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Pictured: Rose Septer, Board Chair and her husband, Charlie, Brock Bauknight, Board Member, with Margaret Cotton, Missionary/Director Alpha South Carolina and Christian Ministries of the Carolinas. Photo taken at the 2019 Alpha Conference.

Alpha USA Conference 2019 Report

Alpha USA's annual conference was January 31-February 1, once again hosted by Hillsong Church in Mesa, Arizona. It was a great time of worship, powerful prayer and time with the Holy Spirit, incredible speakers and impactful breakout sessions on Alpha for Prisons, Prayer Ministry Training, Experiencing Alpha (an introduction to Alpha) and Growing Alpha (for churches who have been running Alpha). The feedback from the approximate 1100 participants was excellent. The theme of Kingdom Culture covered not just Alpha topics but many other discussions on hospitality and church culture.

One of the most interesting talks was by David Kinnaman of the Barna Research Group, who unveiled some of the results from their recent study called "Reviving Evangelism." This was a year long study and it is worth reading in its entirety as it deals with research that every church needs to hear. However here are two data points from this study which quickly captured national headlines!

- **Nearly half (47%) of Christian Millennials think sharing one's faith is wrong (outpacing non-believers and lapsed believers).**
- **Yet, 94% of these same Christian Millennials think knowing Jesus is the best thing that could happen to anyone.**

In our next newsletter I will elaborate on these points and address more results from the study.

Plan now to attend next year's conference, again at Hillsong Church, Mesa, January 30-31. Over 600 tickets have already been purchased! Here's the link to register:

[Register for Alpha 2020 Conference](#)

Upcoming Events!



Lunch with Brock Morgan An Event for Youth Pastors and Leaders

Speaking of millennials and youth ministry in particular, we are pleased to bring back Brock Morgan, youth pastor, national speaker and author. This year we are bringing him to the Charleston area after recent years in Greenville, Myrtle Beach, Columbia and Conway.

The event will be hosted by Saint Peter's Church, Mt Pleasant on May 2 from 11-1:30. In addition to Brock's discussion of the future of youth ministry over the next ten years, I will be discussing some of the Barna Research Report on "Reviving Evangelism". Don't miss this event: here's the registration site:

[Register Here for Lunch with Brock Morgan](#)

Another Noteworthy Event

Drawing Near to God Conference

The annual **Drawing Near to God Conference**, "Make Your Voice Heard in Heaven" will be held on April 26 and 27 at Seacoast Church, Mt. Pleasant. Mt. Pleasant's own Joanne Ellison, founder of Drawing Near to God, national speaker and author, will be joined by Dr. Barry Black, 62nd Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

For more information, schedule and to purchase tickets, please visit:

[Drawing Near to God](#)

Recent Alpha South Carolina Event



I was pleased to be invited to host an Alpha table at the recent Diocese of South Carolina (Anglican) Diocesan Convention March 15 and 16. More than 450 people from 52 churches attended the 228th annual Convention. Alpha materials were distributed in all the delegate bags and the Alpha table had various materials about Alpha and our offerings. It was great to see so many pastors we have served in running their Alpha courses and had several inquiries from churches who have an interest in starting Alpha.

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 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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