

FOOTSTEPS

Although in a Baptist setting, people come from different backgrounds, so I'm enjoying looking at the history behind the reasons we do things. In our small groups, we talk, and pray for each other, about how the course is affecting what we do in our church context and in our daily lives.

Ian Braithwaite, Footsteps 1, 2014-15



There's a lot to cover, but a wide scope to keep everyone's interest. You get ideas from other people through different input and group discussions, and gain in confidence to say things yourself! The Worship stream has given me some useful hints which I like and will try.

Rachel Binnington, Footsteps 1, 2014-15



I've found looking at the Bible interesting, because it's a topic which perhaps we think we all know. We've particularly focussed on some of the areas which we don't touch because they are a little more unknown. So this encourages you to reach into your Bible a little bit more.

Rachel Gleave, Footsteps 1, 2014-15

Footsteps 1 has enhanced my walk with God. As I lead worship and I've started preaching at my own church, the Preaching and Worship streams have been very helpful, but I can't name one tutor, or one option, that I didn't enjoy. The whole experience was brilliant.

Richard Davies, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2013-15



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DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS

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



**2015
- 2016**

Footsteps is designed for anyone who wants a deeper understanding of their faith and to develop skills useful for their particular ministry.

Footsteps 1, the one year course, has been running for several years.

It is now possible to continue with a 2nd one year course — **Footsteps 2**.

Who runs it?

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

When does it 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 2015-16 are:

September 26th

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

January 9th

February 27th

March 12th

April 23rd

May 21st

June 11th

Where does Footsteps meet in SCBA?

Footsteps 1 [and 2] meet at The Baptist Church in Thatcham.

What happens 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 do ask that you have the support of your local church.

What does it cost?

For 2015-16 the cost is £330. We encourage your church to pay two-thirds.



The pastoral groups are a great place to interact with people who are not part of my everyday walk with God. Footsteps gives a background on which to raise ideas and be open to the Spirit's leading.

My strapline would be "Footsteps: stepping back to reflect, stepping up to study and stepping forwards in faith"

Joseph Hayward, Footsteps 1, 2014-15

What will we study in Footsteps 1?

There are 9 streams which run through the year:

- Understanding the Bible
- Understanding our Faith
- Deepening Spirituality
- Mission, Evangelism and Culture
- Baptist History and Principles
- Pastoral Care
- Leadership Skills
- Preaching Skills
- Leading Worship

While everyone studies 5 of the subjects together, there are also some option choices.

What can I expect?

- Interactive participation in sessions.
- A little preparation 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!]

Who to contact?

Any questions—contact Anne Lane,

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It's good to find that the teaching often resonates with things I've been thinking about and reading. Footsteps encourages on-going learning and interpreting rather than giving just one answer to a situation. The course seems tailored to help you develop as an individual, honing skills and gaining confidence in using your gifts to live out your faith.

Lyn Sweeney, Footsteps 1, 2014-15

