

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 2026
Term III

Thursday evenings, January 29, February 5-March 5, 7:00-8:45 PM

REQUIRED COURSE:

SW301A 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:

SW301B BIBLICAL PARENTING

PLEASE NOTE—This class will start and end one week earlier than other Term III classes! The dates are January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26

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.

**SW301C 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.

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Term IV**

Thursday evenings, March 12, March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:00-8:45 PM.
No class on March 19 due to Spring Break.

REQUIRED COURSE:

SW401A 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:

SW401B COUNSELING WOMEN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Instructor: Dr. Colin McCulloch

Textbook: *Counseling Women: Biblical Wisdom for Life's Battles* by Kristen 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.

SW401C 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.