

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - FALL 2023, Term I

Thursdays only, August 24-September 28, 2023 (7:00-8:45 PM)
SW102 Wednesday AM class will meet August 23- September 27 (10:00-11:45 AM)

SW050 Family Life Conference will be offered in September 2024
and in subsequent even numbered years

REQUIRED COURSES:

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

*This course is also offered on Weds mornings as SW102
(August 23-September 27 from 10:00-11:45 AM)

Instructors: Mrs. Caffy Whitney , Mrs. Selwyn Parker, Mrs. Jane Cutrer
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

How to Thrive as a Pastor's Wife by Christine Hoover (Baker, 2022)
ISBN 9780801094491

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.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW101C **A CLOSER LOOK AT THE OLD TESTAMENT: AMOS**

This course is approved by IMB for college credit for wives applying for service

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.

SW101D **INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**

This course is approved by IMB for college credit for wives applying for service

Instructors: Drs. Rob Plummer and Brian Vickers

Text: 40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible by Robert Plummer (Kregel)
ISBN 978-0825446665 **2nd edition (May 25, 2021) Be sure it's this one!**

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..

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - Fall 2023, Term II
Thursdays only, October 12--November 16, 2023 (7:00-8:45 PM)

SW202 Wednesday AM class will meet October 11--November 15 (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
(October 12--November 16 from 10:00-11:45 AM)

Instructors: Mrs. Caffy Whitney, Mrs. Selwyn Parker, Mrs. Jane Cutrer

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.

SW201C **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 COURSE:

SW201D **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

Instructor: Mrs. Sharon M. Beougher

Text: Assigned portions of the Bible

Description: The Bible mentions 187 women by name and refers to 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 at the end of the course.