



National Adoption Month 2020 Announcements

- The work of Jesus on our behalf compels us in turn to work on behalf of others. Why would we step into the hard? Lean into the broken? Open up our families to be vulnerable to the traumatic and difficult? Because that's what Jesus has done for us. We lay down our lives for others because He first laid down His for us. This month is National Adoption Month, and Mid-Atlantic Orphan Care Coalition has provided us with some resources to share how you can help a child in need of a family. (refer to prayer cards, prayer bullet points, invite to Orphan Care 101, or play video).
- At the core of our motivation to care for the orphaned and otherwise vulnerable is the heart of God demonstrated through the gospel on our behalf. It is the gospel - the story of Christ stepping into our brokenness (incarnation) and drawing us into the security and assurance of His provision and protection (adoption) - that acts as the guide with regard not only to *why* but also to *how* we must care for the orphaned and vulnerable. Adoption is the very heart of God, we can reflect his heart by bringing a child into our own family, or supporting those families that do so.
- As a church body, we resonate with our calling to demonstrate the gospel in our world. Caring for the orphaned and vulnerable is one of the purest and most undefiled demonstrations of the gospel the world will ever see (James 1:27). The echoes of the gospel in orphan care are beautiful and vivid. The work of Jesus on our behalf becomes the primary motivation for us to work on one another's behalf. He interposed Himself onto our story, so we, too, can enter the stories of others. During this month, National Adoption Month, we'd like to highlight some local children who are currently waiting for adoption, to be brought into their forever families. We'd like each of you to take time to pray for these children, but also to seek the Lord to see if He may be leading you to bring one of these children into *your* family. (use Jason Johnson quote slide provided) There are hundreds more waiting for families in our area. (use prayer bullet points)

A great way to end your announcement is by encouraging your congregation to attend an Orphan Care 101. [Reach out to us today](#) to schedule one for your church.