

» When and Where?

The Next *Alpha* Course
Westview Baptist Church
Sundays, 5:30—8:30 p.m.
Sep 25—Dec 4, 2011

For information and to register:

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What others
are saying...

Joyce G.

"I was taught that God was distant. I thought that God's approval depended on my ability to be perfect. Now I am confident that God loves me in all ways. He walks closely with me and He hasn't finished with me yet."

Doug S.

"I've lived a very violent life and could feel the cycle starting over again. My wife got me to go to Alpha. It sounded like somebody was telling me the truth for the first time. I met God in a personal way. I felt a wave of peace and felt like somebody lifted a million pounds off me."

Edythe M.

"Before I came to Alpha my life was pretty ragged. I was an alcoholic at 15, clinically depressed at 16, and had a drug problem at 17. God led me to Alpha... lifted me up, and set my feet on firm ground."

Tim & Michelle P.

"Our intentions were to save our marriage but so much more has been saved. We finally let go of the past. We feel free. Without Alpha I don't think the change in our lives would have happened."

Doug B.

"I found an inner peace and strength that I'd been looking for over 40 years. I don't care if you're rich or poor. If you've got inner peace, you're the richest person in the world."

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▶▶ What is *Alpha*?

The *Alpha* Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening manner over eleven, thought provoking weekly sessions.

There is a meal together at the beginning of each session which gives you an opportunity to get to know each other.

Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.

It's low key, friendly and fun! More than 3 million people worldwide have already found it to be a worthwhile experience. And it's supported by all the main Christian denominations.

▶▶ Who is *Alpha* for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- ◆ Those wanting to investigate Christianity.
- ◆ New Christians.
- ◆ Those who feel that they have never really got going as a Christian.
- ◆ Newcomers to the church.
- ◆ Those who want to brush up on the basics.

▶▶ What will it cost?

The Alpha manual costs \$6 and we also appreciate a voluntary donation towards the cost of the meal.

▶▶ Do you provide childcare?

Yes! If you require childcare, check the 'childcare' box on your registration form. We do ask that you give your child (*children*) dinner before coming to an Alpha evening as we only provide a light snack. This childcare service is free.

▶▶ What does a typical *Alpha* evening look like at Westview Baptist?

5:30 pm Dinner

Dinner menus vary, from pastas to roast beef and yorkshire pudding. We try to accommodate vegetarian preferences if we are notified in advance. Guests usually eat with other members of their own group. We suggest a voluntary donation towards the cost of the meal.



6:15 pm Program & Video Talk

The main talk of each evening addresses a key issue relating to the Christian faith. Come and meet our video host, Nicky Gumbel.

7:20 pm Coffee Break

At the end of the talk, the guests break for refreshments, coffee, juice, water, cookies etc.

7:30 pm Small Groups

Many guests speak of how they find the small group sessions to be the most valuable and rewarding times of the whole *Alpha* course. The sessions are an opportunity to ask questions, express opinions and to discuss the topic of the evening. They also provide an opportunity to make friends and to bounce ideas around in a relaxed and non-threatening environment.

8:30 pm Dismissal

Talk Titles:

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| ◆ Who is Jesus? | ◆ What does the Holy Spirit do? |
| ◆ Why did Jesus die? | ◆ How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? |
| ◆ How can I be sure of my faith? | ◆ How can I make the most of the rest of my life? |
| ◆ Why and how should I pray? | ◆ How can I resist evil? |
| ◆ Why and how should I read the Bible? | ◆ Why and how should I tell others? |
| ◆ How does God guide us? | ◆ Does God heal today? |
| ◆ Who is the Holy Spirit? | ◆ What about the church? |

The *Alpha* Day Away:

We have a scheduled "Day Away" half-way through the course. This takes place on a Saturday and is optional but always a highlight.