

## **Workshops for District Assembly 2025**

**FRIDAY June 27**

**Workshops will be presented at 10:30am and repeated at 2:30 pm, with the exception of the Pastors Gathering which will be at 10:30am only.**

### **Alpha – Richard Gazotti - Youth Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

How God Pointed me to Alpha – see back of sheet for details

### **College Connection – Chris Bean – Youth Auxiliary Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

“Partnering with Parachurch to Bring More College Students to Jesus”

Chris Bean has been in youth and college ministry for over 30 years, working mainly through NYI. For the past 4 years, he has been working with InterVarsity Christian fellowship to help churches collaborate with parachurch to reach college students for Christ. Participants will learn how to identify potential partners, build relationships, and develop strategic plans to engage students and foster spiritual growth. Out of the 58 college campuses in Colorado, 29 of them have No Known Ministries active on campus. We can change that together!

### **Oikos – Rev. David Ralph - Rm 302**

OIKOS/OUTWARD FOCUS; How can we, the laity, move our relational world toward the church and the gospel in our “daily goings” Mt 10:7. Oikos is a biblical word for “household”. The N.T. uses it for our relationships, friends and extended connections. God has “strategically & providentially” placed from 8 to 15 people in every believer's life. The longstanding obstacle for the church is to have tools and mechanisms to get out of the 4 walls in incremental ways to detect and move our OIKOS in baby steps toward Christ & His church. This is a pre-evangelism technique to move the church 1 degree toward their outward connections without conflict or confrontation in our daily routine; “As you go make your OIKOS aware of me!” This is what Jesus challenged Zaccheaus to do with all his rowdy friends. This simplifies the Great Commission in “do-able” bite size increments that any laymen or pastor can do.

### **Outreach – Rev. Matthew Waggoner - Rm. 301**

A workshop on how Outreach.com can help your church connect with your community using postcards, banners, invite kits, and digital tools. Whether you're planting or established, this session will give you simple, cost-effective ideas to promote events, increase visibility, and invite people into the life of your church.

### **Hispanic Ministry – Rev. Leonel DeLeon - Rm. 304**

Evangelization, the imperative call of the Church, and discipleship: the character that strengthens the body of Christ.

### **Upward Sports - Rev. Dale Butler - Rm. 303**

Are you considering using Upward Sports to engage your community? This breakout will cover some of the initial issues that churches sometimes face when starting an Upward Sports program. We'll cover the history of Upward, how we started, what we did well, and what we didn't. We'll leave some time at the end for any questions that you have (no guarantees that we'll be able to answer them).

### **Pastors Gathering in the Sanctuary at 10:30**

**All lead, youth, and children's pastors and leaders are requested to join DS Askren and GS Busic for a time of challenge and conversation in the sanctuary.**

# Alpha – Richard Gazotti

## Class Title: "How God Pointed Me to Alpha?: A Testimony of Faith and Direction"

### Class Description:

In this 45-minute session, I will share the powerful testimony of how God not only showed me that He was real but then led me personally to the Alpha Course - as a divine assignment that transformed my view of Christianity and set me on my new path in life, His path.

This is more than a testimony—it's an invitation. You'll walk with me through the moments of prayer, uncertainty, confirmation, and divine timing that pointed unmistakably to Alpha? as the next step God had for me. I'll share how the Lord revealed not only the power of Alpha? in my own life, but how He began to show me its potential to bless and revitalize the **local church**.

Together, we'll explore:

- **The Journey to Belief:** How God's direction led me to the TRUTH.
- **The Encounter with Alpha:** What Alpha is, how I discovered it, and why it resonated deeply with my calling.
- **Spiritual Confirmation:** The prayers, Scripture, and “God moments” that made it clear Alpha was the tool God wanted me to use.
- **Learning to Use Alpha:** How God equipped me to lead—not just with content, but with compassion, humility, hospitality, testimony and the Holy Spirit.
- **Alpha's Power in the Church:**
  - How Alpha fosters a **culture of invitation** where everyone is welcome.
  - How it **equips your congregation** to confidently share their faith.
  - How it creates **safe spaces for honest questions**, especially for seekers and skeptics.
  - How Alpha builds **community and connection** that strengthens the body of Christ.
  - And most importantly, how it becomes a **tool for spiritual renewal**—not just for newcomers, but for the whole church.

I'll share examples of how Alpha has helped churches just like ours grow in unity, outreach, and spiritual depth—and how it's not just a program, but a **movement of hospitality and Holy Spirit-led conversation**.

We'll close with a time of Q&A and prayer—for anyone feeling stirred to take a step of obedience, whether that's running Alpha, attending, or simply asking God, “What's next for me?”