September , 2022

***NEXT STEPS Explanation Pages***

*NEXT STEPS is the new name of our effort at facilitating Spiritual Growth for each person at BCC*

*NEXT STEPS is the improvement and relaunch of the discipleship path at BCC*

*NEXT STEPS is based on the fact that …*

*Following Jesus is a wonderful, life long journey – Keep moving forward*

*What is your NEXT STEP?*

*NEXT STEPS refers to …*

*a NEXT STEP of* ***Learning*** *or* ***Doing*** *or* ***Being*** *for You in Following Jesus*

*NEXT STEPS is about an ultimate goal we are all to be aiming toward …*

***Becoming like Jesus*** *(fully mature in Jesus Cols.1:28-29; Christlike character 2 Corth.3:18)*

*NEXT STEPS will happen best when we think “****interdependence****”*

*The* ***help of the church*** *and* ***personal initiative***

***The help of the church*** *will include the following* ***big picture******framework*** *along with specific* ***courses****,* ***resources*** *and* ***opportunities****.*

***Your personal initiative*** *begins with:*

1. *Awareness of the Next Steps Framework and then…*
2. *Answering the following Questions:*

What is a NEXT STEP of Learning for you in following Jesus?

What is a NEXT STEP of Doing for you in following Jesus?

What is a NEXT STEP of Being for you in following Jesus?

Is there a Course, Resource or Opportunity at BCC that can help you take a next step?

The **“Framework” help of BCC** for your Next Steps

A Next Step of ***Learning*** involves some Knowledge you need for going forward following Jesus

-- Most courses will be 2 one hour sessions in-person and video on demand via our website (\*indicates exceptions to this format such as Alpha)

-\**Investigating faith in God and Jesus – ALPHA course* (*6 -8 weeks, 2 hours with meal)*

-\**Overview & basics of Christian faith* – *Starting Point* video course & “ (7 weeks,) *Faith Starts*” (1 hour)

-*Clarity about God* – almighty & personal God, the trinity, God as Father, Jesus as God incarnate, God the Holy Spirit at work in you

-*Confidence in the Bible* – how it is trustworthy; how to make sense of it, how to read & study it

-*Praying & Reading the Bible Yourself*

-*Your Identity & Purpose in Christ*

-*Being Like Jesus and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit*

-*Spiritually Helpful Friendships*

-*Serving & spiritually gifts for doing it*

-*How to Share Your Faith in Jesus*

-\**The Marriage course* (7 weeks, 1.5 -2 hours)

-*Sexuality, Singleness & Marriage with God at the centre*

*-Pain & Suffering and walking with God*

-\**Budgeting/ Managing Your $ -- CAP Money course* (3 sessions over 4 weeks, 90 min.)

A Next Step of ***Doing*** involves *Personal Practices*, *Church* *Activities* and *Activities with Others* that you need for going forward in following Jesus.

*Personal Practices* of …

* Personal Bible Reading & Prayer

“How to Read the Bible & Pray Yourself” course to help

* Giving as worship to God -

Stewardship & Budgeting – the “CAP Money course” to help

* Sharing your Faith with others

“How to Share Your Faith course” to help

Invite a friend to come to “Alpha”

*Church* *Activities* of …

* Worship Service attend each week
* Baptism – obedience step, public declaration of your faith in Jesus
* Serving – at and through BCC; into the community

“Serving & Spiritual Gifts for doing it” course

*Activities with Others* of “Spiritually Helpful Friendships”

* Small Group/ Care Group involvement – encouragement in living for Jesus
* Peer friendships – awareness, care, joy, serving together, help in following Jesus
* Mentoring relationship – encouragement & accountability for goals and challenges in being all God wants you to be – Being a mentee or mentor

A Next Step of  ***Being*** has to do with your character and becoming more like Jesus for going forward in following Him.

Assurance in your relationship with God bringing your Hope and Peace

Faith Starts course &/or Starting Point course

Joy and Confidence as a follower of Jesus

Your Identity and Purpose in Christ course

Humility, Grace and a Servant’s heart – Being a positive person for the Lord

Being Like Jesus and the Fruit of the Spirit course

Encouraged and Accountable in becoming all God intends you to be and doing all God intends you to do – help for this through a Mentoring Relationship

Your **Personal Initiative** for your Next Steps will involve …

Focussing on one or two steps for your spiritual growth this year rather than many intentions in many directions resulting in minimal actual growth.

\*Realize that : *“A goal without a plan is just wishful thinking”.*

*“ A plan without accountability and encouragement is easy to leave and hard to achieve.”* --- Let some people know your plan.

*“We need to help each other so spiritual growth happens for each of us.”*

\*Be aware of the following calendar of BCC courses/ opportunities and take appropriate action

**Calendar of NEXT STEPS courses/opportunities at BCC for Fall ’22 and Winter/Spring ‘23**

(Note: see church website for additional opportunities such as GriefShare, DivorceCare, etc.)

**Sun. September 11th – Welcome Back Sunday & Barbecue**

**Sun. September 18th** – **ALPHA Info & Training meeting** – (after worship service, 30 min.)

* For people who might invite friends, for people who might serve in ALPHA

**All of September** promotion & invitation to **become part of a Small Group/Care Group**

(groups continue for the year, usually bi-weekly)

**Sunday October 2nd – Lunch & Learn about Mentoring**

– information and help for potential mentees and mentors

(a mentoring relationship involves a once a month meeting for the year)

**Sun. October 16th - CAP Money Course** (afternoon) – (3 sessions approx. 90 min. over 4 weeks)

* Teaching and very practical help for successful budgeting and stewardship

**Mon. October 17th** **ALPHA investigating faith & Jesus** 6:30pm – 8pm **(**six weekly sessions)

**Sun. October 23rd Serving & Spiritual Gifts course** (two parts) (after worship service, 60 min.)

**Mon. October 24th ALPHA** part 2 of 6 **investigating faith & Jesus** 6:30pm – 8pm

**Sun. October 30th Serving & Spiritual Gifts course** part 2 of 2 (after worship service, 60 min.)

**Sun. October 30th CAP Money Course** part 2 of 3 (after worship service, 90 min.)

**Mon. October 31st ALPHA** part 3 of 6 **investigating faith & Jesus** 6:30pm – 8pm

**Sun. November 6th CAP Money Course** part 3 of 3 (after worship service, 90 min.)

**Mon.November 7th ALPHA** part 4 of 6 **investigating faith & Jesus** 6:30pm – 8pm

**Mon.November 14th ALPHA** part 5 of 6 **investigating faith & Jesus** 6:30pm – 8pm

**Sun.November 20th Pain & Suffering and God course** (2 parts, after worship service, 60 min.)

**Mon.November 21st ALPHA** part 6 of 6 **investigating faith & Jesus** 6:30pm – 8pm

**Sun.November 27th Pain & Suffering and God course** (2 parts, after worship service, 60 min.)

**Sun.November 27th Mentors Aware, Care & Prayer time (7pm)**

**Mon.November 28th ALPHA** extra session date if needed

**Mon. December 5th** possible Faith Starts course if interest from Alpha

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**Sun. January 15th Alpha MARRIAGE Course on zoom (part 1 of 7) – 7pm – 8:30pm**

**Marriage course** will continue on **Sunday nights Jan. 22nd, 29th, & Feb. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th**

\*\*courses and dates to be determined for winter & spring 2023 …

such as **How to Share Your Faith in Canada today** (2 part); **Confidence in the Bible** (2 part) …