

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 2024
Term III

Thursday evenings, February 1-March 7, 7:00-8:45 PM
NO Weds. AM class is offered during Term III

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW301A BIBLICAL PARENTING

Instructor: Mrs. Sarah Kimbell

Text: *Don't Make Me Count to Three* by Ginger Hubbard (Shepherd Press, 2004), 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.

SW301B CLOSER LOOK AT THEOLOGY: The Centrality of Scripture to the Christian Life

Instructor: Dr. Bruce Ware

Text: *The Doctrine of Scripture—An Introduction* by Mark D. Thompson. (Crossway, 2022), ISBN 1433573954.

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.

SW301C COUNSELING WOMEN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Instructor: Dr. Colin McCulloch

Textbook: *Counseling Women: Biblical Wisdom for Life's Battles* by Kristen L. Kellen (B&H Academic, 2022), ISBN 978-1087737508.

Description: This course will focus on the important role that women play in supporting the mission of the church through helping one another in the battle against sin and in faithfully enduring life's struggles and hardships. A biblical, pastoral perspective will be offered on counseling issues pertaining specifically to women. Students will attend lectures, participate in class discussion, complete reading assignments, and write several short practical papers to aid them in preparing to counsel their fellow women from Scripture.

SW301D MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Instructor: Mrs. Tanya York

Text: *Creative Counterpart* by Linda Dillow (Thomas Nelson, 2003), 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.

**SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
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Term IV**

Thursday evenings, March 14-April 25, 7:00-8:45 PM.
Wednesday AM class: March 20 -April 24, 10:00-11:45 AM
No class on April 3 and 4 due to Spring Break.

REQUIRED COURSE:

**SW401A LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR WOMEN
-- IN THE HOME, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

Instructor: Mrs. Nora Allison

Text *Life-giving Leadership* by Karen Hodge and Susan Hunt,
(PCA CDM, 2018), ISBN 1944964355.

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.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW401B BIBLE STUDY SKILLS FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY

Instructor: Mrs. Garnetta Smith

Texts: *Living By the Book* by Howard Hendricks (Moody, 2007) 978-0802408235
Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth (Moody, 2018), ISBN 978-0802412591

Description: This course will focus on developing personal Bible study skills as well as equipping students to effectively lead a group Bible study. Several different Bible study methods will be discussed with a focus on how each can be used in different contexts. Additionally, we will spend time discussing how to handle challenges and conflicts in a small group Bible study setting.

SW401C MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY
and SW402 (Same class offered on Wednesday AM and Thursday PM)

PLEASE NOTE:

This class will start a week later than other Term IV classes and will begin on Wednesday, March 20 for the AM class and Thursday, March 21 for the PM class. We will make up the missed class on Tuesday, March 26 from 7:00-8:45 PM but will understand if students cannot attend that night. Wednesday morning students will be encouraged to attend on Tuesday night as well but will also be excused if that's not possible. Audio recordings will be available. Weeks 2-6 will be on the normal schedule.

Instructor: Mrs. Mary Mohler

Text: *A Life that Says Welcome: Simple Ways to Open Your Heart and Home to Others* by Karen Ehman, (Revell, 2006), 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.

SW401D 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.