

First Presbyterian Church of Petaluma

Alpha Fact Sheet

Is there more to life than this?

What

Alpha will be a 10-week course in a relaxed, somewhat social setting where dinner is served and small groups are formed. The following topics will be addressed in an open, interactive way:

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus die?

Why and how do I pray?

Why and how should I read the bible?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

How can I resist evil?

Does God heal today?

What about the Church?

Why and how should I tell others?

Each weekly class will consist of a buffet dinner (40 minutes); welcome (10 minutes); worship/music (10 minutes); a video or speaker led program (45 minutes); and facilitated small group discussion on the topic of the evening (45 minutes). Participants will sit with approximately the same group of 8 to 10 people each week with a trained Group Leader and assistant.

When

Weekly classes will be held every Tuesday night from January 8th through March 11th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Attendance at every class is encouraged - but not required.

Where

Tuesday night dinner meetings will be held in the First Pres Sanctuary, 939 B Street, Petaluma.

Who

Alpha is for people who are interested in investigating Christianity; newcomers to the Church; new Christians; and Christians who want to brush up on the basics. Young people - including mature teenagers - are welcome. This version of Alpha is not for children.

Child care will be provided.

Why

Alpha is a new and exciting way of introducing people to the love of Jesus Christ. Over 8 million people have taken the Alpha course.

Weekend retreat

A weekend retreat for Alpha participants will be held the last weekend of February. Attendance is encouraged - but not required.

Group leaders and assistants

Each table of 8 to 10 participants will be guided by a group leader and assistant. Leaders have been carefully selected from Church membership and trained in the Alpha approach.

Registration

Written registration to the church office or by email to tim@alphapetaluma.org is required for planning purposes but "drop-ins" will not be turned away.

Cost

There is no registration cost.

Dinners: The opening night dinner and the celebration dinner are offered at no charge. A free will offering of \$3 to \$5 per person to cover the cost of the other nine dinners will be requested of course participants.

Course materials: The course manual is provided at no cost to participants. Additional recommended reading is available at a nominal cost.

Weekend retreat: The cost of the weekend retreat has not yet been determined. Scholarships will be available.

More information

♥Visit our website: alphapetaluma.org

♥Call the church office at 707-762-8269.

♥Director Tim Scheele at tim@alphapetaluma.org welcomes any questions or suggestions that you may have.

♥Contact David Coe at dcoe@att.net or 707-763-2999 for brochures, bulletins, flyers, and posters.

The Alpha team

The Alpha Committee is:

Judy Arntz - Adult Education Chair
(Session liaison)

Ted Arntz - Logistics Co-coordinator

David Coe - Publicity Coordinator

Doreen Coe - Dinner Coordinator

David Francone - Deacon's liaison

Joanne Richards - Weekend Away
Entertainment Coordinator

John Richards

Tim Scheele - Director

Shannon Trayle - Childcare Coordinator

Pastor Dave Weidlich - Church and
Worship Leader

Don White - Logistics Co-coordinator

Dona White - Small Groups Coordinator

Sue Williams

Linda Scheele