

Get Your Church Involved: Start an Adoption Ministry!

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1. EDUCATE YOURSELF

It is critical for those who want to establish an adoption ministry to be as well-informed as possible from. However, it is not necessary to become an expert before stepping out - educating yourself is an ongoing process. A committed church “Champion” will serve as the point person that people will look to for information and resources. “Champions” will have access via the Bethany website to a library of both informational and inspirational materials.

2. ESTABLISH A CORE TEAM

Don't do it alone—gather together with a few interested individuals and families in your church and local community who also have a heart for adoption. Talk with your church leadership to respectfully and prayerfully seek counsel and support. Be aware that there may be many people in your church whose lives have already been touched by adoption and foster care. Begin by getting together for prayer, fellowship, and study, seeking a common vision for your ministry.



3. RAISE AWARENESS - CELEBRATE ADOPTION

The next step is to raise awareness in your church concerning the programs Bethany Christian Services supports. One way to do this is by having your own Adoption Sunday raising awareness and resources by dedicating a specific day to adoption. The resources available at www.bethany.org will help you present adoption to your community in a compelling way.

4. STEP OUT IN FAITH

Gather all those interested in adoption and hold regular meetings for mutual inspiration, edification, and planning. Assess the needs of your church and community. Establish support for adoptive and foster families in your church. Most importantly, be faithful to God's leading and guidance.



“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!” (Phil 4:13)

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Adoption Ministry Guidelines

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EAR FROM GOD:

Orphans are so significant to the heart of God... Communities of faith should always begin any work by listening to God...

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BEY:

The church must respond to God's call to care for orphans in some way... Start with the little things that God has put in front of your church...

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LAN:

Whether it's orphan care or adoption ministry, an important step is taking the time to assess your church needs as well as your resources as a church community...

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XPECT MIRACLES

We serve a God who is also in the business of miracles, and you can expect to experience Him as you join Him in His work with the Fatherless...