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Happy Thanksgiving!

As we approach Thanksgiving later this month, I want to take the time to say I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. It's a time when we can reflect on all the blessings we have received and for which we are grateful.

Alpha courses are in full swing and many of them have had powerful Holy Spirit Days!. The Holy Spirit Day is one of the most important parts of the Alpha course and where many lives are touched and transformed. Please let us know if we can assist you with that or any other Alpha question or need.

Also this fall we are thrilled to support college campus courses at The Citadel, Coastal Carolina and Clemson. We are working on plans to help other campuses and schools. Young people today are under significant pressures and helping them establish a strong faith is critical.

Although this is always a busy time with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, it's not too soon to be thinking about starting Alpha in January or February.

I am happy to meet with you to discuss the planning. The three critical elements of an Alpha are the food, the talks and the small group discussion, with the whole course being powered by prayer and the Holy Spirit. One of the most critical elements is the selection of your table hosts and helpers for the discussion. I can assist you in how to select them and then provide training. The most successful Alpha courses have well trained leaders. There is great training available online, but I am also available to be there in person!



Ministry Report



Recently we hosted “A Morning with Brock Morgan” in the Greenville area. Brock is a well-known youth pastor, author and speaker. Each time we bring him to South Carolina, he inspires many of our youth pastors and leaders. His topic was based partially on his newest book, Youth Ministry 2027. Virtually all of the participants responded with top rankings of his presentation. A few of the comments:

“It is important to be intentional about moving students from their world of doubt to truth of a deeper faith...To not shy away from going deeper”

“Hope for the future and the resources to make it happen. Brock Rocks!”

“This was a clear and accurate depiction of the current and previous youth cultures.”

“The importance of teaching our students how to pray, and grow deeper.”

Brock also spoke to a youth group of middle and high schoolers and was very well received. Seth Buckley, the Youth Pastor, comments:

“What a blessing to have Brock Morgan speak to our students at First Baptist Spartanburg. God used Brock to bring a powerful breakthrough message that really impacted our students. We had a large number of students that made decisions “to lay down their masks” and embrace Jesus. Praise be to God.”

We are already planning to bring Brock again next year (for the 7th year!) and will be determining where in South Carolina for this meeting. Please let us know if you would be interested in hosting his presentation.

A Matter of Prayer...

As you may know, prayer is one of the key foundational elements of Alpha and all we do. We currently offer a Prayer Course online and free. Journey through the Lord's Prayer with six interactive video sessions and a discussion guide, all designed to fuel discussion and deepen your prayer life. Great for churches as well as small groups.

www.prayercourse.org

Ministry Needs

As we work to spread the good news of Jesus to all, especially to those who have no relationship to 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. Would 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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Prayer Call Information

We also invite you to join our monthly prayer call. 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 (515) 739-1034
Access code 656709#



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The week of Thanksgiving also brings us the opportunity to join in a National day of Giving Thankfully to the nonprofit services that are near and dear to our hearts. It's called #GivingTuesday, and this year we will offer our faithful donors an opportunity to give a gift of thankfulness, according to how deeply Alpha has touched their lives and the lives of those they love.