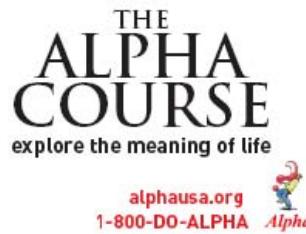


## THE 2007 ALPHA INITIATIVE - LAKE COUNTY, IL YOUNG ADULTS



“Christianity is about discovering that in the business and struggles of life we are not alone. Alpha ...allows people to find that backbone that we all need in our lives. It gives a very informal, non-threatening 'space' for friends to come and take a step towards finding a faith of their own. I feel 100% comfortable recommending it as I know no-one, is ever judged or Bible-bashed! People tend to just work through their own stuff and at least at the end can make an informed decision either for or against faith.”  
- Bear Grylls (Mountaineer and host on *'Man vs. Wild'* now airing on the Discovery Channel)

It is exciting to see what God is doing in Lake County this year. At Alpha we are working closely with Eric Lerew from Fusion Church to pilot courses for young adults in their 20s and 30s this Fall.

Alpha is no stranger to student Alpha Courses, and a campus ministry has been spearheaded by John Frahm for many years. The new young adult courses, will be an extension to Campus courses, but geared to those who may have just left college, or in their first jobs.

The young adult course will be an alternative approach to the traditional home and church run courses. For one, the demographic will be skewed younger, and two, the course will be held in a venue more conducive (e.g. a comfortable café/bar) to young adults who may have issues with setting foot in a church or unknown home.

The relational aspect of Alpha will mesh well with the young people's course as it will give these people somewhere to meet, and explore their ideas, in a non-threatening, non-judgmental environment.

There are already six churches that want to join in with helping start a new young adult course. These include:

- Cana Valley Church, Lake Villa (Pastor Jay Fast)
- Fusion Church, Lake Zurich (Pastor Eric Lerew)
- Northwest Family Church, Lake Zurich (Dave Mudd)
- Evangelical Free Church, Wauconda / Transit Young Adult Ministry (Brad Gross)
- Messiah Lutheran Church, Wauconda (Katherin Boyd)
- Community Christian Church, Waukegan (Nathan Pabarcus)

We would love more churches to get involved with the young adult courses.

Please contact: Eric Lerew (Fusion Church) @ 847-476-2355 for more information.