

**SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE - TERM III (February 2-March 8)**  
**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 2012**

**REQUIRED COURSES:**

**SW301 A      LEADERSHIP SKILLS I: Women and Evangelism**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Sharon Beougher

**Text:** *Call to Joy* (custom packet) by Billie Hanks

*Women and Evangelism* by Sharon Beougher and Mary Dorsett (BGEA )

*NOTE: These texts will be available for you to purchase in class*

**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, how to get the most out of prayer in evangelism, how to use creative ideas for the purpose of evangelism, how to do an evangelistic Bible study, 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 this course.

**SW 301B      BAPTIST BELIEFS**

**Instructors:** Dr. Albert Mohler, Dr. Russell Moore, Dr. Dan DeWitt, Dean Zane Pratt

**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 three of its deans 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:**

**SW 301C      CROSS CULTURAL MINISTRIES**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Catherine Pratt

**Text:** *Foreign to Familiar* by Sarah A. Lanier

**Description:** This course introduces students to cross cultural issues involved in living overseas. Former missionaries, as well as consultants from the two mission boards, will share the qualifications for missionaries, the application process, and mission opportunities. Issues such as language, culture, home life and schooling will also be discussed.

## **SW301D      INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Garnetta Smith

**Text:** *Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible* by Howard Hendricks (Moody) ISBN 0802408230

**Description:**

Inductive Bible Study is a practical approach to studying the Scriptures that helps you develop skills for in-depth study. You will learn how to observe the text within its context and to interpret the passage through word studies using such study tools as a concordance and expository Bible dictionary. This course will challenge you to apply God's Word as you grow deeper thus stimulating a desire to know God more intimately. You will also be given suggestions for how to make Bible study a lifelong endeavor and ideas for leading group studies.

## **SW 301E      MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

**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. Topics will be discussed such as how to meet the needs of your husband, how to define your roles, how to nurture your marriage to keep it fresh and growing, and how to become your husband's best friend. Creative ideas will also be given for developing other family relationships. The parenting part of this course will include ideas on how to make your child feel like he/she is truly a gift, a discussion on discipline, boundaries, etc. We will have a fun time and challenge each other.

## **SW301F      PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR THE MINISTER'S WIFE**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Katherine Magnuson

**Text:** *Speak Up With Confidence* by Carol Kent (Navpress) ISBN 0785283404

**Description:** In this course, you will learn the basic speaking skills that will be valuable throughout your years in ministry. You will have opportunity for practical application as you prepare and deliver a self-introduction, speaker-introduction, personal testimony, devotional and topical presentation. You will benefit greatly from this course whether you are fearful and inexperienced or confident speaking in public.

## **SW 301G      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  
(And a second book from an approved list to be given at 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.

**SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE - TERM IV (March 15 – April 26)**  
***No class on April 12 due to Spring Reading Days***  
**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 2012**

**REQUIRED COURSES:**

**SW401 A        LEADERSHIP SKILLS II**

**Instructors:**    Mrs. Nora Allison and Mrs. Jaye Martin

**Text:**            *Women Leading Women* by Jaye Martin and Terri Stovall (B&H) ISBN 0805447601

**Description:**    This course is designed to help the student understand her spiritual gift, her leadership style, her personality, and her passion as it relates to her ministry alongside her husband. Also included in this course will be discussions on how to start a women's ministry; planning and leading women's conferences; the dynamics of small groups; developing ministries designed towards reaching children, youth, senior adults, the poor and those with special needs. Women will learn how to begin and/or use community based ministries as well as ministries with the church to be effective tools for evangelism and spiritual growth. Accountability groups of three will continue to be used.

**SW401 B        OLD TESTAMENT/NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

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

**Text:**            The Bible

(Note—you will be required to read the entire New Testament between March 15-May 3)

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

**Description:**    The first three weeks will be spent giving a very brief overview of the Old Testament; the second three weeks will focus on the New Testament. You will be enriched as you see God's Word from Genesis to Revelation.

**ELECTIVES**

**SW401 C        INTRO TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING**

**Instructors:**    Dr. Stuart Scott and Mrs. Zondra Scott

**Text:**            *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change (Resources for Changing Lives)* by Paul David Tripp (P & R Publishing)  
ISBN 0875526071

**Description:**    Every woman is a counselor of sorts. Each time she speaks (or doesn't speak when she should) she is giving some form of counsel. This course will be a general introduction to basic concepts and distinctive features of biblical counseling. It will focus on: (1) what biblical counseling is and what it involves; (2) the role of the counselor in biblical counseling; (3) the place of counseling in the ministry of the local church, with special emphasis on the importance of women counseling women in Titus 2 ministries.

## **SW401 D        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 opportunity to demonstrate hospitality and plan a creative event as part of this course. Practical assignments correspond to the weekly topics.

## **SW401 E        PLAYING HYMNS**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Sharon Beougher

**Text:** *I've Always Wanted to Play the Piano* by Jo Ann Butler (Genevox)  
ISBN 0-8054-9795-1

**Optional Texts:** 3 Chord Praise by Ken Barker, Vol. 1 (Word) ISBN 080689384387 Vol. II,  
ISBN 080689425387

**Description:** Have you ever wanted to learn to play the piano OR have you wish that you had kept it up as a child? This course will teach how to read the 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.

## **SW401F and SW 402A    SPIRITUAL HEALTH FOR THE MINISTER'S WIFE**

*NOTE: This class is also offered on Wednesday Mornings from March 14- April 25, skipping April 11*

**Instructor:** Mrs. Caffy Whitney

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

**Description:** 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.