

# stand sunday

November 13, 2022

## THE HISTORY

Stand Sunday began in a Texas church in 2004 when Bishop Aaron Blake asked his church to stand to care for children and families impacted by foster care. This smoldering ember soon blazed in to a roaring wildfire as more families answered the call to foster and adopt. In 2017, Stand Sunday officially merged with Orphan Sunday and holds the purpose of calling the US church to stand and collaborate for vulnerable children and families touched by foster care. Now, Stand Sunday is aligned with the More than Enough (MTE) initiative at CAFO. Learn more at [cafo.org/standsunday](http://cafo.org/standsunday).

## THE CALL

The CALL participates in Stand Sunday each year by inviting local churches to focus on the children and families impacted by foster care in our local community. On November 13, 2022, churches all around our state will stand together so that no child or family in foster care has to stand alone.

## YOUR PART

This year, we're asking your church to take part in Stand Sunday. There are a variety of ways to be involved, and we pray that the hearts of your church members would be moved to action. There is a great need in our community. **Currently, there are 4,546 children in foster care in Arkansas and only 1,709 foster families to care for them.** The need is great, but our God is greater. We believe that the local church, fueled by the love of Jesus, is a powerful force. We believe that *more than enough* foster homes in our community is possible, and we're asking you to join us. Not everyone is called to foster, but everyone can do something.

## LEARN MORE

Visit our website and click [Find Your County](#) to connect with The CALL in your community!

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# HOW CAN MY CHURCH ENGAGE IN



## HOST A DONATION DRIVE

Collect gift cards, new pajamas, diapers, baby wipes, or other supplies and donate them to The CALL in your county to support open foster homes in your community.

## STUDY GOD'S HEART FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Check out our [Bible Study](#) about God's heart for children and families.

## PRAY FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

Spend time as a congregation praying for foster and adoptive families in your church and those accepting the call to open their homes.

## SPEND TIME IN PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Pray for children and youth in foster care, their biological families, and the foster families caring for them. Pray for the social workers and legal systems to protect and uphold justice.

## SHARE ABOUT THE CALL ON NOVEMBER 13

Share about The CALL, our mission, and the current need for families and individuals to engage in foster care in our county. For videos and resources, email [info@thecallinarkansas.org](mailto:info@thecallinarkansas.org).

## INVITE YOUR CHURCH TO LEARN MORE

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