



Open Arms Ministry

Reaching out to orphaned and abandoned children around the world.

August Newsletter

Calendar

August 17 - Meeting for Mission trip to Malawi at 6:30pm in room 152.

August 20 - Monthly Ministry meeting at 7:00pm in room 153. This meeting is open to those who would like to become more involved and informed.

August 31 - Adoptive/Foster Playgroup from 3:00-5:00pm at the indoor playground.

Ways to Get Involved

- **ADOPTIVE/FOSTER PLAYGROUP** - Sunday, Aug 31st from 3:00-5:00pm at the indoor playground. This is open to everyone, even if you have older children. This is a great time of fellowship with other adoptive/foster families. Older children (12 and up) may bring board games to play.
- **PORTRAITS OF GRACE GALLERY** is now in it's first viewing at a Christian church in St. Louis. It was a huge project and I would like to thank everyone who took part in making this project happen, especially Christy Kaufman, the project leader. Please visit the website at www.portraitsofgracestl.com to see the project and the adoptable children.
- **ORPHAN SUNDAY** - Mark your calendar for "Orphan Sunday" on Saturday, November 29, and Sunday, November 30, in all services at all three campuses. Yes, it's Thanksgiving weekend! What a great time to have this! It will be a Sunday that we can give thanks to God for adopting each of us and have our adoptive/foster/ministry families share with others in our church families. If you would like to be part of the team to help plan and make this an unforgettable event, then come to the August ministry meeting on August 20th. With much to do, it will take a team of people to make this event happen. If you will not be here for that Sunday you can still help plan.

Mission Trips

BUCKNER MISSION TRIP to the Texas/Mexican border to deliver shoes to orphans. Two trips are scheduled: September 17th-21st and October 22nd-26th. For more info: itsyourmission.com/tripcalendar.shtml.

MALAWI MISSION TRIP is coming up! If interested, come to the to Mission Trip Meeting on August 17th at 6:30 pm in room 152.

Prayer Requests

- **Adoptive families:**
 - Gina and Keith Leonard** (adopting from Vietnam) - They are waiting to travel. Please pray that God will speed up their travel date;
 - Gail & Joe Keiffer** (adopting from China);
 - Stacey & Jim Maneage** (adopting from China);
 - Amy & Kyle Cordes** (adopting from Vietnam);
 - Robyn & Dwayne Crecelius** (adopting from China);
 - Catherine & Scott Dreher** (adopting from Ethiopia);
 - Page & Steve Galbierz** (adopting from China)
 - Sandy & Jeremy Poteet** (domestic adoption)
- **Foster families:** Please pray for foster families as they seek God's will for the future of their foster children: **Brook & Jason Howell, Tracie Johnson, Stephanie & Jeff Lawson and Paul & Jan Wilkin.**
- **Future foster and adopting families:** Pray for those Calvary families going through foster classes and hoping to foster or adopt.
- **Portraits of Grace:** Pray for this special project as it is already being viewed in it's first church. Pray for God's protection of this gallery and for provisions of loving Christian homes for each of these children.

- **New orphan ministries:** Pray that more churches will be interested in starting an orphan, adoption or foster ministry, and that more of His people will get involved in this ministry.
 - **New orphan ministries:** Pray for the souls of all the fatherless children who are truly lost, not knowing that there is a God who loves and cares for them and can give them Hope.
 - **Malawi Mission Trip:** Please pray that the team for this trip will come together.
 - **Open Arms Ministry:** Please pray for God's direction, provision of more volunteers, and more doors of opportunity to helping orphans around the world.
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