

STAND SUNDAY

November 12, 2023

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.

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 12, 2023, churches all around our county 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 3,982 children in care in Arkansas, and only 1,548 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.

ACTION

Contact The CALL in your area to learn how your church can engage in Stand Sunday and stand for children and families impacted by foster care.

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WAYS TO ENGAGE IN STAND SUNDAY

PRAY

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 children and families impacted by foster care.

STUDY

Check out our Bible Study about God's heart for children and families.
www.TheCALLinArkansas.org/fathers-heart

SUPPLY

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.

SHARE

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.

SUPPORT

Organize a meal train, home maintenance help, a night of babysitting, or a Parent's Night Out for the foster and adoptive families in your community. The CALL can help you organize and implement these!

LEARN

Contact The CALL to find out about the opportunities in your local area!

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