

## Is Alpha for you?

If you answer “yes” to one or more of the following questions:

**Do you feel as if “something” is missing from your life? Is there more to life?**

**Do you wonder what happens when we die?**

**Do you feel as if you are just going through the motions of being a Christian?**

**Are you new to the parish and want to get to know people?**

**Do you find it difficult to answer your children’s questions about God?**

**Are you “smarter than a 5th grader” about your faith?**

**Has your faith experience become “dry” or boring?**

**Do you want a deeper relationship with Jesus?**

**Do you question the relevance of Jesus to our lives today?**

**Then perhaps attending an Alpha Course may help you find the answer to these questions.**



## What Happens at Alpha?

The Alpha Course begins with a meal. After the meal there is a video presentation by speaker Nicky Gumble on topics such as Who Is Jesus, Why Did Jesus Die?

After each talk there is small-group discussion.

Alpha is a place where no question is seen as too simple or too hostile.

Come for one session or all 10.

**For additional details on the Course, come to our Alpha Information Dinner on September 12, 2013, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, at the SS. Simon and Jude Meehan Center located in the lower level of the church. For meal planning purposes, pre-registration for the dinner is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. 610-429-4308 for info.**

## The Alpha Course ~When and Where?

Alpha will meet nearly every Thursday evening for ten weeks from 6:30 to 9:00 pm in the Meehan Center meeting rooms located in the lower level of the Church beginning September 19, 2013. A light-meal and refreshments will be available. We do ask for a good will offering (suggested \$5 pp) to help defray the cost of meals and course materials. There is also an optional day away November 8-9, 2013 at the Desmond Conference Center (cost to be determined).

**Questions? Call Maureen Doran at 610-429-4308; mfdoranm@yahoo.com or the Rectory Office at 610-696-3624; www.simonandjude.org**

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## Registration Form

**Please fill in this form** and let us know you are coming on the Fall 2013 Alpha Course. Registration deadline is September 16th. (Child care is not available at this time.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I'll be there Sept 12 for InfoNight & meal

Yes, I'll be there for the Course & meal that begins on Sept 19.

Any special needs?

Handicap Accessibility: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Impaired: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

It would be helpful to have an indication of your age. We try to form the small groups partially on the basis of age.  20-30  31-49  50-65  over 65

If you would like to come to the Alpha Course, please complete this form and return it to the SS. Simon and Jude rectory by Sept 16, 2013. Feel free to invite others, but please complete a separate registration form. Photocopies are acceptable.

If you would like to be grouped with a friend or spouse, please indicate name:

I would like info on being a Course volunteer.

I heard about Alpha through:  Friend

Church  Newsletter  Sign

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return registration form by Sept 16, 2013 to:**

Alpha Course  
SS. Simon and Jude Rectory  
8 Cavanaugh Court  
West Chester, PA 19382

## What People Say About Alpha

More than 15 million people in over 163 countries from over 100+ denominations have completed the Alpha Course. Resources are available in 81 languages and Braille. Here are some typical comments from people who have attended an Alpha Course:

For as long as I can remember, through my childhood, teens, and adult years, I have asked questions. One question I constantly asked myself was: "Do I believe in God?" I had no answer and it bothered me... By the end of the third Alpha evening I had come to a few realizations that were truly stunning for me ... I knew that Jesus died for me and that I could never 'sit on the fence' again.  
— Jill

I had many issues about my faith and my Church. Attending Alpha has enabled me to start looking at these issues from a different perspective.  
— Mike P.

I went through life working and making money and achieving goals but not getting on my knees and thanking God for giving me the grace, strength and knowledge to reach these goals. Through Alpha I have learned that God is there and you must take the time to talk to Him. If you don't you will just wander and not know where you are or where you should go.  
— Pete C.

Alpha is wonderful — life changing! Alpha answered and clarified all the basics for me and put me on firm ground to travel forward on my journey with God.  
— Mary

From the first meeting we felt this is what had been missing from our lives. It felt like coming home.  
— Margaret and Keith

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## The Schedule

- 6:30 pm Doors open  
6:30-7:15 pm Gather for a light meal & Refreshments  
(Good Will Offering Requested)  
7:15-8:15 pm Presentation  
8:15-9:00 pm Small Group Discussion

## Dates - FALL 2013

Sep 12 **Information Night** - Hear more about Alpha - Light Dinner Provided

### Course Dates:

- Sep 19 Who is Jesus?  
Sep 26 Why Did Jesus Die?  
Oct 03 How Can We Have Faith?  
(Plus an introduction to the day away)  
Oct 10 Why and How Do I Pray?  
Oct 17 Why and How Should I Read The Bible?  
Oct 24 How Does God Guide Us?  
Oct 31 Halloween—No Class  
Nov 07 No class; get ready for day away  
(or reserve for inclement weather make-up class)  
Nov 08/09 Day Away@ Desmond Hotel  
(6:45 pm Friday- pm Saturday - Cost to be determined; **dinner on your own**)  
Nov 14 How Can I Resist Evil?  
Nov 21 Why and How Should We Tell Others?  
Nov 28 No Class—Thanksgiving  
Dec 05 Does God Heal Today  
(Large group setting)  
Dec 12 What About the Church?  
Dec 19 Reserve for inclement weather make-up class if needed

Note: We expect that participants will be able to attend most classes but understand that some conflicts are unavoidable. Attendance at the day away is optional, but strongly encouraged because it is central to the Alpha experience.

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FALL 2013

AT SS. SIMON AND  
JUDE

AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE  
THE MEANING OF LIFE



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### FALL 2013 Alpha Course

at the:

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At the intersection of Rts. 3 & 352  
(Meehan Center is located in lower level of Church—  
Handicapped Accessible)

