

FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps has challenged me to re-examine core Biblical beliefs and how they apply in a post-Christian culture. It has been uncomfortable in my mind at times as I have been a Christian for many years but has also brought a new sense of freedom and delight in my relationship with Jesus. Our small Prayer Group is a 'haven' which has seen laughter, tears, anxiety, heartfelt sharing, joy and healing. Incredible, when we have only known each other for a few months but there is a depth of care for one another that is very special and has resulted in emails of prayer and support between FOOTSTEPS days, just to encourage one another.



Jeri Swaffer, Footsteps 1, 2016-17

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

Footsteps 1 has given me the opportunity to explore a wide range of issues relating to my faith, church and mission in greater depth. It is presented in an accessible way which is easy to follow and has enriched my understanding, enhancing my role within the local church in a practical way.



Jakki Nobbs, Footsteps 1, 2016-17

The Footsteps course has been a great experience: it has really challenged my thinking and my walk with God not to mention the impact it has had when preparing Bible studies and answering questions in the 11-14 age group I run. I would highly recommend the course especially if you want to know more about our faith and our God, but do be ready to be challenged and to change.



Matt Scotney, Footsteps 1, 2016-17

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DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS



**2017
– 2018**



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

New Children, Youth and Family Option Stream for 2017-18

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 10 years. **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 Southern Counties Baptist Association and the Central Baptist Association. This year the Centre for Family and Childhood Studies, Bristol Baptist College is offering a new option within SCBA Footsteps.

Dates for 2017-18:

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

23RD SEPTEMBER	24TH FEBRUARY
14TH OCTOBER	17TH MARCH
11TH NOVEMBER	28TH APRIL
9TH DECEMBER	19TH MAY
13TH JANUARY	16TH JUNE

Venue:

In SCBA Footsteps 1 and 2 meet at The Baptist Church in Thatcham.

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 SCBA through training grants.



Studying in Footsteps 1:

There are 10 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

5 are option subjects from which students either choose TWO:

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

or just ONE, for those taking the 'double' option

- Children, Youth and Family

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.

Regionally Recognised Leaders:

For anyone who seeks to become a Regionally Recognised Leader, Footsteps 1 and 2, with all assignments successfully completed, fulfil the *academic* requirement. [See SCBA website for full RRL details.]

To find out more

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To download the SCBA Footsteps Information Pack

- ♦ go to the SCBA website > Resources > Downloads
- ♦ or www.rpc.ox.ac.uk and follow links to Students > Studying here > Community Learning > Footsteps courses