Why study theology?
- To grow in your faith
- To better understand the Bible and who God is for us today
- To equip yourself for ministry and mission
- To develop as a leader
- To honour the mind God gave you by grappling with questions

When does it start?
The first unit will be Holistic Witness: Introduction to Mission (DM101), taught by Dr Ross Langmead, Professor of Missiology at Whitley College. Taught from 9 am to 1 pm at New Hope Baptist Church on seven Saturdays in 2012: March 3, 17, 31, April 14, 28, May 12, 26.

The second unit will be Christianity through the Centuries: From the Reformation to Modern Times (CH112), taught by Rev Dr Marita Munro, Professor of Baptist Studies at Whitley College. Taught at New Hope from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays in 2012: July 28, August 11, 25, September 8, October 6, 20, November 3.

Who can enrol?
Graduates in any discipline, such as arts or science.

What does a Graduate Diploma in Theology (GradDipTheol) involve?
A GradDipTheol is a short intro to theology, requiring six units, of which at least three are foundational and cover three disciplines. The first two units in 2012 are foundational, and a biblical unit the following year will complete the foundational requirements. Three other units will be offered at New Hope Baptist after that, though students are free to select from dozens of other elective units offered at Whitley College and other Melbourne College of Divinity colleges too.

You have three years to complete the GradDipTheol.

If you find you love it, you can switch to a Master of Divinity, a rounded degree in theology that takes three years full-time (or up to nine). The GradDipTheol units will count towards the MDiv.

How much time does this study take?
At graduate level you need to spend about two or three hours out of class for every hour you spend in class.

In the New Hope units there will be an online component of about an hour each two weeks, where you need to contribute ideas to an online forum (sometime within the fortnight—not a ‘real time’ chat session).

What about access to books and references?
At the graduate level, independent research and use of a range of references is expected.
- Some readings will be distributed, either on paper or on a CD.
- An increasing number of references are available in full-text online, through databases that Whitley students have access to.
- Some texts can be bought easily.
- But you still need to make time to get to a theological library to borrow books, particularly when it comes to writing essays. You will have borrowing rights at the Whitley Library in Parkville, and other libraries within the Melbourne College of Divinity, such as Stirling College (formerly CCTC) in Mulgrave and Yarra Theological Union in Box Hill.
Who will be in the class?
New Hope Baptist people and others who choose to enrol from nearby churches or from the Whitley student body. Next year’s two foundational units are open not only to graduates but also to undergraduates who take it at a slightly easier level.

What does it cost?
A graduate semester unit in 2012 costs $1518, comparable to graduate study in most places. If you are eligible for the government loan scheme (FEE-HELP), it is available. See www.goingtouni.gov.au.

When do you need to enrol?
You can enrol at any time at the Theological Office at Whitley College—50 The Avenue, Parkville—with enrolments closing on 17 February. Whitley will endeavour to make a time for you to enrol conveniently at New Hope one Saturday in early February.

To enrol you need
- to have filled out an application form (available on the Whitley website at www.whitley.unimelb.edu.au)
- to show evidence of citizenship or permanent residence, and
- to bring certificates of previous degrees.

Further enquiries
You may contact the Dean, Ross Langmead, on 9340 8021 or at rlangmead@whitley.unimelb.edu.au.

Or you may contact the Registrar, Rosemary Dillon, on 9340 8023 or at rdillon@whitley.unimelb.edu.au.