

FOOTSTEPS

DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS



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

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 6 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 2018-19

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

15th September	2nd February
6th October	9th March
10th November	6th April
1st December	11th May
12th January	8th June

Venue:

In CBA Footsteps 1 and 2 has been meeting 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 is cost?

For 2018-19 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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To download the CBA Footsteps Information Pack

- ◆ go to CBA website > Footsteps training
- ◆ or www.rpc.ox.ac.uk and follow links to About Regent's Prospective Students > Community Learning > Footsteps courses

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We have greatly enjoyed Footsteps 1, which we are doing as a couple. The talks from experienced pastors and others, the sharing in small pastoral groups, comparing experiences across different churches (Baptist churches are not all the same!) have all been invaluable. They have helped us learn more of a Baptist approach to faith, growing together, caring and watching over each other as part of God's family. Come to Footsteps alone or with a friend - you'll find it so helpful in your Christian walk and service.

Joanna and David Evans, Footsteps 1, 2017-18



I believe Footsteps to be a superb course for all involved. Whether you are new to faith or a long standing Christian, you will leave each session with new information, fresh perspectives or reinforced knowledge and understanding, because you have looked more deeply into what you believe. I cannot recommend this course enough.

Lee Hillyard, Footsteps 1, 2017-18



I enjoy Footsteps because... It provides a safe community in which to explore new subjects regarding the Christian faith. I have been challenged to identify what I really believe about my faith and to be open to new ideas and possibilities, and to look at things from different perspectives.

Anna Briggs, Footsteps 1, 2017-18

Footsteps has helped me explore and move forward to formal training as a Baptist Minister. Informative, fun and challenging, it makes me really think about my faith and why I believe what I believe. We have considered the Bible from different perspectives and gained greater understanding of the history and principles of the Baptist movement. I have met some fantastic people from all sorts of churches and have benefited greatly from the wealth of experience that the tutors have in their areas of expertise.



Karen Bugg, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2016-18