

CCEL Home Page Tuneup

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This project involves making modifications to the CCEL home page to better emphasize the mission and key tasks, adding some information and some things that change over time. It should have a more prominent search box, navigation links below the task icons, and more information at the bottom of the page, above the ad. The home page should also be made responsive, so that it is usable at a range of screen sizes, from a desktop-sized window down to a smartphone. It should be tested on a tablet and smartphone.

Search box

The search box on the home menu bar should be hidden for the home page only. Instead, there should be a larger search box on the right half of the background image, vertically centered between the top of the image and the top of the task boxes. Perhaps it should have a white border like the task boxes, and it should contain the grayed out text “Search the CCEL” with the magnifying glass icon leading to the advanced search page.

Navigation links

There should be three links below each of the task boxes, not unlike on the Hymnary.org home page. To make room, perhaps the task boxes could be raised a bit and shrunk a bit.

The links below the task boxes could be as follows:

- Research
 - Find a book – link to /search/books
 - Advanced search – link to <http://www.ccel.org/search/fulltext?advanced>
 - Early Church Fathers – link to /fathers
- Study
 - Study Bible – link to /study page
 - Commentaries – link to /study showing available commentaries
 - Encyc of Christianity – link /search/definitions
- Read
 - New and popular – link to /read page
 - Browse books – link to Browse by Author (A)
 - Featured book – for now, link to /read page section?
- Meditate
 - Daily readings – link to /meditate page
 - Forums
 - Study groups
- Give
 - Proofread books
 - Lead a study group
 - Donate

Page bottom

At the bottom of the page, we should add additional information. Perhaps it can have up to three columns, depending on the width of the page. It should have the following components:

- A blurb about the site mission—to be supplied
- A note: you can Subscribe to support CCEL.org and eliminate ads
- A list of the top 5 monographs of the last week
- Highlight a particular (random) book or study group
- Show the top 3 most active wikibook projects, along with a sentence describing wikibooks
- Add user-specific navigation options: your groups, your bookmarks, your most recent annotations
- Recent forum posts (titles only)
- What's new (three most recently added books)