

FOOTSTEPS 2



This course has been great for learning new things, understanding old concepts and learning about people. At first I was a little unsure of what to expect in the small prayer groups in Footsteps 2. We'd all got cosy last year, so it was always going to be a challenge moving on! I really appreciate getting to know people better and it is simply amazing to hear the quieter people pray for us all at the end today, so clearly and confidently. I feel so privileged to have met some lovely people who will be part of my friendship and praying circle. I really hope that

Footsteps will continue to grow in SCBA and CBA— people simply don't know what they're missing!

Kate Openshaw, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2014-16

Attending Footsteps 1 and 2 has been a wonderful experience. Sessions on understanding the Bible and studying theology have helped me immeasurably in my own private walk with God, but have also helped whenever I share with others, either whilst leading or in private conversations. I have been challenged with regards to worship, leadership and with the different forms of pastoral care within and outside of the church. I would highly recommend anyone who would like to serve God and his people better to make time for one Saturday a month. You will not regret it.



Andy Elston Footsteps 1 and 2, 2014 -16



Footsteps is for me the definitive course for anyone wishing to develop their knowledge and understanding of their Christian faith regardless of academic background. The tutors are engaging and have expertise in the subjects they teach. I'm particularly enjoying Footsteps 2 because as well as reinforcing and developing what I learned in Footsteps 1, those foundations are allowing me to analyse my thinking critically during discussions. I have especially appreciated

learning more about the different forms of spirituality, particularly the Celtic tradition, and I've been encouraged to extend my own style of personal worship to incorporate these forms.

Kathleen Weyers, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2014-16

To apply for Footsteps 2: Fill in the 2016-17 **CBA Footsteps 2** application form and send it, with payments, to: CBA Footsteps 2, Regent's Park College, Pusey Street, Oxford, OX1 2LB

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DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS



2016

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A further training opportunity for those living out their faith in local churches and communities

Footsteps 2 is for anyone who has followed the first **Footsteps** course. It builds on the foundations established in Footsteps 1 by developing the main and option streams.

We are planning to run **Footsteps 2** again in the Central Baptist Association in the coming year, 2016-17.

When does Footsteps 2 happen?

Footsteps 1 and 2 are held on 10 Saturdays, September to June, from 10 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. The dates for 2016-17 are:

10th September	4th February
8th October	4th March
5th November	1st April
3rd December	6th May
7th January	10th June

Where does Footsteps meet in CBA?

We will continue to meet in our new venue, the Church of Christ the King, Frithwood Crescent, Kents Hill, Buckinghamshire, MK7 6HG, in 2016-17

Who are the trainers?

Many of the trainers who lead sessions for Footsteps 1 also teach on Footsteps 2. Other trainers, with expertise in particular areas, such as Spirituality and Mission, have joined the team.

Who takes Footsteps 2?

Just like Footsteps 1, participants take Footsteps 2 for many reasons. People share a desire to deepen their faith and spiritual understanding, and become better equipped for living out their faith within their local churches.

What about assignments?

As with Footsteps 1 these are optional, but you are encouraged to have a go! However, taking Footsteps 1 and 2, and completing all assignments fulfils the academic requirements for lay training in CBA.

What does it cost?

For 2016-17 the cost is £330. We encourage your church to pay two-thirds. Ask about paying in instalments, to help to spread the cost.



I have found Footsteps engaging, enlightening, exciting, intriguing and inspiring, surprising and stimulating, but not always at the same time. I have learned and laughed, prayed and applauded, deepened existing relationships and made new friends. God knows what we will do together next!

Chris van Es, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2014-16

What happens each Saturday?

Just like Footsteps 1, 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.

Areas of Study in Footsteps 2

[A brief guide to some of the features...]

The 5 main streams continue from Footsteps 1:

- Understanding the Bible— examining different types of Biblical writings—and developing skills in exegesis and hermeneutics.
- Living in God's Kingdom [Understanding our Faith] - exploring Christian approaches to ethical issues—and investigating different ways to communicate effectively in modern society.
- Deepening Spirituality— presenting more examples of Christian Spirituality, such as those from the Ignatian and Anabaptist traditions.
- Mission and Culture— engaging in Mission with practical examples from people working in specific areas.
- Baptist History and Principles— developing insights into what it means to be a Baptist in the local church and with ecumenical partners.

The same 2 option streams [from 4] are followed, building on teaching from Footsteps 1 with emphasis on specific issues and practical skills

- Pastoral Care—rites of passage and other special opportunities for offering Pastoral Care—and developing effective teams.
- Leadership Skills—styles and challenges of leadership—and ways to grow as leaders and avoid burn-out.
- Preaching Skills—opportunities to work collaboratively and individually on writing and delivering effective sermons—and exploring alternative ways to interact with congregations.
- Leading Worship—exploring worship through the Bible and prayer—and gathering for worship in specific circumstances and on special occasions.

With smaller numbers, more discussion and a heart to explore, Footsteps 2 has built on all that has gone before and encourages you not just to think outside the box, but actually to get out of the box!

Joseph Hayward, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2014-16

