

Alpha Counseling Service

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Dear Friends,

Join me in wishing **Alpha Counseling Services a Happy 40th. Birthday!!**

Many years ago a group of Christian's had a dream of starting a Christ centered counseling ministry in the North Kitsap area. The group consisted of pastors and business men seeing a need to provide help for hurting people around them. At the time when Alpha was incorporated in 1977, as a non-profit organization, it was the only counseling of any type north of Bremerton. Times have changed and today there are numerous, Christian and secular, counseling services in North Kitsap. Alpha has held its own and continues to provide the same Biblically centered help that the founders originally established it to provide.

Beginning in 1993 Alpha made a significant change in its financial structure. Alpha would no longer send a bill people or insurance and would raise additional support as a home mission ministry. This was because our name is taken from Revelation 21:6 "*He said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.*" ESV

Since that time we have casually asked for a donation from people who seek help from Alpha and we would never turn anyone away if they can't afford a donation. This has allowed many people to receive help that they needed but would never have been able to afford.

Alpha's influence has spread past North Kitsap to include helping people in six counties and several states. Our website has drawn interest from people searching for counseling that encourages their faith in God.

None of this could happen without the faithful prayers and support from so many people over the years. A Special Thanks goes out to the past and present board members who have overseen the working of Alpha. Several of Alpha's board members have been serving for many years.

*Come to Me, all who labor
and are heavy laden, and
I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you,
And learn of Me, for I am
Gentle and lowly in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.*
Matthew 11:28-29 ESV

Your servants,
Richard and Debi

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**