate on how what we have discussed in the class can impact her personal understanding, prevention, and ministry to others in regard to this area.

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE —LOOKING AHEAD

We are excited to announce plans for these new classes in the 2021-22 Spring Semester

SW301D WOMEN IN CHURCH HISTORY

Instructor: Mrs. Jeannie Hall

Text: Students will choose from a book list posted on Canvas.

Description: This course is an examination of key women throughout Christian history. Both familiar and unfamiliar, young and old, and from a variety of cultures, all of these women are marked by faithfulness to the Lord and influence for Christ. We will be strengthened, encouraged and disciplined by their examples as wives, mothers, missionaries and disciples. Students will have reading and short written assignments to be completed in addition to a 3-4 page paper on a biography of their choosing from the provided list given their specific ministry interests.

SW401D GOD'S GOOD DESIGN—A BOOK STUDY

SW402

This class will be offered on Wednesday AM (SW402) and Thursday PM (SW401)

Instructors: Mrs. Mary Mohler and Mrs. Jodi Ware

Text: *God's Good Design* by Claire Smith (2nd edition, Matthias Media, 2019)
ISBN 9781925424510

Description: So much has changed since we last offered our biblical womanhood elective, *Embracing Femininity!* There's even confusion about this topic in our own denomination. But God's infallible word has not changed. Let's get back to basics as we revisit this course. We will study in detail key biblical passages week by week. We will use Claire Smith's brilliant work as our textbook. This will not be a lecture style course but instead will be a book study going through the book and study guide. Assignments will be based on the study guide questions as well as a short paper at the end. We will also have a special feature each week pertinent to contemporary issues. In addition, we will have the great joy to welcome the author, Claire Smith, live by Zoom for the final Thursday night class. (Weds. AM students will have access to the recording.) We have much to celebrate in the Lord's gracious assignment to us as women.

And... here is one course that will be NEW FOR 2022-23, Fall Semester. We plan to add one more new class as well.

SW101D MORE EVANGELISM SKILLS

Instructor: Mrs. Sharon Beougher

Text: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel (Zondervan, 2016) ISBN 0310345863

Description: This elective will delve into some basic apologetic questions such as: "How can you know Christ is God?" "How can you prove resurrection?" "How can you say Christ is the only way?" "How can you prove the reliability of Scriptures?" This course will also give a few other evangelism methods, some principles in dealing with cults, a look at witnessing to Muslims, Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses, and more! Assignments will include short quizzes and a short paper related to one of the cults.