Seminary Wives Institute
SWI 402–Spring 2013
Pursuing Excellence in MY SERVICE
6:30 – 8:00 PM in ICBC Conference Room

January 28
The Church Nursery—Nicole Sand
An effective and smoothly run church nursery is a blessing and encouragement to any church body and it is a huge shot in the arm for any pastor. It is also a primary place for older women and younger women to connect and serve. Nicole Sand has been serving alongside our nursery director, Marcia Ritchardson for several years. She has been trained how to manage and oversee this very important ministry. This is a session you will want to bring a friend or deacon’s wife to use as a jumping point for making your nursery program the best it can be. Nicole will cover a child protection policy, guidelines for cleanliness as well as many other helpful suggestions. Hopefully we all desire to grow in our service and the church nursery is a great place to start. How can a nursery be an effective tool to serve your church members and guests? What are the goals and demands of an efficiently run nursery program? How can you help to guide and encourage ladies as they serve and commit in the nursery program?

February 4
Ministering to Teens—Heidi Johnson
Teens you either love them or …well let’s just say they can be a bit challenging. How can you step into the older woman relationship with teen young ladies? You may not even be the youth pastor’s wife, but you may need to help encourage the youth pastor’s or leader’s wife one day. Heidi Johnson has served alongside her husband Kit for the past 7 years in our youth ministry. Come and glean some of the timeless truths that have helped her touch the hearts of the teens they have served.

February 11
Women’s Discipleship and Bible Studies—Shirley Lamp
Shirley Lamp has helped coordinate and oversee the ladies portion of the campus house ministries at Wayne State University. These include small group bible studies, lunch and learn, English language partners and various outreach efforts to the new students. It is an exciting ministry with many hands working together. Since college campuses are everywhere, this is a great opportunity to see how you can reach others for Christ.

February 18
Transitions—Meredith Winnberg
What is it like to step into that new pastorate? Last year Meredith Winnberg shared her candidating experience and all that went into the process, this year we will be able to hear how she has been challenged and grown through the transition. This will be a great session to hear her testimony and begin thinking about your preparation for the future ministry God is preparing you for.

February 25
Event Planning—Jen Whitcomb
Events that are planned effectively can be great tools for outreach and edification. This can be an area to serve alongside your husband as you glean tools and ideas of how to divide and conquer those big tasks. Jen Whitcomb has been Pastor Doran’s administrative assistant for the past several years and has had opportunity to plan many events. Come see her brainstorming session and guides to make sure everything is thought through before the big event.