

Footsteps

I am interested in receiving more information about Footsteps, so please send me the Information Pack and Application Form.

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Footsteps
Regent's Park College
Pusey Street
Oxford
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For the last eleven years the Southern Counties Baptist Association has run the Open College.

Footsteps is the course that has developed from the Open College with a new partnership with Regent's Park College. Although some changes have been made all that was good and appreciated about the Open College has been retained.

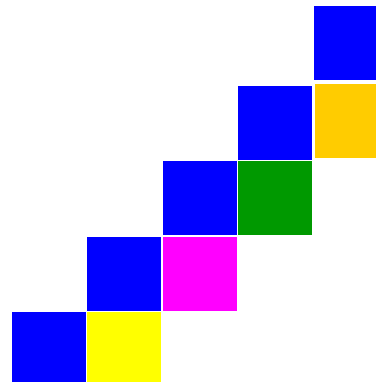
Comments on the Open College

'Every month the thrill of being part of a group of people who want to journey with God is second to none.'

'Over the past year I have learnt much.'

'I particularly enjoyed the pastoral group sessions for prayer. They were a great support as we prayed for each other.'

'Last year, before the start of the course, I was asked by several people if I would join the leadership team, but I felt God saying 'not yet.' This year I felt God was saying 'the time was right', even before I was asked.'



Footsteps

... for following
... for learning
... for serving

A training course
for everyone in
the church.



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Is a year's course designed for anyone who wants a deeper understanding of their faith and to develop skills useful for their particular ministry.

Who runs it?

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

When does it happen?

Ten Saturdays, 10am to 4pm, from September to June.

Where does it meet?

At Thatcham Baptist Church, Wheeler's Green Way, Thatcham, RG19 4YF .

What happens each day?

There will five sessions together with opportunities for worship and prayer altogether and in small groups, as well as breaks for coffee and lunch and tea. The sessions will be interactive and there will be lots to do and participate in, as well as opportunities to listen.

What is expected?

You will be expected to participate in the sessions, which will include some preparation between Saturdays. You will also be asked to keep a journal during the year as part of deepening your spirituality. There will also be the option of writing some assignments, if you wish to think a little more about any of the subjects.

What will we study?

There will be various subjects that run through the year, including:

- Understanding the Bible
- Understanding our faith
- Deepening spirituality
- Mission, evangelism and culture
- Baptist history and principles
- Pastoral Care
- Leadership Skills
- Leading Worship
- Preaching

While most of the subjects are studied together, you then choose to study further two of the last four subjects on the above list.

Are there any previous requirements?

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

What does it cost?

The cost is £295 for the whole year, although we would encourage your local church to contribute two thirds of the costs.

What will I receive?

There is a final evening in which certificates are given. In addition a short report is sent to you and to your church.

Will this course enable me to be a Lay Pastor?

Fully assessed, this forms the first year of the BUGB recognised course.

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If you want to know more, fill in and send the enquiry form overleaf.

You will then be sent a copy of the full Footsteps Information Pack.

This contains an application form which will need to be countersigned by your minister, or where there is no current minister, another appropriate leader in you church.

