

EQUIPPING REQUESTS for NBC

As a result of 'The Question 2008' we are trying to gather the 'equipping' needs from all those who are part of NBC. We have summarised the requests that we have received so far in the document below and would like to ensure that everyone in the Church has an opportunity to respond. These requests will eventually be passed on to Jon and Rashell who will determine the best way of meeting them.

Please review this document in order to determine whether

- (a) It adequately covers your equipping needs?
- (b) You think anything else needs adding
- (c) You are happy with the priorities

Please pass on comments to any member of the equipping team (Clifton Malcolm, Mike Eaton, Chris Scott, and Caroline Welch) **by 30th August at the latest**. Any comments by email can be sent to clifton.malcolm@talktalk.net or office@newburybaptist.org.uk

If you have any queries please contact Clifton Malcolm on 01635 45382

God Bless

Clifton

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High Priority Requests:

AREA	TEACHING REQUEST	SUGGESED FORUM
Current topical issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Islam - Other Religions - Other denominations - Middle East Conflict - Stem Cell Research - Sabbath Rest - Israel - Homosexuality - Divorce - Abortion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be added to the portfolio of a Deacon to ensure support. - Special events in various forms (e.g. workshops, evening sessions). - Needs to be a regular thing backed up with small groups as appropriate.
Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building confidence for praying in public and for corporate prayer. - Teaching about the different forms of prayer (silent, group, individual, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching/tools delivered within small groups with an opportunity to practice there. - Corporate prayer meetings held midweek with a particular focus or theme (E.g. national issues, holiday club)
Bible characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lots of interest to learn about Less well know biblical characters - Real life Christians Examples (Nelson Mandela, Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, etc) - Major biblical Characters - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sermons and small group sessions with some linking as appropriate
Bible overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk through the bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Day session at NBC or similar venue
Pressures of Today's world	Opportunity to hear and understand what pressures other people are affected by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special course/ workshop

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	(E.g. debt, health, work etc.)	
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Medium Priority Requests:

AREA	TEACHING REQUEST	SUGGESED FORUM
Marriage course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to be a good partner – Open to non-Christians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special course (e.g. Care for the family).
Bible study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising awareness of resources available. - Availability of the Bible in other languages - Help to build confidence of those leading Bible studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assigning a person or team to be responsible for resources and set up a resource centre within the church. - Workshop for Bible study leaders run by a specialist
Bible topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contentious and difficult topics (e.g. end times, creation vs. Evolution, holy trinity, gifts of the spirit). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sermons
Sharing our faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to share your faith in a natural way. - Outreach – how to integrate disadvantaged people into the church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop / Training Course
Listening to others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catered for already in forthcoming Listening service - Provide presence in the community by setting up a Cafe Church (See May Baptist Times). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listening Service - Set up team to investigate the Cafe Church idea and other options/venues for providing a presence in the community. See http://www.cafechurch.net/
Parenting course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to be a good Parent – open to non-Christians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special course (e.g. Care for the family)
Singleness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sex before marriage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special course (e.g. Care for the family) - Use of anonymous questionnaire to singles within the

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	- Living together	church to determine what other topics need to be considered
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Low Priority Requests:

AREA	TEACHING REQUEST	SUGGESED FORUM
Christian foundations	- Alpha Course for new Christians - Beta course or similar for people without a church background	- Special courses
Bible overview	- How Old testament points towards Jesus - God's purpose	- Sermons or small group Series
Money	- Practical training	- Special course/ workshop
Addiction	- Drugs, alcoholism, etc	- Special course/ workshop
Being a Christian at work	- Relating to the boss, Ethical issues, etc.	- Special course/ workshop
Volunteering and Mission opportunities	- Raising awareness of overseas/UK mission and Volunteering opportunities	- Special course/ workshop - Specific resources held in an NBC resource centre

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Specific Recommendations so far from the Equipping Workgroup:

1. The area relating to current topical issues to be added to the portfolio of Deacon to ensure proper focus and support is given
2. Any corporate prayer meetings to be held midweek with a specific focus or theme in order to encourage greater attendance
3. A person or team of people to be made responsible for resources and for administration of a resource centre.
4. A small team to be appointed to investigate the 'Cafe Church' idea and other options/venues for providing a presence in the community. See <http://www.cafechurch.net/>
5. An anonymous questionnaire to be sent to singles within the church to determine what other topics need to be considered in the area of singleness
6. Further to the responses from the small groups, other areas to be considered are 'Being a Christian at work' and 'volunteering and Mission opportunities'.

Notes

1. Equipping requests based on response received from 6 out of 12 Small Groups
2. Equipping workgroup are Clifton Malcolm, Mike Eaton, Chris Scott, Caroline Welch