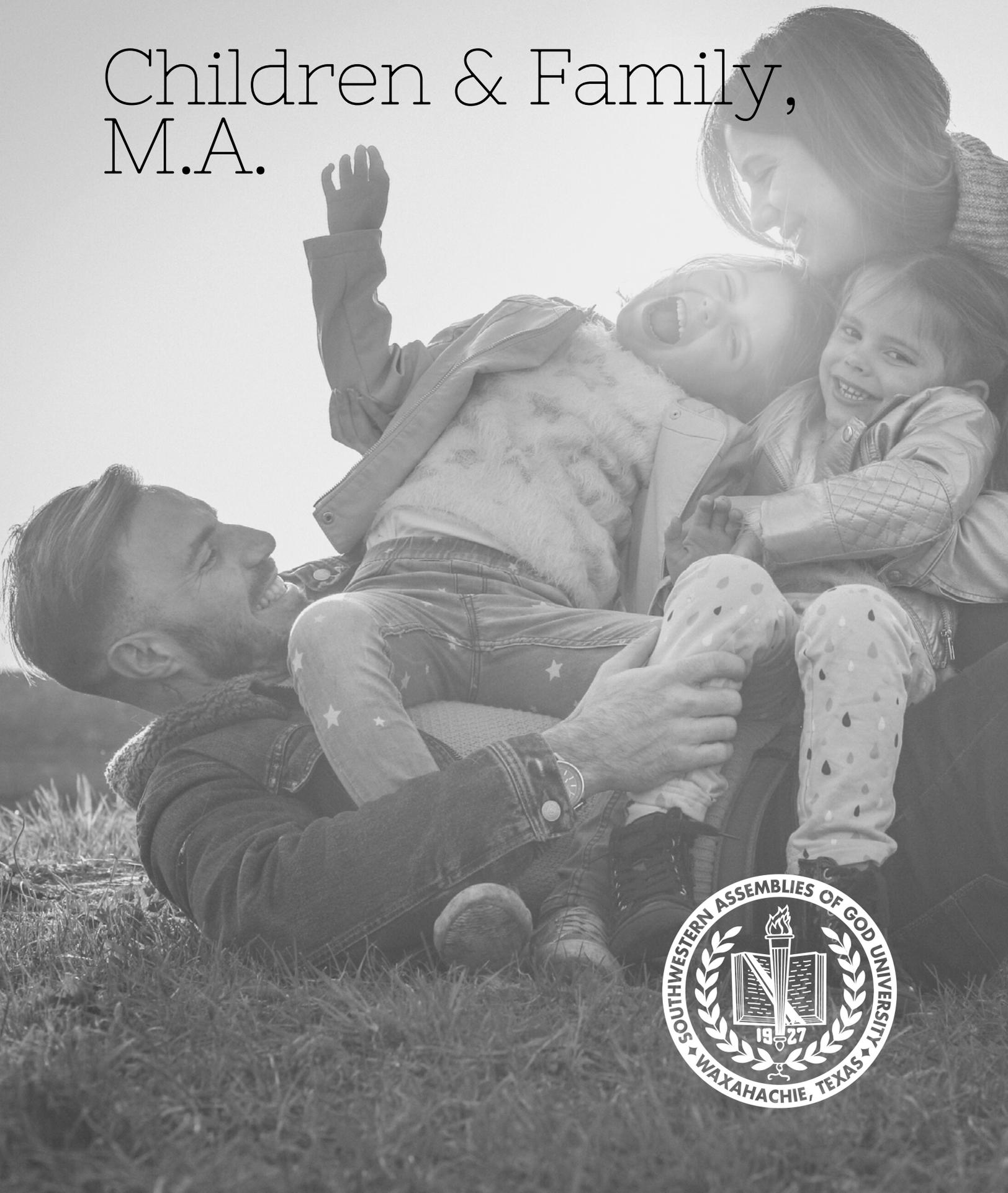
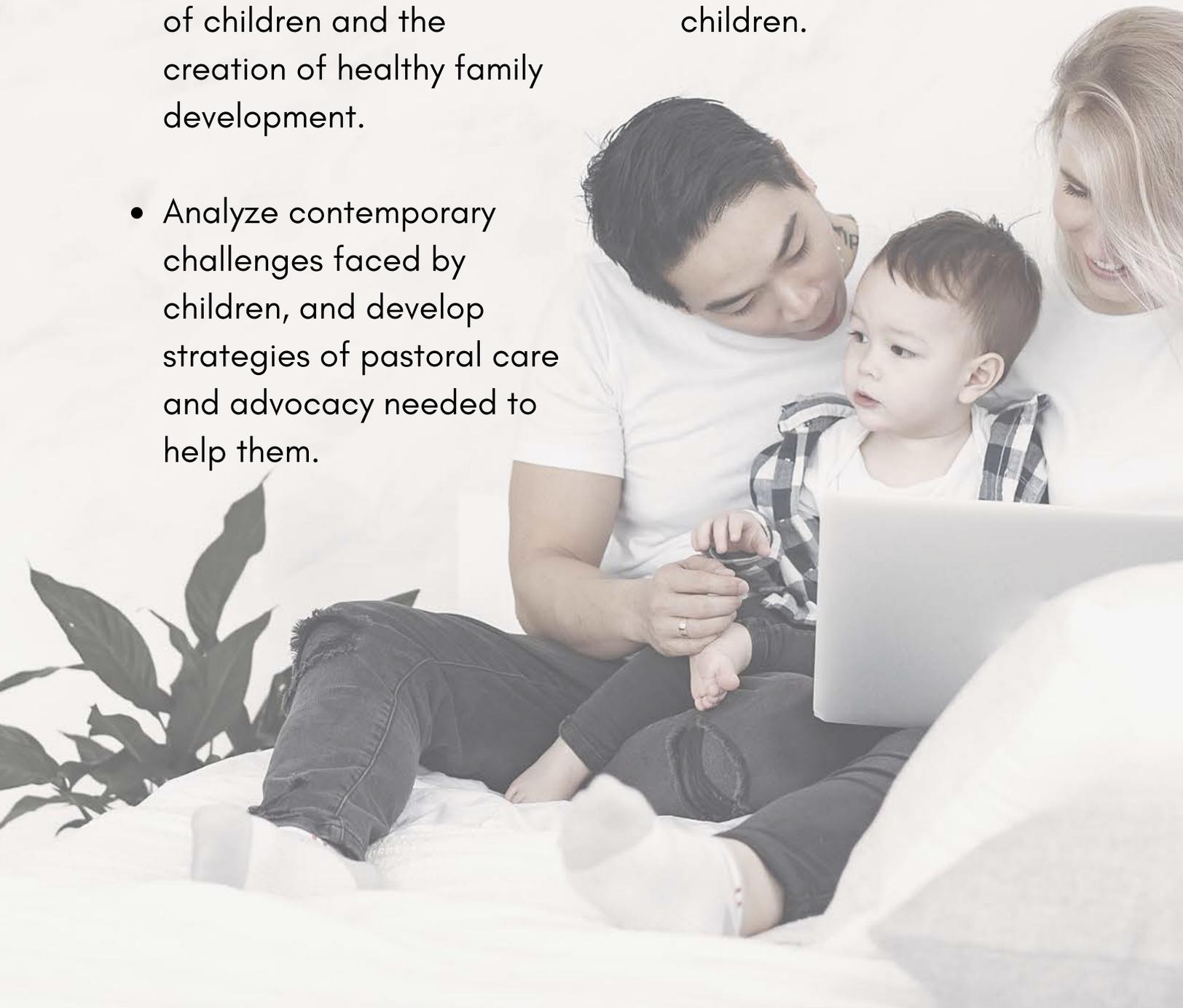


