

FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps, for me, has shown that I shouldn't be frightened to learn even if I feel that I am not academic enough. Footsteps provides a safe and open-minded space for me to delve into my Christian faith, where I feel encouraged and my faith is sharpened.



*Hayley Hughes
Footsteps 1, 2016-17*

Footsteps is a place where you open your mind and your heart to God and to others. Wherever you are on the journey of faith and whatever theological camp you come from, at Footsteps we can bring all our complexities, doubts and questions and learn together.

*Tim Hughes,
Footsteps 1, 2016-17*

Footsteps has been amazing. On setting out I was very concerned about how I, and the family, would cope with a whole Saturday out each month. After the 2nd one it wasn't a concern at all. I now view the end of 2 years with some trepidation! The course has been fascinating. The variety of subjects has been really interesting as well as challenging and has helped my spiritual journey enormously. The worship option has been particularly helpful in the role I have at church and has given me the confidence to try new things. The other members on the course have become good friends and we support each other as we journey together. I am thankful that I have had such a great opportunity to learn more about my faith and it has wetted my appetite to learn more!



Helen Evans, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2015-17

Footsteps has helped re-ignited a passion for better understanding the Bible. It has transformed studying the Bible from a boring chore into an exciting joy. It's helped me see that some things I've believed in, simply because of what others have believed in as I grew up, are not necessarily the truth. I thought that learning about Baptist history and principles was going to be dull, but I've found that it's really interesting and brings everything else we are doing into perspective.

Footsteps won't allow you to stay the same. Expect God to challenge and speak to you. Come as you are and be changed!

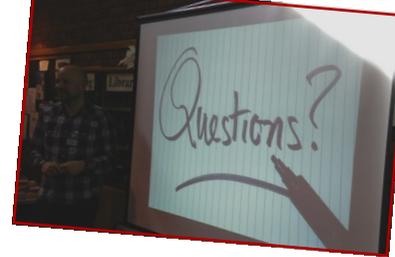
Craig Williams, Footsteps 1, 2016-17

Have you asked if Footsteps is for you? Yes, it's for everyone of any denomination, any age, taught by quality, practising Christian leaders, many of them Baptist ministers. One day a month is not enough!

Brenda Nield, Footsteps 1, 2016-17

FOOTSTEPS

DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS



**2017
- 2018**



**A course for
everyone
living out their
faith
in local churches**

Footsteps is designed for everyone who wants to deepen their faith and to develop their understanding and skills as they serve God in local churches and communities.

Footsteps 1 is a one year course which has now been running for 5 years in CBA. **Footsteps 2** is the 2nd year of the course for those who wish to continue. **Footsteps Pathway Days** are held once each term; they are open to everyone and focus on one aspect of Christian life and ministry.

Footsteps is a partnership between Regent's Park College, Oxford and the Central Baptist Association and the Southern Counties Baptist Association .

Dates for 2017-18:

Footsteps 1 and 2 will held on the following 10 Saturdays, September to June, from 10 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

16TH SEPTEMBER	3RD FEBRUARY
7TH OCTOBER	3RD MARCH
18TH NOVEMBER	21ST APRIL
2ND DECEMBER	19TH MAY
6TH JANUARY	9TH JUNE

Venue:

In CBA Footsteps 1 and 2 meet at the Church of Christ the King, Frithwood Crescent, Kents Hill, Buckinghamshire, MK7 6HG

Each Saturday, there are five interactive sessions, opportunities for worship and prayer all together and in small groups, as well as informal times to chat over coffee breaks and lunch.

Are there any previous requirements?

Footsteps is open to everyone, whatever you have studied or not studied in the past. But we ask that you have the support of your local church.

What does it cost?

For 2017-18 the cost is £330. We encourage your church to pay 2/3rds. There may also be some assistance available from the CBA through training grants.



What will we study in Footsteps 1?

There are 9 teaching streams which run through the year.

5 are core subjects that everyone studies together:

- Understanding the Bible
- Understanding our Faith
- Deepening Spirituality
- Mission, Evangelism and Culture
- Baptist History and Principles

4 are option subjects from which students choose TWO:

- Pastoral Care or Exploring Worship
- Leadership Skills or Preaching Skills

What can I expect?

- Interactive participation in sessions.
- Some preparation, on occasions, between Saturdays.
- The opportunity to keep a journal during the year.
- The **option** of writing some assignments.
- Challenge and inspiration from the sessions and from the prayerful support of leaders and fellow participants.

What will I receive?

A growing understanding of ministry and mission as you explore faith in the context of a supportive group. [There is also a final Reunion evening at which certificates are presented!]

Lay Training recognised by CBA and 'Baptists Together':

For anyone who is seeking to be recognised formally as a Lay Leader, Footsteps 1 and 2, with all assignments successfully completed, fulfil the *academic* requirement.

[Ask the CBA Regional Ministers for full details of all that is involved.]

To find out more

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- ♦ or www.rpc.ox.ac.uk and follow links to Students > Studying here > Community Learning > Footsteps courses