

FOOTSTEPS

DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS



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

**Children, Youth and Families stream
now in its second year**

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 11 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 *anyone* 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. The Children, Youth and Families option, introduced last year and supported by the Centre for Family and Childhood Studies, Bristol Baptist College, will run again this year.

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.

22nd September	9th February
13th October	16th March
17th November	27th April
8th December	11th May
12th January	15th June

Venue: 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 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 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 Families

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 > Footsteps
- ◆ 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 am absolutely loving this course. There is such a diverse group of people that I learn something from every time I attend. The topics give various focuses on our faith and challenge you to look at things in new ways. I see something different in myself that I can apply to my Christian faith and my church as the course is progressing. Thank you for the opportunities I have been given.

Nick Levens, Footsteps 1, 2017-18



Footsteps is a wonderful opportunity to think more deeply about our faith and the way it is outworked. It's a safe space to have some of our long held ideas challenged and for new learning to take place. I am particularly delighted that there is now a Children Youth and Family stream where those who work in this vital area can be resourced and exposed to current thinking regarding CYF. I really hope that more people engage with it so that our association has people that are equipped, encouraged and inspired to keep going in serving the young people and children in their churches and in their communities.

Clare Hooper, SCBA Children, Youth and Families Missional Developer

