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*Margaret Cotton, Missionary Director*

We Christians know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is timeless and relevant to each generation, but how do we reach seekers in ways that they will receive it with joy and pass it forward? How can we change our Evangelism methodology from the traditional proclamation to one of conversation? How can we reach 59% of millennials who are growing up in the church but leave by age 30? Over the next three decades, statistics reveal that 42 million young people will leave the church. What can we do to reverse this trend?

Obviously, we think that one of the main answers lies with Alpha!

## Alpha This Fall...

**“DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?”**

“IS THERE MORE TO  
LIFE THAN THIS?”

“IS THERE A  
GOD?”

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**FIND OUT  
ABOUT THE  
ALPHA COURSE**

In about six weeks, many Alpha courses will be starting here in South Carolina, but also all over the US and the world. If you already are in the midst of organizing your Alpha, good for you! But if you are still thinking about the possibility of Alpha, it's not too late! I am here to help you no matter what situation in which you find yourself. I provide trainings, coaching, help with resources, inviting guests or any other areas where you would like help and there is no charge for my services!

Also, there are many exciting new resources to help you promote your courses. You can purchase them through Outreach – [www.outreach.com](http://www.outreach.com) or as free digital downloads from the Alpha USA website through Alpha Builder.

## Alpha on the Campuses & Youth Pastor/Leader Trainings...

As part of the Alpha South Carolina mission, we currently train and coach courses on or near college campuses. As the campuses generally have limited funds to provide something like Alpha, a portion of our funding is set aside to help with their food and materials cost. **If you would like to help us in this mission, please consider a donation marked for “college course support.”** We have worked with The Citadel, Coastal Carolina, Clemson and USC Aiken, and have goals to help start Alpha with several others.

We also provide training for youth pastors and leaders by providing seminars around the state, including seminars with national speaker like Brock Morgan. Part of our funding is allocated to cover all of those expenses.

## Kingdom Come Prayer...

Would you consider joining us for Kingdom Come Prayer?

We are so excited to pray with hundreds, hopefully thousands of others around the country in August.

You can join us by signing up to pray on your own here:

**[Click to sign up for a time slot on our 24/7 prayer page.](#)**

Alpha South Carolina also has a monthly prayer call that we invite you to join. On the first Monday of the month at 4:00 pm, we hold a prayer conference call, during which we pray for Alpha South Carolina and the courses being held around the state, events that are happening and for any other needs. You are welcome to send in your own prayer requests and join us.

***Our call in number is 605-313-5107 Access code 656709#***

## Other Exciting News...

I am pleased to announce two recent developments.

First: Alpha South Carolina has been selected, this year, as an ***Associate with the Charleston Leadership Foundation***. CLF was founded in 2002 to bring together local Christian leaders. One of their main events is the Annual Prayer Breakfast, traditionally held in the fall, where nationally known speakers give their testimony on how faith has transformed their lives. For more information on CLF, visit their website: **[www.clf1670.org](http://www.clf1670.org)**

**This year's Prayer Breakfast:  
November 19 from 7-9 AM  
at the Charleston Area Convention Center**

Each year, CLF selects three charities they have vetted and deem worthy of support. I am thrilled to say that Alpha South Carolina is one of their selections this year!

Secondly, we are excited to share that we have attained “Silver Status” with GuideStar. GuideStar ([www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)) is an information source providing information on US nonprofits. Many individuals, companies, and foundations utilize information from GuideStar to determine which charities they want to support. As we are currently working toward our Gold Status, many of the fields are pending update - and in the meantime show the questions as “not applicable.” Nevertheless, we invite you to:

[Click here to see our Silver Seal Profile page!](#)

## **Don't miss the Alpha Conference 2020!**

The last two years the Alpha Conferences have been met with rave reviews. The focus continues to be on Kingdom Culture and Prayer. This year's conference will be once again at Hillsong Church in Mesa, AZ January 30-31. Here are some of the featured speakers this year – Francis Chan, the Rt Rev. Sandy Millar (Bishop and original Vicar at HTB who has led powerful Holy Spirit sessions), Fr. James Mallon of the Divine Renovation Movement in the Catholic Church, Nicky and Sila Lee, pioneers of the Alpha Marriage Course (newly filmed and updated for release in the spring) and many others.

**Worship will be led by Matt Redman!**

[Register HERE!](#)

## **We need your help...**

As we work to spread the Good News of Jesus to all, especially to those who have no relationship with Him, we need your prayers and we need your financial support. Running this ministry is not without cost. The more colleges we can help, the more seminars and workshops we can provide, and the more trainings we can offer, all result in many more lives transformed. We recognize there are many worthwhile charities and ministries you can support but this is one which has eternal consequences! We have many more projects we'd like to achieve. Will you consider helping us? You can make your offering to *Christian Ministries/Alpha South Carolina, 1928 Davant Circle, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464* or use PayPal or your credit card to donate here:

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