

Alpha South Carolina

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Alpha

As of the writing of this newsletter, Hurricane Dorian has ravaged the Bahamas and is currently headed towards the southeast coast. We don't yet have any definitive track it will take. Our prayers are with the people of the Bahamas as well as prayers that Dorian will stay off the coast, diminish in strength and continue on out to sea without any further damage.



Margaret Cotton, Missionary Director

Fall Alpha Courses

Many churches around the state are starting their fall sessions of Alpha. If you are interested in attending or know someone you'd like to invite to one, you can locate the closest Alpha course to you by visiting our website (click on link above, then choose "TRY ALPHA" in the menu bar) or contact me directly by replying to this eNewsletter.

Youth/Campus Update

American youth culture is shifting. Today's youth are not satisfied to just listen and accept truth. According to recent studies, when it comes to Jesus, a majority of youth feel Jesus is not worth their time (Pinetops Foundation, 2018)

And for many millennials who do feel knowing Jesus is the "best thing that could happen to anyone", a shocking 47% say it's wrong to share their faith. (Reviving Evangelism, Barna Research, 2019)

We maintain that Alpha Youth Series is one of the best ways to bring young people into relationship with Jesus Christ, or to strengthen their faith with solid gospel teaching. Still, our work is cut out for us and we have a great opportunity to impact generations to come!

[Click Here to View Our Recent Video](#)

As part of the Alpha South Carolina mission, we are once again working to support college courses which have started at The Citadel, College of Charleston, Clemson, and, for the first time, Charleston Southern University. We know that a large percentage of young people raised in Christian homes leave the church once they attend college, so we want to make sure they have a chance to develop or re-develop their faith through participating in an Alpha course. A portion of our funding is designated to help provide food and materials for college courses. Would you consider donating to Alpha SC so we can help these courses?

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Greenville

We are currently working to develop our work in the Greenville/Spartanburg area and recently talked with a number of churches who are interested in starting Alpha. We are also investigating helping run Alpha courses at campuses in that area. If you are in the area and would like to help with either a church course, a home course or a campus course, please contact me.

I am currently planning an Alpha lunch gathering in early October.

If you are a pastor, an Alpha administrator or just someone who wants to help with Alpha, details will follow.

It's not too late to register for 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!](#)

Prayer

Please remember that Alpha South Carolina has a monthly prayer call and YOU are invited to join. On the first Monday of every 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#.

We continue to 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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