

# Alpha South Carolina

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Alpha

It's hard to believe June is upon us. It has been exceptionally hot in the Charleston area, so I hope wherever you are, you are staying cool!

A LOT has been happening! I hope you enjoy these highlights.



Margaret Cotton, Missionary Director



## The Brock Morgan Event



On May 2nd, we brought Brock Morgan back to the Charleston area. Each year we invite him to a different area of the state to speak about the future of youth ministry. (If you are interested in having him join you in your community next year, let me know.)

This year I added in a short presentation summarizing some of the latest Barna Research as well as research from other organizations.

We had approximately 30 youth pastors and leaders in attendance. Based on the feedback forms received, 88% rated the presentation excellent and the others "very good" and 100% said they found the information to be "very helpful" for their ministry. Here are a few of the comments:

*"The movement is coming and we need to be ready (2027). Great talk today! We've got a lot of work to do."*

*"Questions are not just okay – but needed - need a safe place to share doubts and actually work out your faith. Super great perspective with the statistics – sad and our work is cut out for us!"*

*"Children have needs that that change with the culture. Evangelistic as well as teaching styles change with the times. We must treat people with kindness and teach that hashing out truth isn't immoral."*

*"Great information on how to better equip our students and parents."*

## Alpha International 2019 Leadership Conference Report



**Alpha Banner outside Holy Trinity Brompton, London**

On May 3rd I departed for London and the Alpha International Leadership Conference and Alpha Global Gathering. We were treated to awesome worship including Matt Redman and Matt Maher; fantastic speakers like Craig Groeschel of Life Church in the US, Father James Mallon, best known for the development of the Divine Renovation Ministry, working with Catholic Parishes all over the world, and Charlotte Gambill of Life Church, UK.

We heard about the development of Alpha in Malaysia and how it all starts with “one person inviting one person” to Alpha. We heard from a young Muslim teen who found Jesus through Alpha, and the struggles she went through when her family disowned her.

One of the things I always find most inspiring is the “Reports from the Nations” – hearing what is happening with Alpha in countries all over the world.

There were great breakout sessions on the newly updated Marriage Course, Prayer, Alpha Youth and many more. Wish I could have attended all of them!

We also had the opportunity to sit in on the HTB training for Alpha leaders. Some great ideas and new thoughts on training host and helpers.

Speaking of conferences, the next Alpha USA conference is January 30-31, once again at Hillsong Church in Mesa. As always, there is great worship, fantastic speakers and important breakout sessions. If you are able to attend, register by clicking this link:

**[Register for Alpha 2020 Conference](#)**



## Campus Update – Will You Help?

We work with a number of college campuses around the state. I wanted to highlight our work with some of the ministries at The Citadel who offer Alpha. For the past two years, they have run an Alpha in the fall. Based on the fruit and feedback, they offered Alpha again this spring. Here are quotes from two of the cadets:

*“To me, [Alpha through] the Charleston Wesley Foundation [Methodist] was the home that helped me get out of the barracks to a supportive group. It was always the best meal of the week for me. But, more than that, CWF and Alpha has helped me find God and pursue my faith. Without Aaron and the rest of the CWF leadership I wouldn’t have been baptized and I never would’ve started my journey in Christ. And, I know that there are many other cadets and college students that CWF and Alpha has helped in the same way.” - Eric S.*

*“For a cadet that traveled 940 Miles away from home, CWF welcomed me in with open arms. Over the semester they became my family and I developed many lifelong relationships with them. The most important relationship I gained was a relationship I built with the holy Trinity. Through the Thursday night Alpha studies, I was able to further my knowledge of the Bible so when speaking to others I was able to speak more knowledgeably. Without the Thursday night Alpha I most definitely would not have the friendships, family, and relationship with Christ I do today.” - Austin B.*

A challenge to offering Alpha on a college campus is funding for the food. We know if we can feed the students physically, we can feed them spiritually. One of our major financial investments is to help provide money for food to the colleges. If you would like to help support our efforts, please send a donation marked “college courses”. It would be great if we can increase what we are able to offer them!

## Prayer Matters

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

## Ministry Needs

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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