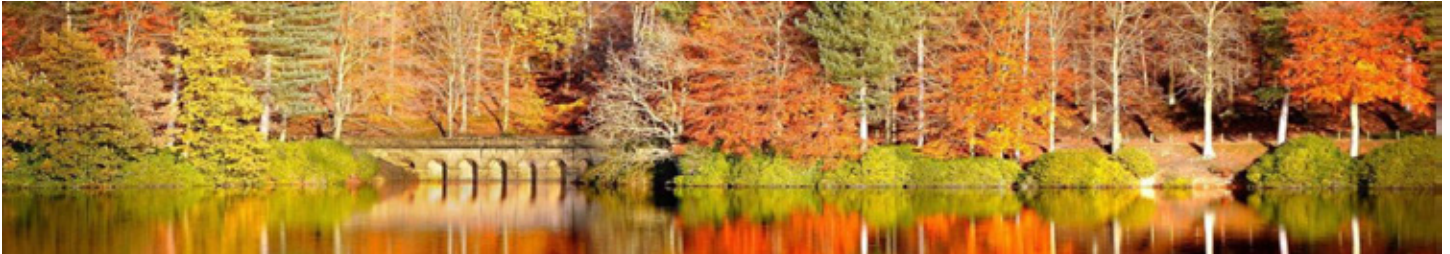


# Alpha South Carolina

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It's hard to believe it is already the middle of October. We hope you are doing well and finding ways to worship together again. This year has been a challenge for all of us and we are all adjusting to new ways to adapt to this "new normal." We continually pray for all who have been affected by the virus and for all those in the healthcare industries who are truly heroes in this crisis.



*Margaret Cotton, Missionary Director*

## Alpha Update

Since March, Alpha courses have primarily been held online. Over 2,100 churches have run Alpha Online and of those churches, about 42% are running Alpha for the first time! Running online is so easy – it doesn't require set up, food or a large team and we are finding that people who might never come to Alpha at a church will join online in the comfort of their homes. Many churches are also finding that there are no geographic restrictions. One of our Catholic parishes who runs Alpha in Spanish (as well as English), has participants from Venezuela, Colombia, Puerto Rico and more! We have also seen a huge growth in both Alpha Youth and Alpha in the Catholic Context.

This fall, some churches are running Alpha Online, some in person, and some are doing a combination of both. Please contact us if there is any way we can help you now or as you begin to prepare for next year. Also, Alpha offers a Pre- Marriage and Marriage Course, and we are happy to help with that as well!

## Alpha South Carolina Champions Network

This summer, Alpha South Carolina founded the Alpha South Carolina Champions Network. The mission is to be a community of Alpha Champions across South Carolina encouraging and equipping each other in mutual mission for the sake of the kingdom of God. Our vision is to see the transforming work of the Spirit present and active in as many lives across South Carolina as possible through the ministry of Alpha, and to support Alpha SC in its mission to help facilitate new and ongoing evangelism through Alpha across the state.

Many of you receiving this newsletter are already members of the network. If you aren't and would like to be, please contact us! We have monthly statewide calls as well as a special Facebook group where members can post questions, feedback, testimonials and more.

**Our next call is October 22 and we'd be happy for you to join us.**

## An opportunity for you to help the ministry!

As you probably know, we receive no funding from Alpha USA or Alpha International, so we rely on generous givers to help the ministry operate and provide training and coaching for churches, prisons, and campuses. In particular, it is an important part of our ministry to help provide financial support to Alpha courses running on college campuses and to provide extra training workshops for youth pastors and leaders. Currently we have an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 match if we raise \$1,000 online by October 31. Would you consider helping us?

Click [here](#) to go to our website and click on the donate button to make an online contribution. Any amount will help us get to our \$1,000 goal! We would be most appreciative of your generous support!

Of course, you may always choose to donate by check, but the match opportunity only applies to donations made online.

## Monthly Prayer Call

On the first Monday of each month we have a prayer call at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to join. We pray for Alpha South Carolina as well as Alpha around the US and the world. We are happy to pray for you, too! You can join us with your prayer requests or email me with a request and we will be sure to pray for you.