Children & Family, M.A.



Upon completion of the Children & Family degree students will be able to:

- Articulate knowledge of family processes and demonstrate the ability to design events and programs to assist parents in the spiritual development of children and the creation of healthy family development.
- Analyze contemporary challenges faced by children, and develop strategies of pastoral care and advocacy needed to help them.
- Articulate knowledge of family processes and church programming designed to assist parents and families in the spiritual care of their children.



Students pursuing this degree will engage in core studies of childhood and family life, founded on a biblical worldview and intertwined with a heart for service. There is a balance between scholarly content, practical application, and effective ministry. This graduate degree is designed for:

- Those already working with children and families in a variety of settings.
- Students who have not completed a SAGU undergraduate degree in *Children & Family Ministry* or *Child & Family Studies*.
- Preparation for doctoral studies in *Children & Family Studies*.

Note, this degree does not lead to any type of license or certification.



Embedded Degree Options

Beyond the core courses, students are able to choose one of the following emphases which best fits their career and interests:

- Counseling
- Education
- Leadership
- Play Therapy
- Practical Ministry





Course Scheduling

Below is an outline of the yearly rotation of Professional Component courses offered in the Child & Family degree:

Fall

- *Issues in Childhood & Family Life*
- *Family Life & Parenting*

Spring

- *Marriage & Family Relationships*
- *Creative Methods for Communicating with Children*
- *Spiritual Formation of Children*

The summer semesters do not have a set rotation, meaning these courses are not guaranteed in a particular order, if they will be offered at all.

Encouragement

from the Program Coordinator

I serve as the coordinator of SAGU's undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Child and Family Studies and Children and Family Ministry. If you are interested in touching the lives of children and being more effective in positively affecting families, we have share a similar passion, and I'm excited to be part of your journey.

You will find that our courses include an important mix of contemporary content, counseling insights, ministry ideas, and practical tools.

Whatever your plans may be, I am glad that you are considering the opportunity to grow with us. Please feel free to contact me (ddaugherty@sagu.edu) if you have any questions about the degree.

Dr. Darren Daugherty